

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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Ring of Kerry Ride - Ireland, Europe

Tour Code: PG-KYT8
7 days / 6 nights ~\$2,415.00
Dates: Apr to Oct

Trip Rating : ●●●● Difficulty : ●●●● Lodging: ♠♠♠

Tack: English trail saddles with saddlebag Horses: Irish Sports Horses (Irish Drafts, Iri...

Pace: Moderate to intermediate with

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Walk, Trot, Canter, Gallop,

Airport: Shannon, Cork, or Kerry





Introduction

Kerry, Ireland

Ireland's beautiful wilderness, mysteries and brilliant shades of green make this land stand alone among earth's natural wonders as Ireland itself stands alone on the edge of the continent of Europe. Explore the highlands of Kerry with us, taking in the majestic MacGillycuddy Reeks, Ireland's highest mountain range. This ride covers a variety of terrain - country lanes, forests, mountain tracks, bogs and some of the beaches at Waterville and on to the magnificent 6.4km (4 miles) stretch of golden sand at Rossbeigh. The Iveragh Peninsula stretches southwest from Killarney and has many places of historic and archaeological interest along the world renowned Ring of Kerry.

A typical day starts, after a hearty breakfast after which the horses are presented to the riders, ready to go on their day's adventure. There is approximately five hours of riding time to explore the bountiful green landscape per day with a lunch break in the middle. At the end of the day, the horses are handed over to the groom and the riders are transported to their bed & breakfast for the evening. You then have your evenings free to explore the nearby towns of the area. Two of the towns we visit are small seaside resorts and three nights are spent in Killarney, a tourist haven of shopping, restaurants and pubs with lively and traditional Irish music. Riders and guides meet on the Saturday to get to know each other and on Sunday we will start our trek to the Ring of Kerry and up into the mountains. One high-lighted destination is Lake Caragh, to which we ride to through a vibrant landscape with rogue cloud formations roaming overhead, which bathe the hillside in intermittent splashes of sunlight, forming a strange halo over the valley. Crayola Crayons, in their box of 500 colors, has yet to capture all the shades of green featured in Ireland's countryside....The trail is led at all times by an experienced guide(s) and we are happy to take special care of any nervous or timid riders. Accommodations are in Killarney, Glenbeigh and Waterville. Luggage is transferred by vehicle to each accommodation.

Accomodation

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This is a progressive ride so nights will be spent in different locations.

Description

You will be staying in prearranged accommodation in top class hotels/guesthouses and B&B's along the trail. Rooms are based on double/twin occupancy with private bath. All rooms contain TV, telephone, hairdryer, and WIFI. Laundry is available for an additional cost.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1: Accommodation in Killarney

Night 2 & 3: Accommodation in Glenbeigh

Night 4 & 5:Accommodation in Waterville

Night 6: Accommodation in Killarney

The 4-day program includes accommodation in Killarney for the first night and in Glenbeigh for the 2 remaining nights.

Accommodation in Killarney

You are usually accommodated at a historic guesthouse in the city center.

Accommodation in Glenbeigh

Whenever possible we stay in a beautiful Victorian Style hotel that offers comfortable rooms.

Accommodation in Waterville

Our preferred accommodation in Waterville is a small B&B with scenic views over the bay and mountains.

Room Occupancy

Triple occupancy is not possible

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

Meals

Breakfast and lunches are included in the package price. Dinner is not included

Breakfast is at the accommodations; full Irish or continental style breakfast. Lunch is usually picnic style out on the trail (bread, fruit, meat, cheese etc.) tea/coffee/water.

For dinner the group meets in quality local restaurants and orders a la carte. *Dinners are usually 12 - 15 Euros in price.

Alcohol is not included, but can be purchased at the restaurants.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice

Riding







Rider Requirements

We require that all riders participating are able to walk, trot and canter competently in an English saddle. We advise western riders to take some English Style lessons before participating on this trip in order to familiarize themselves with English tack and style of riding.

Stables & Horses

Approved by the Irish Tourist Board and the Association of Irish Riding Establishments, the Stables are home to some 70 horses who have been pampered even more than usual with the recent completion of new stabling constructed to the very highest standards. The reliable and friendly horses are a mix of Irish breeds and there is an equine partner suitable for everyone!

Tack

All horses have English saddles and bridles. The saddles we predominantly use are the 'Swiss Ranger' saddle, made by Peter August Spirig (Switzerland). These saddles are designed for comfort for the long distance rider and their horse. So extra gel pads etc. are not necessary, but if riders wish to bring them, they are more than welcome to!

Safety Instructions

At all times the trail is accompanied by an experienced guide and special care is taken of nervous riders. Please, listen to our guides instructions and respect them. Also, feel free to ask for clarification if you do not understand any instruction from your guide.

