Amidst the foothills of the Velebit Mountain lies a hidden valley full of natural beauty, horses, culture and endless adventures, home to a private and unique guest ranch: Linden Tree Retreat & Ranch, Croatia’s premier horse and riding destination. “Ultimate Cowboy Adventure” is carefully tailored 7-day program to liven your spirit and engage your body. Come and ride in pristine nature, cross the mountain on a horseback and indulge in a tasty cuisine featured in a Michelin guide. Experience frontier life in this heart-changing adventure. You will come as a city-slicker and leave as true and tried cowboy and cowgirl.

**TRIP ITINERARY:**

**Day 1** - Arrival in the afternoon. Explore the Ranch and meet the horses.

**Day 2** - After breakfast, you will participate in a natural horsemanship session led by Linden Tree founder Bruce Yerkovich. His signature style of horsemanship is based on what he calls “natural human” and genetic memory. By allowing yourself to be authentic, you will experience fellowship with a horse unlike ever before. After lunch, we tack the horses and go on a trail ride for a couple of hours to put into practice what you learned in the morning and to make sure we are ready for the adventure.

**Day 3** - After breakfast we set out for our first day-ride. Our goal for this day is to reach a high mountain plateau, where Linden crew has set up our base camp. On the way we will cross hidden springs and watercourses. This is an intensive ride, covering some rough terrain, often going through unmarked territory. A real adventure for real cowboys and cowgirls! Accommodation will be in our safari-style tents on comfy beds and proper matrasses and duvets. No roughing it here! And hot showers inside Indian tipi are all the rave with our guests.

**Day 4** - Good cowboy breakfast will be served in the morning. On this day we will transverse an old Roman road that leads to the seaside of the mountain. We will stop for the rest and lunch break at the Ranger’s station, before heading back to the base camp.

**Day 5** - Ride on this day takes us over the Mountain to a valley where several movies were made and which is a popular brown bear habitat, so there is a high probability of spotting these majestic animals on this day. We will eat our lunch out of the saddlebags. In the afternoon we will circle back to the base camp riding on a dirt road. Favorite place to try some galloping.

**Day 6** - Day of return to the Ranch using high altitude switchbacks, popular during middle-ages with outlaws and renegades. Lunch out of the saddlebags near the animal watering hole, so very likely we will run into forest critters there. In the evening, a feast will await us at the Ranch, after which a soak in a hot tub will feel like million dollars!

**Day 7** - Departure after breakfast or extend your stay for more relaxation, rejuvenation or other activities that Ranch has to offer.
PRICE: 1790 EUR per person.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: Activities as outlined in the trip itinerary, 3 meals daily from dinner on the first day until breakfast on the last day, horse and gear, use of all facilities, nature park riding permit, national park entrance fees, bar drinks while on the trail, VAT.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: Bar drinks at the Ranch, environmental fee (5%) and occupancy tax (€5).

SCHEDULED TRIPS:  May 23-29.  
June 17-23.  
September 19-25.

AGE AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS: The minimum age is 13 years. Anyone under 18 should be a regular and enthusiastic rider, have a keen sense of adventure and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We have had people in their 70’s on trips, but again, they were fit, in good health and rode regularly prior to their holiday. We ask that you judge yourself (and your children) honestly in this regard, as we will take your word for it and plan the trip accordingly. It is important that you feel fit and healthy before going on the trail. We are traveling in the wilderness, where medical services (beyond first aid) are not readily available. The maximum weight for riders is 100 kg (220 lbs US). Exceptions may be made for very experienced/athletic riders. No prior riding experience needed.

DISCLAIMER: Itinerary and the duration of the activities are subject to change due to group abilities and preferences, weather conditions and forecasts, snow and water levels, special events or interest, etc. Linden Tree Retreat & Ranch guides and trip leaders will do their utmost to ensure the best possible experience for their clients without compromising safety at any time. This may mean changing the original itinerary to avoid discomfort or risk which could be caused by exceptional situations. Linden Tree Retreat & Ranch reserves the right to alter the itinerary without prior notice.

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