

Hidden Trails

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*Equestrian Vacations
- on & with Hidden Trails*

About Hidden Trails



Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love horses and adventure activities. We have been involved with riding and other outdoor vacations for over 20 years.

With our partners Voyage du Cheval (France), Pegasus (Germany) as well as Equitour (Switzerland and France) we have collected the best riding destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These rides are about galloping on endless beaches, forging rivers, cantering through forests, trotting along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for horses has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand. The majority of the overseas rides are from inn to inn, some from castle to castle and a few are camping rides.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends. The Hidden Trails trips are the best you can find.

They have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special riding vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream.

We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best destination and adventure.

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Casanare Trail Ride - Colombia, South America

Tour Code: IT-COL04

7 days / 6 nights ~\$3,675.00

Dates: All year

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging : ●● BASIC

Tack: McClellan saddles known in the eastern...

Horses: Colombian Creole horses, some with qua...

Pace: Based on the experience - Walking 80%,... Walk,Trot,Canter,

Airport: Bogota



Introduction

Orinoquia, Colombia

The Colombian eastern Llanos were colonized more than four centuries ago and to this day, horses are fundamental in the daily work of the llanero man.

This equestrian crossing is made to honor the llanero culture, in remembrance to the use of the old royal roads and cattle inns, sleeping some days in hammocks with mosquito net.

This will be three unforgettable days, riding on typical Creole horses descendants of Arabs and Spaniards of 400 years ago in the style of the llanero man, a total cowboy. We will ride in the McClellan saddlers known in the eastern Llanos as Galapagos.

We will eat a snack called Bastimento, which was what the llanero used to eat on his long journeys through the savannas.

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a progressive ride where nights are spent in 5 different locations.

Description

All accommodations on this trip offer basic comfort and warm hospitality. Wi-Fi is only available while staying at hotels in Bogota and Yopal.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

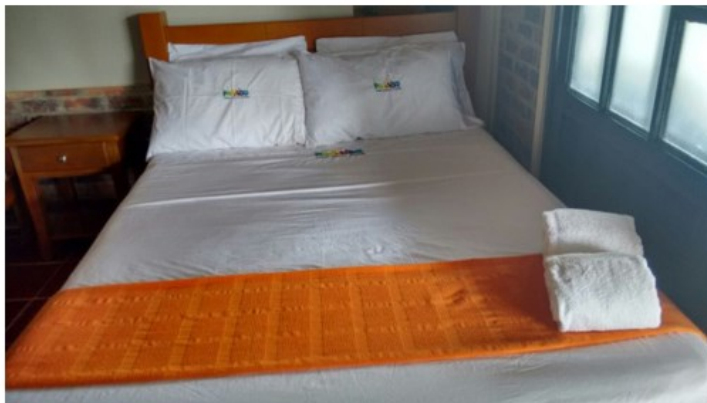
Night 1: Holiday Inn Airport Hotel in Bogota

Night 2: Finca El Paraíso or Eco-hotel la Fortuna

Night 3: Hato Banco Largo

Night 4: Accommodation in Guariama

Night 5 & 6: Holiday Inn or Hampton by Hilton in Yopal



Holiday Inn Airport Hotel in Bogota

This hotel, conveniently located just a few minutes away from the airport, offers modern rooms. All rooms are equipped with free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, satellite TV and a private bathroom.

Finca El Paraíso

This finca has a garden and an outdoor pool where guests can relax. It offers basic but comfortable accommodation in double occupancy room for groups of up to 8 people. All rooms have air conditioning and most rooms have shared bathrooms. Other amenities include a pool table, board games and table tennis facilities.

Eco-hotel la Fortuna

If there are more than 8 people, we will use this accommodation. This small hotel offers double or single





occupancy room, all with private bathrooms.

Hato Banco Largo

This property is set in a beautiful natural environment. It offers simple accommodation in hammocks with mosquito nets and shared bathrooms and showers. At this accommodation, you will have the opportunity to share the Colombian cowboy (llanero) way of life with authentic llaneros.

Accommodation in Guariama

The accommodation is very basic with external bathrooms and showers.

Holiday Inn Express in Yopal

This recent hotel offers comfortable ensuite rooms all fitted with a TV, air conditioning, a safe and a coffee machine. There is also a beautiful outdoor pool on the rooftop, offering views of the city.

Hampton by Hilton in Yopal

Rooms all come with air conditioning, a mini fridge, a safe and a private bathroom. There is a rooftop with great views over the mountains and the city.

Room Occupancy

Single supplement is mandatory if we cannot find another rider to share.

Meals

All meals are included in the trip. The food is local Colombian cuisine. All meals are eaten at the accommodations.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding



Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1: Arrival

Transfer from El Dorado airport to the hotel in Bogotá.

Overnight at Hotel in Bogotá

Day 2: Introduction

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer from the hotel to the El Dorado airport for the flight to the city of Yopal. At the Alcaravan airport we will pick you up and transfer you to the El Paraíso farm. General orientation on accommodation with welcome cocktail, then lunch, rest and in the afternoon we will make a presentation about the crossing and introduce you the staff, people such as the "cabrestero", the "chocotero" the guides, and other participants.

The horses will be chosen and induction will be done. Then around a fire we would hear some songs about the work in the llanos that will locate us in the context for our llanero experience. Dinner, rest to start the journey the next day.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 3: Ride to Hato Banco Largo

Breakfast then departure for the crossing, we will go to the Hato Banco Largo located in the town of Orocué, we will go through the oil well of Rancho Hermoso to the old cattle ranch of Santa Teresa and real cattle roads then we will cross the pastures in Orocué, observing the big farms on both sides of the road.

