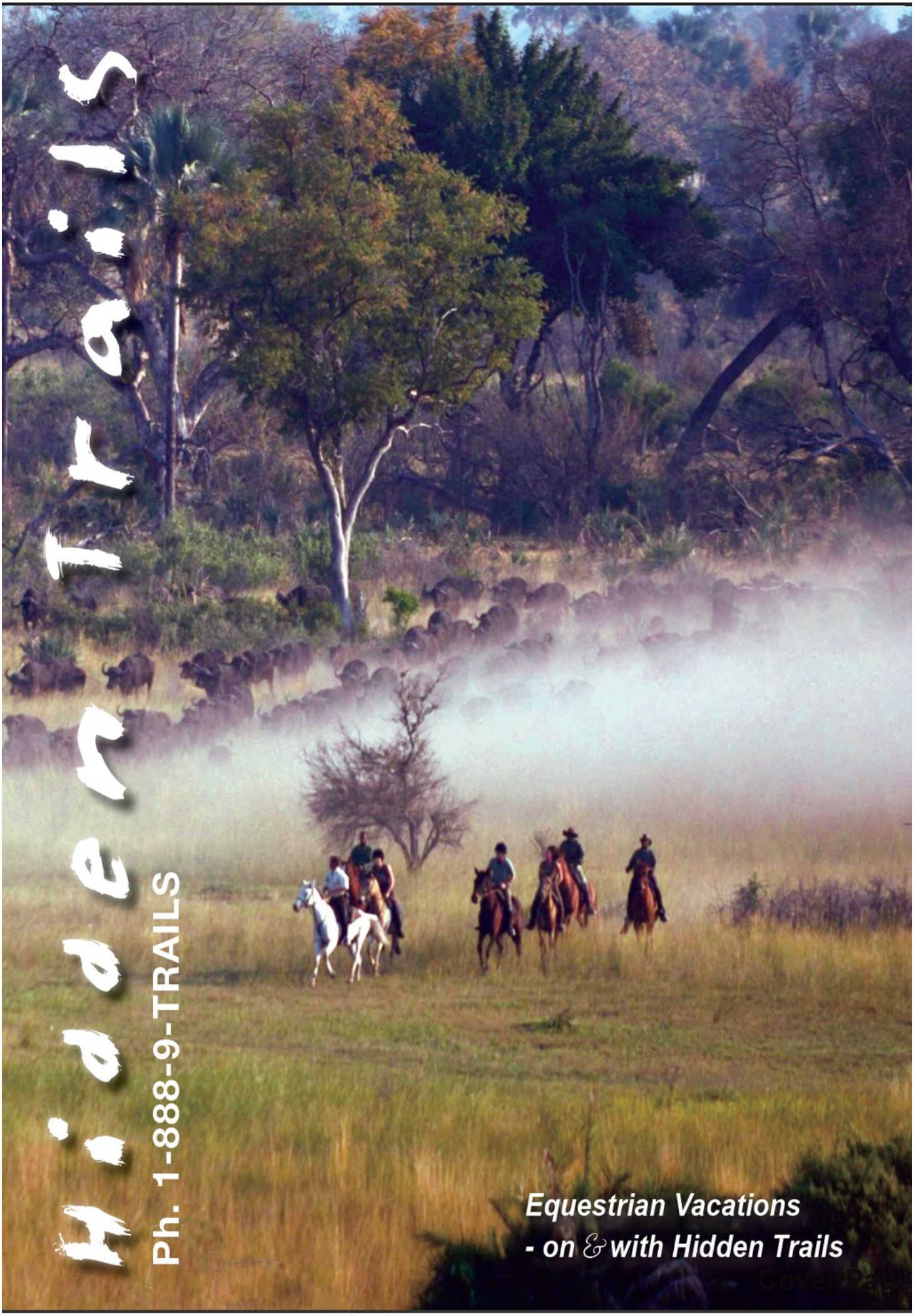

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About Hidden Trails



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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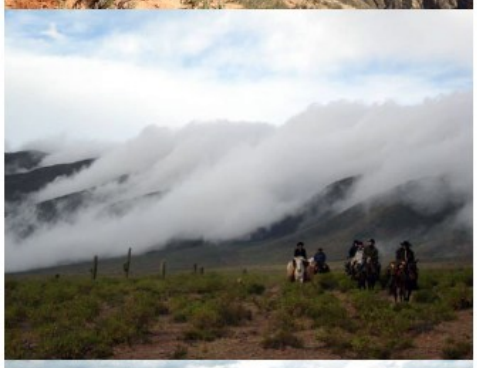
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11 days / 10 nights ~$2,840.00
Dates: March to Nov

