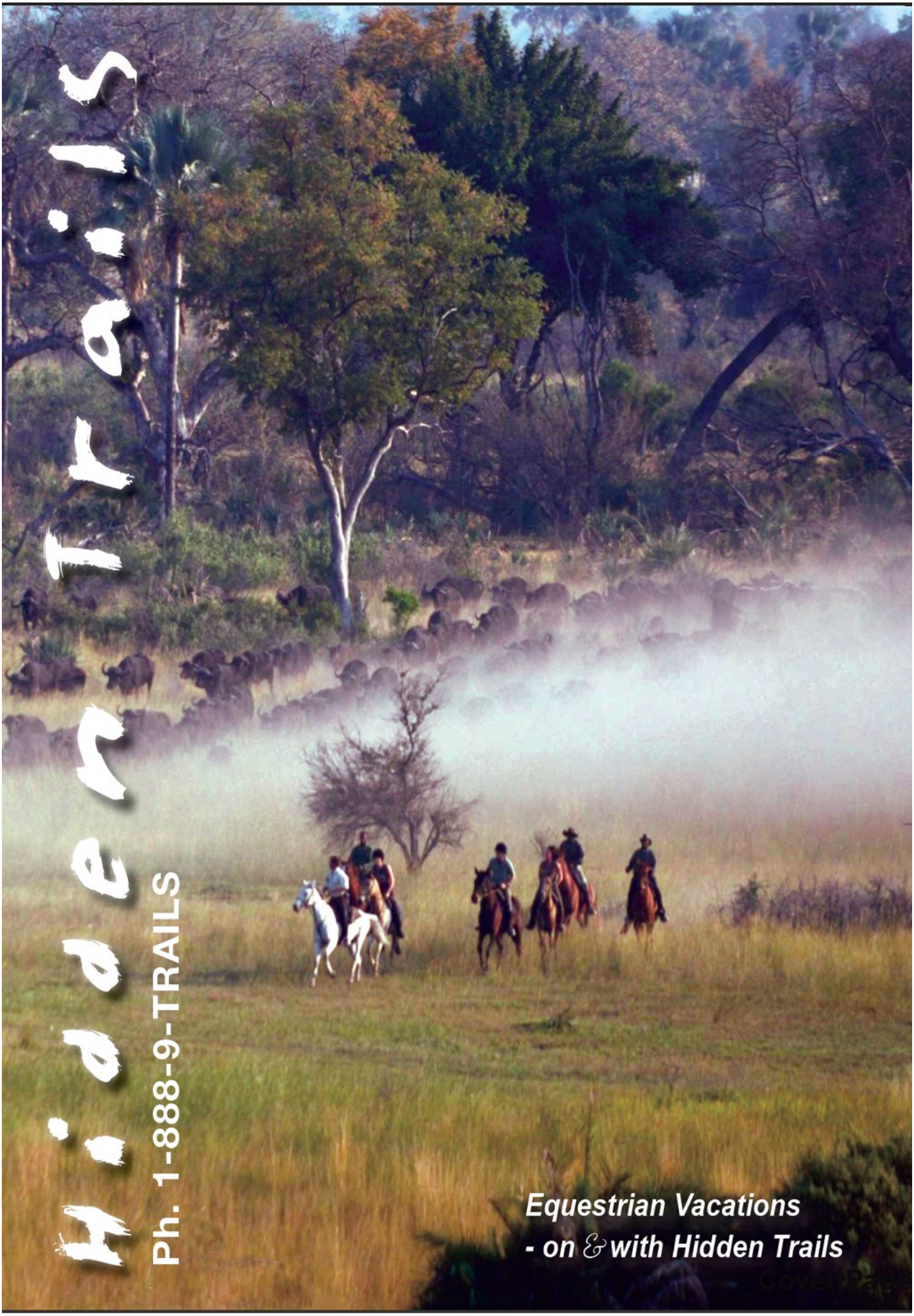
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About Hidden Trails

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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Magical and Mysterious Snaefellsnes - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICRT05
8 days / 7 nights ~$2,960.00
Dates: June & August

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging: BASIC

Tack: Icelandic
Horses: Icelandic Horses
Pace: Daily rides are 4-6 hours (30-50 km). ...

