



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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The Dartmoor Explorer - England, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ENG01

8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,675.00

Dates: May to Sept

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging : ●●●

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter horses, quarter horse cross, h...

Pace: Mainly walking/trotting with long cant...

Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Exeter



Introduction

Dartmoor, England

Experience the wild open moorlands, deep river valleys of the mystical Dartmoor National Park. This ancient landscape contains prehistoric features; round house village sites, stone circles, stone rows and evidence of past tin mining activities. Create a lasting bond with your horse companion for this trip as they guide you through their homeland. Exploring Dartmoor on horseback allows you to cover more land while still having enough time to enjoy the scenery that surrounds you. These sure-footed mounts are happy to journey with you through all varying weather and landscape types. You can choose the option of travelling to different town and staying at local hotels, inns, and farmhouses for the night, or staying at one place the entire trip and exploring different routes daily. For the progressive ride, you'll be traveling like many of the locals from town to town, where room and board are available for both you and your four-legged friend! Indulge in the local cuisine, where most restaurants/ pubs offer farm to table meals and traditional dishes. Experience the mixture of daily rides following new trails and the inviting accommodations that offer the familial and cozy feel. Remember to keep your eyes peeled for the wildlife that call this unique area home. Immerse yourself in the timeless mystical lands of Dartmoor National Park!

In August, you will get the opportunity to visit the [Chagford Show](#).

In September, we attend the annual [Widcombe fair](#).

Accommodation

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Stationary option: You will be staying in the same location each night.

Progressive option: You will be staying in various hotels, farms, and B&B's during your trip. You will be staying in 4 different locations total.

Description

All accommodations include WIFI. Laundry is not available.

Stationary option

The Castle Inn is a traditional 16th century inn of great character resting on the fringes of Dartmoor National Park. They have a total of 8 bedrooms, all ensuite and privately decorated. All the rooms offer tea and coffee making facilities, hair dryers, flat screen television, bath sheets, hand towels and complimentary toiletries. WIFI is available onsite. The Inn has its own restaurant/pub, where you can order dinner. Laundry is available at the farm for an additional fee.

It is also possible to be accommodated at the farm in one of 2 'shepherd huts'. One has a double bed and the other has two singles, (linen provided). Each are very cozy and come with a wood-burning stove (wood provided), table and chairs. Guests staying 'on farm' also have use of our lodge's kitchen and bathroom etc.

When staying on the farm, we provide the ingredients for your breakfast, bread, cereals, milk. Inquire for reduced rates.

Accommodation Itinerary (8-day progressive option) - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1 & 2: Castle Inn Lydford

Night 3: Two Bridges Hotel

Night 4 & 5: Dockwell Farm

Night 6: Three Crowns Inn

Night 7: Castle Inn Lydford

Castle Inn Lydford

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Two Bridges Hotel

This historic hotel is located on the banks of the beautiful West Dart River, lovely countryside sceneries in every direction. Step inside and discover a warm Devon welcome, comfortable hotel rooms in which to rest the night, fine restaurant dining, characterful lounges, and a bustling bar. There are 32 uniquely decorated bedrooms, many of which enjoy views of the West Dart River and the moorland beyond. The ensuite rooms are a delightful combination of modern facilities and traditional charm, capturing something of the splendor of Dartmoor. Wi-Fi is available in common areas.

Dockwell Farm

Dockwell farm is a traditional Dartmoor farm with a superb setting and over 400 years of history. This farmhouse accommodation has very friendly hosts, who will transfer guests to local pubs for evening meals. Rooms are private and cozy and facilities are shared. Wi-Fi is available.

Three Crowns Inn

Set in the heart of Chagford, this 13th century coaching station now provides stylish accommodations. The granite façade has an undeniable charm and the decor mixes perfectly history and comfort. The inn has 21 en-suite bedrooms each fitted with a flat-screen TV, internet connectivity and WIFI is access.

Room Occupancy

Single supplement is mandatory if we are unable to find another rider to share.

Meals

Breakfasts, picnic lunches, and a snack after rides (tea and cakes) are included. Dinners are not included, but each accommodation offer restaurants nearby for you to explore and sample the local cuisine.



Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to dietary restrictions given prior notice.