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging: BASIC

Tack: South American recado saddles
Horses: Criollo and Peruvian Paso cross, mount...
Pace: Slow mountain riding - 5 to 6 hrs per ...
Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

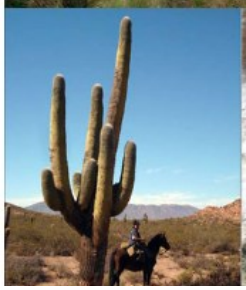
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Introduction

Salta, Argentina
We will ride the Andes Mountains of Northwest Argentina the way it was done in Colonial times but keeping some XXI Century privileges. These are ancient Inca trails. It is the ideal setting for an unforgettable trip. We will get to places you can only reach on horseback.

The area has impressive landscapes and diversity of climates. Tropical forests with crystal clear streams in the Lerma Valley, the Calchaquí desert with its multicoloured mountains and the Cafayate Creek and its water and wind eroded hills. We designed our trail rides to show this breathtaking contrast.
We go up to 3000 m (9000 feet) where the forest changes to high altitude grassland. This is the homeland of the Andean condor. As the sun sets, the spectacular stars of the southern hemisphere will cover the sky. Relax at the camp with its peaceful atmosphere as you share a cup of coffee, tea or mate. All this creates the ideal ambiance to feel the timeless spirit of nature and make new friends.

All along the trail, have a chance to absorb from the locals, heirs of the ancient Incas, their deeply rooted way of life still alive high up in the mountains. Our long experience in riding tours guarantees an unforgettable vacation.

Accomodation



Accommodations
This is a progressive ride where nights are spent in different locations.

Description
We spend the night in mountain refuges run by local herdsmen and ranchers, heirs of a pre-hispanic tradition, and have a glimpse of a way of life so different from our own. It is an experience without comparison. In all of the accommodations but the first there are beds with no linen. We use sleeping bags. It is best to bring your own sleeping bag but you can also rent one ahead of time (please inquire).

Three of the accommodations have baths with shower (one with hot water and two with cold water).

8-day Accommodation Itinerary - *subject to changes based on availability*
Night 1: Hotel in Salta
Nights 2 & 3: Peñas Blancas
Nights 4 & 5: Amblayo
Night 6: El Churqui
Night 7: Hotel in Salta

11-day Accommodation Itinerary - *subject to changes based on availability*
Night 1: Hotel in Salta
Nights 2, 3 & 4: Peñas Blancas
Nights 5 & 6: Amblayo
Night 7: El Churqui
Nights 8 & 9: Ayuso
Night 10: Hotel in Salta

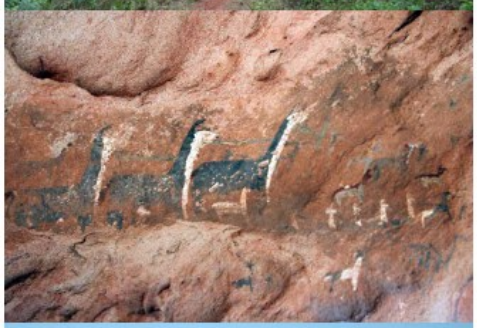
Hotel in Salta
We usually use a small hotel located steps away from the Plaza 9 Julio de Salta. This hotel provides basic accommodations with a ceiling fan and private bathrooms. There is free Wi-Fi available.

Peñas Blancas
This is a 3000 hectares ranch where cattle is bred. The accommodations are basic cabins. By no means can it be considered a lodge, hotel or anything of the sort. However, it does provide guests with and authentic experience and offers more comfort than a tent. We sleep in beds but there is no bathroom or showers but water is available if you wish to freshen up.

Amblayo






Ambiayo
We stay at the house of one of the local families. The accommodation is simple and basic but gives guests a glimpse into the locals' way of life. A shared bathroom with hot shower is available. There is also electricity.

El Churqui
This is a small and rustic mountain refuge with cold running water and a toilet. Guests sleep inside the cabin in their sleeping bags.

