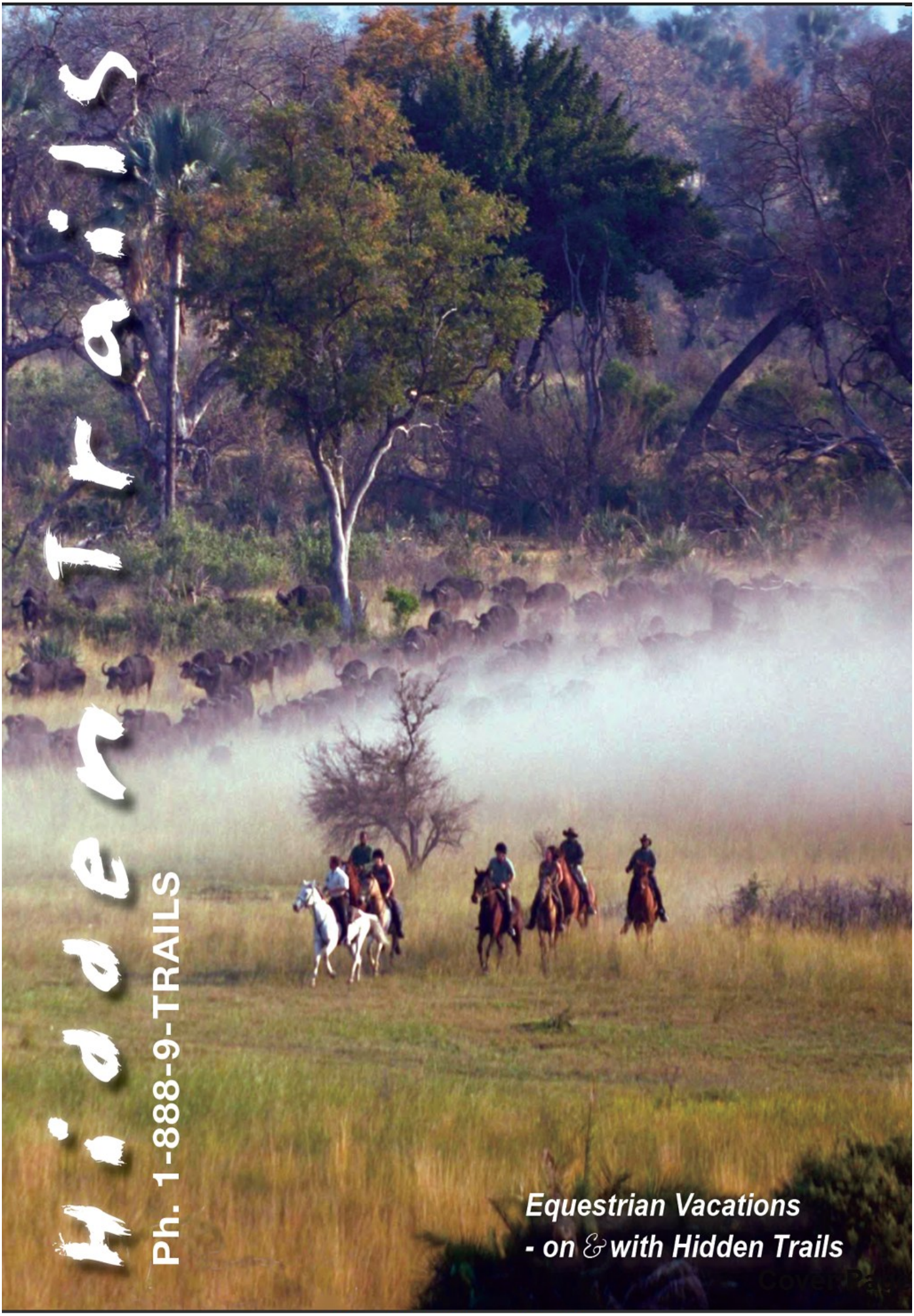

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About Hidden Trails



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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Freedom Ride from Chile to Argentina - Chile, South America

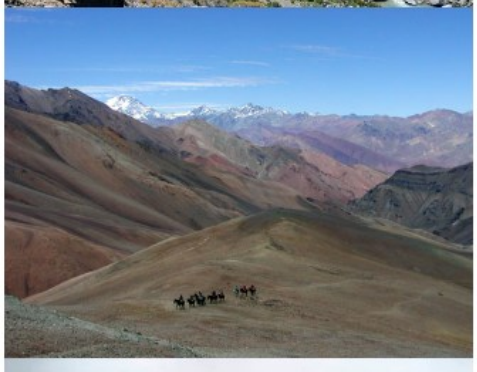
Tour Code: IT-CHRT05
10 days / 9 nights ~$0.00
Dates: Jan to March

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging: BASIC

Tack: South American Recado saddle. Very com...
Horses: Argentine and Chilean criollo horses a...
Pace: On mountain trails mostly walking. The...

