



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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Casanare Cattle Drive - Colombia, South America

Tour Code: IT-COL05
6 days / 5 nights ~\$3,110.00
Dates: May & Nov.

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,Canter,

Airport: Bogota



Introduction

Orinoquia, Colombia

Only twice a year "Work of the llano" is culturally done in the cattle ranches or hato in the Casanare region. It's given this name for having more than a thousand hectares and more than a thousand head of cattle where the hato are collected for the vaccination cycles also marking and counting of the new born calves is done.

The work of the llanos in the cattle ranches of Casanare only takes place in the months of May and November, can last from a week to a month according to the size and amount of cattle it has. The hato where you can go and live the experience are, Altimira, Mata de Palma, Boral and Barley according to your travel date.

Accommodation

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This is a stationary ride where nights are spent at the same location (Hato) except for the first night which is in a hotel on Bogota.

Description

During this trip, most of the nights are spent in a Hato.

For those who want to sleep in a bed, we usually use Hato La Aurora, but depending on the date of the tour, we might use other Hatos such as Hato Altamira, Hato Mata de Palma and Hato Santana.

For those who want to sleep in a hammock, we usually use Hato Barley.

If you would prefer to camp, this is also an option, just let us know at the time of booking.

Holiday Inn Airport Hotel in Bogota

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

Hato La Aurora (bed option)

During your stay here, you will be surrounded by nature while enjoying basic comfort and privacy. This accommodation 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. There is no Wi-Fi available at this property.

Hato Barley (hammock option)

Here, you will sleep like an authentic Colombian cowboy (llanero), in hammocks with mosquito netting. Bathrooms and external showers are available and are shared between guests. Wi-Fi is available at this property.

Room Occupancy

Single supplement is mandatory if 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. This trip includes some wine/ beer with dinner.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding





THE HATO BARLEY

A cattle ranch located between the towns of Tauramena and Maní, two hours from the city of Yopal, the capital of Casanare. For its savannas more than 350 horses gallop in semi-wild state, some of them are mounted once or twice a year for the work of the llanos. This place has an extensive livestock of more than six thousand heads of cattle.

In the horseback riding tours you can have the experience of going deep into the forests, passing through the wetlands, riding through the floodplain savannas, the canals and estuaries. We will find more than nine thousand hectares of the hato, observing white-tailed deer, chigüiros, alligators, picures, wild pigs and more than 200 species of birds - many of them easy to observe. In its lagoons artisanal fishing is done catching the "curito" fish which is rich in proteins and vitamins.

In this location throughout the year is ideal for walking and taking pictures of the fauna and beautiful landscapes in our photographic safari plans.

Also notable in this location is the Anaconda Guio (*Eunectes murinus*) which pairs in the month of March, felines, such as the puma or American lion, foxes, palm bears, among many other species.

Only twice a year you can participate in the called work of the llano, you can do it in the middle and end of the months of May and November. The dates are normally scheduled when the water comes in and out of the hato, this happens when summer season changes to rainy season or vice versa; the savannas are either flooded or dried, this is the reason the date varies in the different hatos.

The livestock is picked up by the cowboys daily and taken to the corral where they work with the cattle day by day. Some days they work with between six hundred and eight hundred head of cattle depending on how many they collected in the extensive savannas. In the Hato Barley there is "Cimarrones" cattle- these are wild cattle that have no iron because they hide in the bushes and have never gone through a corral.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

The work begins daily during these two seasons 4:00am when the workers who have slept in a hammock with a mosquito net get up, have a coffee, and go out to look for their horses to saddle. At dawn (5:00am), they leave towards the place of the savanna chosen for the rodeo of that day. They have not had breakfast, but they carry their "bastimento" (beef or pork mince, cheese, fried green plantain slices and fried wheat flour tortillas) in a cloth bag. Towards 10:00, 11:00 or later, they arrive at the rodeo of cattle or horses that they will work that day in the corral. Then they have breakfast. Immediately after, they are ready to do the work in the corrals with the horses or with the cattle they have brought. Work tasks include deworming, counting, and marking. This lasts until 4:00pm or 6:00pm and riders are rewarded with a late lunch. Then the anecdotes of the day are discussed and sung accompanied by a cuatro (small 4-string guitar). At 8:00 pm they sleep in the chinchorro with mosquito net until the next day.

Day 1: Arrival

Transfer from El Dorado airport to the Hotel in Bogotá.
Overnight at Hotel in Bogotá

Day 2: Introduction & Sunset Ride

Breakfast at the hotel then transfer from the hotel to the El Dorado airport and flight to the city of El Yopal. At the Alcaravan airport we will pick you up to transfer to the hato located 2 hours from Yopal. General orientation and welcome at the hato then lunch. Introduction of scheduled activities in the plan of work of the llanos. Familiarization with the horses, travel to Palma triste to observe the sunset over the lagoon. We will see in the route: deer, chigüiros, birds in their natural habitat. Finally dinner at the hato.

Riding 3 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hato Blanco (bed option) or La Aurora (hammock option)



Day 3: Llanero Culture

A metallic sound at 4AM in the morning indicates that it's time to take a Colombian coffee and ride the horses. Before the sunrise, the llaneros collect the horses to then transfer them to the corral. Breakfast around 10-11AM and then work in the corral where you can observe the dressage of some foals (Jaripeo). About 3 or 4 horses are given to each llanero. Typical lunch, traditionally taken in the afternoon between 3-4PM. Afterwards, the llanero takes out his musical instruments and relaxes for the rest of the day. Dinner at the ható.

Riding 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hato Blanco (bed option) or La Aurora (hammock option)

Day 4: Cattle Drive & Rope Making

We will have coffee and ride on the horses to go for the first batch of cattle drive.

At the end of the afternoon, we will participate in the elaboration of ropes that are made with untanned leather in a traditional way as we will see an artisanal work with the horse's mane.

Riding 6 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hato Blanco (bed option) or La Aurora (hammock option)

Day 5: Cattle Drive

We will have coffee and ride the horses to go for the second batch of cattle that's fed with native pastures, second day cattle drive.

Riding 6 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hato Blanco (bed option) or La Aurora (hammock option)

Day 6: Departure

Breakfast, goodbye to the Hato, departure to the city of Yopal where we will visit the saddlers of the area, lunch, city tour and depart to the airport. Flight at the end of the afternoon.

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 | Canter |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2 to 4 out of 5) Low Intermediate

Weight: 200 lbs

Riders: Min 4 riders

Max 15 riders

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-COL05

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Transfers including return flight Bogotá - Yopal, Activities described in the itinerary, 4 riding days & Personal accident insurance, during the stay

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	6 day trip (bed option)	\$3110
B 2026	6 day trip (hammock option)	\$2850

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Small group supplement (2-3 pax only), pp	\$550
2026	Small group supplement (1 pax only)	\$975

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	05/01/2026 - 05/31/2026	6d / 5n	6 day trip (bed option)
B 2026	05/01/2026 - 05/31/2026	6d / 5n	6 day trip (hammock option)
A 2026	11/01/2026 - 11/30/2026	6d / 5n	6 day trip (bed option)
B 2026	11/01/2026 - 11/30/2026	6d / 5n	6 day trip (hammock option)

Min/Max: 4/15

This trip can be arranged at any time of the year depending on availability

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 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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