



# 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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# Jewels of the Colombian Andes - Colombia, South America

Tour Code: IT-COL18  
9 days / 8 nights ~\$3,320.00  
Dates: All year

Trip Rating : ●●●●●  
Difficulty : ●●●●●  
Lodging: 🏠 BASIC

**Tack:** Custom-made saddles (similar to western...  
**Horses:** Colombian Criollo, Appaloosa, Appaloos...  
**Pace:** Moderate  
5-6 hours in the saddl...  
Walk, Trot, Canter,

**Airport:** Matecaña International Airport in Pereira



## Introduction

### Coffee Zone, Colombia

This 9-day horseback adventure shows you the very best of the department of Risaralda in the heart of the coffee triangle of Colombia. You will ride from the "green capital of Colombia" – Marsella, to the thermal springs of Santa Rosa.

Riding across the Colombian Andes, an area rich in wildlife, you'll pass by coffee farms and endless breathtaking views. Enjoy nights around camp fires, soak in the therapeutic waters of the natural thermal hot pools and discover what makes this part of Colombia so special.

You will experience rural Colombia at its finest, riding open trails that lead you through over 100 miles of beautiful landscape. The open grasslands high up in the Andes mountains provide plenty of opportunity to canter.

## Accommodation

### Accommodations

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

### Description

Throughout your trip, you'll stay in a combination of comfortable guesthouses, farmhouses and hotels, all carefully selected. You'll stay with us at our stunning 150-year-old colonial home for a night before and after the trail ride, with the option to book a longer stay if you'd like to.

Most rooms have their own bathrooms though you may be asked to share bathrooms on one or two nights.

### Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

- Night 1: Rancho near Cartago
- Night 2: Marsella
- Night 3: Coffee Farm
- Night 4: Glamping Resort near Santa Rosa
- Night 5:
- Night 6: Coffee Farm
- Night 7: Marsella
- Night 8: Rancho near Cartago



### Rancho near Cartago

Our ranch house is a beautiful colonial property with 6 unique and traditionally restored bedrooms. Some rooms have en-suite bathrooms while other have shared bathrooms. The property has a swimming pool and squash court all set in 12 acres of fertile farmland. Lush plant life means we are also home to countless species of birds. Free Wi-Fi is available.

### Room Occupancy

Single supplement is mandatory if we cannot find another rider to share.

### Meals

All meals are included in the trip.

Meals feature a good mix of traditional and international food.

Lunch is generally picnic style although we do have a couple of stops where we pass small "restaurants" where the horses can also accompany us.



#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

## Riding



#### Horses

We have over the years built a team of horses that we are extremely proud of. Each one of our horse brings something different. We have horses to suit all riding abilities and tastes.

Here at the ranch, we have a mixture of Appaloosas, Colombian Criollo, Quarter horses, Paso Fino and Andalusian horses. All have been trained to respond to English and Western riding styles and each has their own custom-made saddle ensuring they and you are comfortable throughout your trip.

#### Riding Pace & Experience

The pace varies with the terrain and altitude but overall is moderate to slow. There will be some good chances to canter along wide dirt tracks but there are some steep climbs, and you are often riding on narrow winding paths or where the vegetation is thick, and the pace must be slow. The horses are sensible, calm and responsive but you are expected to be a competent rider, secure and well balanced in the saddle at a walk, trot and canter, and with experience riding over different types of terrain. You should also be comfortable getting on and off and handling a horse from the ground.

#### Insurance

All riders **MUST** have private travel insurance and a copy of this must be sent prior to your arrival. Insurance must include cover for horse riding activities and cover for medical expenses and repatriation costs should you become too ill to continue your trip. We reserve the right to cancel your tour if we are not satisfied that you have adequate insurance in place prior to departure.

## Itinerary

#### Sample itinerary - subject to changes

*This ride is suitable for those who are confident cantering and have a sense of adventure. Our trails have been created using the knowledge of local guides to take you to the most unspoilt and untrodden parts. All luggage will be transported between overnight stops for you.*

#### Day 1: Arrival

We will pick you up from the airport or bus terminal in Pereira and bring you to our Rancho. Here, you will be welcomed into our home, with time to relax by the pool, explore the grounds and meet your horse. Also you will be given the chance to learn how to tack up western style. and if you wish get a little time in the saddle in our arena. The evening will include a poolside BBQ and a trip briefing.

