

## TEAM VALOR CONTINGENT DEPARTS FOR ROYAL ASCOT MEET IN JUNE, TRIP COSTS AND FIRM ITINERARY RELEASED FOR ENGLISH EXPEDITION

Trip costs and itinerary have been set for Team Valor partners to attend Royal Ascot in June, Megan Jones announced Monday. "As we will do with most of our travel this year, we have set up a basic option for partners who are working with time constraints for being away, and then will also offer an option for extension for those looking to spend a little more time abroad. Of course we'll always be sure to keep the meat of the horse-related expeditions within the basic option, so that no one is missing significant racing experience by going that route. Extension did allow us to add in a quality day of racing at Goodwood that we could not have offered otherwise, so we are very pleased the new format will give us a chance to maximize everyone's experience one way or the other and it will be to the benefit of all involved."



The basic option will have you depart the U.S. on Saturday, June 11 and arrive in London on Sunday, June 12. We'll have drivers there to meet you at the airport for transfer back to our base at the Draycott Hotel (pictured left) in London. The Draycott is a 5-star luxury and boutique hotel in central London at Cadogan Gardens in the heart of Kensington and Chelsea. Its location is convenient to countless luxury stores and restaurants within walking distance of Knightsbridge, Sloane Street and Kings Road and nearby to London's theatre land in the heart of the west end.



We've allowed time for you to spend Monday morning and early afternoon at leisure, with the exception of final fittings for men's Royal Ascot attire. Mid-afternoon you'll be taken by charter to Windsor, where you'll have time for a few hours of sightseeing before racing. The Monday evening Windsor meetings are a lot of fun, a very atmospheric course and completely different experience than Ascot. Pictured left is Windsor Racecourse (foreground) flanked by the historic Windsor Castle in Berkshire.





The 5-day Royal Ascot meeting commences on Tuesday headlined by the Group 1 St. James Palace Stakes, Group 1 Queen Anne Stakes, Group 1 King's Stand Stakes and Group 2 Coventry Stakes. Team Valor has chosen Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to attend Royal Ascot as these are the most exceptional days of racing with coincidentally smaller crowds to navigate due to the weekday. The Ascot Gold Cup on Thursday is the traditional centerpiece race of the week, and- contrary to what one might expect- Saturday's races were only recently included in the Royal Meeting and contain the least compelling race card of the week.



Team Valor has arranged for a private charter to take you to and from Ascot each day. "Barry Irwin thinks everyone will really enjoy this form of transportation as he said the only inconvenient aspect he had found in going previous years is getting on the train in your tails and top hat with all the normal-dressed people of England going about their day!" Jones stated. "Barry also thought it was well worth the extra effort and cost to get all of our partners into the Royal Enclosure and experience Royal Ascot racing from there. I'm encouraging everyone to get their application to the U.S. Embassy in London this week, so please consult me about this as soon as you have decided to travel."

Thursday has been set up as an optional racing day for travelers. We will be departing to Newmarket the following day so those on the basic option wishing to spend some free time in London can use this opportunity to take in the sights. This will also allow Team Valor staff to focus on the needs of Brigantin's partners for Gold Cup day.





On Friday, you will be transferred approximately 60 miles north of London to the racing town of Newmarket, considered by many the birthplace and global center of horse racing. Once in Newmarket, the rest of your day is free to explore or rest as you like. For those looking to venture out, the university city of Cambridge is only a half hour's taxi ride away, and Team Valor staff will also be available and eager to take interested parties to the National Horseracing Museum in Newmarket. Early Saturday morning, we'll depart for Marco Botti's yard to see the horses train on the famous Newmarket gallops. This will be an excellent morning of training as Botti works (breezes) many of his horses on Saturday. After training and lunch, we'll head to the races at Newmarket Racecourse for an afternoon at the host track of 9 of British racing's annual 32 Group 1 races.

For travelers wishing to take advantage of the option for extension, you'll depart the U.S. for London on Wednesday, June 8 to arrive in the U.K. on Thursday, June 9. This will allow for two extra days, Saturday and Sunday, of London sight-seeing and a Friday trip to the picturesque and unique racecourse of Goodwood, 2 hours outside the city and a personal favorite for many.

Preliminary pricing for the trip has been done based on attendance of between 10 and 20 travelers. Due to the sharing costs of aspects such as transportation, there is a significant difference between the quotes depending on attendance. Cost with double occupancy in a room for the basic trip, arriving in London on June 12 and departing June 19, is quoted at \$5,162/person for 10 attendees, but could dip as low as \$3,933/person with 20 attendees. Single occupancy for 10 attendees will be between \$5,973/person to \$6,469 depending on the type of room you occupy at the Draycott Hotel in London and dips in similar increments as double occupancy as attendance rises. Contact Megan Jones at [teamvalor3@aol.com](mailto:teamvalor3@aol.com) or (859) 533- 8545 for reservations or questions regarding the trip.