Airport: Santiago / Mendoza






Introduction

Central, Chile
The legendary crossing of the Andes through the route taken by San Martín in 1817.

While the roar of freedom was still heard in France and U.S., its echo rolled into South America... patriotic voices with gigantic dreams put an end to 350 years of monarchic domination and opened an era of individual free will.

We invite you to share with us the privilege of re-enacting one of the most amazing achievements in the history of South America. Crossing the Andes on horseback through the trail that San Martín and his "Army of the Andes" did in 1817 to free the people of Chile from their European monarchs. We have the chance to feel the enormous efforts that the fathers of Chilean independence had to overcome. A trip of a lifetime, this mythical journey draws like a magnet.
This wilderness is flanked by the highest mountains in the Americas: the Aconcagua (20 900 feet) and the Mercedario (20 700 feet). It is in these uninhabited places, only reachable on horseback, where huge herds of guanacos roam freely and the Andean condor nests. Only in unique places like this can one enjoy the privilege of watching them at ease. As the sun sets, the spectacular stars of the southern hemisphere cover the sky. Relax at the camp with its peaceful atmosphere and the campfire that lightens up the darkness as you share a cup of coffee, tea or mate. All this creates the ideal ambiance to feel the timeless spirit of nature and settle each day's emotions. Only after we have reached the other side of the Andes we will be able to say that we now completely understand the exact value of each of San Martín's words: "...and to the Army of the Andes remains forever the glory of saying: in 24 days we have done the campaign, we crossed the highest mountains of the globe, we ended tyranny and gave freedom to Chile" (declared by José de San Martín, 22 February, 1817, Santiago de Chile).

This is truly a spectacular horse trek into the wild Andes range; travel from the Los Patos Mountain on a journey exploring the Chilean Andes and Argentinean Andes borderlands. Following the historic route we learn about the Chilean huasos and Argentinian gauchos and test your zest for adventure as you camp among the rugged and beautiful Andes Mountains. Rustic camps are framed by stunning glacier capped peaks as you revel in the splendor of the elevations. You will travel in the shadow of Aconcagua, the tallest mountain of all the Americas and navigate difficult mountain passes such as the Aleton Pass, 300 meters above a bold river. Even in the extreme elements an abundance of wildlife is present for riders to discover: the furry camel relative Guanacos, chinchilla-like Vizcachas and the impressive Condors, the largest flying land birds of the Western Hemisphere with a 10 foot wingspan! The semi-desert and mountain landscapes keep you involved and alert with numerous rivers and streams to cross, rocky summits and mountain passes to challenge, and chance snowfalls on a colorful, isolated setting - perfect for the adventure camping trip of your life!

You will be partnered with a mountain veteran - your sturdy Criollo bred horse - and accompanied by a guide and trusty pack mules to carry your camp essentials and belongings. Come navigate the Andes as you gain insight into the life and times of the South American cowboy and relive a little bit of history in the steps of the courageous Army of Liberation.

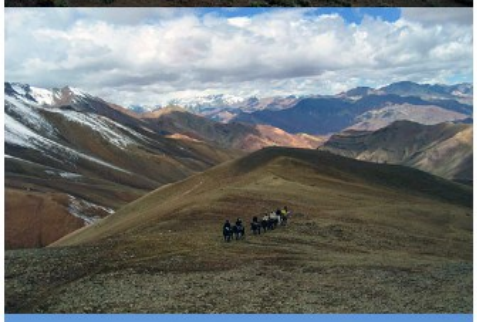
Accomodation



Accommodations
This is a progressive ride where nights are spent in different locations.

Description
Most nights on this trip are spent camping except for the first and last night which are spent in hotels in Los Andes (Chile) and Uspallata (Argentina). Wi-Fi internet and electricity is only available at the hotel accommodations.

Accommodation Itinerary - *subject to changes based on availability*
Night 1: Plaza Hotel in Los Andes
Night 2: Camping in Las Tejas
Night 3: Camping in El Cienego
Night 4 & 5: Camping in Valle Hermoso
Night 6: Camping at Rancho de Lata
Night 7: Camping at Penon Colorado







Night 8 & 9: Hotel Los Condores in Uspallata

Plaza Hotel in Los Andes
This hotel offers basic rooms in the mountain town of Los Andes, in Chile. All rooms are fitted with free Wi-Fi access, a TV, air conditioning and a private bathroom. Guests can also decide to go for a swim in the outdoor swimming pool.

