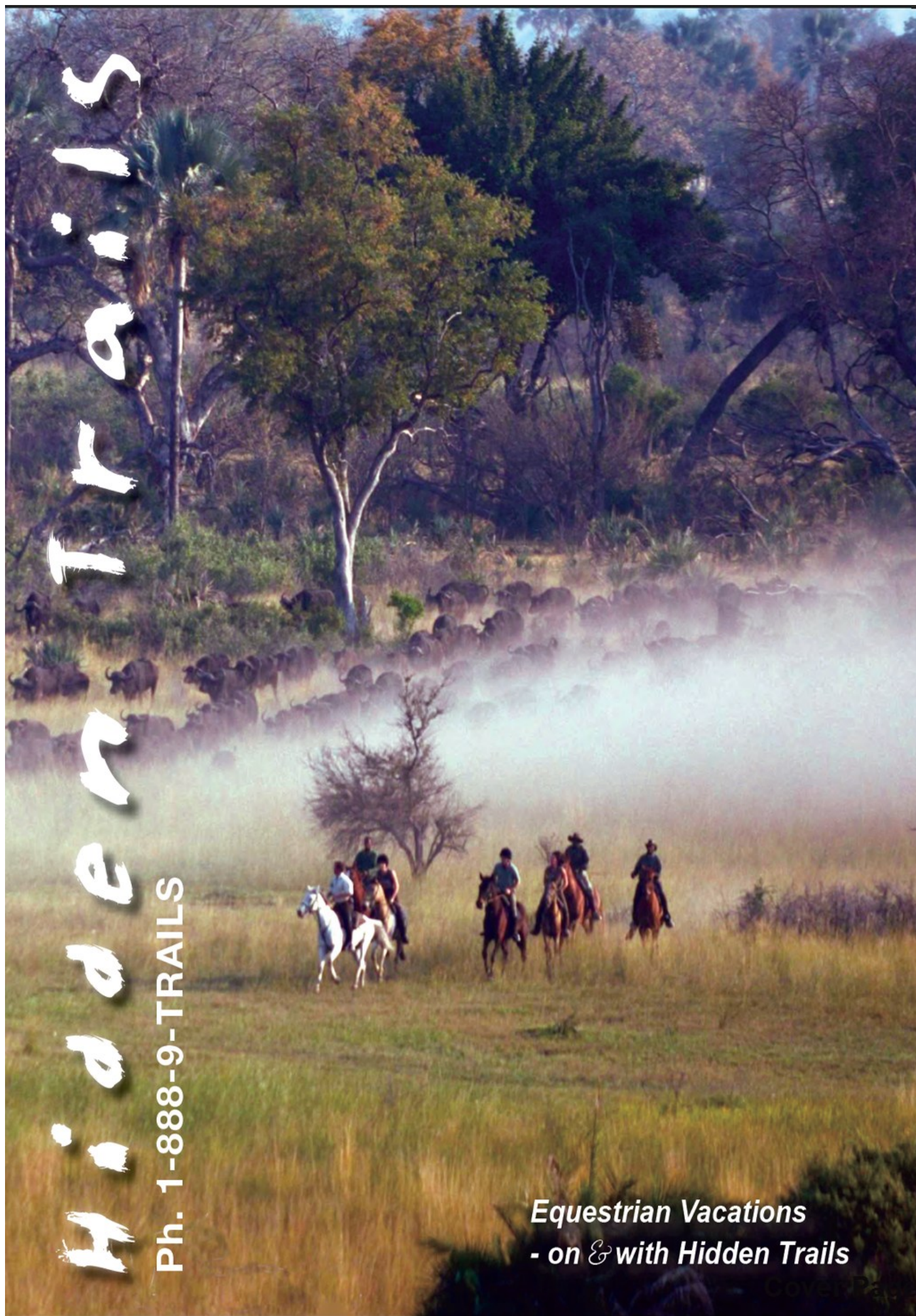




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*Equestrian Vacations
- on & with Hidden Trails*