Riding



Riding Level & Terrain

Riders need to be reasonably fit and at least a strong intermediate standard or better. Riders are expected to have ridden several different types of horses and can independently manage a horse's care. Their seat is secure, they are able to control a horse at walk, trot and canter and do not apply unintentional aids to the horse when they lose balance or become unseated. They know how to rise or post to the trot and ask for and obtain a specific lead or change in lead. They are capable of riding a less experienced horse.

The terrain involves crossing streams, shallow rivers, undulating ground, up and down steep inclines, and would not be suitable for novice or inexperienced riders.

Tack and Riding Style

We normally ride Western, however we can provide English saddles if the guests request. Our style of riding is very much akin to 'Natural Horsemanship'. We like riders to be relaxed and ride with soft hands.

Horses

We have a selection of fantastic Quarter Horses with calm attitude and appetite for work. All are western trained, very sure-footed and a pleasure to ride. We also have a selection of Irish hunters (some western trained some English style), all a pleasure to ride and cross the terrain with ease. Heights range from 14:3 to 16:2hh.

Guides

The guides are all local moor men or women, who know the moor well. They know where the best crossings are, and where to avoid, as there are areas where it is unsuitable for horses. Some of the guides are members the Dartmoor Rescue Group; some are range clearers for the army on the moor. All are excellent equestrians, and are first-aid trained.



Itinerary

Sample Itinerary: 8-day progressive option - subject to changes

Day 1: Arrival

We will meet all the clients at the welcoming Castle Inn Lydford in the evening for a briefing about what to expect from their stay.

Meals included: none

Overnight at Castle Inn Lydford

Day 2: Introductory Ride

Clients are collected from the Castle Inn after breakfast and taken to the Farm, where they meet their assigned horse.

Today's ride is all about making sure the rider and horse are compatible. We will start riding in the morning, with a stop for lunch. Lunches each day will be carried in saddle bags. Return to the Castle Inn in the evening.

Riding: 4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Castle Inn Lydford

Day 3: Ride to Two Bridges

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Ride from the Farm across Dartmoor to The Two Bridges Hotel, situated in the middle of the Dartmoor National Park.

Riding: 5-6 hours (approx. 20 miles)

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Two Bridges Hotel

Day 4: Two Bridges to Drywell Farm

Today's destination is a B&B farm, near Widecombe. This is a very beautiful moorland farm where the guests get to sample a bit of life on a moorland farm. Guests will be taken to a choice of local Inns for evening meal.

Riding: 4 hours

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Drywell Farm

Day 5:

Option A: Circular ride from Drywell.

Riding: 4 hours

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Drywell Farm

Option B: A day out of the saddle visiting local Dartmoor attractions.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Drywell Farm

****On the August ride, we ride from Drywell to Chagford.**

****On the September ride, this day will be spent at Widecombe fair (<https://www.widecombefair.com/>).**

Day 6: Drywell Farm to Chagford

Riding: 4 hours

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at the Three Crowns Inn

****On the August Ride, day out of the Saddle to visit Chagford Show (<http://www.chagfordshow.co.uk/>)**

***** Note: in August 18-25, 2024 tour we will not be visiting the Chagford show but will do an extra day of riding instead.**

Day 7: Ride back to Farm

We complete our circle route today as we ride from Chagford back to our Farm.

Riding: 4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Castle Inn Lydford

Day 8: Departure

Departure in the morning.

Meals included: Breakfast



Sample Itinerary: 7-day stationary option - subject to changes

Day 1: Arrival

We will meet all the clients at the welcoming Castle Inn Lydford in the evening for a briefing about what to expect from their stay.

Meals included: none

Overnight at Castle Inn Lydford

Day 2: Introductory Ride

Clients are collected from the Castle Inn after breakfast and taken to the Farm where they meet their assigned horse.

Today's ride is all about making sure the rider and horse are compatible. We will start our ride in the morning and stop for lunch. Lunches each day will be carried in saddle bags. Return to the Castle Inn in the evening.

