



# 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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# Villa de Leyva Trail Ride - Colombia, South America

Tour Code: IT-COL08  
8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,900.00  
Dates: All year

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

**Tack:** English, McClellan  
**Horses:** Angloarabs, Crosses of Angloarabs and ...  
**Pace:** 6-10 hours each riding day, Walking 40...  
Walk,Trot,Canter,

**Airport:** Bogotá



## Introduction

Andean, ColombiaThe Viceroy's Roads - Ponds, Desert and Colonial Heritage. We will ride from Sisga Dam (Cundinamarca) to Villa de Leyva (Boyaca), Colombia.

We will cross the beautiful mountains and valleys of the northwest of Cundinamarca and Ubaté and then we will enter the centuries-old oak forests of Ráquira; Later we will cross the desert of La Candelaria and finally we will arrive at Villa de Leyva, a jewel of colonial architecture that is part of the network of heritage towns of Colombia and is nominated to be declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

## Riding

### 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

#### Day 1: Bogotá Arrival in Bogotá.

Transfer Airport / Hotel. Check into hotel and overnight (no meals included).

#### Day 2: Sisga Dam – Cucunubá

Horses and guides await for us near the beautiful Sisga Dam, 1 hour from Bogotá. We will start our riding tour through the valley of the Sisga River until it flows into the Bogotá River, whose water at this point is still crystalline and full of aquatic life. Then, we will take a mountain trail on our way to Suesca Lake, from where we can appreciate the northern side of the Bogotá Savanna with the legendary Tominé Reservoir in the background. After crossing the Cajones Mountain at 3200 m.a.s.l. (meters above sea level) we will descend to the beautiful Suesca Lake where we can see the old railway station, which was used until the middle of last century. We will continue our way to Cucunubá, a beautiful colonial town well-known for its handmade virgin wool fabrics and clothes, located in a corner of the Ubaté Valley where we will spend the night at a cozy inn while the horses rest and are fed.

#### Day 3: Cucunubá – Guachetá

From Cucunubá we will take the road to Guachetá, admiring the beautiful natural lakes of Cucunubá and Fúquene, through paths that cross artisanal coal mines and beautiful dairy farms in the Ubaté Valley, arriving in the afternoon to a beautiful private Hacienda from the 1800's, full of history and just renewed.

#### Day 4: Guachetá – Monastery of La Candelaria

After breakfast we will proceed to Ráquira and the Monastery of La Candelaria where we will spend the night. Along this route we will see native oak tree forests, hundreds of years old, and with the Desert of La Candelaria within sight, we will find the many clay ceramic handicraft workshops for which the Ráquira region is famous. Finally, we will arrive at the beautiful Monastery of La Candelaria, the first to be established in the Americas by the Augustinian monks. It was founded by Father Mateo Delgado in 1604, on the banks of the Gacheneca River, where he started a community by bringing together the hermits that lived scattered in caves in the surrounding area. Today, the convent houses the novitiate of the Augustinian monks, is used for spiritual retreats, and also provides lodging for tourists.

#### Day 5: Monastery of La Candelaria – Villa de Leyva

After leaving the monastery we will cross the beautiful Desert of La Candelaria on our way to the Valley of Villa de Leyva. We will ride along the hills surrounding this beautiful town, founded in 1572 by order of Don Andres Diaz Venero de Leyva, first President of the New Kingdom of Granada, with the main purpose of becoming the supplier of foodstuffs for the conquistador armies stationed in Moniquirá and Tunja. In the afternoon we will arrive to a farm in the outskirts of town, and we will proceed to Villa de Leyva where we will enjoy a delicious meal in one of the many excellent restaurants that are available there.

#### Day 6: Villa de Leyva

We will ride heading north of Villa de Leyva enjoying the beautiful landscape and weather of this area and have a picnic besides one of the many creeks crossing this region. In the afternoon after a shower and something to drink at the hotel, we will go to Villa de Leyva where we will have a delicious meal in one of the many excellent restaurants that are available there.

#### 7: City Tour in Villa de Leyva – Bogotá

We will visit the main square in the center of the Villa, considerate the biggest square of Colombia. It's the most important attraction in the town along with the Church located in the principal square. The city tour includes the visit to the Casa del Cabildo, a historical relic located next to the Principal Square, the Casa de Nariño, house where Antonio Nariño died in 1823. The house is a museum now, where you can find an interesting material of the colonial time and the independence fight. Finally, we will see the Claustro de San Agustín, first church of the town and headquarters of the Humboldt Institute. Return to Bogota in the afternoon and accommodation in a comfortable hotel (dinner not included).

#### Day 8: Bogotá Transfer Hotel / Airport.

End of this great adventure.





## Other Info

**Meeting:** Bogotá

**Airport:** Bogotá

**Transfer:** Bogotá

**Tack:** English, McClellan

**Horses:** Angloarabs, Crosses of Angloarabs and Criollos

**Pace:** 6-10 hours each riding day, Walking 40% Trotting 30% Canter 30%, approximately 150km in total over 5 riding days

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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

**Age:** Min 12

Max 70

**Weight:** 85 kg / 188 lbs

**Riders:** Min 4 riders

Max 12 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.



## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-COL08

Rates include: accommodations, meals, 5 days riding, 1 day city tour in Villa de Leyva, guide, taxes

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	8-day tour (5 days riding)	\$2900

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Single supplement	\$420
2026	Small group supplement (2-3 pax only), pp	\$400
2026	Optional extra riding day (all the group need sto agree), pp	\$500

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	05/11/2026 - 05/18/2026	8d / 7n	8-day tour (5 days riding)
A 2026	06/08/2026 - 06/15/2026	8d / 7n	8-day tour (5 days riding)
A 2026	07/06/2026 - 07/13/2026	8d / 7n	8-day tour (5 days riding)
A 2026	08/03/2026 - 08/10/2026	8d / 7n	8-day tour (5 days riding)
A 2026	08/31/2026 - 09/07/2026	8d / 7n	8-day tour (5 days riding)

Min/Max: 4/12

\* Other dates by request.

Rates do not include: meals on first and last day at the hotel in Bogotá, alcoholic drinks, laundry, tips

# 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
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
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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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