

A Rider's Bucket List

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The movie *The Bucket List* follows two terminally ill men (played by Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman) who embark on a journey with a wish list of things to do before they “kick the bucket.” Here’s our equestrian version of a bucket list—25 ultimate things to experience in a lifetime as a horse lover. What’s on your list?

- 1 Gallop on the beach.
- 2 Win a blue ribbon, even if it's for the egg and spoon race!
- 3 Enjoy an evening of equestrian theater, from major touring productions such as *Cavalia* to local performance troupes.
- 4 Try your hand at cattle work. Find out what it means when they say a horse is “cowy.”
- 5 Jump! From crossrails to cross-country obstacles, experience the thrill of soaring over fences.
- 6 Fall off and get right back on again. Conquering fear is empowering.
- 7 See the majestic white Lipizzan stallions at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna.
- 8 Come to a sliding stop on a well-trained reining horse.
- 9 Take a lesson with your equestrian idol, _____ (you fill in the blank.)
- 10 Nurse a horse through a crisis and back to full health.
- 11 Experience the smooth ride of a gaited horse.
- 12 Watch the horses come through the Head of the Lake on cross-country day at the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event.
- 13 Have the courage to do the right thing for your horse, even when it's not easy.
- 14 Attend the Kentucky Derby dressed to the nines—including hat!
- 15 Tackle a trail accessible only by horseback and enjoy the view.
- 16 Take your dream vacation on horseback.
- 17 Master the sitting trot.
- 18 Ride a fine-tuned horse in your discipline of choice, be it dressage schoolmaster or barrel champ.
- 19 Watch polo. Even better, try your hand at it!
- 20 Feed, muck, groom, ride. Repeat daily.
- 21 Wake up to a whinny every morning.
- 22 Fly down the track on a Thoroughbred.
- 23 Meet one of your favorite famous horses in person.
- 24 Ride bareback, bridleless ... or both!

25 Share a bond with your horse that's deeper than words.

What's on your equestrian bucket list? Share your thoughts by clicking "Submit a Comment" below.

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