

The activities of the **Donkey's Friends** are directed towards those people who wish to be acquainted with the donkey and its amiable world. It is also for those who are curious to discover a Casentino different from the normal pattern of tourism.

The donkeys

Katia, Mimosa, Claretta and Tina are the central figures of all our activities and great friends of all the children.



The donkey stables



The donkeys are housed on a farm where there are also cows, pigs, horses and farmyard birds. It is situated in an area of great splendour giving visitors a panorama of rare beauty over the valley.

The agritourism (Agricola Casentino) offers both bedrooms and self-contained flats plus the possibility – on booking – to remain for lunch, dinner or even simply to enjoy a snack.

Our personnel also give services as professionally qualified guides on all the farms in the territory in order to offer all clients the opportunity to enjoy a different style holiday.

What is a packed-donkey excursion?



This type of excursion is made with the help of donkeys who have a pack-saddle, in Italian called "basto", it is ideal for transporting

all kind of necessary things (food, clothes and whatever else may be necessary) to make the excursion more exciting.

Why the donkey?

The donkey is a meek, curious and sociable animal: ".....he is a generous worker, allways ready for the most desperate services of his owner, which he will soon love if he isn't ill-treated" (by R.Baroncino - the donkey, the mule, the hinny - Calderini Edagricole), not really beautiful, but sensible and extremely funny. The right sayings on his behalf will vanish as soon as sweet hands will reassure and encourage him.



The donkeyspeed.....?!

The tracks are adeguated to their walking speed ; this kind of speed is slower then a normal walking speed of an adult men , but in perfect synchrony with the walking speed of kids. The donkeys therefore become ideal **trip mates** and permit with their "slowness" to fully enjoy the natural, artistical and achitectural beauties of the Casentino valley.

Our guides can accompany groups or families in excursions of different length: from short easy tracks inside of the farmhouse visiting the animals (porcs, horses and cows), or trekkings of several hours with rucksack lunch/pic- nic or lunch into one of the typical restaurants of the area, to pack-donkey trekkings of several days inside of the **national park of the Casentino Forests, Falterona mountain and Campigna.**

DONKEY ACTIVITIES

PACK-DONKEY PIC NIC

Short trip in the country area of Casentino including a light picnic of typical local products carried by the pack-donkey. A fantastic opportunity to enjoy the new Spring season. Time dedicated to this activity: a whole day

WALKING WITH OUR DONKEY



Short and easy walks together with the donkeys in the country areas of Casentino for the pleasure of both adults and children. Children can take turns in riding on the donkeys during the walks. Time dedicated to this activity: about 2,5 hours

MOVING AT A DONKEY'S PACE—The Castle of Gressa.

Trekking with pack-donkeys for the transport of rucksacks, provisions and whatever else may be necessary to the Castle of Gressa. We return to the magic atmosphere of medieval times, when the pack-donkey was the central figure in the daily, working life of the people. Time dedicated to this activity: about 3,5 hours

HELLO LONG EARS!

Do you love animals? Do you want to know the nicest? Enjoy an afternoon getting to know the donkey and his world. Participate in games and activities which help you to discover and love a truly special 'friend'.

Time dedicated to this activity: about 2,5 hours



THE VILLAGEDONKEY

We descend, with the donkeys, into the historical centre of Bibbiena to listen again to the rhythmic sound of hoofs passing through the narrow streets. Here it will be possible to purchase typical Casentino products at the local market.

Time dedicated to this activity: about 3 hours

N.B. Payment for all activities.

For information and booking 320-0676766