Riding: 4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Castle Inn Lydford

Day 3 - 6: Dartmoor Rides

Typical days start with breakfast at the Inn. Then, guests are collected and brought to the Farm for around 10.00am. We will be western trail riding exploring a different part of the spectacular Dartmoor landscape each day, stop for a packed lunch or stop at one of many local pubs, tie up horses outside, ride home via a different route; followed by tea and cakes at the Farm. Return to Hotel between 5 and 6pm.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Castle Inn Lydford

Day 7: Departure

Departure in the morning.

Meals included: Breakfast

****Camp-outs are possible upon request for an additional fee. Please inquire.**

Other Info

Meeting: Castle Inn Lydford

Airport: Exeter

Train station: Okehampton

Transfer: Exeter or Okehampton

Distance: 40 miles

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter horses, quarter horse cross, hunters

Pace: Mainly walking/trotting with long cantering areas. 4-6 hours riding per day. 15-20 miles per day.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 5 out of 5) Intermediate

Age: Min 14 Max 65

Weight: 210 lbs / 95 kg

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 8 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-ENG01

Rates include:
Progressive: Accommodations, All Breakfasts and Lunches, Luggage transfer each day & riding days according to program
Stationary: Accommodation, All Breakfasts and Lunches, Luggage transfer each day & riding days according to program
Limited supply of hats available, but guests are recommended to bring their own.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US\$
A 2024	8-day trip (Progressive option)	£2140	\$2675
	Single supplement	£260	\$325
B 2024	7-day trip (Stationary option)	£1720	\$2150
	Single supplement	£210	\$265
C 2024	4-day trip (Stationary option)	£1170	\$1465
	Single supplement	£130	\$165
D 2024	3-day trip (Stationary option)	£0	\$0
	Single supplement	£110	\$140

The US Dollar Rate is based on a GBP Exchange Rate of 1.25 and subject to currency fluctuation

Rates Note:Camp-outs available. Please inquire.

Transfer Option

Description

Tour Dates			
Season	Tour Dates		
B 2024	05/05/2024 - 05/11/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	05/05/2024 - 05/08/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	05/12/2024 - 05/15/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	05/12/2024 - 05/18/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
A 2024	05/12/2024 - 05/19/2024	8d / 7n	8-day trip (Progressive option)
B 2024	05/19/2024 - 05/25/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	05/19/2024 - 05/22/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	05/26/2024 - 05/29/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	05/26/2024 - 06/01/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	06/02/2024 - 06/08/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	06/02/2024 - 06/05/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	06/09/2024 - 06/12/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	06/09/2024 - 06/15/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	06/16/2024 - 06/22/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	06/16/2024 - 06/19/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
A 2024	06/22/2024 - 06/29/2024	8d / 7n	8-day trip (Progressive option)
C 2024	06/23/2024 - 06/26/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	06/23/2024 - 06/29/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	06/30/2024 - 07/06/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	06/30/2024 - 07/03/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	07/07/2024 - 07/13/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	07/14/2024 - 07/20/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	07/14/2024 - 07/17/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	07/28/2024 - 07/31/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	07/28/2024 - 08/03/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	08/04/2024 - 08/10/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	08/04/2024 - 08/07/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	08/11/2024 - 08/14/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	08/11/2024 - 08/17/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	08/18/2024 - 08/24/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	08/18/2024 - 08/21/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
A 2024	08/18/2024 - 08/25/2024	8d / 7n	8-day trip (Progressive option)
C 2024	08/25/2024 - 08/28/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	08/25/2024 - 08/31/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	09/01/2024 - 09/07/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	09/01/2024 - 09/04/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
A 2024	09/06/2024 - 09/13/2024	8d / 7n	8-day trip (Progressive option)
C 2024	09/08/2024 - 09/11/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	09/08/2024 - 09/14/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	09/15/2024 - 09/21/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	09/15/2024 - 09/18/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
C 2024	09/22/2024 - 09/25/2024	4d / 3n	4-day trip (Stationary option)
B 2024	09/22/2024 - 09/28/2024	7d / 6n	7-day trip (Stationary option)

Min/Max: 2/8
The short 3-days stationary trail (D) can be arranged anytime during the 7-day stationary week (B).

Rates do not include:
Progressive: Dinners, Transfers & Gratuities
Stationary: Dinners, Transfers & 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 Intern.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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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