Ayuso
We spend the night in tents overlooking the Calchaquí Valley. There are toilets and cold running water here.

Room Occupancy
Rooms in all accommodations are shared (except for nights spent in hotels).

Meals
All meals are included during this trip and wine is serve with dinner.

For dinners in Salta and Buenos Aires, we dine in local restaurants and taste local dishes. For the rest of the trip, we will be transporting our own food so we can make simple dishes such as pastas, stews and BBQs.

Breakfast and tea at the refuges: at the refuges we have tea, coffee or hot chocolate, home made bread with jam.
Lunches on the trail: picnic style. Roast beef, ham, cheese sandwiches. Salami and home made cheese, etc. Fruits, pies for dessert. Water and wine to drink.
Dinner at the refuges: local traditional meals like lamb barbecue, stew or "empanadas". Fruits, pies for dessert. Wine, water, soft drinks.

Dietary Restrictions
We can cater for most dietary requirements (vegetarian, celiac) with prior notice. Unfortunately, we cannot cater to vegans on this trip.

Riding

Pace
We will be riding at high altitude, often above 6000-9000 feet.
The pace is slow with a few trots and canters during most of the trail due to the terrain. This allows to enjoy the scenery, the conversation, take pictures, etc.
The average riding day includes 3 hours on horseback in the morning and 3 to 4 hours in the saddle during the afternoon with plenty of intermediate stops to take pictures, spend some time at specific points of interest, etc.

Horses
We assign horses according to each rider's preference. We have plenty of horses, some are more challenging while others are very easy to handle. They are sure-footed as they were all born and raised in the mountains.

Safety measures
The trails are well known by our guides. In those places we believe risky, we step down the horse and walk. In case of emergency, our guides are trained and know what to do. We carry radio equipment in case of emergency. We consider a must that all our guests follow our guide's instructions.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary 11-day trip - *subject to changes*

Day 1: Arrival. Transfer to Salta.
Transfer to Domestic Airport & flight to Salta. We will visit the MAAM (Museum of High Altitude Archaeology) (closed Mondays). Recently opened to show the items found at an Inca human sacrifice site on top of the Llullaillaco volcano (6730 mts - 18000 ft. high). It holds the best preserved mummies worldwide. Check in at boutique hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your guide.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hotel in Salta

Day 2: Ride to Peñas Blancas
After breakfast, we will drive to meet our horses. The drive takes us along the Cuesta del Obispo and its breathtaking views and the Cardones National Park where you can usually spot guanacos (Andean camelidae). When we reach Piedra del Molino (3348 meters high) we meet the horses and gauchos. Lunch by the corral. We start our ride going south at this high altitude spot. We will reach Peñas Blancas (2750 meters high) before sunset to spend the night in a cabin with beds after crossing a small range of hills to our left. On the way there are herds of wild donkeys set free by the Spanish Conquistadors.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Peñas Blancas

Day 3: Isonza Ride
After breakfast we get ready to ride. We can see, here and there, the small houses made with mud and archeological remains of ancient settlements. We will stop for lunch at a dry river bed which is great for cantering











archeological remains of ancient settlements. We will stop for lunch at a dry river bed which is great for cantering and we will take advantage of that. On the way back, we will stop to see the ancient pictographs painted by local Indians centuries ago. Then, we will visit Isonza, a working ranch with its ancient way of life still intact. The way they milk the goats, make cheese and grow their crops is centuries old and inherited from Inca times.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Peñas Blancas

Day 4: Chilo slopes
Today, our ride takes us West, to the very steep Chilo slopes which divide two valleys. The view is magnificent. We will ride down the Chilo slopes, a truly unique experience. Then, lunch before starting the ride uphill on the way back to Peñas Blancas.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Peñas Blancas

Day 5: Ride to Amblayo
We move mainly South, towards Yaslaguala. The giant cacti are all over and set the stage. After lunch, we ride to Amblayo town (2450 meters high) where we will spend the night. It has only 150 dwellers and its main means of transportation is on horseback. It is renowned for its goat cheese. Sense the feeling of arriving on horseback to this tiny town with almost no cars! An unforgettable experience.
To get there we will ride first through archaeological areas where you can see pieces of painted pottery scattered around. We have a look with agreement not to remove any of the findings. Night at Amblayo. Rooms with beds, bathroom with hot water. Electricity available.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Amblayo

