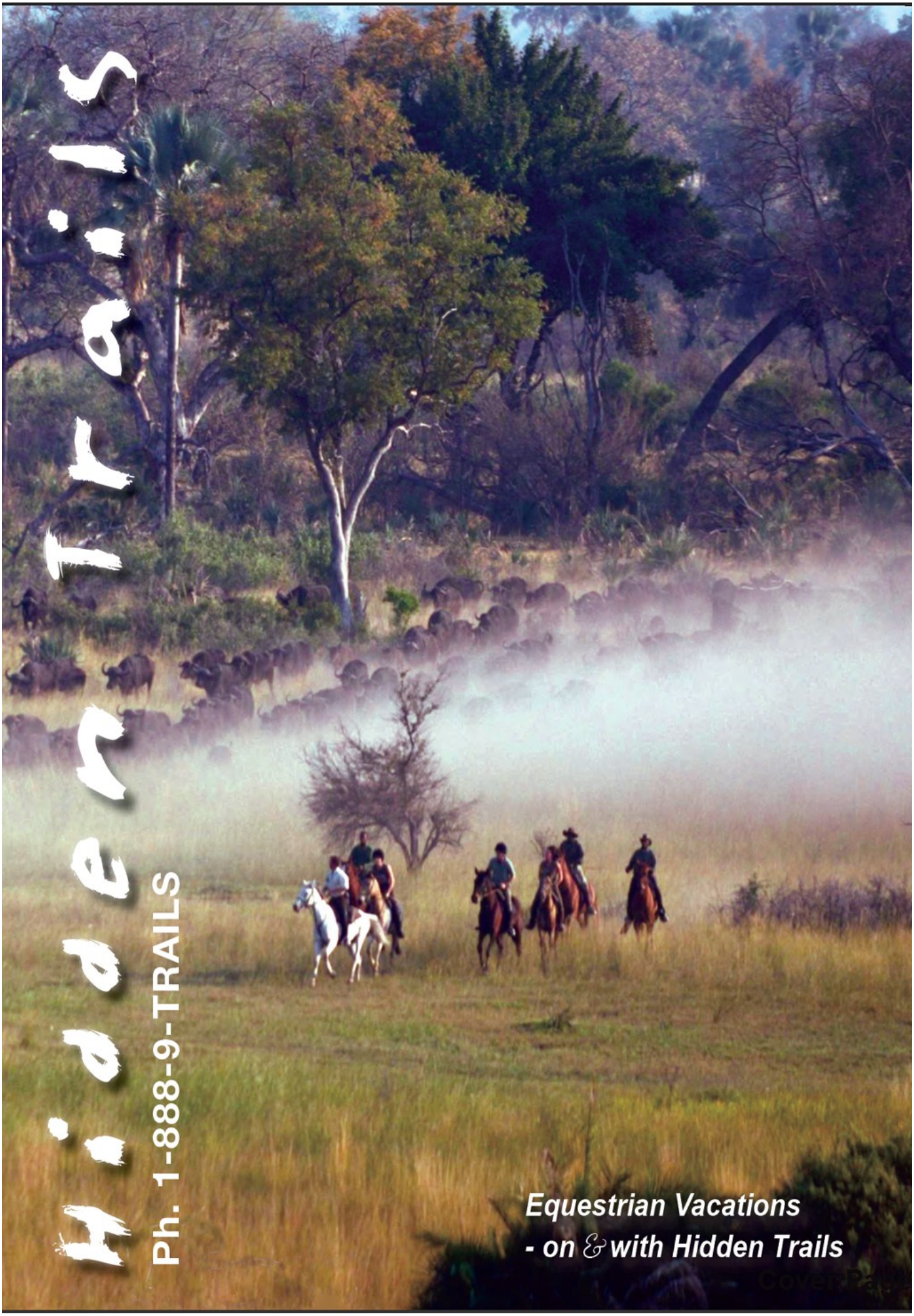

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About Hidden Trails



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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Sea, Sun and Moonlight Ride on Crete - Greece, Europe

Tour Code: IT-GR-SRCR01
8 days / 7 nights ~$1,465.00
Dates: July and August

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: English - Wintec
Horses: Arab, Berber, Thoroughbreds, Warmblo...
Pace: moderate with occasional steep terrain...

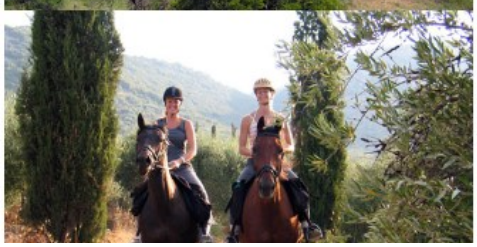
Airport: Heraklion International Airport













Introduction

Crete, Greece
Enjoy the Greek lifestyle- the bright blue sea, the golden sun and tastiest food! Relax on the beach or visit the ancient sites!

