



# Hidden Trails

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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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# Hacienda Primavera - Ecuador, South America

Tour Code: IT-ECSR08  
7 days / 6 nights ~\$770.00  
Dates: Available All Year

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

**Tack:** Western  
**Horses:** Criollos  
**Pace:** Moderate with some trots and canters ...  
Walk,Trot,Canter,

**Airport:** Quito



## Introduction

Haciendas, Ecuador

The Hacienda Primavera Wilderness Ecolodge is located in the El Chaco rain forest reserve of Ecuador. The lush forests surrounding the hacienda provide an incredible flora and fauna experience. The verdant rain forest is abundant in endemic species, epiphytes and orchids. Large varieties of butterflies can be found in and around the hacienda. The most famous is the bright blue butterfly, morpho Eugenia, with a wingspan of 5 inches.

This destination is a great option for travelers looking to combine a trip to the Ecuadorian tropical forests with a hacienda riding experience. The hacienda has been owned by the same family for over 90 years. Here you can participate in the farm life, go riding every day on their resident horses on trails, some of which lead to beautiful hidden waterfalls. If you book in advance, we can sometimes arrange a half day whitewater rafting trip for you in the local region.

## Accommodation



### Accommodations

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

### Description

This hacienda is located in part primary and secondary jungle with stables full of horses, cattle, llamas, donkeys, goats, and pigs. The surrounding tropical cloud forest is rich in flora and fauna, and bird life is prolific. The hacienda is at an elevation of 1,200 m (approximately 3,500 ft).

The cloud forest is extremely lush, with a high biomass and an abundance of epiphytic orchids, bromeliads, ferns, and mosses. The tree canopy can reach between 25 and 30 m high, (75 to 90 ft high).



We offer comfortable rooms to our guests and each has a spectacular view of the luscious landscape. The facilities include 5 family suites equipped with 2 full-size beds and 3 matrimonial suites equipped with 1 queen-size bed. Each room is decorated in a Spanish-colonial style and has a private balcony and a private bathroom. The intimate number of rooms allow us to demonstrate our commitment to quality and personalized care.





care. While providing for the comfortable luxuries of a fabulous vacation, we also strive to keep an eco-friendly environment, offering solar-paneled heated water, biodegradable products, and organic recycling.

There is also a fresh-water pool with waterfall where guests can relax. There is access to free Wi-Fi and laundry services for a small gratuity.

#### Room Occupancy

We do not charge any single supplement fee.



#### **Meals**

All meals are included on this trip from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 7.

Everyday, Hacienda Primavera offers a different menu of gourmet specialties and traditional Ecuadorian favorites prepared from fresh daily produce most often just picked from our own or local organic crops. We pride ourselves on our excellent cuisine and exquisite selection of fine Chilean wines, a pampered delight after an adventure in the tropical Ecuadorian landscape.

Whether it is a quick bite before heading off on an excursion, an elegant dinner with all the trimmings, or a late-night snack, each choice will be a tantalizing offer.

Breakfasts and dinners are eaten at the lodge, while lunch is eaten on the trail.

Alcoholic drinks are not included with this trip and guests are asked not to bring any alcohol with them, during their stay at the Hacienda.

#### Dietary Restrictions

Our attentive staff and the creativity of our talented chefs offer personalized meals, accustomed to your needs. Please, let us know if you have any allergies or dietary restrictions at the time of booking.

### **Riding**

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Your package includes about 2-3 hours of riding per riding day (no riding on arrival & departure days). In case you wish to ride longer, it is possible to add more riding hours for an extra fee.

Horseback riding trails are along the lush local valleys, local trails, roads, and riverbeds. Instruction is available for beginners.

#### **Horses**

The hacienda owns a stable with 8 riding horses and 2 donkeys. There are horses to cater for all riding levels.

### **Itinerary**



#### **Sample Itinerary - subject to changes**

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#### **Day 1: Arrival**

Possible pickup in Quito or Otavalo for an extra fee. The scenic drive from to the Hacienda passes through the



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*Meals included: Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hacienda Primavera*

#### **Day 2: Ride to El Carmen**

Breakfast is served when you get up (no time constraints here!). Familiarize yourself with the cowboys and guides while they prepare the horses for the day. There are several trails that follow the Rio Blanco and Gualchan Rivers with a choice of 7 different destinations. On the trails, you will see the typical daily activities of the neighborhood mountaineers, enjoy the lush vegetation along the trail, and maybe spot the beautiful blue Morpho Eugenia butterfly and local birds. The horseback riding trips can take from about 2 to 3 hours, depending on the trail and rider capability.

