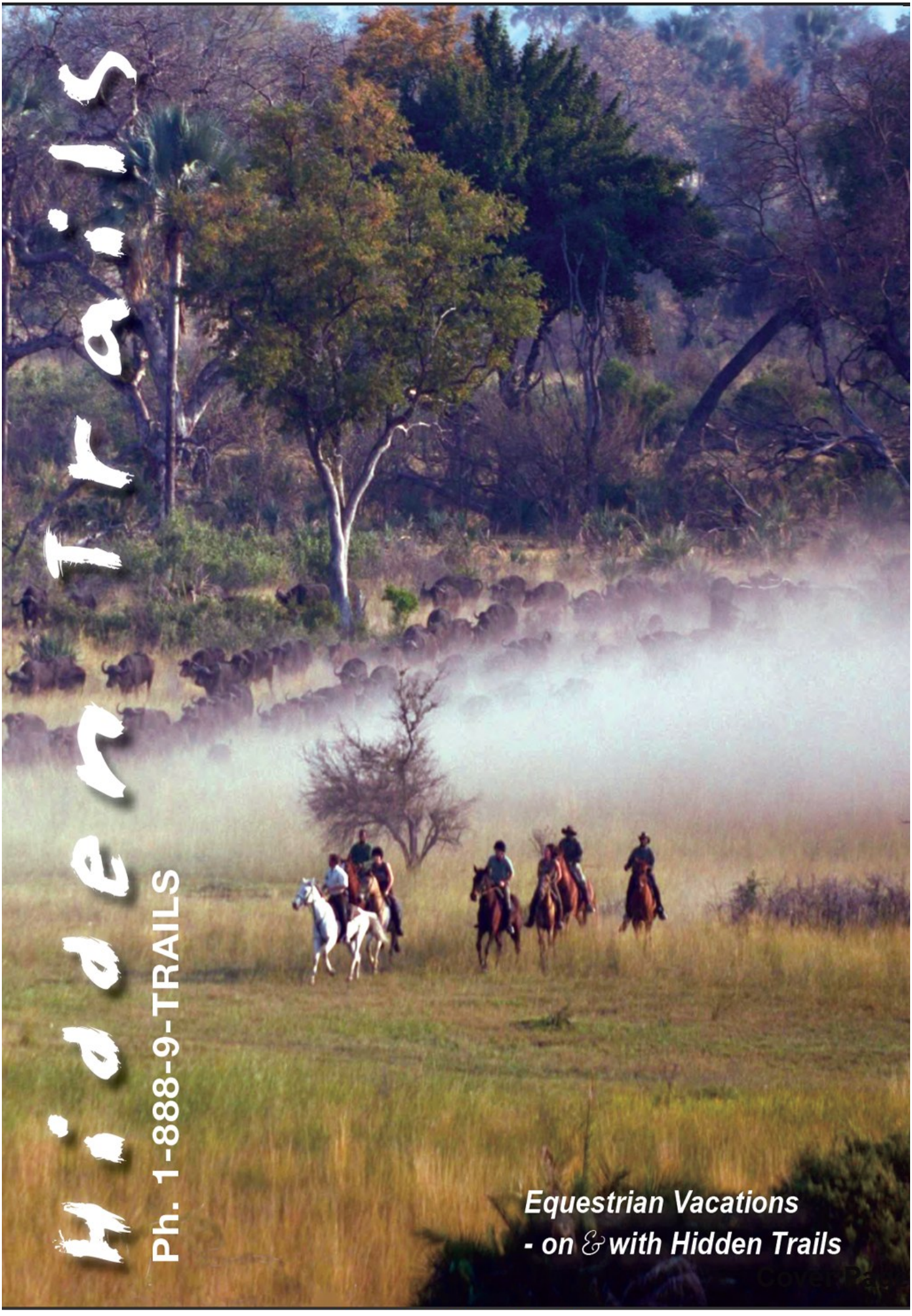

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About Hidden Trails



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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Comboyne Plateau and Beach Ride - Australia, Oceania

