

# Hidden Trails

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- 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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# On the trace of the Mangalarga Marchador - Brazil, South America

Tour Code: IT-BRRT08  
9 days / 8 nights ~\$0.00  
Dates: All year round

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

Tack: Brazilian/Australian style saddles  
Horses: Mangalarga Marchador  
Pace: About 6 hours in the saddle per day, g...  
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Guarulhos International Airport of São Paulo (GRU)



## Introduction

Rio/Sao Paulo, Brazil

On this riding trip we take you to the South-Eastern State of Minas Gerais traveling back to the colonial times and to the origin of Brazil's national pride; the Mangalarga Marchador horse. This journey is entirely devoted to this very special Brazilian horse.

During our trail ride we will overnight at the colonial stud farm of the Junqueira family where the first Mangalarga horse was registered and we will visit and stay at other important breeding farms from the 17th and 18th century. Beside learning all about this very special horse breed, we will spend our hours in the saddle along beautiful bridle paths and the Estrada Real, visiting colonial towns. You will also meet the great local people and taste the best food and cachaça of the country.

## Accommodation



### Accommodations

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

### Description

We overnight in authentic colonial Farms. Some farms have shared bathrooms. Several of the farms have a nice swimming pool.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1 & 2: Fazenda Roseta

Night 3 & 4: Fazenda São Sebastião

Night 5: Fazenda São Pedro

Night 6: Fazenda Angai

Night 7: Fazenda Haras Norremose

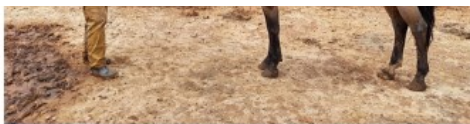
Night 8: Fazenda Favacho



### Fazenda Roseta

This historic fazenda offers simple but comfortable rooms surrounded by horses and nature. Each room is equipped with a fan and a private bathroom (located outside the bedroom). There is free Wi-Fi available in





common areas.

#### **Fazenda São Sebastião**

This beautiful colonial farmhouse dating from the 19th century was recently restored. Each of the 5 bedrooms feature antique furniture and ensuite facilities. Guests are welcome to relax in the common room, the garden or take a dip in the pool.

#### **Fazenda São Pedro**

This fazenda was built in 1830 in the typical colonial style of the time. It started welcoming guest in 1995 after some renovations. The cozy bedrooms all include Wi-Fi access, a fan and a private bathroom. The fazenda is surrounded by nature and even has its own small private reserve with a waterfall. There is also a pool where guests can cool off after a long day in the saddle.

#### **Fazenda Favacho**

The hacienda saw the development of the Magalarga Marchador horse breed during the 19th century. Since, then, the farmhouse continued to keep its original charm, and now, guests can sleep in the beautifully preserved rooms, furnished and decorated with many antiques.

#### **Room Occupancy**

Single supplement is not mandatory if you are willing to share.



#### **Meals**

All meals are included from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on the last day.

Brazil has a rich cuisine. The country is a mixture of European, Indian, African and Asian cultures and this is reflected in the way the Brazilians cook. Especially the Italian and African cuisines have great influence on Brazilian cuisine. Fusion cuisine is big in Brazil. Brazilians also like to serve dishes from different countries on one table.

The Brazilian cuisine is delicious, varied and uses many natural ingredients. The main dishes are mostly served with rice, beans (Feijão) and sauces, with lots of meat or fish and salads. Each region has its own traditional dishes. One of the most popular local dish is the Churrasco = Brazilian BBQ. Minas Gerais, where the trail ride is taking place, is known for serving some of the best cuisine in the country and for making the best Cachaça = a Brazilian sugarcane brandy. In this part of Brazil you can drink water from the tap and eat without problems fresh vegetables, fruit and ice cream.

Alcoholic drinks are not included in this trip, but guests are welcome to bring their own if they wish.

#### **Dietary Restrictions**

We can cater to all dietary restrictions with prior notice.

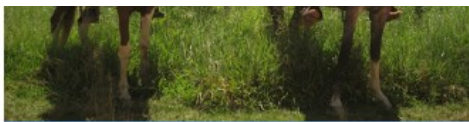
#### **Riding**



#### **Horses**

On this trail, we use purebred Mangalarga Marchador, beautiful and responsive horses, easy to ride. They have four gaits: the walk, the canter, and two ambling gaits, the marcha batida and the marcha picada; it does not trot. Francisco Gabriel Junqueira, Baron of Alfenas, began breeding his imported Lusitano to the mares on his farm (primarily Barbs, along with other breeds brought to Brazil). The result was a smooth-gaited, attractive horse





which the baron called Sublime. Junqueira sold some of the Sublimes to a friend who had a farm in Paty do Alferes, Rio de Janeiro. The farm's name was Mangalarga, and the owner rode Sublimes to and from Rio de Janeiro. In Rio, people noticed the smooth-gaited, attractive Sublimes and began calling them Mangalargas. Later they added the word "Marchador", what means walker, because of its smooth gait.



#### Riding

On average we ride 6 hours per day. Suitable for intermediate to experienced riders. You should be confident on a horse at all paces. The pace is varied and includes walk, trot and canter.

#### Itinerary



#### Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

*Note: We will do everything possible to follow the indicated itinerary, although spot changes can occur due to unforeseen circumstances. Rides are subject to change depending on weather, location and difficulty of terrain. In the unlikely event that this happens on your trip, we ask you flexibility and understanding. This is a sporty and adventurous vacation!*

#### Day 1: Arrival in São Paulo

Pick up at the International airport of Guarulhos in São Paulo and transfer (3hrs drive) to Fazenda Roseta in the state of Minas Gerais. Arrival at the impressive farm built by Baron Maciel in 1738. Welcome drink, meet & greet with the guides and assistance team, check into the rooms and visit of the stables and horses.

