

# Hidden Trails

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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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# Nature & Culture of Central Bulgaria - Bulgaria, Europe

Tour Code: IT-BGRT06  
8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,255.00  
Dates: July & August

Trip Rating : ●●●●●  
Difficulty : ●●●●●  
Lodging : ●●●

**Tack:** Both Western and English high quality ...

**Horses:** Shagya Arabs, East-Bulgarian breed, An...

**Pace:** 3 to 5 riding hours per day. Usually 4...  
Walk,Trot,Canter,

**Airport:** Sofia airport



## Introduction

Mountains, Bulgaria

Explore the unique nature of Bulgaria on horseback, learn about local traditions and culture, discover the ancient history, and taste the delicious food and wine.

This trail takes you to the North side of the Balkan mountains, where there are plenty of free and open land without any fences: a true rider's paradise. On this riding holiday you will have the chance to explore the greatest historical, cultural and natural landmarks of the area.

Your riding companions are well trained, reliable and will happily carry you through this adventure, along valleys, lakes, beautiful forests and open fields.

## Accommodation

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This is a progressive ride so nights will be spent in different locations.

### Description

You will be accommodated in small hotels and nice traditional guesthouses (mostly twin rooms with en-suite bathroom).

Laundry is not available while on the trip.

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

- Night 1: Hotel Incanto near Sevlievo
- Night 2 & 3: Guesthouse near Vranilovtsi
- Night 4: Guesthouse in Zhivko
- Night 5: Guesthouse in Gesha
- Night 6: Hotel Imenieto near Emen
- Night 7: Hotel Incanto near Sevlievo

### Hotel Incanto near Sevlievo

This small and modern hotel offers simply decorated rooms with a comfortable bed, air conditioning, a TV, free Wi-Fi and a private bathroom.

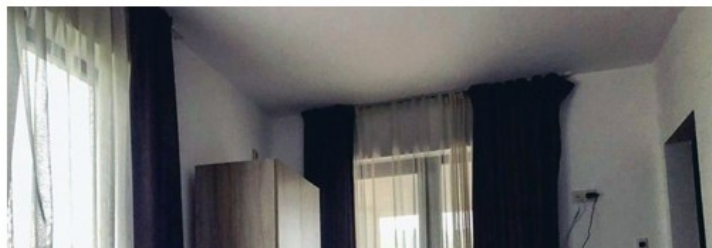
### Guesthouse near Vranilovtsi

This lovely guesthouse is surrounded by nature, offering peace and quiet. There are 4 guestrooms, each with its own bathroom, free Wi-Fi and air conditioning.



### Guesthouse near Zhivko

This charming guesthouse offers simple but comfortable rooms each equipped with private facilities. There is a terrace with a pool where guests can relax. Free internet access is available at this property.





#### Guesthouse in Gesha

Each of the 7 guestrooms feature a TV, a balcony, free Wi-Fi internet and a private bathroom. There is a well kept outdoor pool and small garden where guests can relax after a long day in the saddle.

#### Hotel Imerieto in Emen

This accommodation features different buildings with a variety of rooms. Each room is equipped with satellite TV, Wi-Fi access, air conditioning, a fridge and a private bathroom. The complex has a beautiful garden with an outdoor sitting area and a swimming pool.

#### Room Occupancy

Single supplement is mandatory if we are unable to find another rider to share.



#### Meals

All meals are included from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 8.

The hotels and guesthouses provide breakfast and dinner, offering delicious traditional dishes made with fruits and vegetables from local farms.

The midday meals are in the open-air and consist of warm homemade food, beer, cold and warm up drinks.

Wine and beer are included with meals, but no hard liquor.

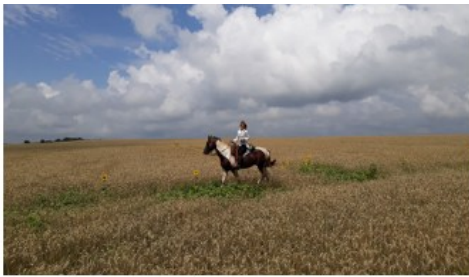
#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to dietary restrictions given prior notice.



#### Riding





#### **Pace**

Varying from walk on the steeper slopes to a faster pace on the open spaces, which are great for canters. Usually we do about 40 % walking, 30 % trotting and 30 % cantering. This proportion could be changed according to the requirements and the abilities of the riders. The program includes 6 riding days with 3-6 hours per day in the saddle.

#### **Horses**

We have Shagya and purebred Arabs, East-Bulgarian breeds, and cross-bred horses with Akhal-Teke blood - all well trained and calm. The height of the horses is from 150 to 165 cm.

#### **Riding Terrain**

The terrain is diverse, giving you the opportunity to enjoy the amazing nature scenery. You should be a strong, confident rider, capable of all paces and fit enough for long canters through rough areas. Wide-open spaces and gently undulating land provide the opportunity for long gallops. (Please note that during rainy weather the ground may be too slippery for long, fast riding).

