

# 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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# Provence Explorer Ride - France, Europe

Tour Code: IT-FRPV02  
7 days / 6 nights ~\$0.00  
Dates: August

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

**Tack:** Trail Saddles  
**Horses:** Spanish or barb mix  
**Pace:** Moderate - with walk, trot, canter and...  
Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

**Airport:** Marseille



## Introduction

Provence, France  
Ride along ancient Roman roads, into villages where the horses drink from the fountain and chat with the locals. Then canter through fields of lavender, gaze at the snow-topped Alps and the ink-blue Mediterranean at the same time!  
With the horses tethered nearby, we picnic on French bread, cheese and local wines - this is what our rides in Provence are all about. The tour begins in Lauris, located in the heart of Provence, in the Regional Natural Park of the Luberon and at the foot of the south side of the massif. From here we will take you through Luberon to the foot of Mount Ventoux.

## Accommodation



### Accommodations

This is a progressive ride, so you will be staying in different locations during the trip.

### Description

Accommodations during the trail will be in guesthouses and country inns. They are basic, but clean. We select our accommodation according to its beautiful setting and friendly atmosphere, for riders to enjoy a pleasant stay. There are no laundry facilities while on trail. Most accommodations have WIFI.

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

Night 1: Auberge des Seguins in Buoux  
Night 2: Hostellerie L'Aigubelle in Céreste  
Night 3: La Fontaine in Simiane-la-Rotonde  
Night 4: Le Petit Labouret in Revest du Bion  
Night 5: Les Gargoulettes in Lauris

### Les Gargoulettes in Lauris

Your host welcome you in their lovely country house. Each room has its own theme and decor with air-conditioning, a TV, free Wi-Fi access and ensuite facilities. There is an outdoor swimming pool, a Jacuzzi and a sauna that guests are welcome to use.

### Auberge des Seguins in Buoux

This 16th-century stone house building offers a total of 27 rooms plus a dormitory that can host up to 20 people. The rooms are simple but comfortable and all come equipped with heating and free Wi-Fi. Bathrooms can be private or shared depending on the room. There is a garden and an outdoor pool where guests can relax and enjoy the view. There is no cellphone coverage here. An extraordinary spot, simple bedrooms!

### L'Aigubelle in Céreste

This charming hotel offers 12 simply decorated bedrooms (double or triple) each fitted with a TV, free Wi-Fi access and a private bathroom.

### La Fontaine in Simiane-la-Rotonde

This lovely country house offers 8 bedrooms (3 doubles, 1 triple, 2 quadruple and 2 quintuple) each featuring warm colors and a Provençal decor. Some rooms have private bathrooms while others have shared bathrooms. Free WiFi is available in the common areas. Guests are welcome to make use of the outdoor swimming pool and garden with terrace.

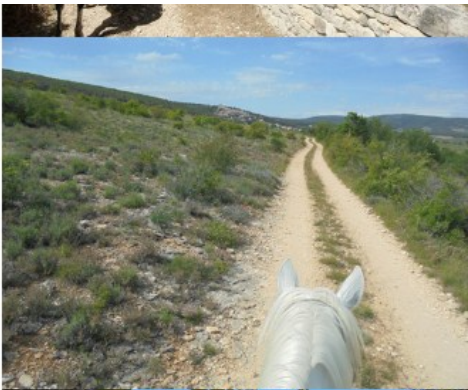
### Le Petit Labouret in Revest du Bion

This guesthouse provides accommodation in private bedrooms featuring antique furniture and private bathrooms. There is a garden and an outdoor swimming pool where guest can relax and free Wi-Fi access is available anywhere on the property. A nice spot in the middle of lavender fields. Very simple bedrooms & dinner.

### Room Occupancy

Triple occupancy is available at most accommodations.

If you are willing to share a bedrooms and there is no one to share, the single supplement will be charged.



**Meals**

All meals are included in your package and typical Provençal meals are on the menu.

Breakfast will be provided by the accommodations we stay in and feature bread, jams, honey and cereals. At lunch, our assistant will prepare a substantial buffet. A "pastis", a glass of red wine, a barbecue by a mountain stream, a refreshing salad, a nap before leaving again : many small pleasures which will add to the enjoyment of our rides.

In the evening everyone meets around the table, to discover local food - or should we say "cuisine" - don't count on losing any weight.

Wine is included at lunch and dinner.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to dietary restrictions with prior notice.



**Riding**



**Riding Level**

In order to make the most of the ride, we require riders to be comfortable at all 3 gaits (walk, trot and canter) in an outdoor setting.

**Pace**

This program includes 5 riding days. You will ride an average of 5 hours every day (about 2-3 hours in the morning and again 2-3 hours in the afternoon). The pace will vary according to the terrain.

**Horses**



Most of our horses are Barb and Spanish crosses. They have been trained for trail riding and are sure-footed. They live together as a herd, all year long. During the ride, we advise you to take care of your horse, in order to get to know him better, and to create a special relationship with him.

#### Riding Group

Groups are made out of 5 to 8 riders. This limited amount of riders, often including several nationalities, allows each person to make the most of the trip.

#### Staff

Two members of staff will accompany you on your trip: 1 guide on horseback who speaks English and French and 1 person in charge of transporting luggage and setting up the lunch buffets.