Day 6: Sierra Pelada Ride
After breakfast, visit the ancient chapel and its 17th century paintings brought from Peru. After lunch, we ride to the foothills of the Sierra Pelada. These multi-coloured hills are unique. We will also ride to Río Salado, which is a great place for cantering!
Traditional goat barbecue for dinner tonight.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Amblayo

Day 7: Ride to El Churqui
The riding will provide a day full of contrasts. Riding East, we will be crossing the Dead Lion range. The desert gradually gives way to high altitude grasslands. This is the land of the condor and we might have the chance to see some.
We then start our descent into the dense forest of the Lerma Valley.
At sunset, arrive at El Churqui mountain camp (1960 meters high). We sleep inside a cabin in sleeping bags. Toilet available and cold running water.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at El Churqui

Day 8: El Churqui to Ayuso
Riding West, we will cross again the Dead Lion range but now through narrow trails of the Enchanted valley until we reach Ayuso (2500 meters high), overlooking the Calchaquí Valley. We put up the tents next to the village for the night. Toilet available and cold running water.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Ayuso

Day 9: Cerro Bola Ride
Today, we ride around the Cerro Bola (Ball mountain). It is a perfect day to canter along the dry river beds of the Salado river. We will have lunch under the shade of the ancient algarrobo trees. We spend the night again at Ayuso so we will just carry with us the essentials for the day.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Ayuso

Day 10: Ride to Puente Morales
We leave Ayuso riding through narrow creeks South into the Calchaquí Valleys. Our next stop is Rastrojitos (1900 meters high). We have now moved into the Cafayate Creek which has rock formations that resemble the Grand Canyon, only smaller.
This afternoon, we ride downhill towards the Las Conchas River. Some parts of our trail will be done very slowly as it is very steep. Today, we will have the chance to see one of the best views in Salta. Say farewell to the horses at Puente Morales (1300 meters high). Transfer back to Salta city. Farewell dinner.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hotel in Salta

Day 11: Departure
Transfer to Salta Airport. Flight to Buenos Aires on time to connect flight home. End of program.



Sample Itinerary 8-day trip - *subject to changes*

Day 1: Arrival & Visit of Salta
Plan to arrive at Salta airport any time before 4 PM, in time for the transfer. We will visit the MAAM (Museum of High













Altitude Archaeology). Recently opened to show the items found at an Inca human sacrifice site on top of the Llullaillaco volcano (6730 mts - 18000 ft. high). It holds the best preserved mummies worldwide. Check in at boutique hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your guide.
Meals included: Dinner
Overnight at Hotel in Salta

Day 2: Ride to Peñas Blancas
After breakfast, we will drive to meet our horses. The drive takes us along the Cuesta del Obispo and its breathtaking views and the Cardones National Park where you can usually spot guanacos (Andean camelidae). This is a program in its own. When we reach Piedra del Molino (3348 meters high) we meet the horses and gauchos. Lunch by the corral. We start our ride going south at this high altitude spot. We will reach Peñas Blancas (2760 meters high) before sunset to spend the night in cabins with beds after crossing a small range of hills to our left. On the way there are herds of wild donkeys set free by the Spanish Conquistadors.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Peñas Blancas

Day 3: Ride to Chilo slopes & Isonza
After breakfast we get ready to ride. This day we ride the lifeline this valley has had for centuries. On our way we can see, here and there, the small houses made with mud and archeological remains of ancient settlements. The ride takes us West at the beginning until we reach the very steep Chilo slopes which divide two valleys. The view is magnificent and makes us feel the power of nature. Lunch at a dry river bed which is great for cantering and we will take advantage of that. On the way we will stop to see the ancient pictographs painted by local Indians centuries ago. We will visit Isonza which is a working ranch with its ancient way of life still intact and Leuca Burgos who makes goat cheese. The way they milk the goats, make cheese, grow their crops is centuries old and inherited from Inca times.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Peñas Blancas

Day 4: Peñas Blancas to Amblayo
The riding today is mainly South. We will go past Yaslaguala. The giant cactii are all over and set the stage. After lunch we ride to Amblayo town (2400 meters high) where we will spend the night. It has only 150 dwellers and its main means of transportation is on horseback. It is renowned for its goat cheese. Sense the feeling of arriving on horseback to this tiny town with almost no cars! An unforgettable experience. To get there we will ride first through archaeological areas where you can see pieces of painted pottery scattered around. We have a look with agreement not to remove any of the findings.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Amblayo

