

# 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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# Beach and Rainforest Ride - Brazil, South America

Tour Code: IT-BRRT12B

7 days / 6 nights ~\$2,980.00

Dates: April to October (exc. July)

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging : ●●●

Tack: Australian

Horses: Peruvian Paso

Pace: Moderate, trots and canters  
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Rio de Janeiro



## Introduction

Rio/Sao Paulo, Brazil

Beach and rainforest ride in Rio de Janeiro.

Rio de Janeiro is fascinating, known in the world for its rich culture and natural beauty. Rio boasts the famous Sugarloaf Mountain and Christ the Redeemer statue, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. It is now also an excellent destination for horseback riding.

## Accommodation

### Cambonhas Beach Pousada

Located less than 50 meters from the beach, the Cambonhas Beach Pousada offers its guests all the comfort combined with the tranquility of a family atmosphere on the beachfront inn.

### Fazenda Pao Grande

In the main house of the farm, built in 1800, with many materials imported from Portugal and France. In the 1980's it underwent restoration, maintaining the initial design, preserving as much as possible the details of the furniture, objects and carpets from the 19th century. The bathrooms continue with the same structure and decoration from the colonial era. Spacious halls and bedrooms feature a collection of period furniture, rugs and rare crockery, among other pieces with great significance.

Every little part of the house tells a story. Several important personalities have passed through it over the years; the most illustrious of them was Princess Isabel in 1883. Auguste Sanit-Hilaire, a French naturalist, visiting the Farm, said: "After three days of travel, we arrived at the most important sugar mill I have seen in Brazil."

## Riding

**Ride on the coast of Niteroi** - Rio de Janeiro is justly famous for its stellar scenery. But not many international tourists bother to view it from the perspective across the bay. Which is a shame. Only 13 kilometers separate the wonderful city of Rio de Janeiro from beauties of Niteroi.

### Ride on the highlands of Paty Alferes

A bit of history:

The Portuguese royal family moved to Rio de Janeiro with the entire government structure of Portugal. Historians say that between 10,000 and 15,000 people embarked with the Portuguese royal family. British warships escorted the Portuguese ships safely to Brazil. (54 days of travel).

The Orleans and Braganca royal family has its origins in the English and French royal families and ruled Brazil between 1808 and 1889. The Monarchy of Portugal was the political regime that prevailed in Portugal between 1143 and 1910.

During the period they were in Brazil, many nobles built their summer palaces in the highlands near the capital. In one of the most beautiful of these Palaces is the farm that will host us for 3 nights. Today a breeding farm of Manga Larga Marchador (more than 200 horses), the property is not open to tourism and only receives a few private groups per year.

You will have the opportunity to explore the unique and picturesque setting of a famous stud farm. You will see behind the scenes of the stud farm's work.

### The Horses – Mangalarga Marchador

The horses are one of the highlights of this ride - the Mangalarga Marchador breed had its origin in the best horses from the Lusitano Alter stud farm that the Portuguese court brought when the Portuguese royal family moved to Brazil in 1808 as result of the Napoleonic Period and the disagreement between France and Portugal over the Continental Blockade.

### Trails in the highlands

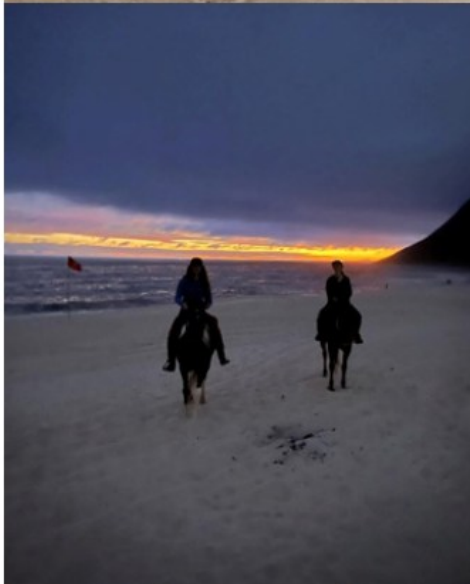
Nossa Fazenda Vilarejo (Sucupira) – FNV has 180 hectares distributed in areas for the preservation of springs and coffee plantations. One of the few farms that still grows coffee in the region. With its eyes focused on the production of special coffee, the Farm invests in the syntropy model, to establish the bases for its planting in an Agroforestry format, associating the cultivation of typical forest species, such as life cycle trees, in the same management area, along with agricultural crops. They use all available technology to reproduce the perfect functioning of ecosystems, recovering water, forests and soil – a synthesis of nature itself.

Agroforestal Cafezal: The farm invested in the implementation of thought-out and planned "vegetable gardens". In addition to the coffee seedlings, many native and fruit trees were planted such as Avocado, Mango, Mangostim, Bananeira, Jamelão, Mutamba and many other species. "We discovered that agroforestry coffee is very special, as it restores the original conditions of coffee cultivation, which is a plant native to African forests. The shade of the trees allows the fruit to develop its full sweet flavor, without burning prematurely under the strong sun." Our lunch that day will be at the Fazenda's Cafeteria, where we will learn about the products selected by the Fazenda and learn about their processes.

