

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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Old Cattle Roads of Almeidas - Colombia, South America

Tour Code: IT-COL07

8 days / 7 nights ~\$3,100.00

Dates: Mar to Dec

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

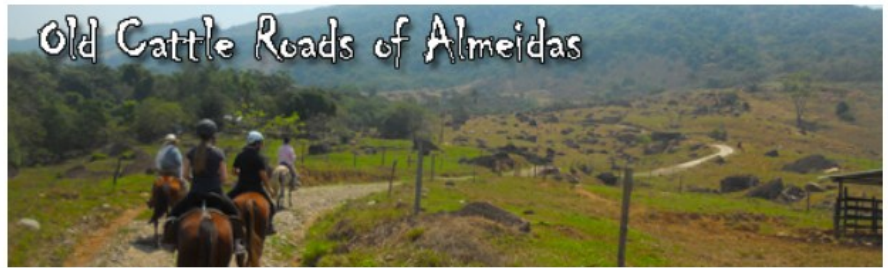
Lodging : ●●●

Track: English, McClellan with saddlebags

Horses: Angloarabs, Crosses of Angloarabs and ...

Pace: 6-10 hours each riding day, Walking 60...
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Bogotá



Introduction

Orinoquia, Colombia

Following the old cattle road of Almeida's province, you will experience almost all the different climates and vegetation existing in Colombia during your holiday. From the cold mountains near Bogotá to the burning plains of Casanare, you will descend by the Royal Road made in cobbled stone, crossing the midlands and tropical forest to finally find the magnificent landscape and wildlife of the oriental plains of Colombia: the Llanos.

Accommodation

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This is a progressive ride, so nights are spent in different locations.

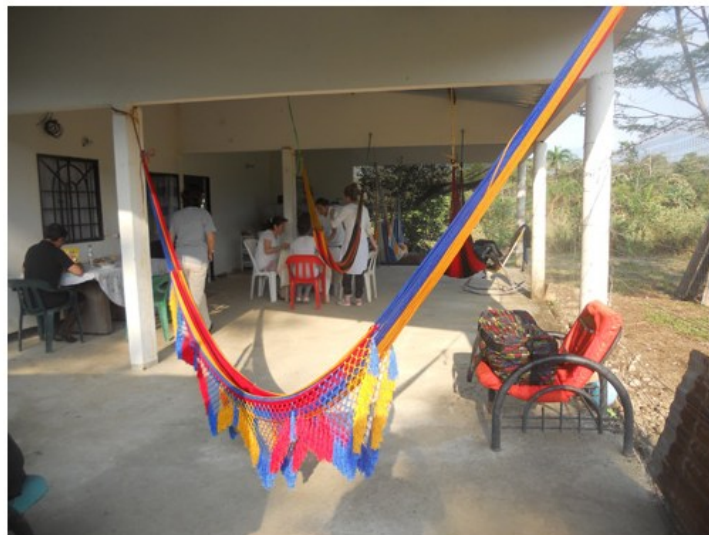
Description

On this ride, you will sleep in rural hotels or farmhouses where you will always find a clean bed and bathroom (we cannot guarantee private bathrooms for all nights). In Sabanalarga, you will sleep at a farm in hammocks, just the way the llaneros do. This is an authentic experience not to be missed!

We suggest you bring your swimsuit as there are swimming pools at the following accommodations: Macheta, Chivor and Monterrey.

Wi-Fi is available at accommodations in Bogotá and Monterrey.

Laundry can be done in Bogotá for a small fee.



Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1: Hotel in Macheta

Night 2: Hotel in Chivor

Night 3: Farmhouse in Sabanalarga

Night 4: Hotel in Monterrey

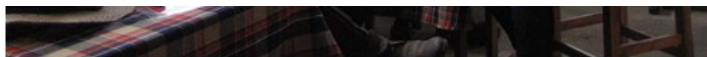
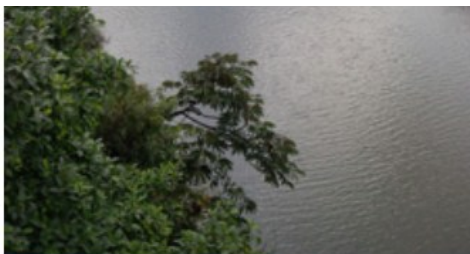
Night 5 & 6: Hato near Tauramena

Night 7: Hotel in Bogotá

Room Occupancy

We only charge a single supplement fee for solo riders who want to have their own room.





Meals

All meals are included in this trip except for the meals in Bogotá.

You will be served home-style Colombian food. Lunches are usually picnic style while dinners are taken in restaurants.

Breakfasts include eggs, bread, "arepas" (kind of corn cake) coffee, tea, chocolate, milk and fruit or juices of tropical fruits, in which Colombia has a wide variety and availability throughout the year (Pineapple, Papaya, Melon, Soursop, Feijoa, Mango, Grapefruit, Passion fruit, Lulo, etc).

For lunch we carry Sandwiches, accompanied by potato chips, various drinks (soda, beer, water) and brownies or cookies for dessert.

For dinner depending on the place it is possible to have at least two menu options normally including beef or chicken with potatoes, salad and fruit.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to vegetarians with prior notice.

Riding

Our 4 x 4 Support vehicle is in permanent communication via 2 way radios and satellite tracker with tour guides and authorities. The guides carry a First Aid Kit.

