

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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Little Belt Mountains Ride - USA, North America

Tour Code: GRMT02

8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,220.00

Dates: May to September

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging : ●●●●●

Tack: Western

Horses: Mainly Quarter Horse type

horses, but ...

Pace: Moderate

Approx 2-6 hours in the...

Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Great Falls International

Airport



Introduction

Montana, USA

Explore the surrounding area of the Judith River Headwaters and the Little Belt Mountains & ride where the "cowboy artist" Charlie Russell once rode.

The 520 acres ranch is located at the base of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest allowing guests to explore the mountains by horseback, fish for trout in cascading streams, hike to see the bountiful wildlife, or take guided tours into the National Forest.

Horseback riding is what the Ranch is known for. We have horses suitable to every level of experience. You'll traverse the wide-open prairies, ride along—and through—the Judith River and explore the mountains of the Helena Lewis & Clark National Forest. For more experienced riders, trotting and lopeing can be incorporated into rides where the terrain allows. For those who would like to get more comfortable in the saddle, lessons are available for an additional charge.

There are plenty of activities from archery to hiking to shooting. For the more adventurous, take a UTV tour to the Helena Lewis & Clark National Forest and hike to the nearby caves. Or visit nearby Sapphire Village for a taste of the local culture. The nearby mine is the only place where the precious Yogo Sapphires can be found.

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a stationary ride, so all nights are spent at the same location.

Description

You stay in a historic guest ranch that dates back to the 1800s in central Montana. At 5000 feet in elevation, it enjoys the best of Montana's weather with a host of activities for your family and friends to enjoy!

The ranch is divided into different buildings:

- The lodge is where guests can gather for meals in the dining room and relax in the large living area.
- The historic red barn, built in 1902, is great fun for evening entertainment and group activities like square dancing or charades! Plus it can be set up for basketball and badminton.

Your package includes accommodation in lodge rooms but it is possible to upgrade to a cabin or even the ranch house.

Each room is equipped with basic toiletries, a hair dryer and free wi-fi. There are no televisions in the rooms.

Guests can enjoy our glass-enclosed indoor hot tub and soothe tired muscles from a day of adventuring or to warm up on chillier evenings!

There are no guest laundry facilities on the ranch, except in the Ranch House, however, our housekeeping team would be happy to do a separate cycle for you for a small gratuity. Please arrange this with ranch staff.

Please, note there is no cell service at the ranch, but we do have wi-fi available in all guest areas (public areas and guest rooms). If your cell phone is capable of wi-fi calling, we recommend you set it up prior to your trip. For emergency calls, our staff can assist with the use of a landline.

Room Options





Buffalo Rooms (Lodge)

Our main lodge has 3 guest rooms called the Buffalo Rooms. Two rooms are fitted with king beds and the remaining room has a king and twin bed



Historic Cabins - upgrade

Our historic cabins offer spectacular views of the ranch and surrounding landscape with fireplaces, living areas and wet bars or a kitchenette depending on the selected cabin.

Ranch House - upgrade

For larger groups or families, our Ranch House is the perfect fit. It has four bedrooms (two king bedrooms and two queen bedrooms) and three bathrooms and comfortably sleeps up to eight people.

Room Occupancy

Single occupancy is only possible in the Buffalo rooms and the Homesteader Cabin. If you are willing to share a room but we are unable to find a roommate for you, the single supplement fee applies.

Meals

All meals are included on this trip from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on the last day.

Gather in the Lodge dining room for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Start your day with homemade breakfast classics: pancakes and waffles; biscuits and gravy; breakfast burritos, with lighter, continental style options also available.

Before dinner, gather in the Lodge for cocktails and then dine on steak, pork chops, pastas, fresh trout and more—with a roaring fire in the wood-burning fireplace on chilly evenings.

Our Liquor License application with the State of Montana is currently pending. Our current alcohol policy is BYOB. Once our liquor license is approved, we will have beer and wine available for your purchase.

Dietary Restrictions

Our kitchen is happy to accommodate special dietary needs or requests with advance notice. Please notify us of any dietary restrictions at the time of booking.

Riding





Riding

Ride group sizes do vary depending on the type of ride (slow or fast) and the number of guests we have. Generally we try to keep around 6 or so guests per wrangler. Slow rides will generally be larger in group size than fast rides.

The rides are broken down into slow and fast rides, not necessarily by riding ability, but riders do have to be able to pass a fast ride test/lope check before going on a fast ride. Some of the rides also contain some tougher terrain than others, so terrain can also dictate the difficulty of a ride.

Child Policy

Per our insurance, children must be at least 5 years old to ride. After completing a slow ride, guests 8 years and older may test to qualify for faster riding (trotting and loping on parts of the trail designated by the wrangler and the terrain). Archery is available for children 5 years and older. .22 caliber shooting is available for those 8 years and older. Clay pigeon shooting is for those 16 years and older. Children must be at least 100 lbs and 5'2" to ride the e-bikes.

The ranch is the perfect vacation for families to enjoy the activities, atmosphere and amenities together. Please note that we do not offer childcare or a children's program.

Pet Policy

We do not allow pets on the ranch.

Itinerary



Guests are welcome to do activities day of arrival and departure. We ride twice daily except for Sundays when the horses have the afternoon off. Generally, our morning rides go out around 9:00AM and afternoon rides around 2:00PM.

