

# 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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# Brazilian Beaches on Mangalarga Marchador - Brazil, South America

Tour Code: IT-BRRT05  
7 days / 6 nights ~\$2,750.00  
Dates: March to November

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

Tack: Mangalarga saddle  
Horses: Mangalarga Marchador  
Pace: Moderate with trots and canters.  
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Natal



## Introduction

Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil

Ride with Mangalarga Marchador horses from an award winning breeder on some of Brasil's most beautiful beaches.

Rio Grande do Norte is host to some of the Brazil's most spectacular coastlines characterised by tropical beaches (many of them fronted by reefs with natural pools and backed by tall dunes or cliffs). The locals, known as *potiguares*, are very friendly and welcoming.

The Mangalarga Marchador originates from cross-breeding of Portuguese Lusitano Alter Real and Berber horses. This breed displays four gaits: walk, canter, and two ambling gaits, the *marcha batida* and the *marcha picada*; both very comfortable! They are fit and forward going, well-mannered and very pleasant to ride.

Plenty of beach canter opportunities await you on this weeklong riding holiday.

## Accommodation



### Accommodations

This is a stationary ride where all nights are spent at the same location.

### Description

You are accommodated in a beautiful hotel with great views over the ocean. The rooms are spacious and come equipped with a TV, Wi-Fi access, air conditioning and private facilities. There is a small garden and a lovely outdoor pool where guests can relax in the evening.



### Room Occupancy

If we are unable to find another rider to share the room with you, a single supplement fee applied. Single room accommodations are subject to availability.





#### Meals

The program includes half board meals. Breakfasts are always included and the other included meal will sometimes be lunch or dinner, depending on the day.

Brazilian food is delicious and amazingly diverse. Brazil's staple food items consist of feijao, or black beans, farinha de mandioca (ground manioc, a root vegetable like a potato), similar to flour, and arroz, or white rice. These three ingredients are typically cooked or served with protein such as fish, red meat, or chicken. Fruits are very popular throughout Brazil and included on the wide options of food offered for breakfast.

Most meals will take place in restaurants. There is a wide variety of meals available to you on this ride, with an emphasis on fresh seafood. It is possible to eat a different dish every day, all with incredible flavors.

#### Special diets and dietary restrictions:

We can cater to special diets and dietary restrictions. Please, let us know at the time of booking.

#### Riding



#### Riding

You should be a competent rider, comfortable at all paces and confident enough to try a different style of riding. There is a variety of terrain to cross; from wide sandy beaches, mangrove forests, rainforest to cliff paths so you should be used to riding in open spaces, going up and down hills.

#### Horses

The horses are well mannered, forward going, sure footed and very obedient.

#### Pace

You ride at a walk, canter and 'travelling pace' which, being similar to a Western jog, is very comfortable. The pace of the ride varies from walk on the narrow forest trails and in the deeper sand to a faster pace (either travelling pace or canter) where the terrain allows.

#### Staff

You will be accompanied by an English speaking guide and a local guide. Both guides have good knowledge of the local area.

Your English speaking guide will be Paulo. Paulo grew up in a family (Junqueira) well known in Brazil for breeding Mangalara horses, so he was surrounded by horses since childhood. In 2006, he decided to travel all around Brazil on horseback. He then decided to travel all around the world to get to know the best horseback riding destinations and learn about different riding techniques and cultures. He loves guiding this trip because he finds that every time, the experience is different.







## Itinerary



### Sample Itinerary - Subject to changes

*Note: Please note that changes to the itinerary may be necessary because of local conditions, weather and riding experience of the group - always with your best interests in mind.*

#### Day 1: Arrival

We transfer you from Natal airport to your beach hotel in Tibau do Sul. Settle into your room and take time to meet your guide. Then, transfer to the stables where you will meet the owner of this famous stud farm. He will give you information about his award-winning horse breeding program.

Later, you will be introduced to your Mangalarga horse and you will have a riding orientation followed by a short ride.

*Meals included: none*

*Overnight in Tibau do Sul*

#### Day 2: Lagoon Ride

After breakfast, ferry crossing with the horses at Lagoa de Guarairas. Today, our ride starts at Malembá beach (in case of high tide, option to ride through the sand dunes). The coastline is beautiful, certainly one of the most stunning tropical places you've ever seen. During the trail we will have the opportunity to glimpse at one of the most beautiful views of the Potiguar coast. Our lunch break usually takes place on the edge of the Lagoon, with the option of authentic potiguar shrimp in a typical beach restaurant.