Tour Code: IT-AURT01
7 days / 6 nights ~$2,585.00
Dates: March to December

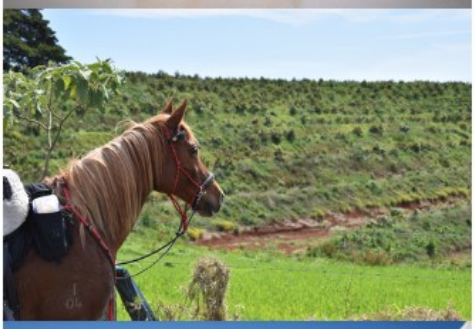
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Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: English style light weight endurance a...
Horses: Australian bred purebred and part bred...
Pace: average of 4-6 hours in the saddle wit...
Walk,Trot,Canter,

Airport: Port Macquarie













Introduction

NSW, Australia
It is the aim to provide a quality equestrian experience on well trained and cared for horses, for capable and assured riders from around the world. The horse quality and special training sets the pace of this ride with long trots and canters. From a secluded equestrian farm on idyllic property in the upper reaches of the Lorne Valley, this week long program offers riding through stunning forest and farmland combined with excellent food and top service.

During the week we ride through the diverse landscape of Australia's New South Wales Mid North Coast there will be lots of opportunity to see wildlife in their beautiful natural habitat. We follow quiet little trails, 4WD tracks and fire trails through 20.000 hectares (50,000 acres) of state forest with pockets of rain forests, eucalyptus forests, waterfalls, creek crossings, and historic timber railway lines. Climb up and descend along steep ridges, then pass through rolling Australian farmland.

Visits to a local winery, cafes and a Macadamia Farm to taste the unique products from this region are featured, before riding along the Pacific Ocean on miles of long deserted beaches. We will climb up to the Comboyne Plateau, an elevated farming region of green rolling hills with breath-taking views out to the Pacific Ocean- don't forget to bring a camera! In the evenings refresh yourself with a swim in the pool, then relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the view from the veranda of your private cottage or share drinks and stories with fellow riders in the large communal area of the lodge, where guests and tour guides have dinner together. A delicious meal with complimentary wine and coffee will be served beside a crackling log fire in the cooler months or in summer alfresco on the veranda. The riders will retire to the comfort of beautiful bedrooms and awake the next morning to a leisurely country breakfast.

The Horse Treks Philosophy...
Every precaution is taken to ensure the comfort and safety of both horse and rider. Welcoming Australian hospitality, comfortable, quality accommodation and meals await you following your day of horse riding through magnificent Australian countryside - an opportunity not to be missed.

Your host and guide is fluent in English, German and Dutch.

Accomodation



Accommodations
This is a stationary program with all nights spent at the same location.

Description
All your nights are spent at the Kerewong Lodge, in the Lorne Valley between Taree and Port Macquarie on the Mid North Coast NSW Australia.



















Kerewong Lodge
The main lodge has beautiful, wide verandas which overlook the magnificent garden filled with native plants and trees, the large horse paddocks where the animals graze, and the saltwater swimming pool (open October-April). Beyond is the lush forest valley of the Camden Haven.
Guests are accommodated in either a cabin or a lodge room:
- The cabin contains one queen and one twin bed, a shower/toilet, veranda, air-conditioning, fridge, coffee & tea facilities.
- The lodge rooms are accessed from the main guest living / dining area. Each bedroom also has an external door leading to its own decking space / verandah. Most rooms are equipped with private bathrooms.
The lodge also has a large communal entertainment area for guests to sit together to enjoy meals and drinks in a family style atmosphere. Sometimes, riders may have to share bathroom if the trip is fully booked with single rooms (only the case in agreement with guests and after being discussed at booking time or prior to arrival).
The lodge is dependent of rainfall for the total water supply. Therefore there are no laundry facilities offered. Please be aware that our water is precious. If you wish you can hand wash your most urgent clothes in the bathroom basin and you are welcome to hang them to dry on the washing line behind the garage. Depending on the water reserves some exceptions for washing clothes can be made for international guests that are traveling for a longer period - please make requests when booking.
WIFI is available.