At the end of the day, we will arrive at the Hato Banco Largo, where we will hear the songs of more than 120 species of birds that spend the night there, we will be received by them as well as the manager of the Hato, a native llanero and his family that will offer us a delicious creole dinner and while eating it they will delight us with their stories, songs and legends of the llanos. We will spend the night in hammocks with mosquito nets as the llaneros used to do on their trips long time ago.

Riding 7 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hato Banco Largo

Day 4: Hato Banco Largo to Guariamena

The tautacos (Buff-necked Ibis) will wake us up with their morning songs, we will have breakfast and we will leave to visit the "Garcero" of two hectares that belongs to the Hato, there we will see alligators and turtles in the Trincherá canal, then take the way out to the crossroads of Guariamena, where the old cattle ranches of Tanganica and Camoruco were, passing through forests, estuaries and savannas of multiple colors. Arriving at the Agua Verde canal, if it's winter time or if the flows have increased due to rain, the horses will cross the river and we will go through a handmade bamboo bridge; if it's not we can pass riding the horse. Arriving at the royal pass of Guariamena, their habitants will receive us with a Creole dinner, and we will enjoy a counterpoint performance of llanero musicians and finally we will go to sleep.

Riding 6 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Guariamena

Day 5: Guariamena to La Quesera

After breakfast we will leave to the town of Maní. Along roads we'll see birds, lagoons and morichales (*Mauritia flexuosa*), and finally arrive at the farm "La Quesera" where we will say goodbye to the horses and continue by vehicle to the pier on the Cusiana River to go have lunch and watch the sunset over the river. We will have live musical groups and llanera dance performances to leave to go to Yopal.

Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Yopal

Day 6: Altamira Reserve Safari

Breakfast then departure for the photographic safari in the Altamira reserve in the town of San Luis de Palenque, one hour and forty five minutes from Yopal. Upon arrival we will take a refreshing drink and begin our tour through the reserve where we will see: chigüiros or capybaras (*Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*), deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), babillas (*Caiman crocodilus*), among other species in their natural habitat. Lunch in the Hato Mata de palma and sunset in the Altamira canyon where we could do artisanal fishing of the Caribe fish or piranha.

Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Yopal

Day 7: Departure

Breakfast then visit to the Creole saddlers to the city of Yopal, lunch break and then departure to the airport. Return to Bogotá.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Other Info

Meeting: Bogota airport

Airport: Bogota

Transfer: Bogota

Pick-up / Drop-off is included from El Dorado Luis Carlos Galán Sarmiento International Airport, in Bogotá. Transfers from hotels in Bogotá are also possible for an extra fee (please inquire).

Tack: McClellan saddles known in the eastern Llanos as tortoisés and some cowboy chairs produced in Colombian factories will be used and available

Horses: Colombian Creole horses, some with quarter-mile crosses, all the horses are born and bred in the savannas of the Llanos, fed with the native pastures

Pace: Based on the experience - Walking 80%, trail and jog 15%, canter 5%.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level:      (1 to 3 out of 5) Novice to Experienced

Weight: 200 lbs

Riders: Min 4 riders

Max 15 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-COL04

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Transfers including return flight Bogotá - Yopal, Activities described in the itinerary, 4 riding days & Personal accident insurance, during the stay

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	7 day trip	\$3675

Gratuity:10 %

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Single supplement	\$300
2024	Small group supplement (2-3 pax only), pp	\$740
2024	Small group supplement (1 pax only)	\$1475

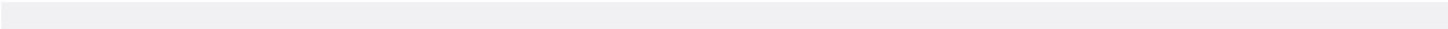
Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 4/15

This trip can be arranged at any time of the year depending on availability

Rates do not include:Gratuities



Reservation Form

Tour : _____ Code #: _____ from: _____ to : _____

The Travelers (Last Name, First Name)	Male Female	Single room / or tent	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Height	Weight	Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Inter.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking
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Special Diets: _____

Your fitness level: Excellent ☐ Moderate ☐ Poor ☐ How long have you been riding? _____

How often do you ride? _____ Have you been on other riding tours? No ☐ Yes ☐ last trip when? _____

If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the local airport/station: I would like the transfer to be included: YES ☐ NO ☐

In an emergency, name and phone number of contact: _____

Attention: Please, if there is more than one participant, all have to sign the reservation form - make copies if needed

With my signature I confirm my reservation of the listed program(s) under the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions. I'm aware, and I made all participants aware of the risk involved with these outdoor adventure activities. All participants have read and agree with the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions and the Hidden Trails Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement in this brochure or as listed on the Internet.

I (we) will sign and forward the Recreational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement at least 10 weeks before trip starting date.

Last Name and First Name (The Traveler) _____

Street _____ e-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

Phone (wk) _____ (hm) _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

Date _____ Signature (mandatory) 1. _____

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum \$ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before the travel date to my credit card.

For payments by VISA ☐ or Mastercard ☐ (no debit cards)

Cardholder: _____

Card # _____ 3 digit Security # _____

Exp.Date: _____ Signature _____

Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than mailing address):

I have enclosed a check for the deposit ☐

Additional Signatures:

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial _____

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