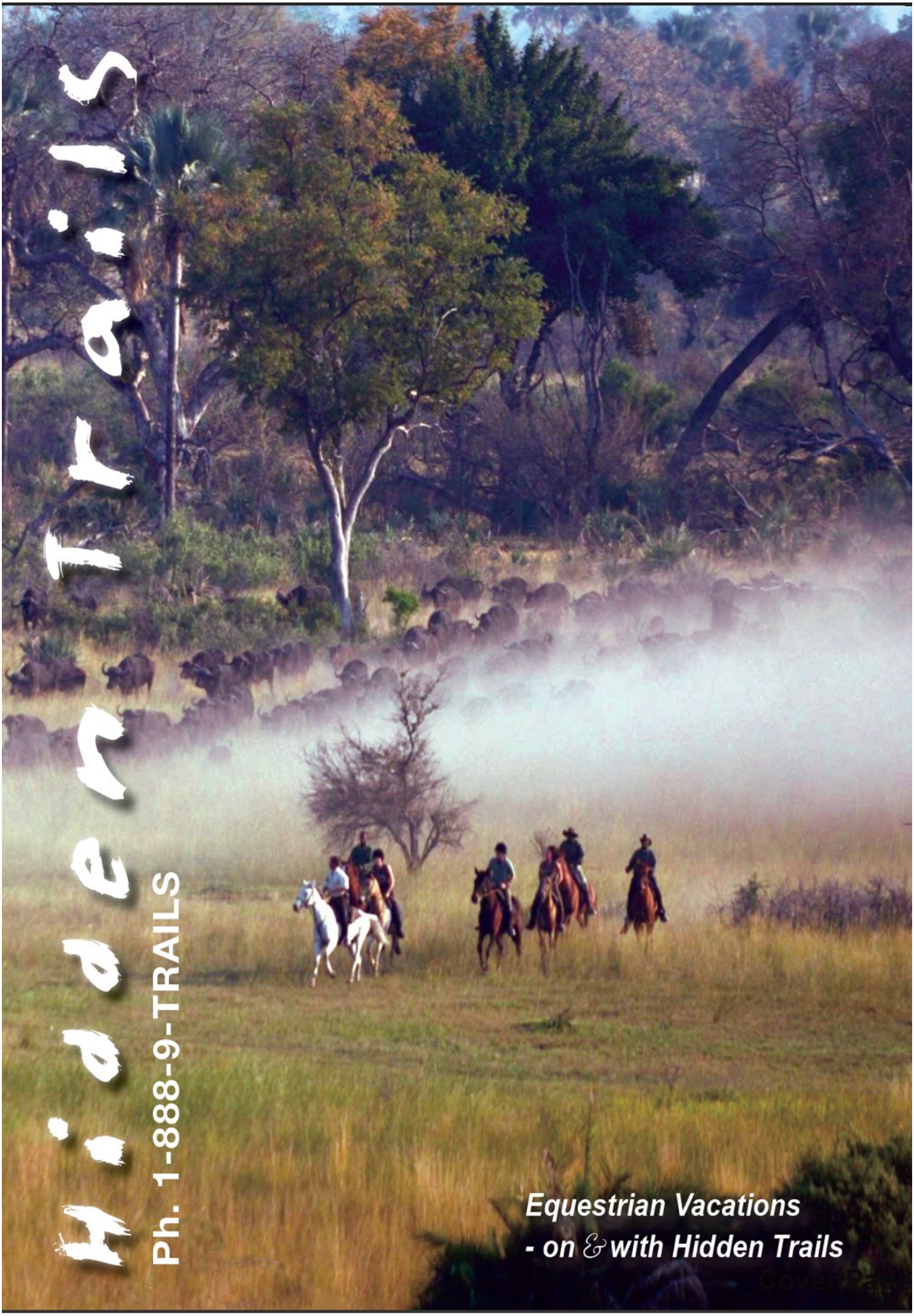

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About Hidden Trails



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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Villa de Leyva Explorer - Colombia, South America

Tour Code: IT-COL09
6 days / 5 nights ~$1,660.00
Dates: All year

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: English
Horses: Colombian creole & Trochadores
Pace: 40% walk, 20% trot, 40% canter
A ...
Walk,Trot,Canter,

Airport: Bogotá













Introduction

Andean, Colombia
This ride will allow you to explore the mountain range and the valleys of Villa de Leyva, Raquira and Tinjacá, located in the state of Boyacá, in the Colombian Andes.

