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July 10 – 23, 2019

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World Equestrian Festival  
CHIO Aachen

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Hosted by Roger Fitzhardinge, enjoy an insider's view of the complete World Equestrian Festival CHIO Aachen 2019 and visit some of Germany's most famous horse facilities.

In the lead-up to Aachen, join Roger on a tour of the legendary Kasselmann stables, the famous PSI facilities, and Lyndal Oatley and Patrik Kittel's stunning property. There will be opportunities to see European-based elite Australian riders Edwina Tops-Alexander and Boyd Exell, plus German Olympic Eventer Ingrid Klimke.



Roger Fitzhardinge is a regular visitor to Aachen as well as a writer, commentator and photographer for Equestrian Life. We are delighted to have him to share his intimate knowledge of the Aachen festival. Roger has travelled extensively to horse shows around the world and Aachen is his favourite for its colour, friendly atmosphere and elite competition. His familiarity and knowledge of the rules ensure you will catch the best moments, know who to watch and where to be.

Roger Fitzhardinge is an EA NCAS Coach Level 1, General Coach and active Grand Prix Dressage rider. He is passionate about Dressage and has taken several horses from preliminary to Grand Prix. He currently competes at FEI on Amerigo, who is about to have his first Grand Prix start. As a photojournalist, Roger played a large role in the media staff at the Sydney Olympics and WEG in Spain.





## Itinerary

### Day 1: Wednesday 10 July 2019

#### Depart

Board our flight to Amsterdam with Singapore Airlines.

### Day 2: Thursday 11 July 2019

#### Osnabrück

On arrival, we travel by private coach to northern Germany and check in to our hotel in Osnabrück, the picture-perfect 'City of Peace' known for its wonderful shopping.

### Day 3: Friday 12 July 2019

#### Osnabrück

Day begins with a tour of Hof Kassermann's breathtaking property to see all the talented young horses through to Grand Prix competition level. The Kassermann family stables date back over 1000 years and are located in Hagen, near the mountains of the Teutoburger Forest. Kassermann's Farm is a fantastic opportunity to be immersed in one of the greatest stables in the world. You will get to see horses from 4 year olds to Grand Prix horses and Stallions.

The day concludes with a welcoming dinner, the perfect opportunity to get to know Roger and your travel companions.

### Day 4: Saturday 13 July 2019

#### Osnabrück

Visit the famous PSI (Performance Sales International) centre followed by an exclusive tour of Lyndal Oatley and Patrik Kittel's outstanding new property. We also hope to catch training demonstrations from their incredible International Grand Prix team. Lyndal moved to Nottuln in 2012 and represented Australia in Dressage at the 2012 and 2016 Olympics. Her husband, Patrik, placed fourth in the Team Dressage at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Their stables contain world-class facilities, fantastic grounds and a 60-metre indoor arena.

### Day 5: Sunday 14 July 2019

#### Aachen

Transfer from Osnabrück to Aachen, our base for 8 nights and home to the CHIO Aachen event. On the way, we visit German Olympic Eventer, Ingrid Klimke (subject to availability) and have a tour of the lovely town of Munster.



### Day 6: Monday 15 July 2019

#### Aachen

We either meet Australian Equestrian greats Edwina Tops-Alexander and Boyd Exell, or take a walking tour through Aachen with a local guide. Edwina Tops-Alexander is one of the top names in Showjumping and Boyd Exell is a four-time World Champion in Four-in-Hand Driving and seven-time FEI World Cup Champion. He is based near Valkenswaard in the Netherlands.

### Day 7: Tuesday 16 July 2019

#### Aachen with expert commentary from Roger Fitzhardinge

Enjoy the first day of competition with the Showjumping. In the evening we will attend the spectacular Opening Ceremony.

### Day 8: Wednesday 17 July 2019

#### Aachen with expert commentary from Roger Fitzhardinge

Enjoy a wonderful day of competition that includes Jumping and the first of the Driving classes.

### Day 9: Thursday 18 July 2019

#### Aachen with expert commentary from Roger Fitzhardinge

The Jumping and Driving continues, while the Dressage gets underway with the CDIO5\* Grand Prix class.

### Day 10: Friday 19 July 2019

#### Aachen with expert commentary from Roger Fitzhardinge

It's an action-packed day at Aachen with the Dressage and Jumping phases for Eventers, as well as the Jumping, Driving and Dressage disciplines.

### Day 11: Saturday 20 July 2019

#### Aachen with expert commentary from Roger Fitzhardinge

It's Cross Country day for the Eventers at Aachen! There is also Jumping, Driving and Dressage. The winning Nations Cup Dressage team is crowned this day, which we definitely don't want to miss!

### Day 12: Sunday 21 July 2019

#### Aachen with expert commentary from Roger Fitzhardinge

The final day of competition includes the CDIO5\* Grand Prix Freestyle, the Rolex Grand Prix of Show Jumping, and the final Driving events. In the evening we attend the Closing Ceremony and the day concludes with a farewell dinner.

### Day 13: Monday 22 July 2019

#### Depart

A free morning before we transfer to Frankfurt airport for our flights to Australia.

### Day 14: Tuesday 23 July 2019

#### Arrive Australia

Tour arrangements conclude upon arrival.

*Relax and enjoy!*







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## Tour price:

The price per person twin-share including  
taxes and government charges as at 1/8/2018 **\$ 8,285**  
Single supplement **\$ 1,200**

## Included in the price:

- Return economy-class flight from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth to Europe flying Singapore Airlines.
- Travel in first-class chartered coaches
- Accommodation and breakfast in 4-star hotels, including taxes and service charges
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary
- Entry to all events at CHIO Aachen (including grandstand seats – Season Tickets) and attractions as detailed in itinerary
- Tour leadership by equestrian expert Roger Fitzhardinge
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd.
- One year Equestrian Life Magazine subscription
- A Travelrite travel bag

## Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary.  
Business Class Upgrades and pre and post tour arrangements will be quoted for separately

*\*(While every effort is made to secure the riders and venues for the itinerary, it is subject to adjustment given the challenges of confirming riders and their movements this far ahead of the tour.)*

## General Information and Booking Conditions

**International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the assistance from others.**

**Tour Costs:** The tour costs are based on airfare, general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rate at 1/8/18. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 62 days of departure from Australia.

**Deposits and Payments:** A deposit of \$1000 per passenger is required at the time of booking. A second deposit of \$1500 is due 6 months prior to departure in line with deposit requirements of the Aachen accommodation. Full payment required 62 days before departure.

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