Day 5: Ride to Sierra Pelada
After breakfast enjoy this picturesque town. Visit its ancient chapel and its 17th century paintings brought from Peru, have a chat with its neighbors. After lunch we ride to the foothills of the Sierra Pelada. These multicoloured hills are unique. We will also ride the Río Salado which is a great place for cantering! Traditional goat barbecue for dinner.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Amblayo

Day 6: Amblayo to El Churqui
The riding will provide a day full of contrasts. Riding East we will be crossing the Dead Lion range. The desert gradually gives way to high altitude grasslands. This is the land of the condor. Once we reach aprox. 3000 mts. we will have the chance to see some. We start our descent into the dense forest of the Lerma Valley. At sunset, arrive at El Churqui mountain camp (1960 meters high) where we will be awaited with an energizing homemade meal. We sleep inside a cabin in sleeping bags. Toilet available and cold running water.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at El Churqui

Day 7: El Churqui to La Viña
After breakfast, leave for La Viña along the course of the Las Pircas stream. These trails have been used for centuries and are still the only means of communication among locals. When we reach La Viña the minibus will be waiting for us. Two hours drive will get us to Salta city. Check in at boutique hotel.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hotel in Salta

Day 8: Buenos Aires City
Breakfast and transfer to airport.
Meals included: Breakfast

Extra days and/or activities (please inquire for prices)

Salta city tour: We walk and drive the city with a guide. Its colony time buildings bring to life the way the city was at the time of the Spanish Conquistadors.

Quebrada de Humahuaca: Trip to Humahuaca Creek. Walk the ancient indian fortress in Tilcara. We reach Purmamarca and the 7 Colors Hill. Lunch. See a few of the small and picturesque towns along the creek.

Cafayate and its wineries: The road to Cafayate shows us very curious rock shapes (the amphitheater, the toad, the Titanic, etc.). At Cafayate we will visit the world renowned vineyards and wineries for wine tasting. The Torrontés variety is regarded as best in class and exported all over the world.

Other Info

Meeting: Buenos Aires / Salta
Airport: Buenos Aires / Salta

Tack:	South American recado saddles
Horses:	Criollo and Peruvian Paso cross, mountain trained
Pace:	Slow mountain riding - 5 to 6 hrs per riding day. Enough opportunities for those who like to canter and gallop
Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |	
Level:	(2.5 to 4 out of 5) Low Intermediate+
Weight:	250 lbs
Riders:	Min 6 riders Max 12 riders







Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ARRT20

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Beverages during ride, English speaking guide and pack mules, 6 or 9 riding days & Transfers as indicated in itinerary
Saddlebags are provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2026	11 day ride (9 riding days)	$2840
	Declining activities in Buenos Aires	($150)
	Small group supplement (2-3) pp	$550
	Small group supplement (4-5) pp	$340
	Single supplement for hotels and individual tent - paid locally (5 Rooms during the ride are shared)	$195
B 2026	8 day ride (6 riding days)	$2390
	Declining activities in Buenos Aires	($150)
	Small group supplement (2-3) pp	$550
	Small group supplement (4-5) pp	$260
	Single supplement for hotels - paid locally (5 Rooms during the ride are shared)	$195

Rates Note: Transfers can be paid via credit card
Rooms during the ride are shared

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer included from Salta Airport	
2026	Extra days/ activities- Please inquire	
2026	Transfer from Buenos Aires Int'l airport to Pistrani airport , per car, each way (1-3 pax)	$60
2026	Transfer from Buenos Aires Domestic airport to Newerby airport, per car, each way (1-3 pax)	$30
2026	Tango show with dinner and tango lesson, pp	$120

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	09/12/2026 - 09/22/2026	11d / 10n	11 day ride (9 riding days)
B 2026	10/17/2026 - 10/24/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (6 riding days)
B 2026	11/07/2026 - 11/14/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (6 riding days)
A 2026	11/21/2026 - 12/01/2026	11d / 10n	11 day ride (9 riding days)
B 2026	12/12/2026 - 12/19/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (6 riding days)
B 2026	12/30/2026 - 01/06/2027	8d / 7n	8 day ride (6 riding days)

Min/Max: 6/12
Additional dates will be set for Oct, Nov and December. Also available for groups of 4+ from October - April with supplement

Rates do not include:International and domestic flights, Buenos Aires Pistarini airport transfers, Tango show in Buenos Aires, Travel and/or medical insurance (mandatory), Gratu
and all others not indicated.
You need to bring your own sleeping bag (can be rented for $20 ahead of time)

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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4.															