Come experience natural sights such as the Fuquene Lake, but also typical rural small town such as San Miguel de Sema, a historical monastery in the Candelaria desert and two settlements like Villa de Leyva and Raquira.

Accomodation

Accommodations
This is a stationary ride where all nights are spent at the same location.

Description
You will be accommodated at a hotel located just outside Villa de Leyva Town. The hotel is a country house built in the "colonial hacienda" style. It has 8 bedrooms and each room comes with private facilities. There is Wi-Fi access available for free.
We leave the hotel in the morning and come back after 5 pm as the sunset starts around 6 pm.

Room Occupancy
If we are unable to find another rider to share the room with you, a single supplement fee applies.
Single room accommodations are subject to availability.

Meals
All meals are included in this trip from Lunch on Day 1 to lunch on the last day.

Please, note that due to the remote location of the places visited during the ride, you will be served a set-menu (that we will send you before the trip) that showcases typical Colombian food.
Meals are varied and us as many local products as possible

Dietary Restrictions
We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding

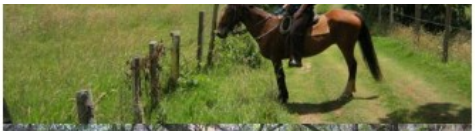
Guide
Hernando, who speaks English, will be your guide. All his life, Hernando´s passions have been horses and hiking. During his childhood and youth, he spent vacations on his ranch surrounded by horses and places to hike.

Horses
Colombian "Criollo" Horses are famous for their endurance capabilities and ability to live in difficult conditions. They are intelligent, willing and sensible. These horses have a smoother stride, similar to what is internationally called a "gaited horse", so that the rider is more comfortable and feels less fatigue.

Riding Terrain
The ride takes place in the mountainous area of the Raquira Region (Boyacá state), located between 2,200 and 2,800 meters above sea level.
Most of the ride takes place on small unpaved roads and mountain trails. We will see different kind of landscapes, desert areas and fertile valleys.

Itinerary









Sample itinerary - *subject to changes*

Day 1 (Monday): Arrival
We pick you up from your Bogota hotel in the morning and transfer you by car (approx. 3 hours) to your accommodation, outside of Villa de Leyva. We will have a quick lunch and in the afternoon, we will go visit Villa de Leyva for 1-2 hours. Villa de Leyva is a small colonial town founded in 1572 by the Spanish. Therefore, the architecture style has a strong Spanish influence.
Meals included: Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Hotel near Villa de Leyva

Day 2 (Tuesday): Ride to San Miguel de Sema
After a good breakfast and a quick transfer to the stables, the ride will begin.
We are going to explore the mountainous area of the Raquira Region, on small mountain trails passing through oak forest and brooks. During the ride, we will see beautiful landscapes of the mountain range and the valleys of Villa de Leyva, and Tinjacá. The goal of today's ride is to reach San Miguel de Sema, a typical rural small town of the region. Here, we can visit the church (if it is open), admire the typical architecture style and eat some snacks.
Once we are back at the stables, we will have a tardy and succulent lunch (between 2 and 3 pm).
In the afternoon (round 3-4 pm) we can take and optional fique workshop (extra cost - need to sign up in advance). The fique workshop lasts for about 1 hour and teaches you how to work with Fique. Fique is a natural fiber that grows in the leaves of the fique plant, (Furcraea andina), a native plant from Andean regions of Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. It can be used to make rope, bags, basic shoes (alpargatas), etc
Riding: approx. 3-4 hours
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Hotel near Villa de Leyva

Day 3 (Wednesday): Ride to La Chorrera Waterfall
We will take small rural (unpaved) roads and trails in order to reach a beautiful waterfall called "La Chorrera". There, we will relax and eat a snack. Today's ride has beautiful landscapes and offers great views of the mountain range and the valley of Raquira, which will visit in the next few days.
We will have a tardy and succulent lunch (around 3 pm) back at the stables.
Then, on our way to the hotel, if it is possible, we go visit local people who are going to show us how they make handicrafts out of tagua (vegetable ivory).
Riding: approx. 4-5 hours
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Hotel near Villa de Leyva