Guides are certified, and friendly. They made a job out of their passion and enjoy sharing their passion with guests. Whether on the Alpes or on the beaches of Camargue, amongst odorant thym, rosemary and lavender, our guides are here to keep riders safe. All guides speak English.

## Itinerary



#### Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

##### Day 0 (Sunday): Arrival

We suggest to arrive on Sunday and spend one night in Aix en Provence (bus shuttle from Marseille airport or Aix TGV), visit this cute city loved by Cezanne, and take our free transfer from Aix tgv station at 11 am on Monday (bus shuttle from Aix center). Recommended hotels: Hotel Cardinal \*\* - Hotel des Quatre Dauphins \*\*\* - Hotel Mercure Paul Cezanne \*\*\*

##### Day 1 (Monday): Lauris to Buoux

Meeting at noon at Lauris. Welcome aperitif and presentation of your ride and lunch. We start on horseback from the southern slope. We ride up to the crests of the Petit Luberon before descending the northern slope towards Bonnieux: a very beautiful perched village with stone houses. Then we head towards the Claparedes plateau and the first lavender fields. We then descend towards the Aiguebrun canyon which mark the boundary between Petit and Grand Luberon. We pass near the Priory of St Symphorien, then follow the Aiguebrun river to reach the first accommodation at the foot of the high climbing cliffs of Buoux. You can enjoy a swim in the pool before dinner. On certain dates, if you have chosen bedroom accommodation, you will be transferred to the Lauris gite, the horses remain at the inn.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Auberge in Buoux*

##### Day 2 (Tuesday): Buoux to Cereste

Through the prehistoric sites of the "Gorges de l'Aiguebrun". Pass through a very pretty provincial village to offer the horses a drink at the fountain. Picnic under the oaks, then follow bridleways through the perfumed garrigues to reach Cereste.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel in Cereste*

##### Day 3 (Wednesday): Cereste to Simiane

After a pause to discover the priory of Carluç dating from the XI century, you will ride towards Oppedette. Cross the superb village, typical of Haute-Provence, perched on the cliff. Opportunities for some great gallops on the way to Simiane.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at a B&B in Simiane*

##### Day 4 (Thursday): Simiane to Le Revest du Bion

You'll head back on horseback to the Monts de Vaucluse. Around 4 1/2 hours on horseback in the morning to reach the accommodation near Revest du Bion. Picnic at the accommodation. In the afternoon, swim in the accommodation's pool or stroll and shop in Sault, the lavender capital of Provence!

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Le Revest du Bion*

##### Day 5 (Friday): Le Revest du Bion to Montbrun les Bains

Today's trail goes through moors and forests. We will enjoy our picnic near Sault.

After lunch, we set off on horseback towards Aurel, a charming medieval village at the foot of the Mont Ventoux. This afternoon, the colors of the lavender (cut in July), fields of cereals and the shadows of the foothills of Mont Ventoux will perhaps make you want to imitate the many painters who have fallen in love with this region.

Arrival at the end of the afternoon in Montbrun-les-Bains, one of the most beautiful villages in France. Transfer of riders by minibus, horses by truck, to return to Lauris for the last night.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Lauris*

##### Day 6 (Saturday): Departure

Transfer to the airport and train station after breakfast.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

**Non Riders**

Non-riding companions are welcome to join this trip. It is best to have a car in order to do some sightseeing while the rest of the group explores on horseback.

**Other Info**

**Meeting:** Lauris

**Airport:** Marseille

**Train station:** Aix-en-Provence

**Transfer:** Marseille Airport or Aix-en-Provence Train Station

**Distance:** 45 miles

Pick-up / drop-off for this trip is available from Aix-en-Provence TGV train station, Aix-en-Provence central train station or Marseille airport.

**Tack:** Trail Saddles

**Horses:** Spanish or barb mix

**Pace:** Moderate - with walk, trot, canter and gallop  
5 hours a day on horseback on average

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3.5 to 4 out of 5) Good Intermediate

**Age:** Min 12 Max 80

**Weight:** 200 lbs / 90 kg

**Riders:** Min 6 riders Max 8 riders

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-FRPV02

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals with wine for lunch and dinner, Transfer from/to Marseille Airport or Aix-en-Provence Train Station at set times & 5 riding days

## Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	7 day trip (2-3 pax shared bedrooms)	€0	\$0

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.1 and subject to currency fluctuation

### Rates Note:

For 1 pax booking as willing to share: 25% off single supplement rate will be applied if we don't have anybody to share with you

It is possible to book extra nights before or after the tour - please inquire

## Transfer Option

### Description

2026	Free transfer from/to Marseille Airport or Aix-en-Provence Train Station at set times		
2026	Non-rider -- 50% discount		
2026	Taxi transfer from/to Marseille airport, one way, per car (3-4 pax)	€150	\$165
2026	Taxi transfer from/to Aix-en-Provence TGV station, one way, per car (3-4 pax)	€130	\$145
2026	Taxi transfer from/to Aix-en-Provence central train station, one way, per car (3-4 pax)	€110	\$120
2026	Single supplement	€335	\$370

### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Rates do not include: Beverages outside of mealtimes & 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												
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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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