Crete is an island in the sun, surrounded by the clear, blue sea and has a rough and wild landscape with mountains reaching 2,5 km high. You can ride within the silence of nature on the tiny island covered with olive-trees, beautiful and natural landscapes, historical places with timeless myths and astonishing tracks to follow. Swim in the ocean and dry on the deserted beach.

The moment you arrive on the hillside, you experience quiet serenity and have a tremendous panoramic view. Under us stretches the Langada Valley with the Apposelemis River crossing through, above us rise the red coloured peaks of the Dikti Mountains. Birds of prey, like the Griffon Vulture, glide along these peaks. The estate is surrounded by a protected Kerm Oak forest and the olive groves stretch down into the valley. On the estate, many protected trees and flowers can be found, many different types of beautiful orchids grow. This riding program is ideal for the equestrian traveler whose family does not horseback ride. There are golf courses, paragliding, hiking trails and mountain climbing close by!

We combine a relaxing and sun filled holiday with quality horseback action. During the week, we ride out for beautiful 2 hour trips through the Langada Area. We ride daily through the valley of Langada, crossing the traditional Greek village of Avdou with its Byzantine church. Enjoy an excellent view over the stables and the Langada valley once we ride up the mountainside. Journey through the Kerm Oak forest to visit the mysterious Church of the Saint Fotini which is hidden deep into a cave. We return home by quick canters over the plateau of Mochos.

This active holiday combines all the good things of the Cretan life, relaxing on the beach or swimming in the pool, visiting the ancient sites, meeting the friendly locals, enjoying the Greek food and even taking our 4 footed friends for a unique and relaxing ride during the cool evening hours.

Accomodation



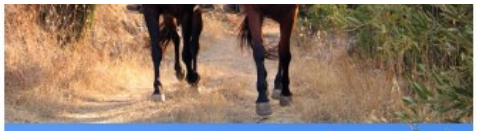
Accommodations
This is a stationary ride, so all nights are spent in the same location.

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The hotel suits its surroundings. It is built with real natural stones collected from the land it stands on, which give it a robust and natural look. The main building houses the reception and a café with a large balcony on which you can drink your Greek coffee or Rakí. In the main building, you also find the Restaurant with its large terrace overlooking the riding place and the valley. The terrace is surrounded by moveable glass walls and a roof that can be opened or closed depending on the weather conditions.

Next to the main building lays the naturally formed large swimming pool of 100 m2 (130 – 160 m deep) with a separate children pool of 11m2 (40 cm deep). The pools are open year round but are not heated. There is also a Jacuzzi with a lounge area that can be rented by the hour during the summer months (comes with Cretan sparkling wine and a fruit platter).
Private outdoor massages and wellness treatments are also available at an extra fee.

The 12 hotel rooms are grouped into 2 bungalows each housing 6 rooms. The rooms are large and comfortable and all have a tremendous view over the valley. All rooms have central heating and air conditioning, a fridge, a flat screen TV with international channels, a private bathroom with hairdryer as well as coffee and tea making facilities.
Since 2020 the rooms feature new luxury cotton satin bedding, anti-allergic duvet and summer cotton sheets as well as 2 pillow choices (soft and hard).









The hotel has WIFI on the entire property.
Laundry is available for an additional fee.

On the arrival day guests are welcome the whole day, but guests rooms are not ready before 2:00pm. On departure day guests should leave the room before 10.30am, but are welcome to spend their last day in the hotel. A shower/changing room and toilets are available.

Room Options



Classic Room (2 adults max) - included for 2 pax
These rooms are located on the ground floor and have access to a patio and garden. They come equipped with either a king-size bed or twin beds and a private bathroom.



Deluxe Suite (2 adults max) - upgrade
These rooms are located on the ground floor (corner room) and come equipped with either a king-size bed or twin beds as well as a spacious bathroom with a 2 person spa bath (with hydro massage) and a private garden with a veranda and a sun deck with sun beds. These rooms also come with a fireplace.



Panorama Wellness Suite (3 adults max) - upgrade
These rooms are located on the first floor and have a balcony. In case you want a personalized and private wellness experience, this room type is for you. In addition to the bedding (king size bed or twins + single bed on split level bedroom), these rooms feature an infrared sauna cabin for 2 with color therapy. They are also equipped with a private bathroom with a 2 person corner spa bath (with hydro massage). These rooms also come with a fireplace.