Dinner & overnight at the farm.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at Fazenda Roseta

#### Day 2: Ride to Caixambú

After a typical Minas Gerais breakfast, we take the old Baron bridle path towards the city of Caixambú, known for its mineral waters. Caixambú is also home to some very high standard breeding stables of Mangalarga Marchador horses. We will visit one of these breeders, where we will have the opportunity to see the best specimens of the breed. We return through a beautiful countryside back to Fazenda da Roseta.

Riding approx. 25 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Fazenda Roseta

#### Day 3: Fazenda da Roseta to Fazenda São Sebastião

After a delicious breakfast we set off towards the cradle of the Mangalarga Marchador horse, Cruzília, one of the towns along the Estrada Real / Royal Road. We will ride over mountains and beautiful valleys. In the afternoon we will visit the National Museum of the Mangalarga Marchador horse. After this interesting visit we will taste some of the county's best cheese at the Cruzília cheese factory. We will reach the beautiful colonial São Sebastião farm where we will be welcomed by Dona Maria Isabel. A dive in the swimming pool, a drink ... and dinner await us at the Fazenda São Sebastião.

Riding approx. 23 km

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Fazenda São Sebastião

#### Day 4: Ride to Fazenda Morro Grande

We start early today and ride through fantastic countryside following parts of the Estrada Real and bridle paths to





We start early today and ride through fantastic countryside following parts of the Estrada Real and other paths to Fazenda Morro Grande, home of several top stallions registered in the elite studbook of the Mangalarga breed. The genetics of the horses of this farm are present at the main breeding farms of Mangalarga horses throughout Brazil. The grooms of the farm will show us the exceptional horses and we might even get a chance to ride them! We will return by taking a trail with spectacular views over the mountains of Minas Gerais and its coffee plantations, reaching Fazenda São Sebastião in time to relax before dinner.

*Riding approx. 18 km*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Fazenda São Sebastião*

#### **Day 5: Fazenda São Sebastião to Fazenda São Pedro**

After saying farewell to the owner of Fazenda São Sebastião, we leave for another splendid location; Fazenda São Pedro. Through ancient trails and royal roads, we appreciate the stunning countryside of southern Minas Gerais on our beautiful gaited horses. After a great ride we arrive at Fazenda São Pedro. The colonial farm is now transformed in a splendid and comfortable pousada and has been in the same family for centuries.

*Riding approx. 15 km*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Fazenda São Pedro*

#### **Day 6: Fazenda São Pedro to Fazenda Angai**

We leave Fazenda São Pedro behind us and ride through a splendid countryside all the way to one of the most important breeding farms of the Mangalarga horse. The 300 year old Fazenda Angai, where we will spend the night, is the place where the first Mangalarga Marchador horse has been registered in the books of the association.

*Riding approx. 20 km*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Fazenda Angai*

#### **Day 7: Fazenda Angai to Fazenda Norremose**

From Fazenda Angai we set off through the mountains following ancient bridle paths and dirt roads crossing farms where the history of the Mangalarga Marchador horse is still present. Our destination for the night is an important studfarm called Fazenda Haras Norremose.

*Riding approx. 15 km*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Fazenda Haras Norremose*

#### **Day 8: Fazenda Norremose to Fazenda Favacho**

Riding our purebred Mangalarga Marchador horses we will travel stretches of the Estrada Real and continue experiencing the history and culture of Minas Gerais. We will ride towards the Traituba farm, which was built to receive the Emperor of Brazil. After visiting the imperial farm, we continue our ride until we arrive at the beautiful colonial farm Fazenda Favacho, built in 1761.

Aperitif and farewell dinner at the farm and a last night sleeping in a historic farm along the Royal Road.

*Riding approx. 15 km*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Fazenda Favacho*

#### **Day 9: Departure**

After breakfast, we leave with our private shuttle bus to the airport of Guarulhos in São Paulo.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

### **Other Info**

**Meeting:** Guarulhos International Airport of São Paulo (GRU)

**Airport:** Guarulhos International Airport of São Paulo (GRU)

**Train station:** --

**Transfer:** --

**Distance:** 320 km

Pick-up transfers can be arranged from the Sao Paulo airport, before noon on Day 1. On the last day, please, book flights leaving after 5:00pm from Sao Paulo airport.

**Tack:** Brazilian/Australian style saddles

**Horses:** Mangalarga Marchador

**Pace:** About 6 hours in the saddle per day, going at all paces

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 4 out of 5) Intermediate

**Weight:** 220 lbs / 100 kg

**Riders:** Min 5 riders

Max 12 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-BRRT08

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, 7 riding days & Transfers  
Backup vehicle brings your personal luggage to the daily overnight place/fazenda  
Saddle bags are provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	9 day trip	\$0

Transfer Option

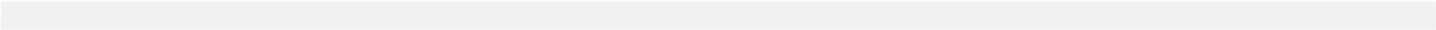
Description

2024	Transfer included from/to São Paulo airport	
2024	Single supplement if not willing to share	\$600

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
Custom dates possible year round depending on availability	

Rates do not include:Personal travel insurance (mandatory), Drinks, Personal expenses & Tips



# 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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