Riding Experience

This trip caters to strong intermediate riders and above as it includes several long days on horseback.

Overall, guest should come with a positive attitude and ability to listen to the guide's instructions.

Horses

Our horses are the result of a careful selection for more than 25 years, and all of them have some Colombian Criollo in their blood. Our horses have a heart marked on their left forearm. This symbol has been used on cattle and horses in family haciendas for more than 150 years.

For our trails, we like to use angloarabians crossed with Colombian Criollos as they are particularly suited for multi-day excursions and long distance rides.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

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Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival in Bogotá

After collecting all riders in Bogotá, we will drive to Machetá, a town located 1.5 hours from Bogotá. The drive will be besides the old Camino Real (Royal Road made of cobbled Stone by Indians and slaves during the Spaniard colonial period) used for hundreds of years to link the highlands with the Casanare llanos. This road was used to bring cattle on foot from the plains of Casanare to Sisga until the middle of the 20th century (a 2 weeks walk). The trip was so hard for the animals that they had to put on their feet a kind of shoes made of fique, a vegetable fiber. The mountains are astonishing and the change of vegetation and climate almost every hour is very special.

Meals included: none

Overnight at Hotel in Machetá

Day 2 (Sunday): Macheta to Chivor

This morning, after a short visit to a coffee plantation besides the hotel we continue descending to Tenza valley following the Camino Real, with a spectacular view of the mountains and the towns of Guateque, Somondoco, Guayatá and Almeida, a region well known for emeralds mines.

Lunch will be at a local's house in the countryside. Expect very traditional home-style food. In the afternoon, after washing the horses in the Somondoco river, will ride to a nice hotel besides Chivor dam where we can enjoy the pool.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Chivor

Day 3 (Monday): Chivor to Sabanalarga

We will cross the 15 tunnels besides Chivor dam by car. During the drive, we enjoy a beautiful view of the dam and surroundings. We then get in the saddle to take an old trail through tropical forest. We will enjoy lunch at a local's house, with very interesting stories to hear. In the afternoon, we will cross the Upia river on horseback and arrive in a farm to have a delicious local meal (ternera a la llanera) and a concert of typical music played by local musicians.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Farmhouse in Sabanalarga



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Day 4 (Tuesday): Sabanalarga to Monterrey

Today, we make our way to Monterrey through a beautiful valley and have lunch beside a river with a natural pool. In the afternoon, we ride across the hills that separated us from the huge oriental grasslands that go deep into Venezuela and have one of the most wonderful views of the trip from this hills. In the evening, we arrive to a comfortable hotel with a wonderful pool.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hotel in Monterrey

Day 5 (Wednesday): Monterrey to Tauramena

We will ride through the open Sabanas of Casanare leaving behind the mountains we crossed on the previous days. The terrain allows for a faster pace. today, we will start observing the llanos wildlife and vegetation. This evening, we spend the night in a 2.000 Ha. hato (ranch) and will have the opportunity to sleep in hammocks as we learned on day 3!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hato near Tauramena

Day 6 (Thursday): Tauramena

We will wake up early to enjoy a magnificent llanos sunrise, have breakfast and ride along with llaneros in their cattle work routine. During the ride we will observe different species of birds and wildlife (Ant bears, deer, wild pigs, chigueros, caimans). After this unique experience we will stay another night in the hato and enjoy a show of typical dance in the evening.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Hato near Tauramena

Day 7 (Friday): Tauramena to Yopal & back to Bogota

In the morning, we will head from the hato to Yopal in order to visit local tack shops and chinchorro manufacturing workshops. We will have lunch at a famous local restaurant and return from Yopal to Bogota in the afternoon by plane (dinner not included).

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch
Overnight at Hotel in Bogotá

Day 8 (Saturday): Departure

End of this great adventure.
Meals included: Breakfast

Non Riders

Non-riding companions are welcome on this trip. We can arrange some activities for them. Please inquire for more information.

Other Info

Meeting: Bogotá

Airport: Bogotá

Transfer: Bogotá

Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is included from El Dorado Luis Carlos Galan Sarmiento International Airport (BOG) in Bogota. Transfers can also be organized from hotels in Bogota (please inquire).

Tack: English, McClellan with saddlebags

Horses: Angloarabs, Crosses of Angloarabs and Criollos

Pace: 6-10 hours each riding day, Walking 60% Trotting 30% Cantering 10%

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 5 out of 5) Strong Intermediate

Age: Min 12 Max 70

Weight: 190 lbs / 85 kg

Riders: Min 4 riders Max 12 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-COL07

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals with drinks, 4 days riding, 1 day in cattle ranch, Taxes & Transfers (including plane from Yopal to Bogota on day 7)
Saddlebag provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	8-day trip	\$3100
B 2026	8-day trip (extended riding)	\$3900

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Single supplement	\$240
2026	Non-rider rate - please inquire	
2026	Transfers from/to Bogotá included	
2026	Small group supplement (2-3 pax only), pp	\$400

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	11/29/2026 - 12/06/2026	8d / 7n	8-day trip

Min/Max: 4/12

Smaller riding groups sometime possible with an extra fee (please inquire)

Rates do not include: Meals on first and last day at the hotel in Bogotá, Alcoholic drinks & 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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