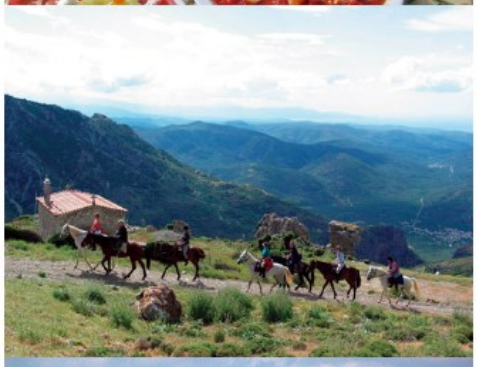
















Superior Wellness Suite (3 adults + 1 child max) - upgrade
This room is located on the top floor of the hotel and offers incredible views. It comes with a balcony and a private garden with furnished veranda and a sun deck. Like the wellness rooms, in addition to the bedding (king size bed or twins + twin bed on split level bedroom), this room features an infrared sauna cabin for 2 with color therapy. It also has a private bathroom with a 2 person corner spa bath (with hydro massage). These rooms also come with a fireplace.



Panorama Family Room (4 adults max) - included for 3 pax
This room is located on the first floor and comes with a private balcony and 1 private bathroom. Beddings arrangements include 1 room with a queen size double bed (not possible to split), and a single bed. there is also a single bed on a split level floor. The amenities include a fire place, coffee corner and walk in closet.
In case a group of 2 people wants to upgrade to this room category, they will need to pay a single supplement fee.



Superior Family Suite (4 adults + 1 child max) - included for 4 pax
This 2-bedroom suite is located on the ground floor with its own terrace. This room is composed of 2 adjoining bedrooms and has 2 bathrooms. It is equipped with 1 large double bed (possible to split into 2 single beds) and 2 twin beds. The master bedroom has a fireplace with sitting area, and a sofa bed (possible bed for child).

Room Occupancy
Triple share is possible.
There is no single supplement fee if you are willing to share.













Meals
All meals are included from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on the last day. Drinks, desserts, and other foods are not included.

The restaurant has its own vegetable, herb, and fruit gardens which provide us daily with new seasonable ingredients. Ripened under the Cretan sun and grown organically, they have a rich and delicious taste. Food is prepared with extra virgin olive oil from our own olive grove. After we press the olives only the highest extra virgin quality is kept for use in our restaurant. Some of the local produce used in the restaurant includes meat from the free ranging goats and sheep of our neighbors, cheese made by the local shepherd, homemade raki, and honey from a local beekeeper. All served with good Cretan wines (extra fee), made with grape varieties that have been used since Minoan times. Sometimes our guests prefer if we eat the Greek way (mezedes) and we put several dishes in the middle so everyone can try them!
Dinner is your choice from the menu and includes a starter, main dish, and salad.

Meals are usually served at the following times:
Breakfast from 8 am to 10:30 am
Lunch from 1 pm to 4 pm
Dinner from 5 pm to 9 pm

Dietary Restrictions
We can cater to dietary restrictions if given prior notice.

Riding



Riding Experience
This ride is suitable for good novice to experienced riders. You must be able to control your horse at a trot and canter riding outdoors in a group.
Riders are separated into different groups according to their riding level: the morning ride is the easy ride (we walk and trot and make short canters) and the evening ride is the active ride (only suitable for riders who are able to control their horses at all 3 basic gaits).

Pace & Terrain
The program includes 6 riding days with a total of 12 riding hours, averaging 2 hours in the saddle per day. The riding speed is adjusted to the level of the riders. Every day we set out on a new track, with our four-legged friend.

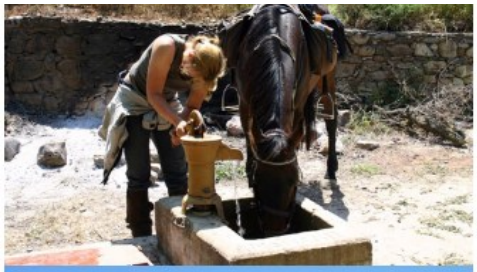
Tack
We use English saddles. Every horse has his own saddle and bridle custom fit for every horse, regularly maintained and refit to follow the changes in the horse body. For bridles, we use a broken or double broken K&K Aurigan bit.

