

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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Great Gila Loop - USA, North America

Tour Code: RTNM06

6 days / 5 nights ~\$1,830.00

Dates: May to Oct

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging : ▲▲▲

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter horses, Mustangs and Appaloosa...

Pace: Slow - 5-6 hours in the saddle per ri...

Airport: Albuquerque



Introduction

New Mexico, USA

Experience a transforming adventure on horseback in one of the largest wilderness areas in the world: The Gila Wilderness.

This 6-day pack trip into the heart of the Gila wilderness will have you immersed in beautiful nature. We will take you into the remote and wild countryside. Each day provides a new natural world experience including gentle running creeks, deep inspiring canyons, Indian Cliff Dwellings, and awesome hoodoos.

This adventure has you changing camp twice, allowing participants to discover various remote places from the Middle Fork Canyon to higher alpine country, visiting along the way an Indian Cliff Dwelling Site and enjoying panoramic views of the Gila.

If you have an explorer's spirit and you are looking for your next adventure, look no further than the Great Gila Loop Ride!

Accommodation

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This is a pack trip, so most nights are spent camping.

Description

The first night is spent at a hotel nearby (not included). The next five nights are spent camping in 2 different camps.



Camping

Our luxury base camp has everything set up and ready for you to relax after a day of riding. Our base camp includes tents, cots, and private toilet facilities. Toilet facilities are solid toilet over a pit. Hot solar showers at the end of each day's ride are available in the shower tent.

Some overnights are spent in a "spike camp" (not permanent) and therefore has less comforts.

Please bring your own solar charger should you wish to charge batteries.

It is best to bring your own sleeping mats and sleeping bags, but some are available to borrow at no additional charge- please request at time of booking.

Tent Occupancy

Single riders will have a single tent at no added fee.

Triple occupancy is possible in a large tent.

Meals

All meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 6 are included.

All the creature comforts in the world — a deluxe kitchen with delicious all-you-can-eat Chuck Wagon Style Dutch oven cooking. Plentiful and delicious, our meals are home cooked and will leave you asking for seconds!

Wine is included with dinner, but you are also welcome to bring your own for the trip.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding





Riding

These rides require guests to be in good health and in good shape. Participants must have an explorer's spirit. The rides take place in mountain terrain at around 8000-9000 feet.

Horses

Gentle, experienced and sure-footed, our riding horses are members of our family. We have horses to match every type of rider, from beginners and children to advanced adventure-seeking riders. We have Quarter horses, Mustangs and Appaloosas.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 0 (Saturday): Pre-trip night

(Option 1) Drive to Glenwood and check into a local B&B or hotel (not included). Dinner and breakfast is not included.

(Option 2) Drive to Glenwood and go to our ranch (complimentary if room is available). Dinner is not included.

Day 1 (Sunday): Ride to basecamp

We pack our gear into vehicles; have breakfast along the way, driving to the trailhead. Then, we saddle up, pack the mules and ride into camp. We ride along Canyon Creek and enjoy great sceneries. The camp is located in a hidden, spring-fed canyon, the birthplace of Geronimo. Our comfortable camp features wall tents, cots, and everything to make your stay comfortable and warm. Elk and deer are abundant and thriving in the Gila, offering many excellent opportunities to see elk graze right along with our horses in camp, and along our riding journey.

In the evening, we have a delicious Dutch Oven Meal.

Riding approx. 6 miles.

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at basecamp #1

Day 2 (Monday): Middle Fork Ride

Today, we ride the magnificent Middle Fork of the Gila River. There is no better wilderness experience in the world, than a horseback ride along the Middle Fork. Many water crossings with towering and splendid canyon walls await us. Awe-inspiring at every turn, canyon walls tower over us, with splendid hoodoo columns rising up along every stretch. Continuous water flow offers a cool dip along the way.

Riding approx. 12 miles.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at basecamp #1

Day 3 (Tuesday): Indian Cliff Dwelling Ride

We ride upstream from our base camp to an Indian Cliff Dwelling. These Dwellings are in a canyon few people visit. Make a short climb to the Dwelling site and inspect the many Dwellings left behind some 1000 years ago. After our visit, we ride back to camp.

Riding approx. 8 miles.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at basecamp #1

Day 4 (Wednesday): Ride to second basecamp

It is time to move to our second camp. To get there, we climb out of the Middle Fork and enjoy stunning views down the canyon. Then, we ride into higher alpine country, crossing meadows and ponderosa forests. At times, we have a viewpoint offering a good look of the Gila.

Riding approx. 14 miles.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at basecamp #2

Day 5 (Thursday): Lilley Mountain Loop Ride

We make a big loop around Lilley Mountain, stopping at springs and meadows along the way.

After a good climb, we have a panoramic view of the Gila wilderness. This ride is one of the highlights of this trip.

*Riding approx. 12 miles.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping at basecamp #2*

Day 6 (Friday): Departure

We make our way back to the trailhead by taking a different trail. We make it back to the trailhead around 3 pm and then drive 50 miles back to Reserve, NM.

*Riding approx. 9 miles.
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch*



Other Info

Meeting: Glenwood

Airport: Albuquerque

Train station: Santa Fe

Transfer: /

Distance: 204 miles

We recommend renting a car from Albuquerque

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter horses, Mustangs and Appaloosas

Pace: Slow - 5-6 hours in the saddle per riding day

Level: 🐎🐎🐎🐎🐎 (3 to 3 out of 5) Intermediate +

Age: Min 7

Weight: 215 lbs

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 15 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - RTNM06

Rates include: Tent accommodations, All meals (from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 6) , 6 riding days & Transfers from/to Glenwood
Guides can speak: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Catalan!
Sleeping bags and ground mat are not included but can be supplied if necessary on request at no charge.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	6 day trip	\$1830

Tax:\$ 8.69

Transfer Option

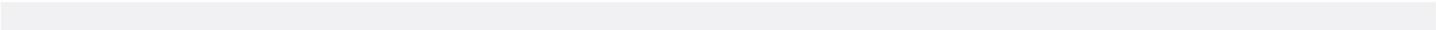
Description

2024	Best to rent a car in Albuquerque
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Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Rates do not include:Accommodations and meals on Day 0, breakfast on Day 1, Taxes & 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													
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Interm.	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"/>	<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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