

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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Occhito Lake Getaway - Italy, Europe

Tour Code: IT-GOITMO1 4 days / 3 nights ~\$870.00 Dates: April to October

Trip Rating : •••••
Difficulty : ••••
Lodging: ••• BASIC

Tack: Western
Horses: Appaloosa, Paint, and
Quarter Horses
Pace:
Walk Trot Canter.

Airport: Naples or Bari







Introduction

Abruzzo/Molise, Italy

Join us for a few days in close contact with nature, completing a full tour around the largest lake in Italy, Lake Occhito (perimeter of 68 km).

Around the lake, dozens of roads and lanes intersect between cultivated lands and woods, spontaneously building an exciting path to explore on horseback.

The area surrounding the lake is an important resting place and refuge for many animals, including various species of mammals (wolf, wild boar, porcupine, marten, oak, marten, badger, otter) birds (black kite, red kite, buzzard, mallard, owl, scops owl, owl, herons) as well as various species of fish present in the reservoir (carp, chub, largemouth bass, southern bleak, crucian carp).

Food will be another highlight of your holiday as we only provide meals based on typical recipes and local products.

Accomodation

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This is a stationary ride, so nights are spent in different accommodations.

Description

You will sleep in rustic but comfortable farmhouses with private rooms and facilities along the way.

Accommodation itinerary - subject to changes

Night 1: Farmhouse in Colletorto

Night 2: Manor near Lake Occhito

Night 3: Farmhouse in Fortore Valley

Farmhouse in Colletorto

This charming farmhouse offers 3 simple but comfortable guestrooms equipped with air conditioning and free Wi-Fi access.

Manor near Lake Occhito

This beautiful manor in the countryside offers 5 guestrooms, all equipped with a private bathroom, heating, a TV, free Wi-Fi access and a safe.

Room Occupancy

In case you are a solo traveler, the single supplement fee is mandatory.

Meals

All meals are included from dinner on day 1 to lunch on the last day. Wine and water are included with meals.

Dietary Restrictions

We can usually cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Please, note that the itinerary below is to be considered indicative. It may be subject to variations due to weather conditions or circumstances beyond our control.

Day 1 (Thursday): Arrival

Make your way to the Fortore Valley: a rural area characterized by cultivated fields, small orchards, woods, and hills that gently bend towards the valley. Nearby, you can see Occhito Lake, 13 square km of water completely surrounded by nature. Check into your accommodation. We will give a presentation of the horses and enjoy dinner together with typical products.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at Farmhouse in Colletorto

Day 2 (Friday): Valle del Fortore to Lake Occhito

A delicious breakfast will be served at 9am. The typical morning mist that hovers all around the reservoir will gradually thin out. It's time to leave! This morning, we ride for a few hours along the numerous trails in the area. You will appreciate the remarkable variety of flora and fauna that lives near the lake. You might be able to see a family of wild boars, perhaps a wolf or a small otter. There will be no lack of aerial trajectories of kites and buzzards.

At 1.30 pm, we stop for lunch, right on the shores of the lake, then, after a few moments of relaxation, we will leave for an ancient fortified manor. Tonight, we enjoy a good dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Manor near Occihto Lake

Day 3 (Saturday): Lake Occhito Ride

After breakfast, we tack up the horses and get back in the saddle for another day of trekking. We will discover a new side of the lake.

After a long excursion, it will be time to have our picnic lunch, made with local products. After our break, we set off



again to reach a new farmhouse that will nost us for the hight. Typical dinner. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Farmhouse in Fortore Valley

Day 4 (Sunday): Departure day

This morning, we enjoy the last part of our fascinating riding journey. Once back at the stables, we enjoy a goodbye lunch.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Other Info

Meeting: Colletorto Airport: Naples or Bari Train station: Termoli

Transfer: Campobasso or Termoli train station

Distance: approx. 200km

Transfers included from Campobasso or Termoli train station at set times. On Day 1, pick-up from the train station is between 3 and 4:30 pm. On the last day, we can drop you off at Campobasso or Termoli train station around 4: 30 pm.

Tack: Western

Horses: Appaloosa, Paint, and Quarter Horses

Pace:

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: (3 out of 5) Intermediate

Min 18 Age: Weight: 200 lbs

Riders: Min 3 riders Max 8 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-GOITMO1

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals with wine and water, Transfers from/to Termoli or Rome & 2.5 riding days

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$	
A 2024	4 day trip	€790	\$870	

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

Rates Note:Departures can sometimes run with 2 pax only (small group supplement applies)

Transfer Option

Description

2024 Transfers from/to Campobasso or Termoli train station airport inclu	uded at set times
2024 Registration fee, pp (mandatory)	€95 \$105
2024 Single supplement	€95 \$105
2024 Small group supplement (2 pay only) - please inquire	

Tour Dates

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A	2024	04/04/2024 - 04/07/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip
Α	2024	05/02/2024 - 05/05/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip
Α	2024	05/30/2024 - 06/02/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip
A	2024	08/08/2024 - 08/11/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip
Α	2024	09/12/2024 - 09/15/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip
Α	2024	09/26/2024 - 09/29/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip
Α	2024	10/03/2024 - 10/06/2024	4d/3n	4 day trip
A	2024	10/24/2024 - 10/27/2024	4d / 3n	4 day trip

Min/Max: 3/8

Other dates on request from April to October with min 3 pax

Rates do not include: Alcoholic drinks, Gratuities & Registration fee (mandatory)

Reservation Form

Tour:	Code #:	from:	to:						
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Your fitness level: Excellent Moderate	Poor How I	ong have you bee	riding?						
How often do you ride?	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 p	participant, all have to s	sign the reservation	form - make copies it	needed					
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