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): _____

I have enclosed a check for the deposit ◯

Additional Signatures:

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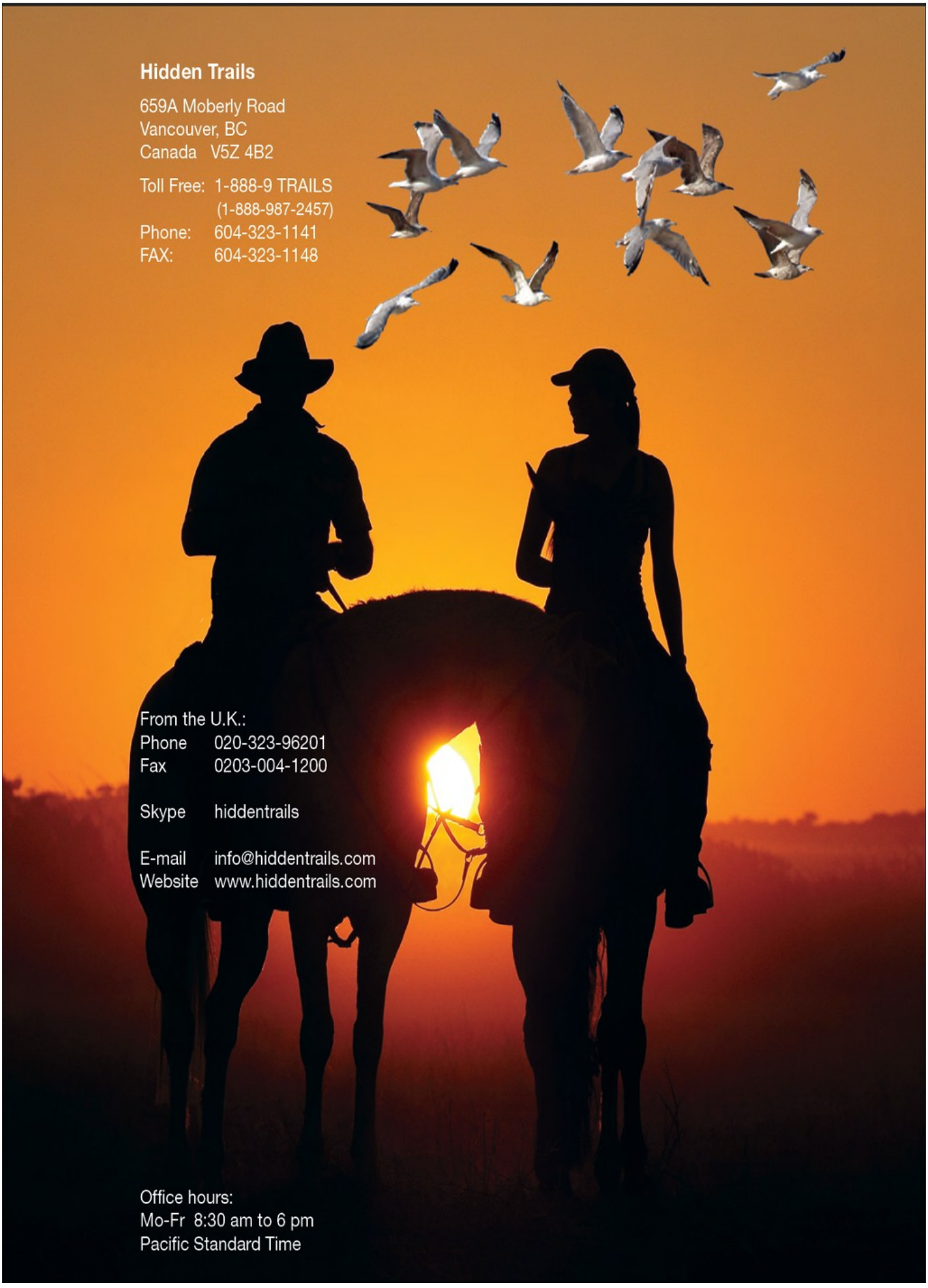
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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