Communications
Mobile phone reception on the farm property is poor and limited to SMS texting. Most riding days have some opportunity for mobile phone reception.
Free WiFi internet access is available for guests who bring their own Internet device. The use is limited to "standard" internet and email usage and short Skype phone calls. Please don't download large files like movies or large photo files, make long Skype video calls, etc.

Room Occupancy
There is no additional fee for a single room.



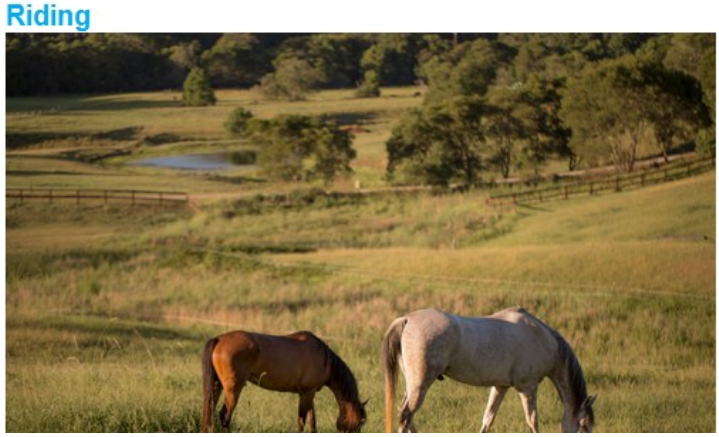
Meals
All meals are included except 1 meal out at a local cafe.
Emphasis is on fresh home-cooked meals and light salad lunches.

Buffet style breakfast with toast, condiments, cereals, yogurt, fruit. Cooked eggs & bacon on some mornings.
Lunch during day rides: light picnic lunches (cheese and salads) brought to you by 4WD support vehicle or saddlebag (sandwich) lunch.
2 course dinner at the dining table in the communal area, international and Australian specialties: beef stew, pasta, chicken, fish, roast dinner, barbecue.

We offer complimentary table wine with dinner. Extra alcohol can be bought at local store on arrival (pick up during arrival transfer).
Juice, soft drinks (lemonade and coke), filtered rain (tank) water, milk, tea, coffee and hot chocolate are freely available on a self-serve basis.

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

Riding

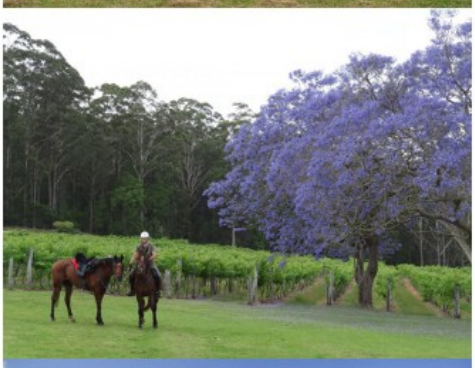


















Riding Experience
Only capable riders are accepted. Minimum riding level is Good Intermediate. Horse riders must be able to mount / dismount unassisted, have a firm seat and be confident and capable to control a forward going and fit horse at all paces (including long stretches of posting trot and gallops) in varied open terrain. Leading your horse over short distances may sometimes be required. Riders benefit if they are "riding-fit", because the riding can be quite intense due to hilly forest terrain and pace of ride.
The horse riding tours and trail horses are not suitable for children or inexperienced riders and a reasonable amount of fitness is required for all rides.

Children Policy
Children 15 years and older with strong intermediate riding skills, and who are accompanied by a riding parent, may be able to participate on request.