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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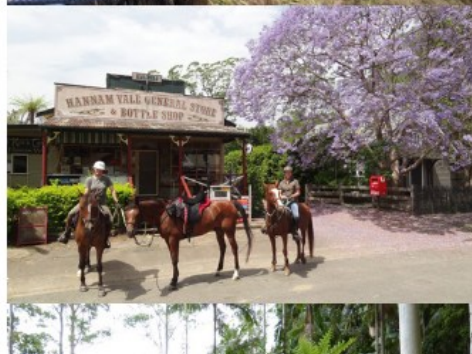
Kerewong Hinterland Adventure - Australia, Oceania

Tour Code: IT-AURT02
7 days / 6 nights ~\$0.00
Dates: March to December

Trip Rating : ●●●●●
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

Join this beautiful adventure on fit and forward Arabian horses, riding across the beautiful and diverse landscape of Australia's NSW Mid North Coast hinterland. During the week, you will discover Australian hilly bush landscape, eucalyptus & rainforest, a long sandy beach, green farm valleys, mountain terrain and small rural communities. You might see Australian wildlife in their natural habitat both during rides and on the horse farm.

Ride across forests, farm land, eucalypt plantations, rainforest valleys, creek crossings, impressive rock formations, climb up and canter along escarpments and ridges, and take in the views from spectacular mountain top lookouts. Tie your horse outside a small village store to have lunch & coffee and enjoy gourmet meals. See the picturesque views of the Comboyne Plateau and take in the breathtaking views to the coast and finish with riding along the Pacific Ocean for kilometres of long deserted beaches.

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a progressive ride with nights spent in different locations throughout the week.

Description

Most nights are spent at the Lodge and 2 overnights are spent at different locations.

Accommodation Itinerary for Progressive Option - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1 & 2: Kerewong Lodge
Night 3: Farmhouse in Hannam Vale
Night 4: Comboyne Farmhouse
Night 5 & 6: Kerewong Lodge

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.

Farmhouse in Hannam Vale

Stay overnight at a 100 acres private hobby-farm property in the rural community of Hannam Vale. Your hosts welcome you in their luxurious modern Australian home, situated in the middle of their lush property with stunning views towards the unusual rock formations (volcanic plugs) of the Coorabakh National Park. Enjoy stylish spacious bedrooms.

Comboyne Farmhouse

This private accommodation boasts a large, open-plan living and dining area with two bedrooms, each unique in style. A hot tub sits on the private deck providing the perfect spot to unwind, while taking in the glorious view of the Comboyne Plateau region. To keep you warm in the colder months, there is a fireplace where you can enjoy the views while being cosy.



Communications at Kerewong Lodge

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 137 km and spending a total of 22 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 about 30 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.

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 - subject to changes

Note: Due to this being a Trek with overnight stays in other accommodations, the itinerary follows a set order, but is still subject to weather and terrain conditions. Stated Riding distances and times are approximates only.

Day 1: Arrival

Pick-up transfer from Port Macquarie Airport or Bus Station (1 hour drive) or Kendall Train Station (20 minutes drive) and arrival at the Lodge & Horse Riding Farm in the late afternoon or early evening. Meet the horse herd in their home pastures.

Dinner with your host and co-riders and discussion of the week's riding program.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at the Lodge

Day 2: Forest Horse Ride

Introductory Forest Ride through the hilly terrain of the Kerewong State Forest with tall eucalypt forests, pockets of rainforest, beautiful quiet bush trails and fun canters. Stop for lunch under the tall gum trees in the middle of the Aussie bush.

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, Pademelons, Bandicoots, Reptiles, Goanna's and many Australian bird species including Parrots, Lyrebirds, Black Cockatoo's. Occasionally we may even see a koala too!

Riding: 3 hours, approx. 20 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Lodge

Day 3: Hannam Vale Ride

Prepared for an Australian horse trekking adventure we leave the Farm and head south towards the picturesque, lush and green rolling hills of the Hannam Vale Valley. A scenic horse riding day with a wonderful destination await. The tiny hamlet of Hannam Vale is tucked away in the NSW Hinterland between Taree & Port Macquarie.

