



# Hidden Trails

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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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# Mitre Peninsula Adventure - Argentina, South America

Tour Code: IT-ARRT23

12 days / 11 nights ~\$4,100.00

Dates: Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

Lodging: 🏠🏠 BASIC

**Tack:** Argentina style (cangalla saddle) with...

**Horses:** Argentinean Criollo and mixed criollo ...

**Pace:** Approx. 5-7 hours in the saddle per da...

Walk, Trot, Canter,

**Airport:** Ushuaia airport



## Introduction

Southern Patagonia, Argentina

The Mitre Peninsula, located in southeast corner of Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire), is the true End of the World. We will explore the wilderness of the peninsula, one of the last truly untouched places left on the planet.

This tour is for the intrepid traveller, with a desire to uncover the myths and mysteries of this hidden and enchanted land. It is your chance to escape civilisation and uncover the true explorer hidden within. Each day, you will cover great distances on horseback. Prepare yourself to ride deep into the unknown and follow in the footsteps of the pioneering explorers of Patagonia. The breath taking views at the end of the world will lead you closer to nature than ever before.

During our trip, we will enjoy riding along the peninsula's endless beaches, therefore our timetable will be dictated by the Atlantic Oceans tide. We will have the chance to see the most diverse wildlife of Tierra del Fuego, including condors, seals, herds of guanacos and majestic wild horses. There is also a chance of crossing paths with the occasional wandering penguin.

There will be countless stories to share, with the waves of the South Atlantic Ocean playing lullabies on the rocks at the end of the earth.

## Accommodation

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This is a progressive ride, so nights are spent in different locations.

### Description

You will be staying in rustic shelter accommodations. Rooms are always shared. Basic bathrooms are available in just 2 shelters and toilets are always shared.

If necessary, clients can dry clothing inside the shelters.

Please, note that electricity is not available in any of the shelters so bring extra camera batteries and power banks to recharge your phone.

### Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

- Night 1: Hotel in Ushuaia
- Night 2: Puesto La Chaira
- Night 3: Puesto Rio Bueno or Tents
- Night 4: Estancia Policarpo
- Night 5-7: Bahia Thetis
- Night 8: Estancia Policarpo
- Night 9: Puesto Rio Bueno or Tents
- Night 10: Puesto La Chaira
- Night 11: Hotel in Ushuaia

### Hotel in Ushuaia

You are accommodated in a simple but comfortable hotel room with a TV, private bathroom and free Wi-Fi. The rooms will be shared (usually each apartment has two bedrooms and can host up to 6-8 people).

### Puesto La Chaira

You will sleep in a shared bedroom equipped with 5 bunk beds. There is a bucket flush toilet and a wood burning stove (water can be heated for a shower).

### Puesto Rio Bueno

This small shelter has a big bedroom with 6 basic beds. In case we have a big group, some people will have to spend the night in tents.

There is a long drop loo in an outhouse.

### Estancia Policarpo

This former estancia has a bunk room for 6 guests, so tents might be needed if we have a big group. There are no toilets at this refuge.

### Bahia Thetis

The bunk room can accommodate up to 6 people, so tents might be needed if we have a big group. There is a bucket shower and a bucket flush toilet.

### Room Occupancy

Single rooms are only available for overnights in Ushuaia for an extra fee. All other nights are spent in shared bedrooms and dorms.

### Meals

Most meals are included during this trip. We provide meals from breakfast on Day 2 until lunch on Day 11. Breakfast is also included on your last day.

Dinners on Day 1 and 11 (in Ushuaia) are not provided.

We provide Argentinian wine for dinner.

### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

## Riding



## Horses

The horses we use are Argentinean Criollos that are world renowned for their calmness, bravery and hardiness. Our horses are bred in Tierra del Fuego and are used for all types of terrain. Their average height is 1.55 m.

## Tack

We use "Cangalla" saddles which are typically used by Argentinean gaucho's. These saddles are covered with sheep skins for extra comfort and are designed for long distance riding. We do not use spurs

## Riding Pace

Our trips are led mostly at a walk and trot. On the way back there are some canter opportunities. Long, slow trotting may be required, as we depend on Atlantic tides to travel on the beaches and to cross rivers. It is important that every tour participant must be able to keep up with the pace of the group as the tour depends on tides. If we slow down, river crossing may not be possible and it will affect the tour and everyone in it.

## Experience

This trip is designed for experienced riders. More important than excellent riding skill, we ask that participants have a good general fitness as we ride during long hours in sometimes demanding conditions. Our rides depend fully on the tide schedule, which creates a non-divisible riding window each day. We must keep a brisk pace, which means frequent trotting—up to 50% of the time. At times we need to ride very early or late (for example, starting at sunrise). Variable weather and challenging terrain add to the difficulty, often requiring frequent mounting and dismounting, and sections where riders must climb cliffs on foot. Excellent physical condition is essential. The tour is not recommended for guests with vertigo.

A basic knowledge of horse riding is required along with a good condition of health.

Be sure to stay fit and healthy and do lots of riding practice before the tour to ensure you are ready for this adventure!