Tack & Riding Style
Our horses are trained to be ridden on a loose rein in English style. We ride with English Style lightweight endurance or all purpose saddles and use snaffle or bit less bridles. Western Riders must have basic training in English riding and be comfortable in posting to the trot and a two-point canter.
When riding uphill or galloping riders should sit in a raised or 2-point position (similar to when jumping), standing in the stirrups and leaning forward, alleviating the horse's back.
Downhill slopes are always in walk and riders should sit straight, balanced and slightly standing in stirrups (not leaning back), to alleviate the horse's back

Riding Terrain
We ride through NSW State Forests, private farm properties, Crown Land and some public rural roads. Most country is undulating to steep terrain with some narrow overgrown rainforest trails. Rides go into remote and isolated areas, with limited mobile phone reception and assistance from third parties not immediately available.

Pace
The program includes 5 riding days covering approximately 142 km and spending a total of 21 hours in the saddle.
Riding pace is moderate with long active walks, trotting, canters and fast galloping sections of up to 4 km's. Horse riding pace and tour itineraries are subject to terrain & weather conditions. Each day of riding generally covers 30 to 40 km per day in 4-6 hours riding.

Horses
We use well schooled horses, including Arab-Quarter horse crosses, carefully selected and trained for long distance trail riding. Many of the horses were bred specifically for endurance riding and complete endurance rides regularly. We have 4 pure & part-bred Arabian horses (14.2 and 15.2 hands / 145 and 157 cm), 1 Andalusian-Thoroughbred cross (16.1 hands) and 2 Brumbies (14.1 and 15 hands).
The horses are sure-footed, good-natured and in excellent condition. They are kept in groups on large paddocks on the 60 acres property. The horses' agility, great stamina, adaptability to the Australian climate conditions and excellent people- and work- friendly temperament make them ideal horses for multi-day long distance trail riding through challenging terrain.
The horses' well being and safety is our main concern and riders can be assured that all trail riding horses are maintained and cared for to the highest standards.



Tack
Tack is of a very high standard and kept in good condition.
Australian made Endurance saddles: leather (Mackinder) and synthetic (Wintec). Wintec All Purpose and Dressage Saddles.
Snaffle bits, hackamores or bitless bridles/ Natural Horsemanship halters.
Synthetic Endurance breastplates, some with martingale.
Small saddlebag to carry water bottle (supplied), personal items for the day, lunch on some days.
Guests can offer to help with the horses and get their horse ready in the morning, saddle / unsaddle and wash & clean up the horse and tack, if they want (always supervised), but this is by no means compulsory or expected.

Weight Restriction
Due to the pace, duration and hilly terrain of our horse riding tours we have set rider weight limits for each individual horse with an overall weight limit of 80kg — some exceptions in winter for up to 85 kg (depending on riding ability and height). Rider height–weight ratio is taken into account.

Safety
The guide carries a special mobile phone for regional areas (but not with 100% reception), UHF radio for communication with forestry workers and first aid kit.
Riding helmets must be worn at all time while on the horse.

Your Host and Guide
Your trail guide, Kathy, has a diverse equestrian background. She was a successful Dressage rider competing at Advanced level in The Netherlands (she moved to Australia in 2000) and also competed in Show jumping and Cross Country (Eventing). She now enjoys taking her Arabian horses to local endurance rides. Having been on many trail riding holidays and treks throughout Europe and Canada, your trail guide knows what makes a great horse-riding holiday



horse-riding holiday.
Kathy and her team are also responsible for the gourmet side of the business, from cooking breakfast to your request, bringing lunch to the riders in the Australian bush or preparing a sumptuous evening dinner meal or barbecue.
Kathy is fluent in English, German and Dutch.

Itinerary



Tours usually run from Sunday to Saturday, with some exceptions through the year due to Public Holidays and / or low tide times.