*Overnight at Rancho near Cartago*

#### Day 2: Ride to Marsella

Depart from the Rancho after a relaxed breakfast and quick transfer to the hills of Risaralda. This morning, you will go on a short ride to apprehend the terrain you'll be riding over the next 6 days. After lunch in the picturesque town of Marsella, you'll head out for an afternoon sunset ride and your first taste of trail riding in Colombia!

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight near Marsella*

#### Day 3: Central Andes Ride

Your horse will be groomed and tacked up for you, but feel free to join in and help. We ride through the Central Andes, the highest of the three branches of the Colombian Andes. We will pass by coffee, plantain and cattle farms before ending the day at a beautiful accommodation: a coffee farm high up in the mountains with endless views to enjoy from the infinity pool.

*View from horseback of a lush green trail leading towards mountains.*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Coffee Farm*

#### Day 4: Ride to Santa Rosa

We spend half the day in the saddle, ending at a stunning glamping resort a stones throw away from the spectacular natural thermal hot springs of Santa Rosa. After lunch, you will pass the afternoon enjoying the thermal hot springs, soaking in the therapeutic waters. Spend an evening under the stars enjoying the warmth of a camp fire.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Glamping Resort near Santa Rosa*

#### Day 5: Waterfalls Ride

This is a stunning day's ride climbing open trails with spectacular views, passing by waterfalls and crossing rivers as we ride to our next overnight stop.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at*

#### Day 6: Northern tip of Risaralda

Ride to the most northern tip of Risaralda. Enjoy endless views as you climb your way through the Andes, ending your day at a traditional coffee farm with over 200 years of production history.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Coffee Farm*

**Day 7: Andean Wildlife**

Today, we make our way back to Marsella. This is a full day's ride through an area steeped in history, once home to the Quimbaya. You'll see petroglyphs dating back thousands of years. Nowadays, this area is home to countless species of birdlife, giant butterflies, capybaras and more. At the end of your day we will head into the town of Marsella for an evening meal in the historic town center, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of this welcoming traditional town.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight near Marsella*

**Day 8: Sightseeing (no riding)**

Breakfast before a brief trip into Marsella. This is your chance to visit this unspoilt Colombian town, enjoy coffee in the town square, visit the Cultural house and artisan stalls before your transfer back to the Rancho. Back at the ranch house you'll enjoy a delicious evening meal.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Rancho near Cartago*

**Day 9: Departure**

After breakfast, we take you to either the airport or bus terminal of Pereira, depending on your plans.

*Meals: Breakfast*

**Other Info**

**Meeting:** Cartago

**Airport:** Matecaña International Airport in Pereira

**Transfer:** Pereira

Transfers are included between Pereira and Marsella on the first and last day of the tour.

**Tack:** Custom-made saddles (similar to western)

**Horses:** Colombian Criollo, Appaloosa, Appaloosa crosses & Paso Fino

**Pace:** Moderate  
5-6 hours in the saddle per riding day

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:**  (3 to 5 out of 5) Intermediate +

**Age:** Min 18

**Weight:** 200 lbs / 90 kg

**Riders:** Min 4 riders Max 6 riders

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-COL18

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, Transfers to/from Pereira & Riding as described in itinerary

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	9 day trip	\$3320

Gratuity: 10 %

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Transfers from/to Pereira included	
2026	Non-Riders welcome - please inquire for rates	
2026	Single supplement \$30 per night	\$30

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	03/07/2026 - 03/15/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2026	06/20/2026 - 06/28/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2026	07/04/2026 - 07/12/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2026	08/22/2026 - 08/30/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2026	09/12/2026 - 09/20/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2026	11/07/2026 - 11/15/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2026	12/24/2026 - 01/01/2027	9d / 8n	9 day trip

Min/Max: 4/6

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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