

# 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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# Pyrenees Border Trail - France, Europe

Tour Code: IT-FRAN07

8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,125.00

Dates: May-July, September-October

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

Lodging : 🏠🏠🏠

**Track:** English Saddle with saddle bags

**Horses:** Anglo-Arabs

**Pace:** Moderate in the mountains with some fa...

Walk, Trot, Canter, Gallop,

**Airport:** Bordeaux



## Introduction

Pays Basque, France

The Pyrenees Border Trail is an exhilarating route, with thrilling scenery over wild valleys framed by rugged peaks, as eagles and vultures soar overhead. Spend 4 days away from civilization, taking advantage of all the opportunities to approach wild herds of horses 'the Pottocks', protected by their proud stallion! Discover the culture of the Pays Basque people and the reasons why some of them wish to live apart from France.

From St Jean-Pied-de-Port, former capital of Basse Navarre and Unesco World Heritage Site, to the village of Sare, listed as one of the most beautiful villages of France, we will follow both the path of St Jacques de Compostelle and various mountain passes in the tracks of the infamous smugglers throughout the Quint region, discovering the lovely Gulf of Gascogne in the background.

To add to our diversified scenery, two days are spent riding on endless beaches of the Atlantic Ocean, ventilated by the marine breeze. It's time to cross off beach galloping from your bucket list! Let your horse roll into the smooth gait across white sands of the Aquitaine Coast as you let worries drift away. If weather conditions permit, we will get to enjoy bathing in the ocean.

A majestic combination of mountains and sea, culture and wilderness for the experienced rider.

## Accommodation



### Accommodation

This is a progressive ride so nights will be spent in different locations.

### Description

During the trek we stay in hotels and gîtes with free Wi-Fi access. Bed sheets and towels are always provided. Laundry can be done in Mimizan for an extra fee (about 10 euros per load).

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

- Night 1: Gite "Amestoïa" in Saint Etienne de Baigorry
- Night 2, 3 & 4: Hôtel Erreguina in Banca
- Night 5, 6, & 7: Guesthouse in Mimizan

### Gite "Amestoïa" in Saint Etienne de Baigorry

This 15th-century house is set in the heart of the Basque country, and features the typical architecture of the area. It offers views of the surrounding hillsides and vineyards. Each room has its own décor and includes free Wi-Fi as well as a private bathroom with a shower and free toiletries.

### Hôtel Erreguina in Banca

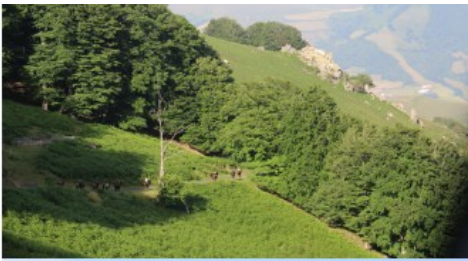
This charming hotel offers 16 tastefully decorated bedrooms, all fitted with a TV, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi access and a private bathroom.

### Guesthouse in Mimizan

The guesthouse has 5 bedrooms with a total capacity of 15 people. The bedrooms are tastefully decorated and provide guests with a comfortable bed. Every room comes with its own bathroom and internet access. There is also an outdoor swimming pool where guest can cool off.

If we do not have enough space, single riders will stay in a hotel on Mimizan Beach or at another guesthouse close to the riding center.





#### Room Occupancy

Accommodations are based on 3-4 riders per room. If you would like to guarantee a double/ twin/ single room, additional costs apply (this allows you to have your private bathroom). No single supplement for riders willing to share!

#### Meals

All meals are included in this trip except for dinner on Day 1. Traditional food is provided whenever possible. You will get to taste some of the local specialties.

Dinners are usually taken at restaurants or hotels and include 2 glasses of wine, or 2 soda drinks, with tea & coffee.

Lunches are often taken on the trail and include wine and soft drinks. They are often followed by a siesta.

#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice. Unfortunately, we cannot cater to vegan diets.



#### Riding



#### Riding Level

This trek requires a rather good, fit intermediate rider confident at all paces and able to ride several hours over varied and sometimes challenging terrain (you might have to lead your horse at some point). This ride is of moderate pace with frequent occasions of trots and gallops. We ask riders to keep a minimum of 30 m distance between each other on the faster sections. To give more comfort, trotting or galloping is generally individually or by group of two, whether it is in forest or on the beach. Some group gallops on the beach are of course available.

#### Pace

During the 6 riding days of this trip (4 days on mountain trails and 2 days on the Atlantic Coast), we cover between 30 and 40 km per day, spending between 6 and 8 hours in the saddle each day.

#### Horses

We have 30 horses (mostly Anglo-Arabs) and 5 ponies. Most of them are born in our family farm. Beauty, blood, intelligence, frankness, kindness, and generosity are the essential qualities we seek in the choice of our horses. Our horses are safe, brave and easygoing; well trained and very well-balanced. They horses live in



herds in the outdoors. We take great care in providing horses with a good quality of life.

**Staff**

Guidance is guaranteed by qualified /certified equestrian guide of tourism (French professional certification: A.T.E., CQP ASA or BPJEPS Tourisme Équestre) having good regional knowledge and willing to let you discover the beauty of this area.



**Itinerary**



**Sample Itinerary - subject to changes**

**Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival**

Transfer from Bordeaux to Mimizan and pick up of all clients in Mimizan for the transfer to Saint Etienne de Baigorry. Time to explore this old and famous city. Enjoy a typical Basque dinner at a restaurant in the middle of the historical quarter of Saint Jean Pied-de-Port (to be paid extra).

