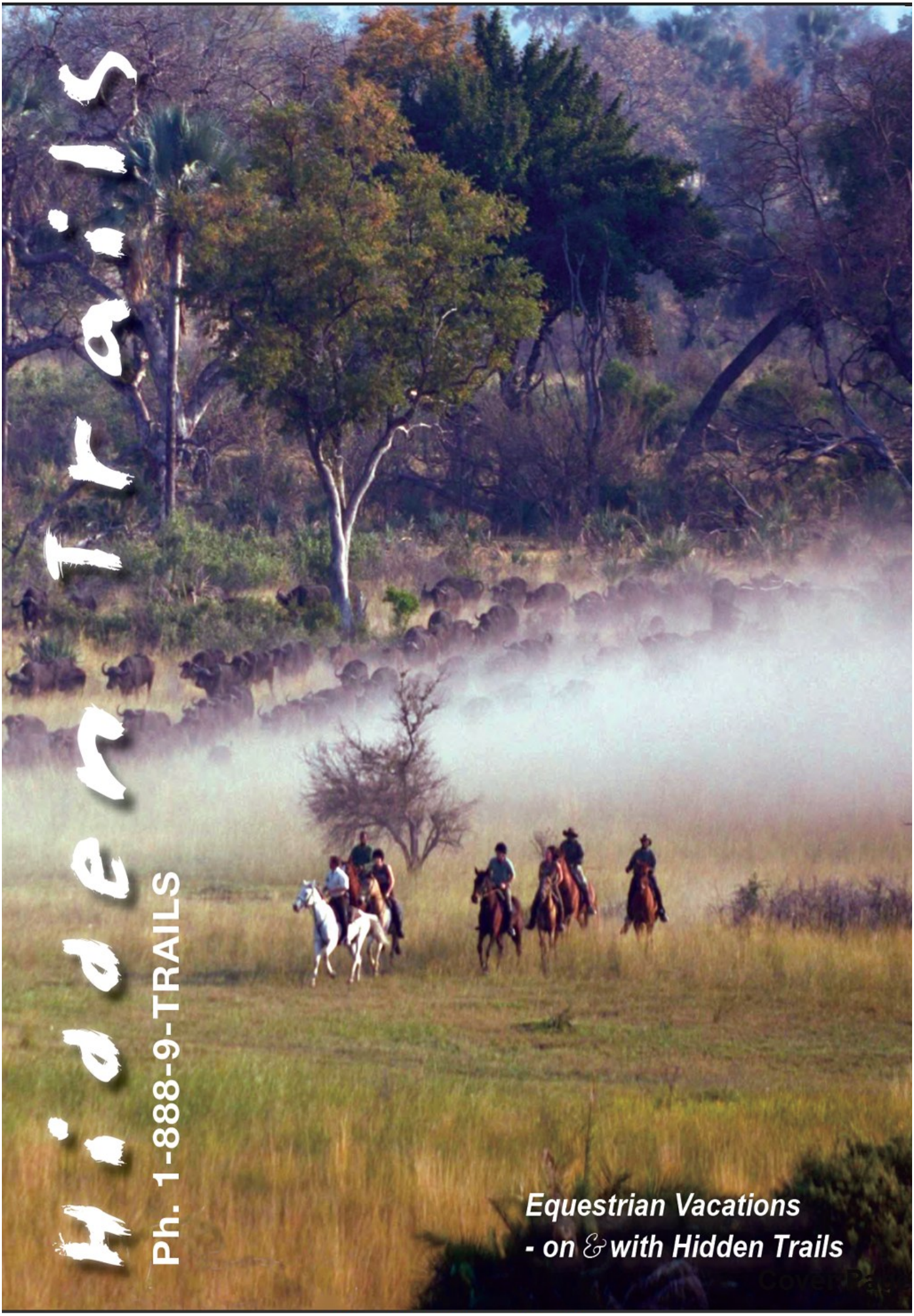

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About Hidden Trails



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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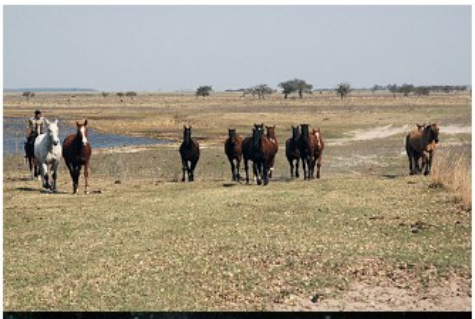
Esquina Gaucho Week - Argentina, South America

Tour Code: IT-ARSR10
7 days / 6 nights ~$1,750.00
Dates: Available all Year

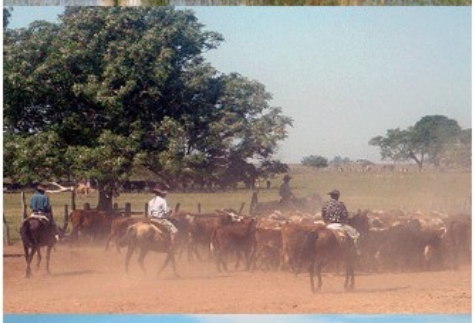
Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: Argentine type saddle with sheepskin
Horses: Criollo crosses, Polo Ponies
Pace: At all paces according to riding level

Airport: Buenos Aires










Introduction

Corrientes, Argentina
Enjoy estancia life and join the gauchos on their daily activities!

