

UK and Ireland Equine Tour: Ascot Polo Club

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Ascot Polo Club is the world's largest Polo facility outside London. It is where some of the world's top competitors and ponies go to train in the world's oldest sport. It is also home to the International Women's Polo Association.



While you're there:

- Tour the grounds
- See the world's largest playing field
- Watch a practice or real chukkas
- Tacking up demo – learn about extra tack required for Polo
- Learn the rules and strategies of the game
- Practice your swing on the “crates”



Fun Polo Facts:

- “Ponies” used in Polo are actually full sized horses. “Pony” is purely traditional.
- The ponies are usually a mix of breeds, depending on the country they compete in. Most are part Thoroughbred.
- Manes are shaved to keep them out of the way of the mallet.
- Ponies are switched out at the end of each chukka.