Trail riding involves long and hard hours on both horses and riders, so it is up to the guide to dictate the pace and at no time is anyone allowed to by-pass the leader or set the pace. Any person behaving in a manner deemed likely to cause an accident or disregarding the instructions of the guide(s) will be removed from the ride, please take heed! Do not hold your horse back so you can trot/canter or gallop to catch up to the rest of the group.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary: 7-day program - subject to changes

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

There are no formal plans and no riding on this day as riders will be checking in at different times throughout the day (check-in before 6pm, if later you must advise us in advance). At the stables, you will meet with one member of the O'Sullivan Family and discuss experience level and general trail ride information. You will then be taken to your overnight accommodation in the Killarney area. We try to keep all riders at the same location each night so if you don't bump into any of the others on Saturday evening, you will easily identify the people in riding clothes at breakfast on Sunday morning.

Meals included: none Overnight in Killarney

Day 2 (Sunday): Seefinn Mountain to Mountain Stage

With riders, horses and all luggage ready for transfer, the day begins with a short trip to the base of Seefinn Mountain, where the first days ride starts. When horses and riders have been introduced, the ride heads off and up over the Windy Gap, viewing the splendor of Caragh Lake and the valley beyond. The ride then continues on to Coomasaharn Lake enclosed by Horseshoe Mountain, followed by a scenic ride over some Irish Bog and finishing for the day at our stable in Mountain Stage.

The overnight stops for Sunday and Monday nights are by the quaint village of Glenbeigh. (Glenbeigh comes from Gleann Beithe, the Glen of the Birch Trees). Surrounded almost entirely by mountains, Glenbeigh offers a famous friendliness and humor. The beauty of the area is breath-taking, with the River Behy and Rossbeigh Strand close by. History is evident throughout the locality and such a destination as Winn's Folly Castle is well worth a visit. Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch Overnight in Glenbeigh

Day 3 (Monday): Mountain Stage to the Beach

Transfer to the horses. Ride from Lake Garagh on the slopes of the coastal mountains down to the long beaches of Glenbeigh. You can spend the whole day in long gallops. You will ride over sandy beach, through dunes and enjoy the wonderful view over to Dingle Bay. Lunch on the beach. In the afternoon over the Cliff Road back to the stables and overnight in Glenbeigh.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch Overnight in Glenbeigh

Day 4 (Tuesday): Kells Station to Tulligane Woods







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The overnight stop for Tuesday and Wednesday is spent by the coastal village of Waterville. Waterville (the little whirlpool), nestles on a narrow strip of land between Lough Currane and Atlantic Ocean, in the very centre of south-west Kerry. Situated as it is between the seashore and the impressive mountains and headlands, the area has many interesting routes to offer and many fine beaches. The first Celtic invaders are reputed to have landed in Ballinskelligs Bay, coming ashore near Waterville. These beginnings of the Gaelic Nation are echoed by the archaeological remains such as those found on Church Island, at Derrynane Abbey or Skellig Micheal, giving the area a wealth of history.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight in Waterville

Day 5 (Wednesday): Ride around Waterville

An adventurous morning is spent in the Tulligane Woods. Lunch along side the Inny River at an old-school house. Afterwards, a scenic ride into Waterville via the Old Glencar/Waterville road, along the shores of the famous fishing lake, Lough Currane.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight in Waterville

Day 6 (Thursday): Waterville Beach, Hoggs Head & Ballinskelligs Bay

The day begins with a brisk ride to Waterville Beach, spending the morning enjoying some exciting gallops. The panorama of Hoggs Head and Ballinskelligs Bay concludes the afternoon ride in Waterville. Afterwards, both horses and riders are transferred back to Killarney.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight in Killarney

Day 7 (Friday): Departure

Breakfast & Departure. If you need to arrange transfers etc. or need bus or trail times its best do all this on checkin on the previous Saturday.

Meals included: Breakfast



Sample Itinerary: 4-day program - subject to changes

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

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Meals included: none

Overnight in Killarney

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Overnight in Glenbeigh

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Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight in Glenbeigh

Day 4 (Tuesday): Departure

Breakfast & Departure. If you need to arrange transfers etc. or need bus or trail times its best do all this on checkin on the previous Saturday.

Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Killarnev town









Airport: Shannon, Cork, or Kerry Transfer: Shannon, Cork or Kerry

Distance: Cork 90 km Shannon 105 km m Kerry 15 km

Easiest connection is via train from Dublin (Heuston Station) or flight to Kerry airport

Tack: English trail saddles with saddlebag

Horses: Irish Sports Horses (Irish Drafts, Irish Cobs, Percheron Crosses)

Pace: Moderate to intermediate with trots, canters and gallops

4+ hours in the saddle per riding day

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

Level: (3 to 3 out of 5) Intermediate

Weight: None

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 10 riders
Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Killarney

Renowned for its beauty, famed for the splendor of its scenery, Killarney is one of the world's best loved tourist spots.

Killarney (Cill Airne - The Church of Sloes) became a magnificent town about 1750 when the local magnate, Lord Kenmare, developed the tourist business and four major roads were built to the outside world. The area still bears the marks of a group of houses huddled outside the demesne walls. The present population is about 9000 and the main economic base is tourism.

