

Hidden Trails

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- 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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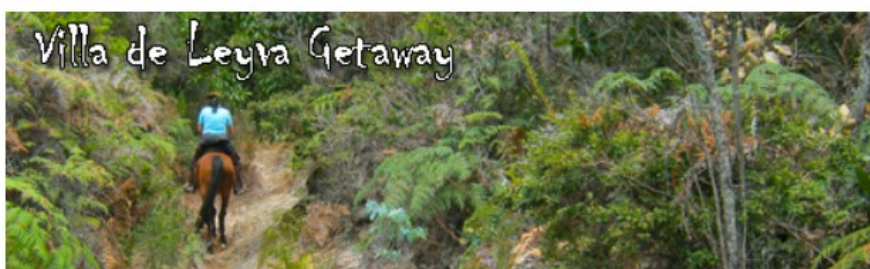
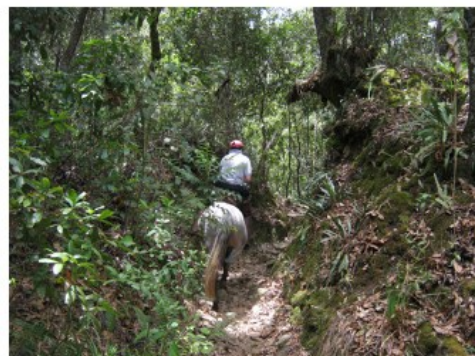
Villa de Leyva Getaway - Colombia, South America

Tour Code: IT-COL10
3 days / 2 nights ~\$780.00
Dates: All year

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

Tack: English
Horses: Colombian creole & Trochadores
Pace: 40% walk, 20% trot, 40% canter
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Airport: Bogotá



Introduction

Andean, Colombia

This ride will allow you to explore the mountainous regions of Raquira, only half an hour south of Villa de Leyva and a few hours away from Bogotá.

During the ride, we will see beautiful landscapes of the mountain range and the valleys of Villa de Leyva, Raquira and Tinjacá. We will visit a typical rural small town (San Miguel de Sema), as well as two historic and cultural towns in the region: Villa de Leyva and Raquira.

Accommodation

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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 use 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 the stables. We will have a quick lunch before starting our ride.

We will stop in a typical rural "tienda" (very small store) where the countryman get together to drink a beer and talk. We continue riding towards San Miguel de Sema, a typical small town of the area. Here, we visit the beautiful church and have some snacks.

Around 5-6pm, we transfer you to your hotel accommodation, close to Villa de Leyva.

Riding: approx. 3-4 hours

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Hotel near Villa de Leyva

Day 2 (Tuesday): Ride to Fuquene Lake Viewpoint & Visit of Ráquira Town

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 tasty and succulent lunch (between 2 and 3 pm).

After lunch, we can go 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.

Riding: approx. 4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Hotel near Villa de Leyva

Day 3 (Wednesday): Visit of Villa de Leyva & Departure

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. Slower 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

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 4 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-COL10

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, 2 riding days & Transfers from/to Bogota
Saddle bags are provided and helmets can be borrowed

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	3-day tour	\$780

Transfer Option

Description

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

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	03/30/2026 - 04/01/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	04/06/2026 - 04/08/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	04/13/2026 - 04/15/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	04/20/2026 - 04/22/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	04/27/2026 - 04/29/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	05/04/2026 - 05/06/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	05/11/2026 - 05/13/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	05/18/2026 - 05/20/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	05/25/2026 - 05/27/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	06/01/2026 - 06/03/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
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A 2026	08/10/2026 - 08/12/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	08/17/2026 - 08/19/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
A 2026	08/24/2026 - 08/26/2026	3d / 2n	3-day tour
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Min/Max: 2/4

Custom dates & private trips are possible - please inquire for more info

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

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