## Riding Terrain

The terrain of our route is varied but is dominated by long flat beaches. There are sections of peatland (turba) where it is often necessary to dismount and walk on foot. Additionally, there are areas of grassy meadows, dense forest and occasionally we pass along cliff edges. There are four main rivers which we pass during low tide. Our daily schedule is dictated by the Atlantic tide.

## Safety

The ride takes place in completely isolated places, out of reach by conventional emergency services. In case of emergency, we have satellite communication, and the guides are equipped with first aid kits. The guides have been trained as first responders as well. There is a private helicopter station in Ushuaia and there are military posts on the Peninsula coastline.

There is potable water at each overnight location.

## Itinerary

### Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

*Please note that the program can be modified by the lead guide due to force majeure, weather or logistics. Any changes to the program are made to ensure maximum safety and comfort for all clients. The guides always take into account the best interests of the whole group and do everything in their power to ensure that all clients have a unique expedition.*

*The guide's decision is final. The success of this tour depends on the collaboration of all riders.*

### Day 1: Arrival

You need to arrive in Ushuaia the day before the start of our riding excursion. You will be picked up from the Ushuaia international airport and transferred to your hotel.

In the afternoon / evening, there is an obligatory briefing with the group.

*Meals included: none*

*Overnight at Hotel in Ushuaia*

### Day 2: Ride to Puesto La Chaira

The program begins with a 230 kilometers car transfer from Ushuaia to the starting point: Estancia Maria Luisa. This is a typical Patagonian ranch for breeding cattle. On the way, our road passes through some of the most iconic landscapes of Tierra del Fuego (Garibaldi Pass through the Andes and Lake Fagnano panorama). Once we reach the end of the road, we leave the civilized world behind us.

We will meet our horses for the first time at the estancia. A horse will be assigned to each guest at this point. We will load our luggage and start our adventure. The first day is designed to allow you to acclimatize so there are no major difficulties along the way. We will ride through some rolling hills of lush green grass. This will take us up to the first river, which we can only cross during low tide. The river is called the Irigoyen River which is world famous for huge trouts. After a long beach ride, we reach our first overnight destination 'Puesto La Chaira', which is part of the old 'Estancia Policarpo'. This is the last shelter inhabited by gauchos on our route.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Puesto La Chaira*

### Day 3: Puesto La Chaira to Puesto Rio Bueno

After breakfast we will undertake our long ride to 'Puesto Rio Bueno'. Along the way, all traces of civilization slowly disappear and we gradually see the wilder side of Tierra del Fuego. We will see several shipwrecks such as the "Barca" - an old wooden boat, which has been buried by centuries of sand. There are also abandoned shelters, many of which have been built with remains of ships.

We will see the local fauna in all its glory here, including curious foxes, guanacos, majestic condors, beavers and various species of birds, and with a little luck we might even see marine mammals.

Here, traces of the native Haush Indians can be found.

After passing the river Leticia, we will reach our shelter for the night. The trail generally follows the beaches, which we can only traverse during the low tides.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Puesto Rio Bueno*

### Day 4: Puesto Rio Bueno to Estancia Policarpo

During this day we will cross two rivers 'Rio Bueno' and 'Rio Policarpo'. Our destination for the day are the remains of the 'Estancia Policarpo' (a National Historical Monument). Travelling conditions are similar to the previous day with the addition of several peat lands where our horses will demonstrate their excellent ability to find the safest way through.

Once again we will encounter many wild animals, including herds of wild horses, colonies of sea lions and possibly even some solitary penguins. On this day, we will also visit the most famous of all shipwrecks in the Mitre Peninsula, the British clipper 'Duchess of Albany'.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Estancia Policarpo*

### Day 5: Estancia Policarpo to Bahía Thotie



#### Day 5: Estancia Policarpo to Bahía Thetis

After leaving Caleta Falsa bay, we pass by several beaches. At Laguna Centenario, we can enjoy a unique spectacle: the varied species of birds of Tierra del Fuego in all their glory. This may include cormorants, southern crested caracaras as well as the two emperors of the sky: black browed albatrosses and Andean condors. We might also pass by colonies of sea lions which may even be accompanied by their lovely puppies depending on the season.

Afterwards we will drift away from the coastline and will ride further inland through the Fueguino peatland. Weather permitting, we can see the mythical and inaccessible State Island with its San Juan de Salvamento lighthouse, which became famous after publishing Jules Verne's book "The Lighthouse at the End of the World." The peat land becomes even more boggy here, which will force us to dismount the horses on several occasions and cross some sections by foot. Finally we arrive at Bahía Thetis. Here, we will pass by an abandoned factory. Close by, exists another interesting historic point, the former Argentina Subprefectura (1889 - 1896), once a military detachment and rescue shelter for survivors of the many shipwrecks that are now sprawled along the shores of the Mitre Peninsula.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Bahía Thetis*

#### Day 6: Bahía Thetis (no riding)

Today, we spend some time around Bahía Thetis, the farthest point of our ride.