Situated in the south-western corner of Ireland, with its three famous lakes reflecting the ever changing skies above the great mountain ranges, Killarney has been the inspiration of poets and painters for many centuries, and now it is also a thriving commercial and tourist centre. Killarney offers a wide and varied range of hotels from the large and luxurious to the small and intimate. There are some excellent guesthouses, cozy farmhouses, friendly town and country homes, with self-catering accommodation in the most attractive locations with a total capacity to cater for almost 6.000 visitors.

It is the ideal playground for the sporting enthusiast - you can fish, swim, golf, play tennis, ride a horse or pony, paddle a canoe, or climb a mountain. For those interested in history and archaeology there are many outstanding items of interest to be seen.

The three main lakes of Killarney occupy a broad valley stretching south between the mountains, the three lakes and the mountains that surround them are all within the Killarney National Park. Nearest the town is the lower lake (Lough Leane) studded with islands and having on its eastern shore the historic Muckross Abbey and Ross Castle. The wooded peninsula of Muckross separates the lower lake from the middle lake sometimes called Muckross Lake.

At the tip of the Muckross Peninsula is the quaint Brickeen bridge and Dinis Island further on with its sub-tropical vegetation and views of the Meeting of the Waters. A narrow straight called the Long Range leads to the island studded upper lake. Around these islands are luxurious woods of oak, arbitus, holly and mountain ash, while beneath grows a profusion of fern and other plants. Added to the beauty of the three main lakes are manyother lakes in the folds of the mountains, and thenumerous picturesque cascades such as Torc Waterfall. Rising to the west of the Killarney valley are the peaks of the MacGillicuddy's Reeks. These mountains beloved of the climber including Carrauntohil 3414 feet (1,050 metres), the highest peak in Ireland.



Rates and Dates 2024 - PG-KYT8

Rates include: Accommodations, Breakfasts and packed lunches & 5 or 2 riding days depending on program Non Riders: Accommodations & Breakfasts. There are many sightseeing options in the area, as well as golfing. Helmets and boots can be provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	7 day trip	€2195	\$2415
	Single supplement	€315	\$345
B 2024	4 day trip (mini trails)	€1095	\$1205
	Single supplement	€155	\$170

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

Transfer Option

Description

2024 Meet at the Stables on Day 1 (8am to 5pm arrival)	
2024 Taxi transfer from Cork airport, one way, per car (max 3 pax) - approximate cost	€160 \$175
2024 Taxi transfer from Shannon airport, one way, per car (max 3 pax) - approximate cost	€240 \$265
2024 Taxi transfer from Kerry airport, one way, per car (max 3 pax) - approximate cost	€60 \$65

Tour Dates

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A	2024	04/06/2024 - 04/12/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	04/13/2024 - 04/19/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
В	2024	04/13/2024 - 04/16/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
В	2024	04/20/2024 - 04/23/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
A	2024	04/20/2024 - 04/26/2024	7d/6n	7 day trip
A	2024	04/27/2024 - 05/03/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
В	2024	04/27/2024 - 04/30/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
В	2024	05/04/2024 - 05/07/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
A	2024	05/04/2024 - 05/10/2024	7d/6n	7 day trip
A	2024	05/11/2024 - 05/17/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
В	2024	05/11/2024 - 05/14/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
В	2024	05/18/2024 - 05/21/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
A	2024	05/18/2024 - 05/24/2024	7d/6n	7 day trip
A	2024	05/25/2024 - 05/31/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
В	2024	05/25/2024 - 05/28/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
В	2024	06/01/2024 - 06/04/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
A	2024	06/01/2024 - 06/07/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	06/08/2024 - 06/14/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
В	2024	06/08/2024 - 06/11/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
В	2024	06/15/2024 - 06/18/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
A	2024	06/15/2024 - 06/21/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
Α	2024	06/22/2024 - 06/28/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
В	2024	06/22/2024 - 06/25/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
В	2024	06/29/2024 - 07/02/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
A	2024	06/29/2024 - 07/05/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
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В	2024	09/28/2024 - 10/01/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)
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Α	2024	10/19/2024 - 10/25/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A	2024	10/26/2024 - 11/01/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
В	2024	10/26/2024 - 10/29/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip (mini trails)

Min/Max: 2/10

Custom dates might be possible for groups of 4+ riders

Rates do not include:Dinners, Transfers & Gratuities Non Riders: Lunches and 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 State Stat	d areing tracking
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Special Diets:			
Your fitness level: Excellent Moderate	Poor How lo	ng have you been riding?	
How often do you ride?	Have you been on othe	r riding tours? No Yes last trip when?	
If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the local	al airport/station: I wou	ld like the transfer to be included: YES 🥠 No	0 🔘
In an emergency, name and phone number of	f contact:		
Attention: Please, if there is more than one p	participant, all have to sig	gn the reservation form - make copies if needed	
with the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions an brochure or as listed on the Internet.	d the Hidden Trails Recre	dventure activities. All participants have read an eational Activity Release and Indemnity Agreement and Indemnity Agreement at least 10 weeks before trip starting.	nt in this
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Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than	maling address):	Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Co. Sign me (us) up initial	ard required
I have enclosed a check for the deposit		No, we will provide our own initial	

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