



# 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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# Landes and Perigord Combo Ride - France, Europe

Tour Code: IT-FRAN09  
8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,400.00  
Dates: May & Sep-Oct

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

**Tack:** English trekking saddle  
**Horses:** French racehorses, Anglo-Arabs, Englis...  
**Pace:** Moderate pace with lots of fast sectio...  
Walk, Trot, Canter, Gallop,

**Airport:** Bordeaux



## Introduction

Dordogne, France

In 1152, the marriage of Eleanor and Henry of Plantagenet leads the Aquitaine region into a long conflict, the 100 year war. Numerous walled towns and castles were built during this period in order to respond to the different strategic, political, and economic requirements.

We invite you on this journey back in time, at the discovery of different parts of Aquitaine, from fortified castles, jewels of Perigord: Bonaguil, Biron & Gavaudun, to the heart of Gironde through the vineyard of Sauternes, finishing on the Atlantic Coast and across the Landes Forest.

The first part of the trip is spent in a lovely accommodation, strategically located at the crossings of the Lot, Lot & Garonne and Dordogne departments. Thanks to this ideal location we can explore new landscapes every day, learning more about the local Bastides (fortified town) and fortified castles.

Then, we ride through the Sauternes vineyard and have the opportunity to taste some wine before heading to the Atlantic Coast and the Landes Forest, where the remaining part of the trip will be spent.

## Accommodation



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

### Description

Bathrooms might be private or shared depending on the accommodation. Free Wi-Fi is available all nights. Laundry can be done for an extra fee in Mimizan.

*Accommodation Itinerary - subject to change at tour operator's discretion.*

Nights 1, 2, 3 & 4: Hameau du Peyrié in Bonaguil

Nights 5, 6 & 7: Guesthouse in Mimizan

### Hameau du Peyrié in Bonaguil

This authentic property offers accommodation in a small village that has been carefully preserved and restored. The buildings were built with local stones that seems to shine, no matter the weather. There are 4 different houses that can each house between 3 and 11 people in different rooms, with a maximum capacity of 27 guests. The cottages are simply decorated and mix perfectly authenticity with comfort. There are shared bathrooms in all the cottages as well as free Wi-Fi access. The property is set on a beautiful 14 hectares park with plenty of trees and an outdoor heated swimming pool.

### 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

No single supplement for those willing to share.  
Accommodations are based on 3-4 riders per room. If you would like to guarantee a double/ twin/ single room, additional costs apply.

#### **Meals**

All meals are included with this trip, except for the dinner on the first night.  
You will have the opportunity to taste traditional dishes of the different areas visited.

Breakfasts are taken at the accommodations.

Lunches are often taken on the trail.

Dinners are usually in a local restaurant.

1/4 wine and soft drinks are provided at all lunches and dinners. You will have the opportunity to taste various wines from the southwest of France, every evening.

#### Dietary Restrictions

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



#### **Riding**



#### **Riding Level**

This ride is designed for strong intermediate to advanced riders with good physical condition.

For riders who do not ride on a regular basis, we advise to schedule some riding sessions before this trip in order to get ready for the long riding days.

We only accept adult riders (no children allowed) with experience on this trip. Riders are expected to be in good physical condition.

#### **Pace**

The pace of this trail is quite fast and comprises frequent trots and canters. It is important that you feel comfortable riding long distances and spend long hours in the saddle (40 to 45 km a day with about 6 to 7 hours riding). We ask riders to keep a minimum of 30 m distance between horses during faster paced sections, in order to avoid dust.

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.

#### **Horses**

We have 30 horses (mostly Anglo-Arabs) and 5 ponies. Most of them are born in our family farm and they leave as a herd.

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.

We take great care in providing our horses with a good quality of life.

#### **Staff**

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

#### **Itinerary**





#### Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

*Depending on the tide, we may start the ride in Landes and end in the Perigord*

#### Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

Transfer from Bordeaux or Mimizan to Bonaguil, arriving to the beautiful manor "Hameau du Peyrié" at about 6:30 pm. Hang out at the pool and relax before our medieval dinner (around 8:30 pm - to be paid extra) at the foot of Bonaguil Castle.

*Meals included: N/A*

*Overnight at Hameau du Peyrié in Bonaguil*

#### Day 2 (Monday): Ride across the Dordogne department

Around 8am we will have breakfast. Then, we will head out to the field and meet the horses. We start our ride around 9am, making our way through a chestnut tree forest with wonderful ground for long canter. It is perfect to get us and the horses ready for the long and fast-paced riding days that await us. Throughout the day, we will see many local and typical Périgord buildings built from natural stone.

At noon, we stop for our lunch break at the feet of the Castle of Sauveterre.

Around 3pm, we make our way back to the Guest House and the Bonaguil Castle. This castle displays a wonderful military architecture, and is one of the last of the great fortified castles in France. It has never been besieged and stays in a perfect state of preservation.