Today, we will ride North from the hacienda towards the Chocó reserve, passing the Town of El Carmen and following the old trail back to the Hacienda. This trip is popular also for bird watching.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hacienda Primavera*

#### **Day 3: Cowboy Ride**

Today, you will ride with the cowboys to check on the herd. You will see beautiful views of the Andes mountains from the fields. Help the cowboys milk the cows and check on pregnant cows.

On your way back, you can visit our new organic cloud forest coffee plantation.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hacienda Primavera*

#### **Day 4: Ride to Espejo 1**

We will travel South from the Hacienda towards the town of Espejo 1 over the bridge and back to the hacienda. This trip has the sense of deep jungle and river views.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hacienda Primavera*

#### **Day 5: Ride through Cloud Forest**

Today we will ride East from the hacienda towards the cloud forest for great views and photography opportunities, visit a cattle ranch and then back to the hacienda.

Ride the horses half way up the trail and then hike on foot from there through the cloud forest, up along the river towards the waterfall (rubber boots can be provided). Keep an eye out for sloths and the giant bromeliad orchids while enjoying the mountain lemons growing along the trail. Take a dip in the crystal waters of the spectacular waterfall.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hacienda Primavera*

#### **Day 6: Ride to Las Juntas**

On the last riding day we will ride South and North from the Hacienda towards the town of Las Juntas. This trip will bring you to the end of civilization – great relaxation and river views all along.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hacienda Primavera*

#### **Day 7: Departure**

Transfer to Quito after breakfast.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

*This is a sample itinerary only! Scheduling is completely flexible and guests may choose their activity on a day-by-day basis with the guide.*

*\* However, white-water rafting and the train ride must be reserved prior to arrival. Please advise Hidden Trails or the hacienda if you would like us to book this for you.*



#### **Non-Riders**

Non-Riding activities can also be arranged for an extra fee (please inquire): guided jungle hikes, mountain biking, white-water rafting, and autoferro train ride.

Local guides lead each trip and indicate notable plant and animal species. Trails are appropriate for all degrees of fitness.

#### **White-Water Rafting**

*\*Minimum of 4 rafters required for white-water rafting reservation.*

White-water rafting is contracted and is held on Rio Mira from the town of San Jeronimo to the town of Rocafuerte. Rafting trips start in the morning and guests return to lunch at the Ecolodge. A 45-minute safety lesson is provided to the rafters as well as helmets, life vests and paddles.

Class III and Class IV rafting trips are offered in Rio Gualchan and Rio Mira.

The trips are suitable for both beginners and experienced rafters and can run from forty minutes to three hours long.

The price of rafting includes transportation to and from the Ecolodge to the river.

At least 1 week of prior notification is needed to arrange the rafting trip.

#### Train Ride

The Autoferro train leaves Primer Paso every afternoon. This is a 2-hour train ride through the rural areas of Imbabura that will take you over bridges and through tunnels to the city of Ibarra. The Hacienda vehicle will pick you up and drive you back to the Hacienda.

### Other Info

**Meeting:** El Choco

**Airport:** Quito

**Transfer:** Quito or Otavalo

**Distance:** 3 hrs

Transfers are available anytime on any day from anywhere in Quito (airports, bus station, hotels). Transportation can include a two-hour stop at Otavalo's Indigenous Craft Market at no extra charge. Check-out on the last day is at 10:00am.

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**Horses:** Criollos

**Pace:** Moderate with some trots and canters  
Approx 2-3 hours of riding per riding day

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2.5 to 3 out of 5) Low Intermediate

**Weight:** 250 lbs / 115 kg

**Riders:** Min 2 riders Max 8 riders Max Capacity 26  
(per riding group)

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ECSR08

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, 5 riding days (about 2-3 hours per day), Guided hiking and birding tours, Guided mountain biking & Full use of Hacienda facilities.

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	7 day trip	\$770
B 2026	6 day trip	\$640
C 2026	5 day trip	\$515
D 2026	4 day trip	\$385

### Transfer Option

#### Description

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B 2026	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026	6d / 5n	6 day trip
C 2026	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
D 2026	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026	4d / 3n	4 day trip

#### Min/Max: 2/8

Available any day of the week throughout the year.

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# 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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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"/>	<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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