If you would like to ride on your day of arrival, we suggest arriving at the ranch no later than 1:00PM that day.

Rides range from about 1-3 hours depending on where we're headed. Our riding will be across wide open meadows and up mountainous pine-lined trails, many rides also include river crossings.

New guests will take a slow walking ride first, and then can move onto more advanced rides with trotting and loping if you demonstrate you can safely control your horse.

Whether you're an experienced rider, or you've never been on a horse; we have the riding and horses for you. Our wranglers will match you with an appropriate horse for your skill level.

Ride in mountain terrain, lope across wide open fields and traverse the Judith River all from the back of your trusty steed. You might ride back and forth across the River, to the local Elk Preserve or up to Porcupine Ridge for a breakfast cookout. With our neighboring 2.8 million acres of the Helena Lewis and Clark National Forest, there's endless trails to explore under the Big Sky.

Sometimes, guests get the opportunity do move cattle for a couple of hours.



Non Riding Activities

Fishing

You are welcome to fish on your own at the ranch. We have a small selection of basic fly fishing equipment available to borrow. We recommend you bring your own equipment if you are interested in fishing. The first mile of the Judith River flows through the Ranch.

A Montana State Fishing License is required. You can purchase a fishing license for two consecutive days, ten consecutive days or the whole season. Pricing varies depending on residency.

Guided UTV Tours

Discover the varied terrain around the ranch and visit the historic Hoover Cabin. UTV Tours include a trip up to the historic Hoover Cabin and the nearby Yogo Mine. The mine is the only place where the precious Yogo Sapphire

can be found. Prospector Jake Hoover discovered them in the late 1800s. We also have access to the 2.8 million acres of National Forest land around the ranch, where you might see moose, antelope, elk and mountain lions.

Fat Tire Bikes

See the surrounding Montana countryside from a different saddle on our Fat Tire E-Bikes. Peddle on your own or get some assistance from the high-powered motor capable of 20 mph speeds.

Ride along the Yogo Creek to the river crossing. The Yogo Creek is named after the valuable Yogo Sapphire that can only be found in this area. You can also take the road to the middle fork of the Judith River, and explore the surrounding landscape of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. Children must be at least 100 lbs and 5'2" to ride the e-bikes.

Shooting & Archery

Practice your marksmanship with our safe and fun sport shooting and archery programs. Clay pigeon and target shooting also available.

Hiking

The ranch borders the Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest, with exceptional nature to explore all around. See the wildlife and landscape Montana has to offer, and explore the nearby caves for some spelunking.

Other Info

Meeting: Ranch near Sapphire Village

Airport: Great Falls International Airport

Train station: --

Transfer: --

Distance: 150 km

Transfers are not provided. We suggest renting a car.

Tack: Western

Horses: Mainly Quarter Horse type horses, but we do have some mules and draft crosses

Pace: Moderate
Approx 2-6 hours in the saddle per day

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level:    (2 to 4 out of 5) From to Novice to Intermediate and higher

Age: Min 5

Weight: 250 lbs / 115 kg

Riders: Min 1 riders	Max 8 riders (per riding group)	Max Capacity 40
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Ladies Week

Ladies Week Special from July 23rd to the 30th 2023

Escape to the mountains for a special ladies' program. At 5000', the ranch features some of the best of Montana's summer weather. Meet new friends, adventure on horseback, learn new skills and relax in the fresh mountain air.

Your stay includes a margarita welcome party, horseback riding, sport shooting and archery, horsemanship instruction and demos, and more. Some special highlights will include a half-day ride into the Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest with a lunch break in the wilderness and an off-road/hiking trip to local caves!

Rates and Dates 2024 - GRMT02

Rates include: Accommodation in lodge rooms, All meals, Horseback riding activities (excluding lessons) & Ranch activities (UTV tours, fat tire bike tours, shooting and archery)

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	8 days ranch stay	\$2220
	Single Supplement in Lodge Room (7 nights)	\$665
B 2024	8 days ranch stay - Cowgirls Week	\$2775
	Single supplement	\$165

Tax:\$ 2

Transfer Option

Description

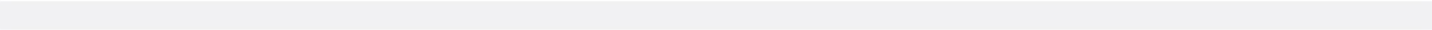
2024	Transfers not available - rental car suggested	
2024	Upgrade to Cabin, pp (double occupancy - 7 nights)	\$510
2024	Upgrade to Ranch House, pp (double occupancy - 7 nights)	\$1050
2024	Shorter stays possible - inquire for rates	
2024	Children 4 years and younger stay for free	

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	05/22/2024 - 07/20/2024	8d / 7n	8 days ranch stay
B 2024	07/21/2024 - 07/28/2024	8d / 7n	8 days ranch stay - Cowgirls Week
A 2024	07/29/2024 - 09/30/2024	8d / 7n	8 days ranch stay

Min/Max: 1/8
Shorter stays possible (min. 3 nights)

Rates do not include:Taxes (2% accommodation tax and 15% service fee), Transfers, Gratuities, Alcoholic drinks, Horseback riding lessons



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 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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