Trails take us through peaceful private property farmland with a crystal clear creek crossing, where we stop to enjoy a short morning tea break. Then continue onto a soft forest trail for fantastic long galloping and through Eucalyptus (Gum Tree) Plantations to the Hannam Vale Valley, passing the old loggers cottages of Waitui and dairy farms on the way.

Tethering the horses outside the quirky little Hannam Vale General Store (built in 1914) we stop for a late lunch and seriously good coffee in the centre of "town".

The Hannam Vale General Store has a lovely garden to enjoy refreshments and is a popular haunt of locals. You get a chance to experience the rural Australian lifestyle and friendly country hospitality, before setting out on horse back again for a short easy pace ride and last stretch to the overnight accommodation.

Tonight, riders stay in a luxury modern Australian private home situated on a 100 acres farm property in Hannam Vale, enjoying a gourmet evening meal together and a relaxing overnight rest in stylish spacious bedrooms.

Riding: 5 hours, approx. 27 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Farmhouse in Hannam Vale

Day 4: Hannam Vale to Comboyne Plateau

After a hearty cooked country breakfast we saddle the horses and set off for a long day of horse riding through an ever-changing variety of landscapes to the Comboyne Plateau, our destination for the day.

A steep climb takes us out of the Hannam Vale Valley and up an escarpment where we stop to take in the breathtaking valley views from Flat Rock Lookout.

Canter on along the escarpment into beautiful and remote forest until the dense old forest opens up into green pasture fields of the Comboyne Plateau.

An afternoon tea stop at a water trough to let the horses have a pick of grass after the long trotting and cantering sections and for riders to take in the stunning views of the escarpment and rocky outcrops.

Shortly after we arrive at our rider's accommodation at the Roundhouse at Comboyne Hideaway, a unique cabin retreat situated atop the magnificent Comboyne Plateau. Indulge in amazing uninterrupted views to the coastline and relax your muscles in the outdoor hot tub on the verandah while gazing at the stars.

Enjoy a BBQ dinner and another restful night after a long day of trekking.

Riding: 5-6 hours, approx. 33 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Comboyne Farmhouse

Day 5: Back to the Lodge

Start the day with a ride through the beautiful green rolling and fertile farmland of the Comboyne Plateau. Comboyne is a volcanic plateau with a unique topography and fertile red soil and the ride takes us past dairy farms and avocado orchards.

Panoramic view to the landmark of the Three Brother Mountains, an Australian Aboriginal Place of spiritual significance to the local Biripi Aboriginal people. On clear days the view goes all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

Ride through expansive eucalypt forests to the impressive Comboyne Mountain Peak (670 m), which can be seen from our Lodge and Cabin.

Magnificent 360-degree view at the top - lookout over the blue green hills of the 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. Riders can already see the Kerewong Lodge and Cabin from a distance.

Horses and riders enjoy a well-deserved lunch break at the peak, brought to you by a helper in the 4wd support vehicle.

Descending back home to the Lodge at an easy walking pace.

Riding: 4 hours, approx. 25 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Lodge

Day 6: Beach Horse Ride

Fantastic beach horse riding along the Pacific Ocean await. Long uninterrupted galloping on a deserted beach is an unforgettable lifetime experience for many.

Watch out for dolphins in the waves and a chance of 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.

Transfers each way to the beach is by car & horse transport (45 minutes each way).

In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner.

Riding: 2 hours, approx. 15 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Lodge

Day 7: Departure Day

Depart after breakfast. Transfer to Kendall Railway station or Port Macquarie airport or bus station.

Optional stop at Port Macquarie Koala Hospital (only included with departure transfer to Port Macquarie).

Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Kendall

Airport: Port Macquarie

Train station: Kendall

Transfer: Pick up: Port Macquarie at 5:15pm or Kendall train station at 6:15pm Drop off:

Kendall in time for 9:00 AM train or Port Macquarie 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.

Pick-up Port Macquarie Airport around 5:15pm and Kendall train station at 6:15pm. Drop-off at Port Macquarie airport for 9:00 am and Kendall train station drop off at 9:00am

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.

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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
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Transfer Option

Description

Tour Dates	
Season	Tour Dates

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													
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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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