Camping
While camping, nights are spent in various camps along the way. We provide you with an igloo tent but you have to provide your own mat and sleeping bag (sleeping bags can be rented for an extra fee). There are no washroom or shower facilities at any of the camps. You will experience authentic camping, meaning lakes and creeks for showering and shovels to dig a hole for washrooms.

Hotel Los Condores in Uspallata
This accommodation offers simple and comfortable ensuite rooms with free Wi-Fi access and cable TV. The hotel also has an indoor and outdoor swimming pool.

Room Occupancy
Single supplement is mandatory is we cannot find another rider to share.



Meals
All meals are included in the trip from dinner on day 1 to lunch on day 10.
Breakfasts and dinners are usually eaten at camp and lunch is eaten on the trail. The meals are simple and include BBQ, pizzas, pastas, stews…etc.

Beer/win is included with dinner and guest are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages if they want.

Dietary Restrictions
We can accommodates vegetarian and celiac diets with prior notice. However, we are unable to cater to vegans on this trip.

Riding



Pace
We will be riding at high altitude, often above 6000-9000 feet.
The pace is slow with a few trots and canters during most of the trail due to the terrain. This allows to enjoy the scenery, the conversation, take pictures, etc.
The average riding day includes 3 hours on horseback in the morning and 3 to 4 hours in the saddle during the afternoon with plenty of intermediate stops to take pictures, spend some time at specific points of interest, etc.

Horses
We assign horses according to each rider's preference. We have plenty of horses, some are more challenging while others are very easy to handle. They are sure-footed as they were all born and raised in the mountains.

Safety measures
The trails are well known by our guides. In those places we believe risky, we step down the horse and walk. In case of emergency, our guides are trained and know what to do. We carry radio equipment, first aid kits, an iridium satellite phone and oxygen bottles in case of emergency. We consider a must that all our guests follow our guide's instructions.

IMPORTANT









American citizens do not require a Visa, but Chile requires them to pay US$ 130 upon arrival.
Those under 21 years of age require legal parent authorization.
You must comply with customs regulations.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - *Subject to changes.*

NOTE: Whilst we always endeavor to avoid changes before and during the program and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so due to unusual or unforeseeable circumstances, including acts of man or nature which so require.

Day 1 - Arrival
Transfer to Los Andes town at present time around noon. Rest of day at leisure. Welcome dinner with your guides and the rest of the group.
Meals included: Dinner
Overnight at Hotel in Los Andes (Chile)

Day 2 - Los Patos to Las Tejas
Transfer from Los Andes to Los Patos. This is the route taken by San Martin´s army on his way to Santiago, through the Aconcagua Valley and the Putaendo Valley. We will see the site where on 12 February 1817, the Chacabuco battle took place. On 14 February, San Martín and O'Higgins entered Santiago de Chile to declare the independence. At Los Patos, the Chilean horses and gauchos will be waiting for us. Migrations at local authorities to allow us to cross this unattended border. We ride upstream the Rocin river to Las Tejas, our first campsite.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping in Las Tejas (Chile)

Day 3 - Las Tejas to El Ciénego
We are riding the Pacific Ocean watersheds. We move up the Rocín river canyon.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping in El Ciénego (Chile)

Day 4 - El Ciénego to Valle Hermoso
We leave early in the morning to reach the international border at 3500 mts. Changing horses is mandatory so we say farewell to our Chilean horses and continue our ride with an Argentine team who came all the way to fetch us. We will have a very close view of the Aconcagua Mt. (6962 mts. – 20 900ft), the highest peak in America and Western Hemisphere. Night at Valle Hermoso. For an obvious reason, it is called "Beautiful Valley".
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping in Valle Hermoso (Argentina)

Day 5 - Ride around Valle Hermoso
We spend a second day at this heavenly spot to rest. Today we will do a day ride along the valley to get a closer view of Mount Aconcagua. Easy going and at your own pace. Or you can just go trout fishing or stay at camp and relax. Dinner at campsite.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping in Valle Hermoso (Argentina)

Day 6 - Valle Hermoso to Rancho de Lata
We ride along the Los Patos Valley, which gives the name to this pass and is an old sea bottom full of marine fossils, and the Volcán river. We camp at 3500 mts. in Rancho de Lata to get ready for next day challenge.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping at Rancho de Lata (Argentina)

