

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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Orinoquia Natural Reserve Ride - Colombia, South America

Tour Code: IT-COL03
7 days / 6 nights ~\$3,360.00
Dates: All year

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

Tack: McClellan saddles known in the eastern...

Horses: Colombian Creole horses, some with qua...

Pace: Based on the experience - Walking 80%,... Walk, Trot,

Airport: Bogota



Introduction

Orinoquia, Colombia

In this tour we will ride through the natural reserves of the Orinoquia.

Hato La Aurora is a Natural Reserve of the Civil Society (RNSC - Reservas Naturales de la Sociedad Civil) of 17,000 hectares, in which 16,000 are currently Important Area for the Conservation of Birds (AICA - Área Importante para la Conservación de las Aves). The trip time to the hato is about 5 hours starting from Yopal to Totumo - Paz de Ariporo over 180 km by land. Altitude of 320 meters above sea level.

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a progressive ride where nights are spent in 3 different locations.

Description

All accommodations on this trip offer basic comfort and warm hospitality. Wi-Fi is only available while staying at hotels in Bogota and Yopal.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1: Hotel in Bogota

Nights 2, 3, 4 & 5: Hato la Aurora (3 nights at Ecolodge and 1 night in a fundo)

Night 6: Hotel in Yopal

Holiday Inn Airport Hotel in Bogota

This hotel, conveniently located just a few minutes away from the airport, offers modern rooms. All rooms are equipped with free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, satellite TV and a private bathroom.

Eco Lodge Juan Solito

During your stay here, you will be surrounded by nature while enjoying basic comfort and privacy. This accommodation overlook the Ariporo River and offers to sleep in a private palm tree cabin with its own bathroom. There are also some rooms located in the main building, all with private bathrooms as well. All rooms are equipped with light and a fan. The architecture follows the traditional style of the region with high ceilings. There is no Wi-Fi available at this property.

Holiday Inn Express in Yopal

This recent hotel offers comfortable ensuite rooms all fitted with a TV, air conditioning, a safe and a coffee machine. There is also a beautiful outdoor pool on the rooftop, offering views of the city.

Hampton by Hilton in Yopal

Rooms all come with air conditioning, a mini fridge, a safe and a private bathroom. There is a rooftop with great views over the mountains and the city.

Room Occupancy

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

Meals

All meals are included in the trip. The food is local Colombian cuisine. All meals are eaten at the accommodations.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding





Itinerary



Sample itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1: Arrival

Transfer from El Dorado airport to Hotel in Bogotá.

Overnight at Hotel in Bogotá

Day 2: Fundo Cascabel Ride

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for the flight from Bogotá to Yopal in the morning, then transfer to the hato la Aurora. Welcome at the hato, general orientation about lodging, activities, and meet the horses. Once comfortable after lunch, we will ride to the Fundo (typical house in the hato inhabited by the people that takes care of the natural reserve) Cascabel to admire the Llanero sunset, then we return to the hotel and tour through the facilities, and finally, dinner.

Riding 3 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Juan Solito

Day 3: Wildlife Ride

After breakfast we will cross the Ariporo river in slabs with the horses to start the great adventure through the savannas of Casanareñas full of native fauna. Then, we will go to the estuary of the babillas (Caiman crocodilus) and feed them!

We will have a typical lunch in this location to continue to the Lagoon of the Capibaras (Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris) where we will see hundreds of them. We will go through the burrows of the Morrucos o mochuelos (Athene cunicularia) to continue the green water fundo where we will sleep similar to the llanera style in hammocks with a mosquito net.

Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Fundo

Day 4: Nature Ride

We will have breakfast then we will take "the jaguar road", if we are lucky we will see some of the traces or footprints of the jaguars and pumas, then we will go to the main house of the hato that was inhabited by the Jesuits many years ago at the time of the colonization. This reserve promotes the conservation and research of these felines in agreements with the Pantera Foundation.

Here we get to admire herd of deer (Odocoileus virginianus), large herd of chigüiros (Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris), and buffaloes (Bubalus bubalis). In the corrals we will see how the horses work there and their modalities of lasso to the llanera way. At the end of the day we will get to sleep at Juan solito the Ecolodge after hearing some harp tunes, songs, and local performances. Dinner at the Ecolodge.

Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Juan Solito

Day 5: Caño el Indio Ride

On this day we will go looking for the trace of the anacondas (Eunectes murinus) in another area of the reserve. We will go to the "Caño el Indio" where we will also fish.

Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Juan Solito

Day 6: Last Ride

First breakfast then we will ride this day through the forests of native plants and orchids. We will say goodbye to the horses and go sailing through the majestic Ariporo River to the Caño del Indio. Lunch and then departure to Yopal. Dinner and overnight in Yopal.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch



Other Info

Meeting: Bogota airport

Airport: Bogota

Transfer: Bogota






Pick-up / Drop-off is included from El Dorado Luis Carlos Galán Sarmiento International Airport, in Bogotá. Transfers from hotels in Bogotá are also possible for an extra fee (please inquire).

Tack: McClellan saddles known in the eastern Llanos as tortoisés and some cowboy chairs produced in Colombian factories will be used and available

Horses: Colombian Creole horses, some with quarter-mile crosses, all the horses are born and bred in the savannas of the Llanos, fed with the native pastures

Pace: Based on the experience - Walking 80%, trail and jog 15%, canter 5%.

Walk | Trot |

Level:      (1 to 3 out of 5) Beginner to Experienced

Weight: 200 lbs

Riders: Min 4 riders

Max 15 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-COL03

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Transfers including return flight Bogotá-Yopál, Activities as desribed in the itinerary, 5 riding days & Personal accident insurance, during the stay

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	7 day trip	\$3360

Gratuities:10 %

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Small group supplement (2-3 pax only), pp	\$850
2024	Small group supplement (1 pax only)	\$1475
2024	Single supplement	\$360

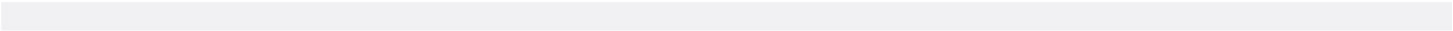
Tour Dates

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

Min/Max: 4/15

Sold Out Dates (as of 5/17/21): Dec 22 2021 to Jan 2 2022

Rates do not include: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 Inter.	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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