We should be back at the guesthouse around 7pm in time to relax before dinner.

*Riding approx. 5-6 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hameau du Peyrié in Bonaguil*

#### Day 3 (Tuesday): Ride around St Cirq la Popie

At 8:30am we load the horses in the trailer and get transferred to the Medieval village of St Cirq la Popie: a unique place! This village has been classified amongst the Most beautiful Villages of France and it is village partially listed as a historical monument! We should get there around 10am, allowing for plenty of time to visit before lunch. We start our riding trek in the early afternoon, by the Lot River. We start riding uphill to get a beautiful view over the village and then continue riding through a mysterious forest.

We are expected to get back to St Cirq around 6pm, and transfer back to Bonaguil in time for dinner.

*Riding approx. 4 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hameau du Peyrié in Bonaguil*

#### Day 4 (Wednesday): Ride across the Lot & Garonne

Today we have breakfast earlier than usual, around 7:30 am in order to insure an early start for one of the longest riding days of the week. The day's ride starts passing by the bastides of St Front sur Lemance and Lacapelle Biron. Because we have to cover a lot of kilometers, we try to trot and canter as much as possible, in order to keep a good rhythm.

We will take our lunch break (around 12h30) at the "Auberge of Castle Biron" before visiting the castle in the early afternoon (around 2 pm).

Around 3:30pm we get on our horses again and enjoy a fast paced ride on the way to the bastides of St Avit and the Castle of Gavaudun. Finally, we will ride through the beautiful forest of Cuzorn, populated with many chestnut trees and offering several views of the Lot Valley below. We should be back at Bonaguil around 7pm.

*Riding approx. 7 hours (about 45km)*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hameau du Peyrié in Bonaguil*

#### Day 5 (Thursday): Sauternes Vineyards in Gironde

After breakfast (around 8 am), we pack our bags and hop on our transfer vehicle. We will drive about 2 hours through the Lot & Garonne before reaching the Gironde and its famous wines.

After lunch, we will start our ride (around 3 pm) across the local vineyards: Chateau Ychem, Chateau Trillon... We will end the day by a visit of the Chateau Filhot, where we will taste some of their wines.

At 6pm, we are transferred to Mimizan (arrival around 7pm), where we will stay for the remaining of the week.

*Riding approx. 2 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Mimizan*

#### Day 6 (Friday): Ride across the Landes

After breakfast, we go to the horses' field and tack them up. We should expect to start riding around 10am. The Landes is one of the largest forests of Europe and offers amazing views of the Ocean. Thanks to the sandy ground, we will enjoy some gallops. Depending on the tides, we might be able to go for a ride on the beach.

*Riding approx. 6 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Mimizan*

#### Day 7 (Saturday): Aureilhan Lake Ride

Today's ride is more relaxing. Our destination for the day is Aureilhan Lake, where we will stop for lunch. We end our riding adventure by a sunset ride at the beach.

*Riding approx. 4.5 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Mimizan*

#### Day 8 (Sunday): Departure

After breakfast, transfer to Bordeaux.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

### Other Info

**Meeting:** Bordeaux

**Airport:** Bordeaux

**Train station:** Bordeaux

**Transfer:** Bordeaux airport or train station

**Distance:** 10 km / 6 miles

Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is from Bordeaux-Mérignac Airport (BOD) at Hall A Meeting Point, or Bourdeaux train station. Pick-up is scheduled for 2:00pm from airport and 3:00pm for train station on Day 1 of the trip, and drop-off at the airport is before 1:00pm on the last day.

**Tack:** English trekking saddle

**Horses:** French racehorses, Anglo-Arabs, English Thoroughbreds

**Pace:** Moderate pace with lots of fast sections. 3-7 hours per day

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3.5 to 5 out of 5) Strong Intermediate+

**Age:** Min adults only Max 72

**Weight:** 190 lbs / 85 kg

**Riders:** Min 4 riders Max 9 riders

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-FRAN09

**Rates include:** Accommodation in shared rooms (3-4 riders per room), Most meals & 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 trip	€2000	\$2400

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

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Transfer from Bordeaux airport or train station (return, pp)	€100	\$110
2026	Small group supplement (3 pax only), pp	€200	\$220
2026	5% group discount if 6+ pax booking together		
2026	Single supplement	€240	\$265
2026	Double/twin room supplement, pp	€120	\$130
2026	Transfer from Bordeaux airport or train station, pp, each way	€50	\$55

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	05/03/2026 - 05/10/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	05/17/2026 - 05/24/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	05/31/2026 - 06/07/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	06/14/2026 - 06/21/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	09/20/2026 - 09/27/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	10/04/2026 - 10/11/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip

Min/Max: 4/9

Rates do not include: Dinner on the first night, 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"/>	<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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