Remount of the Brazilian Army – Avelar Instruction Camp - The word coudelaria comes from captain, or more precisely from coudel, which means Cavalry Captain. The term was created in Portuguese lands to designate the head of an establishment where horses of different breeds were bred. One of the best-known stud farms in Rio de Janeiro was installed in the Avelar neighborhood, in Paty do Alferes. The organizations created as Military Remontas comprised Specialized Veterinary Sections directly linked to the Supply Directorate involved with all Military Organizations of the Army that administered an approved animal force ready for use in the country's various security activities. The Avelar Stud Farm was deactivated in 1974.

## Itinerary

**Day 1:** Transfer from Rio de Janeiro–Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport (GIG) - if requested. Reception at the ranch located in Niteroi, 13 kilometers from the city of Rio de Janeiro on the outskirts of the Serra da Tiririca



Ecological Park. Presentation of the horses and brief orientation for the next days' ride.  
Overnight in Camboinhas Beach Pousada Hotel\*

\*The hotel is located only 50 meters from the beautiful and peaceful beach of Camboinhas, and just 15 minutes from Itacoatiara beach, chosen by TripAdvisor as the 12th best Brazilian beach.

**Day 2:** Start of the trail ride in Serra da Tiririca Ecological Park forest, where we will pass through a section covered by the expedition of naturalist scientist Charles Darwin in 1832. After crossing the mountain, we will follow a dirt road, arrive at Praia de Itaipuaçu. After ride on the beach, we stop for lunch and return to the Ranch. Overnight at the Camboinhas Beach Pousada Hotel.

**Day 3:** After breakfast head to the Ranch and start riding towards the beach. After ride on the beach, we stop for snacks and lunch, and return to the Ranch. Overnight at the Camboinhas Beach Pousada hotel.

**Day 4:** After breakfast, transfer (2h 30m) to the Pao Grande farm in Paty Alferes, in the heart of the old Vale do Café, a mountainous region in the state of Rio de Janeiro, with beautiful landscapes and many stories of Brazil. A journey through time is part of the experience of staying at one of the most extraordinary Brazilian rural properties. In the afternoon we can do a short ride and visit the Pao Grande horse stud farm, which with more than 250 horses (many of them has won several awards). Overnight at Pao Grande farm in Paty Alferes.

**Day 5 & 6:** During the next 2 days we will ride for about 4 hours a day, passing through the eucalyptus plantation at Fazenda da Posse; by Vila Rica Farms; Our Aldeia Farm (Sucupira) where we will discover its agroforestry coffee plantation; Fazenda Santa Lúcia, where we cross forest and pasture areas where around 100 breeding mares of Haras Pao Grande cattle live and we will see a lot of Nellore (Brahman) cattle in the pastures (the farm has around 1000 of them) and the Remonta Instruction Field – Avelar of the Brazilian Army. Overnight at Pao Grande farm in Paty Alferes.

**Day 7:** Departure after breakfast.

*Note - the itinerary maybe changed depending on weather conditions and in accordance with the prevailing conditions by the organizing team.*

## Other Info

**Meeting:** Rio de Janeiro

**Airport:** Rio de Janeiro

**Transfer:** Rio de Janeiro

**Distance:** 115km / 71.4 miles

Pick-up/ drop-off is available from Rio de Janeiro–Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport (GIG) at anytime of the day. Check-out after breakfast on the last day.

**Tack:** Australian

**Horses:** Peruvian Paso

**Pace:** Moderate, trots and canters

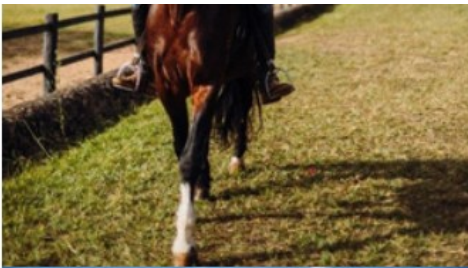
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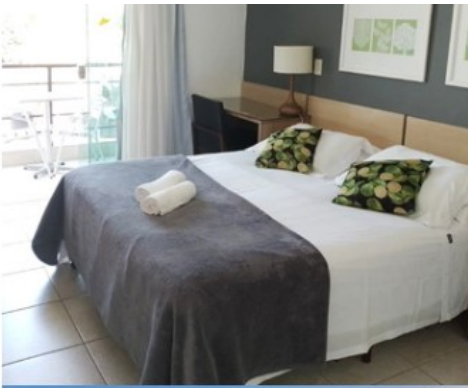
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**Weight:** 100 kg

**Riders:** Min 6 riders

Max 10 riders





## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-BRRT12B

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals & 5 riding days  
English and German-speaking guides available

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	7 day trip	\$2980

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Single supplement	\$800
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#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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This ride is available any date between April and October (expect for the month of July). We need the booking at least 1 month before the date of the ride)

Rates do not include: Transfers from/to Rio de Janeiro & 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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