Sample Itinerary: 7-day program - *subject to changes*

Note: Itinerary is subject to Forestry activities and weather & terrain conditions.
Due to the flexible nature of this tour with the itinerary having no set order, the daily rides of the week can be customized and adjusted according to the weather and terrain conditions, so riders have the best possible riding experience.

Day 1: Arrival
Arrival at lodge in the late afternoon. Transfer from Port Macquarie Airport or Kendall Railway Station (fixed times). Dinner with your hosts and co-riders and discussing the week program.
Meals included: Dinner
Overnight at the Lodge

Day 2: Kerewong Forest Ride
Introductory Forest Ride through the hilly terrain with tall eucalypt forests and pockets of rainforest, beautiful quiet bush trails and short fun canters. Stop for lunch under the tall gum trees in the middle of the forest. This is a shorter ride with an easy-going pace, to enable riders to get accustomed to the terrain and horses and settle international travelers into the time and climate zone. Wildlife we may encounter on our rides and on the farm are Wallabies, Goanna's and many bird species including Black Cockatoo's. Occasionally we may even see a koala or echidna too!
Riding: 3 hours, approx. 22 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Lodge

Day 3: Mountain Top Ride
Ride to impressive Comboyne Mountain (670 m), which peak can be seen from the lodge. Magnificent 360-degree view at the top: lookout over the expanding eucalyptus NSW State Forests landscape, regional farm properties, NSW Mid North Coast coastline, Bago Bluff National Park, Comboyne Plateau and the start of the Great Dividing Range. This is the most strenuous day ride for the horses with uphill cantering, long steep up- and downhill sections and some rough terrain. Horses and riders enjoy a well-deserved lunch break at the peak, before descending back home at an easy walking pace.
Riding: 5 hours, approx. 30 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Lodge

Day 4: Winery Ride
Long day ride, starting along a historic timber railway line, to local Bago Vineyards. Creek crossings (platypus live here but are rarely seen) and maybe move some cattle while riding through neighboring farm properties. We follow the Longworth's Tramway Heritage Trail and see the remnants of a historic timber railway line that was operational in the 1920's for timber log transport. Saddle bag lunch, sitting in the shade of tall eucalypt trees. Then, adventurous steep descent and fantastic long gallops of up to 4 kms on beautiful forest trails. On arrival taste the local produce while looking over the vineyards. Highlight in October - November are the purple blossoming Jacaranda Trees. Transfer back to riding centre by car.
Riding: 5 hours, approx. 35 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Lodge

Day 5: Beach Ride
Fantastic beach horse riding, galloping along the Pacific Ocean. Watch out for dolphins in the waves and a close encounter with kangaroos. Lunch during a break on the beach, at the ride base near a colony of the unique native Australian Grasstrees, or Aussie Fish & Chips at the local Fish Co-op. Sometimes, whales can be seen between May and November.
Transfers each way to the beach is by car & horse transport (45 minutes each way).
Riding: 2 hours, approx. 15 km
Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight at the Lodge

Day 6: Comboyne Plateau Ride
Farmland and forest horse ride to the beautiful green rolling and fertile farmland of the Comboyne Plateau with on clear days views to the Pacific Ocean. Comboyne is a volcanic plateau with a unique topography and fertile red soil and the ride takes us past dairy farms and avocado orchards. We stop at Waitui Waterfall and have lunch at an amazing rocky escarpment lookout before cantering along a spectacular old forest. Panoramic view to the landmark of the Three Brother Mountains, an Australian Aboriginal Place of spiritual significance to the local Biripi

Aboriginal people, and on clear days the view goes all the way to the Pacific Ocean. Many great galloping sections in the morning and afternoon, as well as long walks to take in the beautiful scenery.
In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner.
Riding: 5-6 hours, approx. 40 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Lodge

Day 7: Departure
Departure after breakfast. Transfer to Kendall Railway station or Port Macquarie airport, with optional stop at Port Macquarie Koala Hospital (only included with departure transfer to Port Macquarie).
Meals included: Breakfast



