

PEGASUS REITERREISEN Anniversary Ride

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The forecast had predicted rain for the weekend. Not exactly the best conditions for a weekend spent riding through the Black Forest for four to five hours a day. But as the saying goes: “When angels travel...”.



We were actually in luck. On Thursday, we met up in Bräunlingen. ‘We’ – that’s five riders and a guide. Our guide, Christine, welcomed us with a glass of sparkling wine and some finger food. This provided a relaxed setting for us to introduce ourselves.

Christine was able to get an idea of each participant’s riding history, and we discussed the itinerary for the coming days.

We then saddled the horses and got to know our assigned four-legged partners during a two-hour ride. After this ride, it was clear to us which horse suited whom, and so we swapped horses the following day.

In the evening after the ride, Christine treated us to a generous and delicious dinner. Breakfast the following morning also offered a very wide selection. As we were riding our trail from Friday to Saturday – involving an overnight stay away from home – we packed our essentials for that one night and prepared our bread for the picnic in the woods whilst having breakfast.

This meant we could pack our saddlebags before setting off.

That Friday, parts of the Black Forest were flooded, but not where we were. It almost seemed as though Christine had a knack for good weather. We rode criss-cross, first along Lake Kirnberg, where we spotted large flocks of wild geese. Then we continued through the woods along good, firm paths. We had the loveliest weather – even sunshine. A few valleys further on, it was hailing and there was even some flooding. In any case, we arrived in Tannheim on Friday evening, dry and happy after a lovely ride.



There, we spent the night at the Hotel Lamm. This family-run inn with guest rooms also runs a farm. The cow pasture was made available for our horses overnight. This meant our four-legged friends could relax in the lush greenery after a 23 km ride. We were absolutely delighted with the inn, especially as the hosts were so warm and welcoming, and the food was plentiful and excellent.

The rooms were spacious, tidy and clean. What made it special was the atmosphere of the inn. It had a certain 'Eberhofer crime novel' feel to it. The furniture in the bar dated from the sixties, or the seventies at the latest. You don't see that sort of thing anymore these days. You got the impression that this was where the people of Tannheim gathered.

We immediately became the number one topic of conversation, as arriving on horseback was quite a novelty. We were asked about our trail ride on several occasions. After a hearty breakfast in the morning and with some sandwiches in our saddlebags, we set off on Saturday to return to Bräunlingen.



On the way, we stopped for a break above Donaueschingen and enjoyed a magnificent view over the Black Forest plain. The Black Forest is beautiful in its diversity.

Some hills are wooded, whilst many plateaus feature grassy meadows in rich green. There were plenty of opportunities for a short gallop, so the pace was varied. After 25 km, we were back at our starting point in Bräunlingen on Saturday afternoon. And we stayed dry... we didn't get a drop of rain that day either. However, Sunday then arrived, and it was a real challenge when it came to the rain. Even Christine couldn't find a dry path anymore.

After a hearty breakfast, we decided on the spur of the moment how far we wanted to take our final ride. As we were staying close to the stables, we could have cut the ride short at any time.



But despite the rain, we were so content on our horses in this beautiful countryside that we went on a four-hour ride. You just need to dress for the rain, and the rest is fine.

At midday, we took a break in the shelter of a hut, whilst the horses stood protected under the trees with their rain rugs on.

In the late afternoon, we reached the stables again, and soon it was time to say goodbye. We all agreed that we'd had a brilliant long weekend on horseback.



The area around Lake Kirnberg, stretching as far as Donaueschingen, and Tannheim, there's a wonderful area for riding, which Christine introduced us to with confidence and expertise. But the whole organisation that Christine and her team put together for us was also fantastic.

They'd thought of everything. They'd even provided cloth bags for our overnight stay away from home. The horses were remarkably calm too – not sleepyheads, mind you, just well-balanced.

The open-stable system and life in a small herd really do make a big difference here.

As everything went so smoothly, it was hard to say goodbye. And we very much hope that we'll stay in touch and that we'll have the chance to meet up again on another riding holiday.