Day 7 - Rancho de Lata to Peñón Colorado
Today we cross the Espinacito Slope at 4500 mts. (13 500 ft.) high. This is the highest point of the journey. The landscape is daydreaming and makes us feel the titanic efforts that the Army of the Andes had to overcome. Night at Peñón Colorado.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping at Peñón Colorado (Argentina)

Day 8 - Peñón Colorado to Hornillas
After breakfast we ride to Hornillas. The challenge is almost over and we now fully grasp the real meaning of the crossing. Say farewell to our horses and leave behind the adventure. We go to Uspallata town by minibus.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hotel in Uspallata (Argentina)

Day 9 - Uspallata
A day for a well deserved rest in this mountain villa with several optional activities like rafting, biking, trekking, or just relaxing at the pool.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hotel in Uspallata (Argentina)

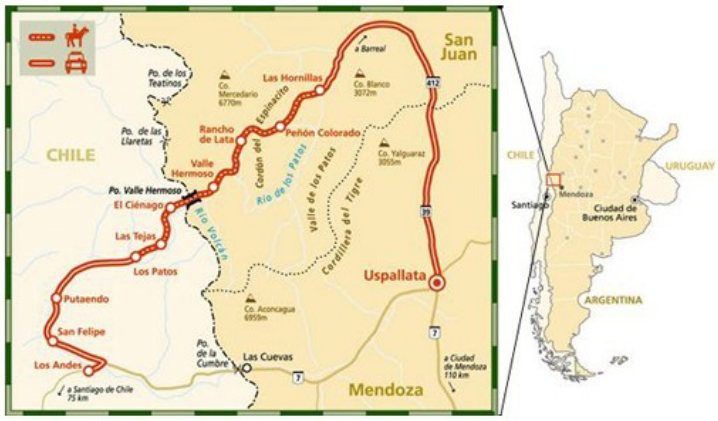








Day 10 - Mendoza wines and airport
This day will be very gourmet: wine making and tasting and a superb lunch. From Uspallata we leave early to Luján de Cuyo. This area is now known worldwide for producing several of Argentina's best wines. Your visit to Mendoza would not be complete without a visit to the famous Club Tapiz boutique winery. During this private visit, we will have the chance to taste their premium wines directly from the oak casks. Lunch at the winery. Transfer to Mendoza city airport. End of program.
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch



Optional Extra days:

Buenos Aires: Take some time to visit the city and learn about its icons in a very special way: tango, Plaza de Mayo, Casa Rosada's balcony, Eva Peron, etc. Lunch not included. In the evening we attend a tango show w/dinner and a tango lesson. Night in hotel.

Rafting: Rafting on the River Mendoza, the region's best. 5-7 miles on the rapids surrounded by awesome scenery. The level of difficulty of this river is OK for everyone (level 2.5-3), thus combining adventure with safety.

Climbing and rappel: Rappel a natural wall located in a deep gorge in the Andes. Before we start, the instructors will teach the basics that will help enjoy the experience of climbing this wall using ropes. This activity does not need any previous training and there is no age limit. 4hs and 30 min.

Trekking: Towards the Cerro de la Cruz (6900 ft.) we reach the base of the mountain. This a a trek of medium difficulty that can be done by everyone. Highly recommended for young people who are fond of nature and like awesome mountain landscapes.

Other Info

Meeting: Santiago
Airport: Santiago / Mendoza
Transfer: Santiago airport or hotel
Distance: 40 miles
Meeting is in Santiago de Chile city around 2pm. Trip ends in Mendoza, Argentina

Tack:	South American Recado saddle. Very comfortabe for long rides.	
Horses:	Argentine and Chilean criollo horses and mules. If you have a specific requirement abou riding horses or mules you have to ask in advance at time of making your reservation	
Pace:	On mountain trails mostly walking. The terrain is the challenge rather than speed. We ride to 6-9 hours a day. Physically demanding trip. Suitable for novice to experienced riders who are looking for a real riding expedition.	
Level:	(2.5 to 4 out of 5)	Low Intermediate+
Age:	Min 12	Max 70
Weight:	220 lbs / 100 kg	
Riders:	Min 6 riders	Max 14 riders

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Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Beer/wine with dinner, Transfer from Santiago de Chile to Los Andes at pre-set time on Day 1, Transfer from Uspallata to Mendoza on Day 10, Camping equipment, 7 riding days & Oxygen bottle for high altitude.
Saddlebags are provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer from Santiago Airport included	
2026	Return bus ticket to Santiago de Chile	$60
2026	Return flight ticket to Santiago de Chile (approx. $150- please inquire)	
2026	Small group supplement (4-5 pax only), pp	$900
2026	Small group supplement (2-3 pax only), pp	$1900
2026	Single supplement	$350