#### **Guides**

We always have 2 guides per group: one to lead and the other to support the group with a jeep and all of the luggage. The riding guides are experienced and professional and know all the horses and routes well. They have a sound knowledge and awareness of safety, of looking after horses and guests out on a ride. The guides speak English, German or French fluently.

#### **Non-Riders**

All the accompanying non-riders will have the possibility to participate in all the non-riding activities of this program.

## **Itinerary**

#### **Sample Itinerary - subject to changes**

##### **Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival**

Pick up from Sofia Airport and transfer to Sevlievo, located 190 km northeast from the capital, Sofia.

In the evening, initial instructions by the guides and dinner.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel near Sevlievo*

##### **Day 2 (Sunday): Introductory Ride**

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the stables. We tack up the horses and listen to the final instructions from our guides. Then, we get in the saddle and ride through hills and beautiful forests, with small creeks and lakes. We come back to the stables for our lunch break.

In the afternoon, we get back in the saddle for another ride in the surrounding area.

*Riding: About 18 km (4 hours)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse near Vranilovtsi*

##### **Day 3 (Monday): Ride to Vranilovtsi**

This morning, we ride through forests and open fields, with lots of opportunities for nice canters. We have great views over the Balkan Mountains. We will take our lunch break near an Armenite village, before riding towards our stop for the night: Vranilovtsi.

*Riding: About 20 km (3.5 hours)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse near Vranilovtsi*

##### **Day 4 (Tuesday): Ride from Novakovtsi to Zhivko**

Our ride leads us alongside the foothills of the Vitata Stena chain, a beautiful nature reserve. We will stop for a picnic lunch near a lake and we should arrive in Zhivko village in early afternoon.

In the afternoon, we visit the Ethnographic complex Etara, near Gabrovo City. This complex represents a village from the 19th century, with old machines and people dressed with traditional clothes.

*Riding: About 20 km (4 hours)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Zhivko*

##### **Day 5 (Wednesday): Ride to Gesha**

Today, we are going to ride through the wilderness towards Gesha village. We will stop for lunch near the Yantra river.

*Riding: About 21 km (4 hours)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Gesha*

##### **Day 6 (Thursday): Monastery visit & Ride through meadows**

After breakfast, we visit Dryanovo monastery and Bacho Kiro cave by car.

Then we get in the saddle and ride north through wild meadows. We will enjoy our lunch break near Vetrentsi village.

*Riding: About 28 km (5 hours)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel Imenieta*

##### **Day 7 (Friday): Ride Back to Stables**

Today, we make our way back to the stables. We will go through beautiful forests, ride along creeks and enjoy beautiful views.

*Riding: About 25 km (4.5 hours)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel Incanto in Sevlievo*

**Day 8 (Saturday): Departure**

Breakfast at the guesthouse, then transfer to Sofia.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

Additional activities: bow-shooting, cultural tour around the historic landmarks, visit of the Ethnographic complex Etara. Massages are available every night upon request for a small additional payment.

## Other Info

**Meeting:** Sofia airport

**Airport:** Sofia airport

**Transfer:** Included from Sofia airport

**Distance:** 190 km

Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is included from Sofia Airport (SOF) at set times. Pick-up time on Day 1 is available between noon and 4:00pm. Drop-off on the last day is between 11:00am and 3:00pm.

**Tack:** Both Western and English high quality Endurance saddles: Ortho-Flex, Podium, Barefoo and other good quality models.

**Horses:** Shagya Arabs, East-Bulgarian breed, Anglo-Arabs and other warm blood horses.  
From 150 to 165 cm

**Pace:** 3 to 5 riding hours per day. Usually 40 % walking, 30 % trotting and 30 % cantering.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2.5 to 4 out of 5) Low Intermediate

**Age:** Min 12 Max 75

**Weight:** 209 lbs

**Riders:** Min 4 riders Max 10 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-BGRT06

**Rates include:** Accommodations, All your meals and beverages, 6 riding days with English speaking guide, Support vehicle with mobile phone connection & Transfer from/to Sofia airport included at set time

Guides can speak English, German or French

## Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	8 day trip, 6 riding days	€1880	\$2255

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.2 and subject to currency fluctuation

**Rates Note:**\* single supplement is mandatory if single room is requested, or if willing to share but no confirmed roommate

## Transfer Option

### Description

2026	Transfer from Sofia airport included at set time		
2026	Small group supplement (2-3 pax only), pp	€415	\$500
2026	Private transfer from Sofia, pp	€260	\$315
2026	Single supplement	€180	\$215

### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	07/25/2026 - 08/01/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip, 6 riding days
A 2026	08/08/2026 - 08/15/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip, 6 riding days

**Min/Max:** 4/10

\* custom tour date possible with minimum of 4 riders

Rates do not include: Private transfers from/to Sofia, Hard alcoholic beverages, Personal 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												
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Intern.	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 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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