Ride as much as you wish: help rounding horses and cattle, pitch in with branding, vaccination and use the lasso as a work tool in the real environment of an Argentinean Gaucho. You stay at one of the historic estancias of the Corrientes region outside of Esquina - a very remote area still largely untouched by civilization. This is rural Argentina, where the Gaucho is a valued and important profession. Ride out with us and become part of the daily activities.

Of course the national sport is polo, so you are invited to join us for some "Stick and Ball" on the private polo field - on excellent Polo ponies. Private lessons are also available on request.

There are activities and horseback rides for all levels. Non riders will be delighted by the immense bird and wildlife in the countryside. Fishing opportunities are available in the large river system - catch a Dorado and we will cook it for you at night. Dinners are usually in the great dining room or outside with candlelight. Professional Tango dancers are available to teach you the Tango - Argentina Style - with passion and romance.

Accomodation

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

Description
Located 620km Northeast from the Federal Capital, Esquina, Province of Corrientes "Argentine Mesopotamia", our family, for several generations, has been breeding cattle and enjoying life. Our authentic estancia first opened its doors to visitors during the 90's, and has since showed them the Corrientes province and its enchantments. Well-known for offering comfort, the ranch is an old estancia of typical Correntino style, low ceilings and ample galleries. Onsite you'll find a swimming pool, solarium, 2 living-rooms (one of them with Satellite TV), dinner room + Thatched asado (barbecue) area: ("Quincho"), very spacious verandas, and our own polo field.
Laundry and WIFI are available at no extra cost.

We have 8 rooms total: 7 with private bathrooms and 1 rooms with adjoining bathroom. All rooms are equipped with air-conditioning units, individual heating and maid service on a daily basis. Supplied with all grooming amenities

Room Occupancy
Single supplement is mandatory if you are traveling as a single rider.



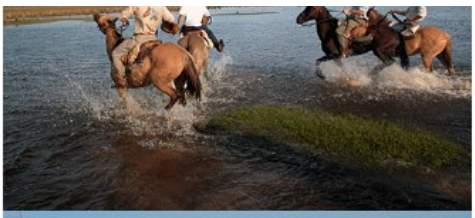
Meals
All meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 7 are included.

In our menus, textures, smells, colours, flavours, and decoration are taken into account. Breakfasts, afternoon teas, and appetizers are varied and abundant. We offer regional lunches and gourmet dinners.

Our meals are served with wines coming from renowned wineries (included).

Dietary Restrictions
We can cater to all dietary restrictions given prior notice.





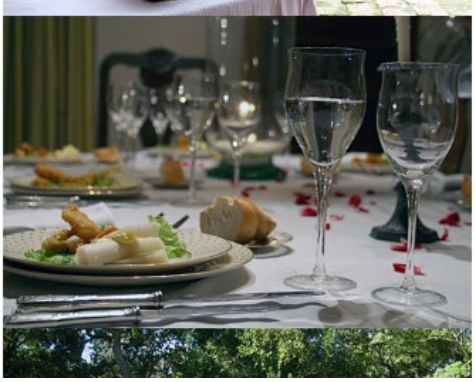














Riding



Riding Level
This trip is all about you! We welcome all riding levels, from those who have never been on a horse to those who have been in a saddle all their life. All rides are gauged to your measure. They may be unguided or guided, so long as you are a good rider. For several hours a day you will be able to ride excellent horses, every day if you wish. You will be able to choose how long each of your rides will take. From cattle work to polo games, there are so many options that it will be difficult for you to experience all of them. You may even be able to ride by moonlight!

Horses
We have over 180 horses at our Estancia, so can guarantee we'll find a match for you! Our horses are born, raised, and trained at the Estancia. We therefore instill proper care of our horses and ensure they are trustworthy for riders. If your stay coincides with the training process you will be able to watch and/or take part. (Participation is limited by prioritization of safety reasons).

Itinerary



Experience country life. Accompany gauchos in their search for horses or cattle, driving them to the corral for work, have lunch at the estancia and in the afternoon practice a little polo or go riding along the countryside enjoying the feeling of freedom given by this immense landscape. Finish your day with a cup of tea at dawn overlooking the lagoon.

Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

Day 0: Transfer to Estancia
Depart from the bus depot in Buenos Aires for the 8:30 PM luxury sleeper bus transfer to Esquina, arriving the next day at 4:30am.
(The bus can be booked directly by you or by us. Please let us know your preference at the time of booking)
Dinner is included in the overnight bus service.
No overnight included

Day 1: Arrival & Introductory Ride
Arrive by overnight sleeper bus from Buenos Aires in the morning, check in, rest, stroll around the estancia and meet the family for lunch. If you are very energetic - you can even go for a short morning ride. A nice afternoon horse ride takes you along the Corrientes gaucho plains, experiencing various landscapes on your first canter across the wide open fields.
Meals included: Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Estancia

Day 2: Pampas Ride
Today the landscape is different and new because we will be heading up the pampas, large water extensions and we will be visiting a rural school, a place where you will understand cultural issues of the region. In the afternoon, on horseback or by horse-cart, we will ride along native forests, stopping in an authentic grocery store or "pulperia" (place where gauchos buy their basic provisions and have a drink). Before getting to back the house our hosts will be waiting for us next to the lagoon with a cup of afternoon tea. Here, we relax and enjoy the calm of the countryside and the sunset at the horizon.







*If you like: watch or participate in milking the cows in the morning before breakfast. The ranch produces its own milk and cheese.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Estancia

Day 3 & 4: Helping Gauchos
We accompany and actively participate in gauchos tasks (herding horses and cattle, marking, vaccination, etc.). We go out looking for stray cattle and bring them back to the corrals. Along the way we chase after calves and cattle that try to escape and bring them back into the herd. Once in the corral, we will separate cows from calves on horseback to be able to start sanitation works. After lunch and a short nap, we finish our work taking the cattle back out to the range. There are some fishing opportunities on Day 4 in the Corrientes and Parana Rivers.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Estancia

Day 5: Ride to neighboring Estancia
We begin our trip to a local Estancia. Passing various estancias and local people along the way, we reach our lunch place, an old coral lost in the immense landscape. In the afternoon we arrive at the estancia. We will be delighted with the owners' hospitality and excellent homemade food. Optional massages are available.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Estancia

Day 6: Esquina Ride
In the morning we begin our trip to the nearest town, Esquina. Sightseeing on our horses. Lunch in a particular restaurant in the river's coastline and back to the estancia.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Estancia

Day 7: Polo & Departure
We enjoy some Stick and Ball and maybe even a short Polo game in the morning before lunch.
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Note: Itinerary subject to change and open for your suggestions



Other Available Activities - no extra cost
-Stick and ball
-Fishing on the Estancias Lagoons (we provide all needed)
-Bird watching (not guided by bilingual, we provide somebody to help to find the best places (not a specialist on birds but somebody that know the fields perfectly), binoculars, bird check list.

Other Available Activities - extra cost *(please inquire)*
-Polo lessons by 2 goals handicap teacher
-Polo match 4 chuckers (book minimum 15 days in advance)
-Sunset Boat Excursion 4 hrs. Maximun 5 persons per boat
-Full fishing day by boat (trolling or spinning), or 2 fisherman max on fly fishing.
-Bird watching with specialist guide
-Tango lessons
-Massages
-Hunting: Mainly bird (partridge, ducks and pigeon)

Other Info

Meeting: Esquina
Airport: Buenos Aires
Train station: Esquina bus station
Transfer: Buenos Aires by luxury sleeper bus
Distance: 8 hrs (620 km from BA)
Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is from Buenos Aires and Goya Airport or Santa Fe Airport. We recommend to reach the Estancia via overnight bus from Buenos Aires. Departs at 8:30pm the night before your trip starts. On last day, bus leaves Esquina at 10:52pm arrives in Buenos Aires around 6:45am.

Tack:	Argentine type saddle with sheepskin		
Horses:	Criollo crosses, Polo Ponies		
Pace:	At all paces according to riding level		
Level:	(2.5 to 4 out of 5)	Low Intermediate to Advanced	
Riders:	Min 2 riders	Max 8 riders (per riding group)	Max Capacity 14

Rates and Dates 2027 - IT-ARSR10

Rates include: Accommodations during trip, All meals with wine for dinner during trip, 7 riding days with Polo lesson & Transfer from/to bus station
Riding helmets can be provided
Non-Riding Activities: fishing & bird watching

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2027	7 day trip	$1890

Rates Note:
**** Daily rate available (minimum of 3 days 2 nights) ****
Please, provide your passport information at time of booking

Transfer Option

Description

2027	Transfer by overnight luxury bus from Buenos Aires, pp, return	$185
2027	Single supplement	$490
2027	Extra ranch days pp (dbl)	$270
2027	Extra ranch days- single	$340

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	01/01/2027 - 12/31/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 2/8
Arrival is available daily. Shorter stays possible.
Daily rate set per day, not per night as arrival is 5:00am and departure is 11:00pm.
Fully booked from April 4-13, 2024.

Rates do not include:Pre/Post trip accommodations and meals & Transfers from/to Buenos Aires & Gratuities

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ARSR10

Rates include: Accommodations during trip, All meals with wine for dinner during trip, 7 riding days with Polo lesson & Transfer from/to bus station
Riding helmets can be provided
Non-Riding Activities: fishing & bird watching

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2026	7 day trip	$1750

Rates Note:
**** Daily rate available (minimum of 3 days 2 nights) ****
Please, provide your passport information at time of booking

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer by overnight luxury bus from Buenos Aires, pp, return	$185
2026	Single supplement	$350
2026	Extra ranch days pp (dbl)	$250
2026	Extra ranch days- single	$300

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip

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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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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:

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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