*Meals included: none*

*Overnight at Gite "Arnestoia" in Saint Etienne de Baigorry*

**Day 2 (Monday): Saint Etienne de Baigorry to Banca**

Start from Saint Jean Pied-de-Port or Saint Etienne de Baigorry to Banca according to the weather. Breakfast at 8:00am and departure at 10:00am. Discover the famous village of Saint Etienne de Baigorry by horse. Our ride leads us to the top of the of Monhoa summit, where we get a 360° view of the surrounding Aldudes valley and the ocean.

*Riding approx. 6.5 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel Erreguina*

**Day 3 (Tuesday): Banca to Urepel**

Departure at 10:00am. We ride from summit to summit to get spectacular views of Spain. We will ride along the ridge line between France and Spain, going through the Ronçevaux Pass and Natural fortification of Lindus (1300 m above sea level). You get a magnificent 360° view on the surrounding: Quint country and Spain. After our lunch break (around 2pm) on top of the mountains, we reach the a picturesque village of Urepel (Aldudes Valley) around 6pm.

*Riding approx. 6 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel Erreguina*

**Day 4 (Wednesday): Urepel to Banca**

Departure at 10:30 am to discover the traditional life of the Basque people. We will see shepherds taking care of their Kintoa pork (often black & white, this breed was saved from extinction about 20 years ago).

For lunch, we will go to a restaurant and taste some of the local specialties as well as local wine. We start riding around 2:30 pm and start with the ascent of the Harguibel mountain on the Spanish side. We come to the highlight of the trip for many: crossing the Spanish virgin forest, an unforgettable moment!

We should arrive in Banca around 6:30pm. For dinner, we will sample the famous trouts of the Banca Valley River.

*Riding approx. 4 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel Erreguina*

**Day 5 (Thursday): Banca via Ispeguy and Erratzu (Spain) to Lesperon**

Departure at 10:00am to descend the pass of El Elhorrieta. On our way, we pass 'Kromlech', which are prehistoric

graves dating from 22000 years BC. Once we reach the top of the mountain, we get a 360° view over France, Spain and the ocean. We then descend towards the pass of Ispéguy.

Lunch is taken in a typical Spanish restaurant around 1:00 pm. After the break, around 3:00 pm, we continue our descent on the thrilling path of the smugglers towards Erratzu village. After crossing the picturesque countryside and the nearest city on horseback, it's time to put all the horses in the truck and depart to the Atlantic Coast by minibus (around 5:30 pm).

We stop for dinner (around 8:30 pm) on the way to Mimizan, where we will spend our last nights. Arrival at Mimizan should be around 9-10 pm.

*Riding approx. 4 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Mimizan*

#### **Day 6 and 7 (Friday and Saturday): Ride around Mimizan (Contis & Bias)**

The rhythm of our ride is changing and it is the time to enjoy long and quick gallops in tone of the largest Forest of Europe. At times, we have a view over the nearby beaches. We will also have time for an exciting gallop on the white sand beach of the Aquitaine Coast.

On the evening of Day 7, we might be able to ride on the beach again for sunset (schedule depends on tide times).

Our last dinner is spent in a nice restaurant featuring seafood and other traditional meals from the area.

*Riding approx. 5 hours daily*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Mimizan*

#### **Day 8 (Sunday): Departure**

Transfer back to the Bordeaux with crossing of the city Center if we have time!

*Meals included: Breakfast*

### **Other Info**

**Meeting:** Saint Etienne de Baigorry

**Airport:** Bordeaux

**Train station:** Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port

**Transfer:** Bordeaux Airport

**Distance:** 232 km / 144 miles

Pick-up from Bordeaux airport (Hall A.) at 2:00 pm on day 1. Drop off on departure day at Bordeaux airport before 1:00pm.

**Tack:** English Saddle with saddle bags

**Horses:** Anglo-Arabs

**Pace:** Moderate in the mountains with some fast sections when possible.  
6-8 hours in the saddle per riding day

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (4 to 5 out of 5) Strong Intermediate

**Age:** Min adults only Max 72

**Weight:** 190 lbs / 85 kg

**Riders:** Min 4 riders Max 8 riders

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-FRAN07

**Rates include:** Accommodations in shared rooms (3-4 riders per room), All meals except on first night & 6 riding days  
The riding center provides saddle bags, helmet, sticks and chaps on request

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	8 day ride (regular)	€1770	\$2125
B 2026	8 day ride (peak)	€1800	\$2160

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.2 and subject to currency fluctuation

**Rates Note:**With 3 riders only : add small group supplement, or we switch to the Cote d'Argent Ride.

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Transfer from Bordeaux airport or train station (return, pp)	€100	\$110
2026	Small group supplement (3 pax), pp	€200	\$220
2026	5% group discount if 6+ pax booking together		
2026	Transfer from Bordeaux airport or train station, pp, each way	€50	\$55
2026	Single supplement, pp	€240	\$290
2026	Double bedroom supplement		

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	05/03/2026 - 05/10/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (regular)
A 2026	05/17/2026 - 05/24/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (regular)
A 2026	05/31/2026 - 06/07/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (regular)
A 2026	06/14/2026 - 06/21/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (regular)
B 2026	06/28/2026 - 07/05/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (peak)
A 2026	09/06/2026 - 09/13/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (regular)
A 2026	09/20/2026 - 09/27/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (regular)
A 2026	10/04/2026 - 10/11/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (regular)

Min/Max: 4/8

Rates do not include: First night dinner, Gratuities & Transfers from/to Bordeaux

# 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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