Airport: Keflavik Airport

Introduction

West, Iceland
The Snæfellsjökull National Park is where you find one of Iceland´s most beautiful and emblematic sights - the glacier-covered cone volcano Snæfellsjökull. The mystery and spiritual aura of this still active volcano were made famous through Jules Verne's novel Journey to the Centre of the Earth. Many of the great Sagas are located in this very area. Today the remote beauty and rich bird life draw visitors from all over the world. The peninsula itself is often called "Iceland in a nutshell" because of its diversity of landscape.

Experiencing "tölt", the unique extra gait of the Icelandic Horse, is made easy for you on this tour when we follow good riding tracks. The long stretches of smooth sandy beaches make this tour a delight for both horses and riders.

This tour takes us through a landscape of extensive lava fields, craters and ash from ancient eruptions in Hítardalur valley. We also enjoy wide-open stretches of light-coloured sand at Löngufjörur beach, where only the tide sets a limit to the freedom of horse and man. The impressive 50-meter deep crater Eldborg is a distinctive landmark, where the light sand turns black once you reach its lava field. On our last riding day we follow the edge of the lava flow along the shore before returning to Stóri-Kálfalækur Farm.

Accomodation

Accommodations
This is a stationary ride where all nights are spent at the same location.

Description
You will be accommodated at Hraunholt farm, a cozy farmhouse in the Snæfellsnes peninsula. Made up beds in shared rooms (2-4 beds per room) and shared facilities.

Room Occupancy
Single rooms are not available on this trip.

Meals
During the ride all meals are provided.

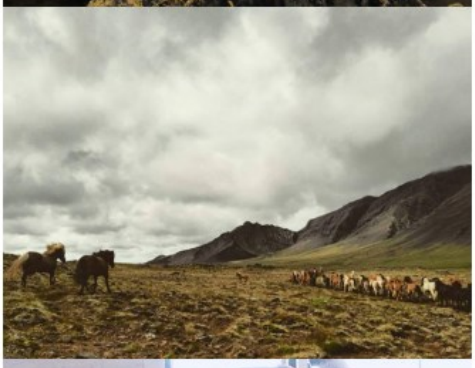
The menu consists of a large breakfast and traditional Icelandic meals (fish or lamb). All riders make their own packed lunch from the breakfast table.

Dietary Restrictions
Vegetarian meals are available upon request. Please, notify us at the time of booking.

Riding

Riding Experience
This tour is a great riding experience that is suitable for strong intermediate riders. You need to be comfortable and in control at all paces, have a firm seat, and feel comfortable riding for up to 7 hours per day. Riders are expected to ride regularly and be capable of handling horses in an open country. Riding days can be as long as up to 35 km in the saddle so you should be in good physical condition and have a basic knowledge of horsemanship. You will get a thorough introduction into the gaits of the Icelandic horse and feel the Tölt, the extremely soft traveling gate of the Icelandic horse.

Riding Gear – Disinfect!
Riding gear (riding trousers, jackets, etc.) needs to be washed (40°C) or dry cleaned. Items which cannot be washed or dry cleaned (riding boots, riding hats) need to disinfected at least 5 days prior to arriving in Iceland. The Icelandic Veterinary Authority recommends the broad-spectrum disinfectant Virkon S for disinfection. Used riding gloves, whips, saddles, bridles, chaps and other used leather gear may not be brought into the country.
Please understand that these precautions are necessary because there are no contagious animal diseases in Iceland. Horses are not vaccinated and are therefore susceptible to infectious agents from abroad. Please help us to protect Iceland's fragile nature!



We provide saddle bags, rain wear and safety helmet.

Tack & Riding Style
The tack used for Icelandic horses is slightly different then the tack ordinarily used for other breeds.
The saddle is built close to a dressage saddle and has a relatively flat seat. Saddles come with plain or quilted seats. On longer rides, a crupper helps keeping the saddle in place. Riding style used on Icelandic horses is close to English riding style, but stirrups are worn long.
Bits used are mostly simple snaffles. Bridles have a detachable noseband and clip on reins.

The Farmers
The real connoisseurs of the local terrain and history. We make sure that each tour has its own charm and is organized by the local expert, the farmer, and his family. They use their own horses and ride through the part of the country they know so well.
Our farmers have over 30 years of experience in leading riding groups through Iceland.

Herd of Horses
On this ride, you will be riding several days (except for two days) with a free running herd of horses. Herding along free running horses is the traditional way of travelling in Iceland, since horses are changed at least once a day on longer tours. You get to ride a variety of horses.