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates

* custom tour dates possible between December to March -- please inquire

Rates do not include:Gratuities, Return transfer to Santiago on Day 10 & Travel and Medical Insurance (mandatory).
You have to provide your own mat and sleeping bag (sleeping bags can be rented for $20 ahead of time)

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	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Interm.	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 maling address):

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I have enclosed a check for the deposit ◯

Additional Signatures:

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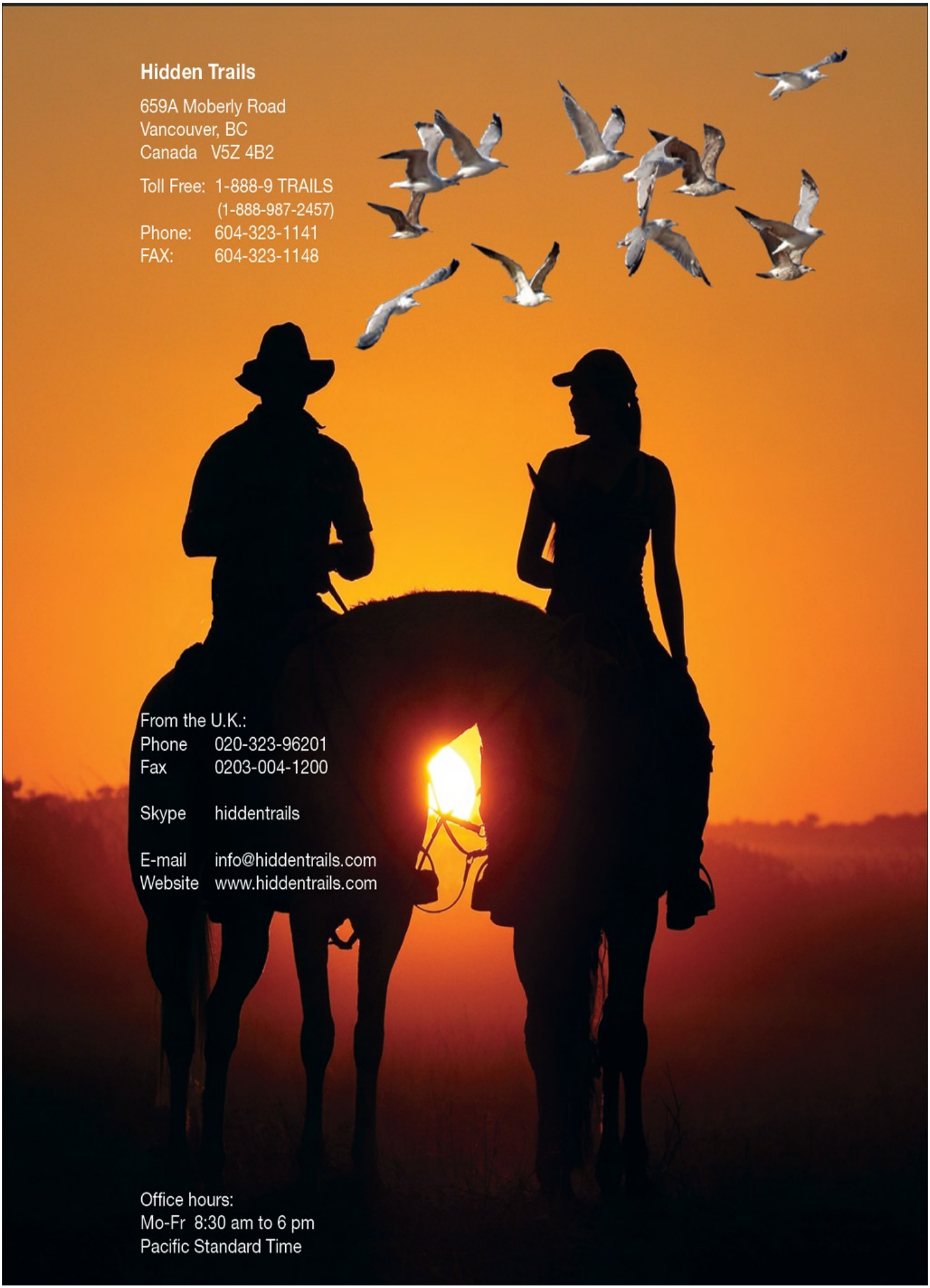
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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