Day 4 (Thursday): Hike to Periquera waterfall & visit of Candelaria convent and Ráquira town (no riding)
Today is a rest day for the horses.
In the morning, you will hike (1-2 hours) to a beautiful waterfall called "La Periquera".
In the afternoon, we will visit the Candelaria convent. The convent was built in 1604 by the Agustinos religious organization called "recoletos". It is a museum for the tourist but it maintains its operation as a monastery.
After visiting the Candelaria convent, we will visit Ráquira town. Due to a vast ceramics tradition dating back to pre-Hispanic times, Ráquira is known as the handicrafts capital of Colombia. In addition to pots, pitchers, coffee cups, and kitchen utensils, there are anthropomorphic and zoomorphic figurines, pieces for Nativity scenes, piggy banks, etc. Local indigenous peoples (Chibcha) used them to prepare chicha (a fermented corn drink), store their food, and prepare their meals using various pots. Maybe because of this, Raquira is called "City of Pots" in the "Chibcha" language.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Hotel near Villa de Leyva

Day 5 (Friday): Ride to Fuquene Lake Viewpoint
After a good breakfast and a short transfer to the stables, our day ride begins. Today we are going to go up to the mountains range, taking different dirt roads and trails. We will pass
through oak forest and brooks. Once we reach the mountain top, we get a panoramic view over the valley. After we cross the mountain range, we get a great view over the Fúquene Lake.
Until the 1970's Fúquene Lake was considered Colombia's largest lake. Today only 3,000 hectares are left from the originally 10,000 hectares. This is due to the lake being dried in order to gain acreage for agriculture and stock farming.
We will stop at the viewpoint to enjoy the landscape, eat and rest. Once we get back to the stables, we will have a tardy and succulent lunch (between 2 and 3 pm).
In the afternoon (around 3-4 pm), we can take and optional 1 hour adobe workshop (extra cost - sign up in advance required). This workshop will teach you how to create adobe bricks so you will get muddy! Adobe, also called "mud brick", is a building material made from earth and often-organic material. Most adobe buildings are similar to cob and rammed earth buildings. Adobe is among the earliest building materials, and is used throughout the world.
Riding: approx. 4-5 hours
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Hotel near Villa de Leyva

Day 6 (Saturday): Back to Bogota
We will have 1-2 hours to visit Villa de Leyva and its typical stores to see handcraft or to buy some souvenirs. Villa de Leyva is a small colonial town founded in 1572 by the Spanish. Therefore, the architecture style has a strong Spanish influence.
Around 11 am, we will start the travel to Bogota and we will have lunch on the way. On our way, we will visit the place where the battle of independence of Colombia took place in 1819.
We should arrive in Bogota around 2-3 pm.
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Other Info

Meeting: Bogotá
Airport: Bogotá
Transfer: Bogotá
Pick-up and drop-off transfers can be arranged from Bogota city center (no airport transfer available). Pick-up is usually in the morning, but later transfers can be arranged if needed. On the last day, you will be dropped off in Bogota around 3-4pm.

Tack: English

Horses: Colombian creole & Trochadores

Pace: 40% walk, 20% trot, 40% canter
A lot of short canters on flat terrain. S;ower in the mountains
4-5 hours per day in the saddle

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: (3 to 5 out of 5) Intermediate and higher

Age: Min 18 Max 75

Weight: 170 lbs

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Riders: Min 2 riders Max 4 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-COL09

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, 3 riding days & Transfers from/to Bogota
Saddle bags are provided and helmets can be borrowed

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2026	6-day tour	$1660

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfers included from/to Bogotá	
2026	Single supplement - please inquire	
2026	Solo rider supplement -- please inquire	$900

Tour Dates

Season		Tour Dates		
A	2026	09/08/2026 - 09/13/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	09/15/2026 - 09/20/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	09/22/2026 - 09/27/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	09/29/2026 - 10/04/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	10/06/2026 - 10/11/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	10/13/2026 - 10/18/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	10/20/2026 - 10/25/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	10/27/2026 - 11/01/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	11/03/2026 - 11/08/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	11/10/2026 - 11/15/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	11/17/2026 - 11/22/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	11/24/2026 - 11/29/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	12/01/2026 - 12/06/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	12/08/2026 - 12/13/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	12/15/2026 - 12/20/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	12/22/2026 - 12/27/2026	6d / 5n	6-day tour
A	2026	12/29/2026 - 01/03/2027	6d / 5n	6-day tour

Min/Max: 2/4
Custom dates & private trips are possible - please inquire for more info

Rates do not include:Gratuities, Alcoholic beverages & Insurance (mandatory)

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
1.															
2.															
3.															
4.															