Horses
The Icelandic horse is best known for its four-beat smooth gait, the "tölt", which is very comfortable for the rider, especially on a longer tour. Riding an Icelandic horse in its native habitat land is an authentic riding experience. The horses are especially chosen for this trip and are suited even for riders who have not had much riding experience.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival
Pick up at BSÍ Bus station in Reykjavik around 6:00pm. Our bus will transfer you and your fellow riders to Hraunholt Farm, where horses and staff are waiting for us. After a lovely introductory meal where we get to know each other, we relax and rest so we are well prepared for the adventure ahead of us.
Meals included: Dinner
Overnight at Hraunholt Farm

Day 2 (Sunday): Hraunholt to Kolviðarnes
After an introduction to the Icelandic horse and its special gaits, we start our ride from Hraunholt and ride through fertile farmlands with lava on both sides. We cross the river Haffjarðará on our way to Kolviðarnes where our ride ends today.
Riding approx. 25 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hraunholt Farm

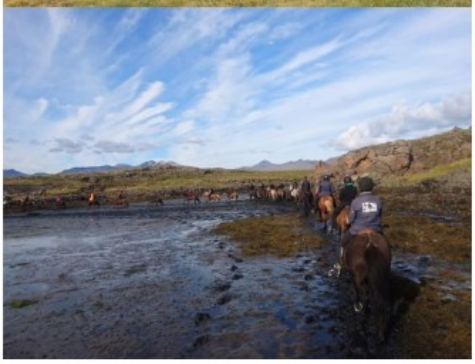
NB: Next three days we ride on Löngufjörur beach where timings depend on the tide. In some cases, we need to start the ride very early in the morning or in the afternoon.

Day 3 (Monday): Kolviðarnes to Traðir
After rejoining the horses, we start our beach ride on Löngufjörur, the famous horse trail on the seashores of the Snæfellsnes peninsula. We have a majestic view of Snæfellsjökull Glacier ahead of us and feel the horses' excitement and take part in the joy on this extraordinary trail released by the tide. We leave the horses at Traðir Farm.
Riding approx. 35 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hraunholt Farm

Day 4 (Tuesday): Traðir to Kolviðarnes
Another day ride on the yellow colored, sandy beach. This is a unique experience for everyone with lava-fields and mountains on one side of the trail and the Atlantic Ocean on the other.
Riding approx. 35 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hraunholt Farm

Day 5 (Wednesday): Ride to Hausthúsahringur
We leave the herd at Kolviðarnes and go out and play, enjoying another brisk ride on the beach with fantastic views of the ocean, the mountains and the majestic Snæfellsnes Glacier. The horses stay at Kolviðarnes and we drive back to Hraunholt.
Riding approx. 18 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hraunholt Farm

Day 6 (Thursday): Kolviðarnes to Hraunholt



We take all the horses with us and ride into the mountains and lava, on our way back to Hraunholt. We ride through fertile farmlands and along good riding tracks over the river Haffjarðará and travel through an area well known as the hideout of Iceland's most famous outlaw: Grettir.
Riding approx. 25 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hraunholt Farm

Day 7 (Friday): Ride to Rauðaneslaug
On the last day, we choose our best horses and continue riding in amazing landscape surrounded with lava, mountains, rivers and lakes. We ride to Rauðaneslaug where we can have a bath in the Rauðaneslaug swimming pool. We will then ride our last part of the tour before we enjoy the farewell dinner at Hraunholt.
Riding approx. 22 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hraunholt Farm

Day 8 (Saturday): Departure
Transfer back to BSÍ bus station in Reykjavík. Approx. arrival for 11:30am.
Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: BSÍ Bus station in Reykjavik
Airport: Keflavik Airport
Pick up at BSÍ Bus station in Reykjavik around 6:00pm on Day 1.

Tack: Icelandic
Horses: Icelandic Horses
Pace: Daily rides are 4-6 hours (30-50 km). Approx. 185 km total. 6 riding days
Level: (3.5 to 5 out of 5) Strong Intermediate
Weight: 242 lbs / 110 kg
Riders: Min 8 riders Max 14 riders

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Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Transfers from/to Reykjavik city center & 6 riding days
Rain wear, Water bottle, Saddle bag & Riding helmet can be provide

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US$
A 2024	8 day trip (High)	€2690	$2960
B 2024	8 day trip (Low)	€2670	$2940

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.1 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Pick up at BSÍ Bus station on Day 1 between 18:00-19:00		
2024	Children's discount (under 12) - 25% off		
2024	Extra fee for vegan & gluten-free diet	€100	$110