We can offer a hike to Cape San Diego Lighthouse at the farthest east end of Tierra del Fuego. The walk is mostly through peat land and is approximately seven hours (round trip). We follow the coastline and then cross the channel

leading to the inner bay. There is a chance to see guanacos (cousins of llamas) within a stone's throw. From the lighthouse, we can enjoy an exceptional 360 degree view of the South Atlantic Ocean, Strait of Le Maire, Staten Island and the entrance to the Beagle Channel. We can also explore the old lighthouse and then have lunch with the most breathtaking panoramic view of the surroundings. Here we might even get the chance to see a small sea lion colony. In the afternoon we walk back to our patiently waiting horses, enjoying the iconic Patagonian landscape.

Please note that this hike is quite long and can be tiring so good trekking shoes are required.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Bahía Thetis*

#### Day 7: Bahía Thetis (no riding)

On this day we can take time out to enjoy short walks around the area and explore the true magic of this beautiful land. We can observe wildlife and look for traces of the Indians who inhabited this land many years ago.

There is a camping site where we can sit back, relax and soak up the mesmerizing surroundings with a glass of wine. This is the perfect day to take time to regenerate before beginning our journey back.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Bahía Thetis*

#### Day 8: Bahía Thetis to Estancia Policarpo

On our way back, we will follow the same trail between Bahía Thetis and Estancia Policarpo. Once again our Criollo horses will demonstrate their incredible strength and ability to navigate the best way through the peat land. From the cliffs, we can enjoy an extraordinary spectacle of light and color, a beautiful landscape of the sub-Antarctic forest, the Andes and the South Atlantic Ocean.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Estancia Policarpo*

#### Day 9: Estancia Policarpo to Puesto Rio Bueno

After preparing the horses, we will cross peatland once again, eventually reaching the coastline next to Rio Policarpo (the widest and most challenging river during our expedition). On the other side of Rio Policarpo, lie the longest beaches of our journey (Donata and Policarpo Bay). Here we can enjoy long canters which often creates incredible feelings of freedom from within. With a little luck, it's possible we will encounter large groups of wild horses in their natural habitat. This is an unforgettable experience. We will take a break near the old "Duchess of Albany" shipwreck, snack and take some more photos. Before stepping onto the beaches once again.

As our luggage becomes smaller and lighter, we can enjoy a slightly faster pace (more trots and canters).

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Puesto Rio Bueno*

#### Day 10: Puesto Rio Bueno to Puesto La Chaira

In the morning we will have some time to walk around the Rio Bueno shelter and listen to stories about the legendary "puesteros" who once inhabited the land and worked with the cattle here. After, we will mount our horses, cross the Leticia River and climb to the top of the grassy cliff on the other side. From this point, we can appreciate panoramic views of the entire region including the route we have taken.

On our way to La Chaira, we can enjoy more canters along the magnificent beaches. That evening, we will have a hearty meal with plenty of time to share stories and reflect on our time together.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at La Chaira*

#### Day 11: Ride back to Estancia Maria Luisa

Our last full day together sees us leave La Chaira, saying a final farewell to the gauchos of the Mitre Peninsula. We leave behind the most remote and wildest region of Tierra del Fuego. Slowly but surely we will cross Río Irigoyen and return to civilization.

At Estancia Maria Luisa, we will dismount our horses for the last time. After removing all saddles and luggage, we will say a final goodbye to our beautiful and brave horses.

From here we will transport all participants back to their accommodation in Ushuaia.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch*  
*Overnight at Hotel in Ushuaia*

#### Day 12: Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

## Other Info

**Meeting:** Ushuaia

**Airport:** Ushuaia airport

**Train station:** --

**Transfer:** Ushuaia airport

**Distance:** 3 km

Transfers are included from/to Ushuaia

**Tack:** Argentina style (cangalla saddle) with saddle bags

**Horses:** Argentinean Criollo and mixed criollo breeds

**Pace:** Approx. 5-7 hours in the saddle per day (covering about 30 km each day)  
 Mostly walk and trot, with occasional canters

Walk | Trot | Canter |



**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾 (3 out of 5) Intermediate  
**Age:** Min 18  
**Weight:** 220 lbs / 100 kg  
**Riders:** Min 4 riders Max 10 riders  
Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.



## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ARRT23

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals, Transfers

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	12 day trip	\$4100
B 2026	9 day trip	\$0

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Transfers included from/to Ushuaia
2026	Single supplement (only possible for first and last night in Ushuaia) - please inquire

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	11/13/2026 - 11/24/2026	12d / 11n	12 day trip
A 2026	12/09/2026 - 12/20/2026	12d / 11n	12 day trip

Min/Max: 4/10

Rates do not include: Dinners on Day 1 and 11

## Rates and Dates 2027 - IT-ARRT23

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals, Transfers

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2027	12 day trip	\$4100
B 2027	9 day trip	\$0

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2027 Transfers included from/to Ushuaia  
2027 Single supplement (only possible for first and last night in Ushuaia) - please inquire

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	01/11/2027 - 01/22/2027	12d / 11n	12 day trip
A 2027	02/09/2027 - 02/20/2027	12d / 11n	12 day trip
A 2027	03/10/2027 - 03/21/2027	12d / 11n	12 day trip

Min/Max: 4/10

Rates do not include: Dinners on Day 1 and 11

# 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											
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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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