After lunch we head towards Lagoa do Carcará, passing through the Mata Redonda ecological reserve where we will make a stop. On the way we will also visit the store at Fazenda Brasileira Augusta, producer of the famous Papary and Vila Imperial de Papary, cachaças (Brazilian typical drink made of sugar cane) that were born in the slave quarters of colonial Brazil. End of the ride at Lagoa do Carcará. The horses return by truck to the stables and we return by car to the hotel (about 40 minutes).

*Riding approx. 24 km*

*Meals included Breakfast & Lunch or Dinner*

*Overnight in Tibau do Sul*

#### Day 3: Praia de Baía Formosa to Praia da Pipa

This morning, you leave the hotel by car to Baía Formosa (approximately 50 minutes). There, we start our ride to Barra do Cunhaú where we will take a ferry with horses (on both shores, beach huts with snacks and drinks), on our way to Sibaúna. We will cross river Catu on horseback, before arriving at the chapadão de Pipa.

On today's ride, we will cross rivers, coconut tree plantations, dunes and coves. At the end of the ride, we will enjoy the beautiful view from the top of the cliffs.

*Riding approx. 25 km*

*Meals included Breakfast & Lunch or Dinner*

*Overnight in Tibau do Sul*

#### Day 4: Tibau do Sul Ride

Today, we head to the stables by car (10 minutes) and start riding through sugar cane fields and an Atlantic rainforest. Eventually, we join trails leading to Tibau do Sul. Our ride goes through stunning landscapes along the beaches of Tibau do Sul, Cacimbinhas and Madeiro. After lunch at the beach, it is time to ride back to the stables.

*Riding approx. 22 km*

*Meals included Breakfast & Lunch or Dinner*

*Overnight in Tibau do Sul*

#### Day 5: Sibaúna Ride

We start riding towards Praia do Giz, where we ride along the seafront, going past fishing boats. In Pipa, we enter the city and follow the streets until we reach the chapadão, where we stop to drink coconut water, with a beautiful view of Praia do Amor. We then head towards Praia das Minas and through there enjoy a brisk gallop until we reach Sibaúna. There, we stop for a snack and head to the canal, that we cross with the horses.

The horses return to the stables by truck and we spend some time in the water before returning to the hotel by car.

*Riding approx. 36 km*

*Meals included Breakfast & Lunch or Dinner*

*Overnight in Tibau do Sul*

#### Day 6: Stables Ride

For our last day, free morning to enjoy the hotel pool and beaches.

In the afternoon, we leave for the stables where we will get to know a little about the history of the Stables and its award-winning stud. Then we set off for the last ride, going through the pastures where the mares and foals are.

*Riding approx. 22 km*

*Meals included Breakfast & Lunch or Dinner  
Overnight in Tibau do Sul*

**Day 7: Departure**

After breakfast transfer to the airport.

*Meals included Breakfast*

**Other Info**

**Meeting:** Tibau do Sul

**Airport:** Natal

**Transfer:** Natal Airport

**Distance:** 93 km

Transfer is included from/to Natal

**Tack:** Mangalarga saddle

**Horses:** Mangalara Marchador

**Pace:** Moderate with trots and canters.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 5 out of 5) Intermediate to Advanced

**Weight:** 220 lbs

**Riders:** Min 4 riders

Max 10 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-BRRT05

Rates include: Accommodations, Half board, 5 riding days, Ferry tickets & Transfers from/to Natal.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	7 day trip	\$2750

Transfer Option

Description

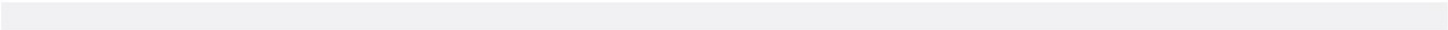
2024	Transfer from/to Natal at set times, per car (1-3 pax), return	\$350
2024	Single supplement	\$735

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 4/10

Rates do not include:Some meals, Gratuities & Insurance (mandatory)





# 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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