Tour Dates

Season		Tour Dates		
B	2024	06/03/2024 - 06/10/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Low)
B	2024	06/22/2024 - 06/29/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (Low)
A	2024	08/03/2024 - 08/10/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (High)
A	2024	08/17/2024 - 08/24/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (High)

Min/Max: 8/14
Saturday-Saturday

Rates do not include:Alcoholic beverages (can be bought at Duty Free ahead of time) & 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 Interm.	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 maling address):

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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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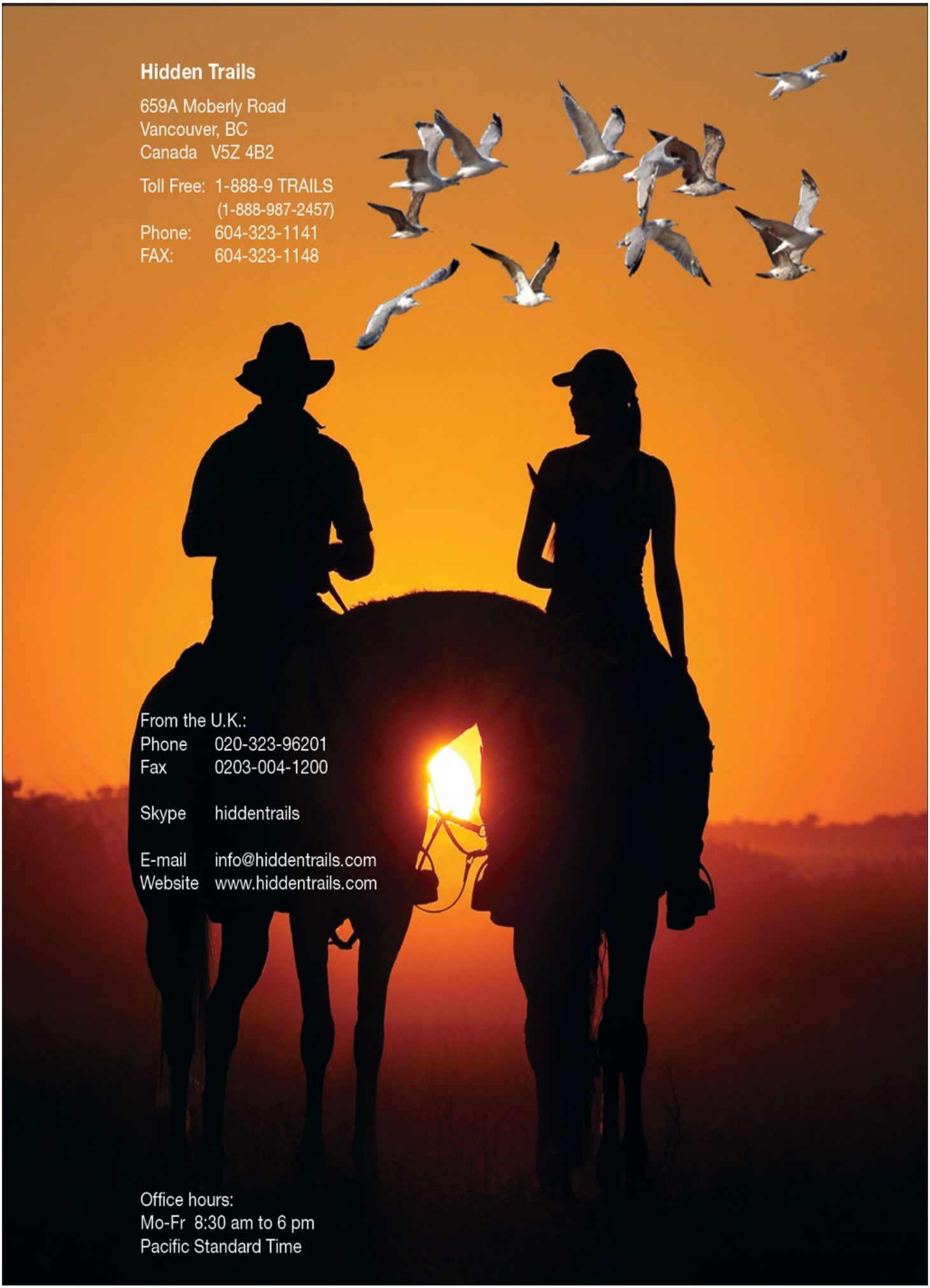
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