Additional Activities (extra cost - please inquire)
- Visit Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie on departure transfer (only from/to Port Macquarie - not Kendall station)
- Whale watching in Port Macquarie on departure at own cost during whale migration season (May to November)

Other Info

Meeting: Kendall
Airport: Port Macquarie
Train station: Kendall
Transfer: Pick up: Port Maquarrie at 5:15pm or Kendall train station at 6:15pm Drop off: Kendall in time for 9:00 AM train or Port Maquarrie airport at 11:00 am.
Distance: from Sydney 400 km about 4/12 hrs from Port Macquarie 40 minutes
Pick-up/ drop-off are available from Port Macquarie Airport (PQQ) or the Kendall train station for the weeklong program. Pick-up Port Macquarie Airport around 5:15pm and Kendall train station at 6:15pm. Drop-off at Port Macquarie airport from 9:00 am and Kendall train station drop off at 9:00am
Transfers cannot be arrange for the short program. Clients need to make their own way to and from the Lodge.

Tack: English style light weight endurance and general purpose saddles and snaffle bridles

Horses: Australian bred purebred and part bred Arabians, Arab-Quarter crosses.

Pace: average of 4-6 hours in the saddle with some long trots and canters

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: (3.5 to 5 out of 5) Good Intermediate

Age: Min 15

Weight: 175 lbs / 80 kg

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 4 riders
Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2027 - IT-AURT01

Rates include: Accommodation, Most meals with wine at dinner, 5 horseback riding days & Transfers at set times
Guides can speak English, Dutch and German
Helmets and chaps can be provided!

Packages and Options

Season	Description	AUS$	~US$
A 2027	7 day trip	$3800	$2735

The US Dollar Rate is based on a AUS$ Exchange Rate of 0.72 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2027 Transfer included for the 7-day program from Kendall train station or Port Macquarie airport at set times	
2027 Transfers outside schedule -- by request ~ please inquire	
2027 Solo rider supplement	$500 $360

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	03/14/2027 - 03/20/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	03/25/2027 - 03/31/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	04/11/2027 - 04/17/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	04/25/2027 - 05/01/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	05/13/2027 - 05/19/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	05/27/2027 - 06/02/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	09/09/2027 - 09/15/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	09/23/2027 - 09/29/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	10/07/2027 - 10/13/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	10/21/2027 - 10/27/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	11/04/2027 - 11/10/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2027	11/19/2027 - 11/25/2027	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 2/4
No tours during the summer (January-March) due to hot weather. Custom dates possible in winter (June-August) on request.

Rates do not include:One meal at a local café, Alcoholic drinks other than wine served with dinner, Travel insurance (mandatory) & Gratuities

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-AURT01

Rates include: Accommodation, Most meals with wine at dinner, 5 horseback riding days & Transfers at set times
Guides can speak English, Dutch and German
Helmets and chaps can be provided!

Packages and Options

Season	Description	AUS$	~US$
A 2026	7 day trip	$3800	$2585

The US Dollar Rate is based on a AUS$ Exchange Rate of 0.68 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2026 Transfer included for the 7-day program from Kendall train station or Port Macquarie airport at set times	
2026 Transfers outside schedule -- by request ~ please inquire	
2026 Solo rider supplement	$500 $340

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	09/20/2026 - 09/26/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	10/02/2026 - 10/08/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	10/16/2026 - 10/22/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	11/01/2026 - 11/07/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	11/15/2026 - 11/21/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	11/28/2026 - 12/04/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 2/4
No tours during the summer (January-March) due to hot weather. Custom dates possible in winter (June-August) on request.