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): _____

I have enclosed a check for the deposit ◯

Additional Signatures:

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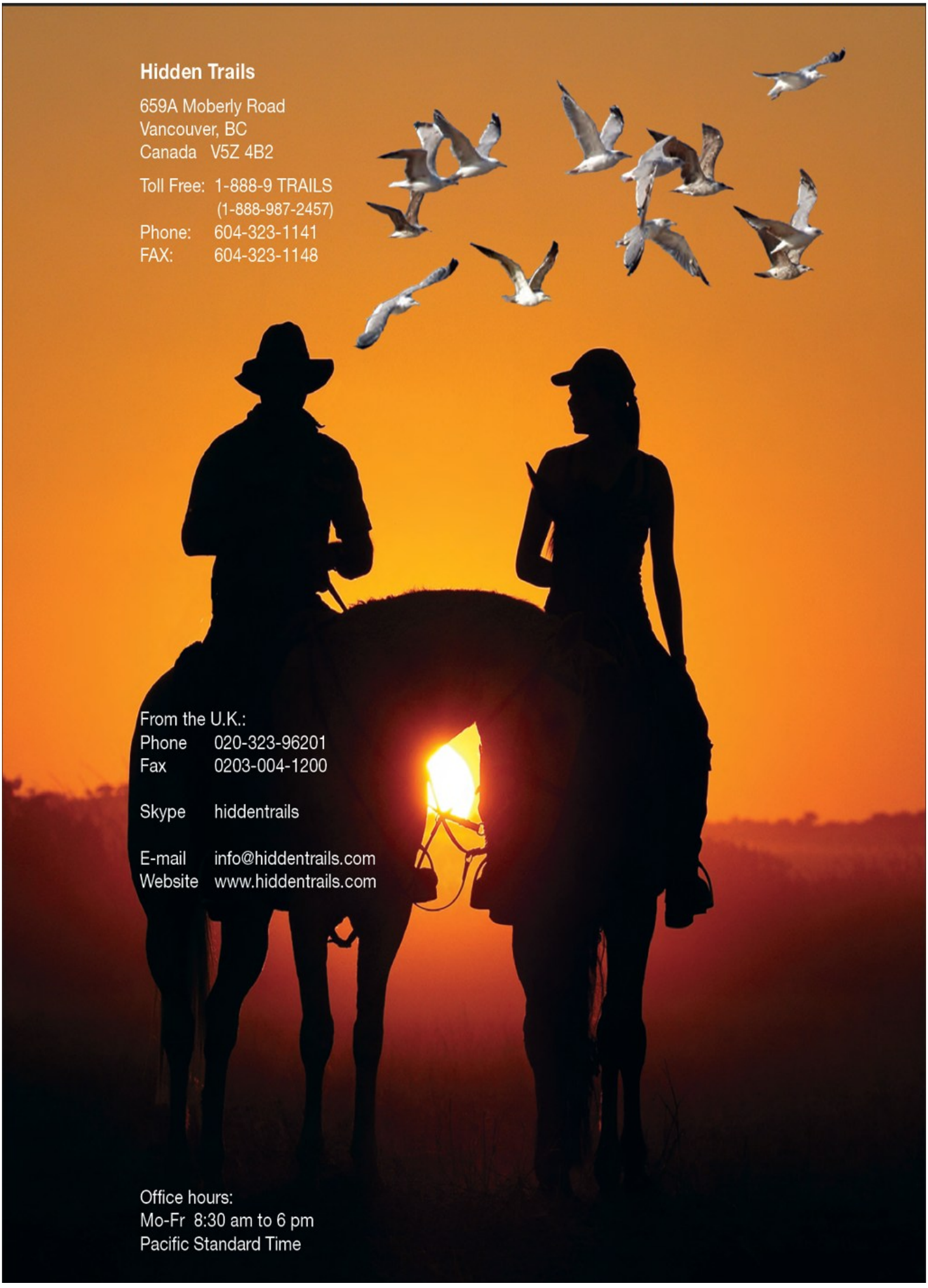
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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