Rates do not include:One meal at a local café, Alcoholic drinks other than wine served with dinner, Travel insurance (mandatory) & 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	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:

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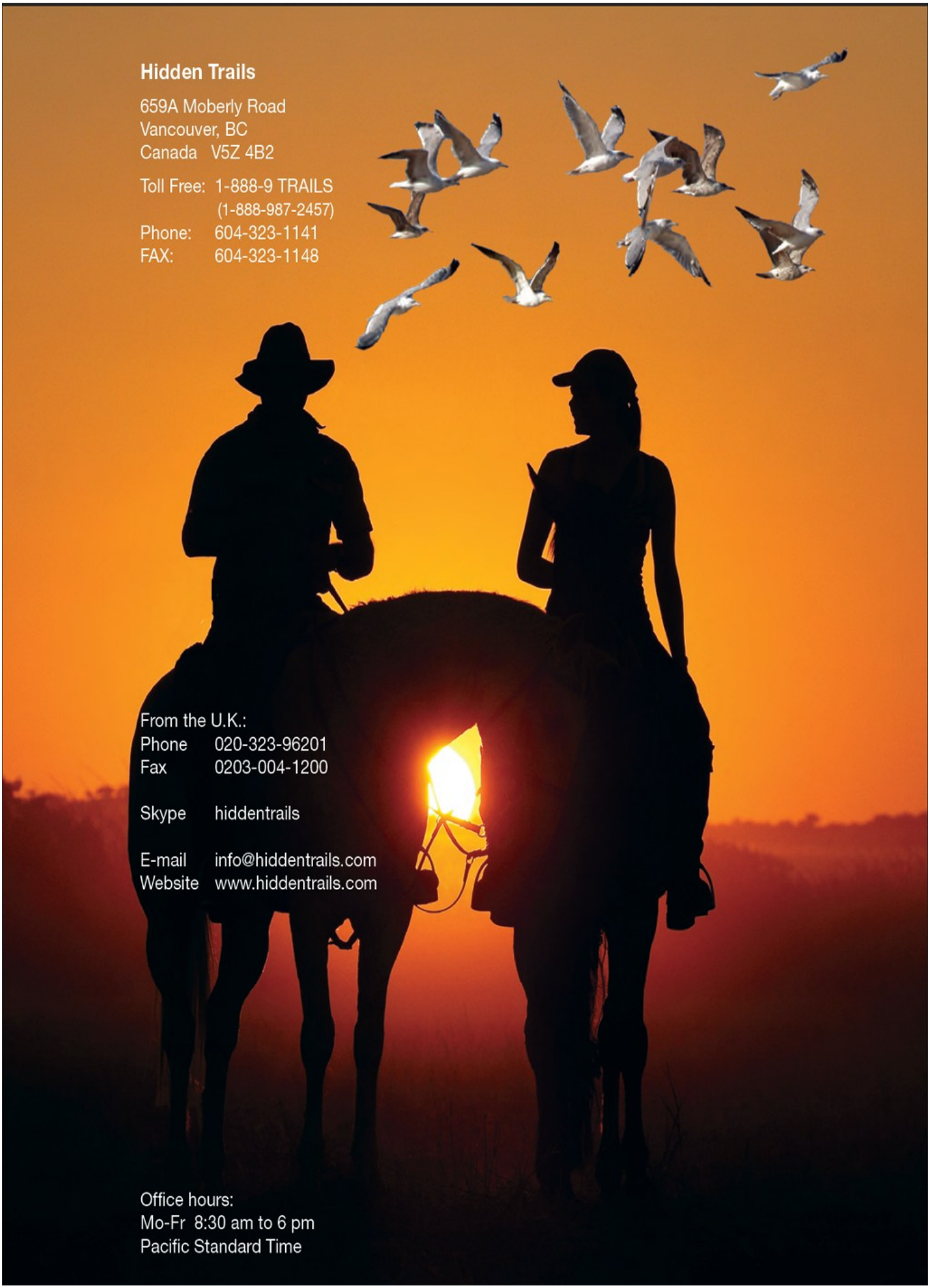
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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