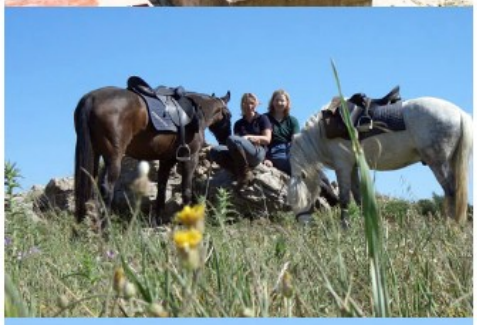
Horses
Here we stable 18 lovely horses and 1 pony. We have Arabians, Thoroughbreds and Warmblood horses. These breeds have a long breath and a never tiring will for the long distance riding. They are beautiful and well-trained holiday horses. Always eager to go, very relaxed in the mind, surefooted in the mountains and human orientated.
For the children we have a Welsh B pony. A real children's pony, very sweat, safe and with speed.
Our horses are trained following the classical dressage method (inspired by the Greek general Xenophon) to maintain the horse healthy and well balanced in its body. Or better explained by his own words: 'Anything forced and misunderstood can never be beautiful.'
Our horse work very hard on the long distances and in a warm climate. We believe we must do everything we can within our reach to make them feel as good as possible.
On 5 hectares of land, we built the stables by using natural materials like stones and wood. The stables are designed to be as close as possible to the physical needs of the horses.
We feed our horses by placing the hay in a slow feeder on the paddock floor. This means our horses are eating all day long creating a natural grazing behaviour, preventing colics or stumic sores and creating a healthy darm flora.

Eco-Friendly Stables
We reduce waste to a minimum and use renewable energy as much as we can. We use solar panels, placed on the roof of our stables, to produce our own electricity. We warm up water by running the water through solar collecting panels and to reduce west, we use 2 septi tanks.
For stable bedding, we use rubber permeable stable mats.
In 2015, the stables achieved an ISO 9001:2008 certificate for stable management and safety.

Children Policy
We do not accept children younger than 12 years on our outside hacks. Children from the age of 8 – 11 can join a horse riding lesson inside the safety of the arena.

Non-Riding Activities
The holiday is ideal for riders who like to travel with a non-riding friend or like to combine sightseeing or relaxing with horse riding. Non-riding activities include cooking lessons, bird watching, paragliding, hiking and cycling.









Sightseeing trips can also be arranged for an extra fee and there is a golf course nearby (7km away).

Itinerary



This is an ideal combination for those who travel together with non-riders or whose partner joins 1 of the other sport activities in the hotel like golf, mountain climbing, or paragliding.

The program includes 6 days of horseback riding with a total of 12 hours.
During the hot summer months we ride during the cool morning or evening hours. Usually, the morning ride is catered to less experienced riders (walk, trot and short canters - riding speed is adjusted to the level of the riders) and the evening ride is the more active ride, only suitable for riders who are able to control their horses in all 3 gaits.

We ride in the remote Cretan country side with secluded hectares of olive groves ribboned with mountain paths, trotting through valleys with Greek villages were time stands still.
This program allows you to ride along the waters of Lake Aposelemis, ride through the valley of Langada, cross the traditional Greek village of Avdou with its Byzantine church, climb up the mountain to get an excellent view over the stables, ride across Kerm Oak forest to visit the mysterious Church of the Saint Fotini and canter over the plateau of Mochos.
Hear nothing but the wind, the soft tinkle of the goat bells, and the horse shoes rumbling on the ground.



Non-Riding Activities (available at additional cost)
- Paragliding (only for experienced flyers)
- Hiking
- Caving
- Mountain climbing
- Mountain biking
- Birding
- Yoga onsite
- Cooking classes onsite
- A 18 hole golf course is located 5 miles away
- The wide sandy beach of Anissaras is 10 miles away





Wellness (available at extra cost)
It is possible to reserve massages and wellness treatments, given by a professional therapist.
The different massage offered are relaxing (Swedish Massage), deep tissue (Cretan Massage) or Yoga based (Thai Massage). Massage can be combined with aroma therapies and/or body treatments. All products used are 100% organic and made with Cretan herbs and olive oil. Already from Minoan times the use of herbs from the rich Cretan land combined with essential oils and olive oil were used as a base for massages of relaxation and well being.
A massage can be booked in the hotel, prices starting from 50 euro for a hour. Prices are depending on massage type, duration and products used.

Other Info

Meeting: Avdou
Airport: Heraklion International Airport
Transfer: Heraklion (Iraklion) Airport by taxi or public bus
Distance: 40 km
Private transfers are available from the airport (International or domestic), and the port. Or you can take a local bus to the hotel. Room available from 3:00 PM. Check-out by 11:00 AM.

Tack:	English - Wintec
Horses:	Arab, Berber, Thoroughbreds, Warmbloods, and Weslh ponies for children
Pace:	moderate with occasional steep terrain ~2 hrs/day
Level:	(2 to 3 out of 5) good novcie +
Age:	Min 8
Weight:	210 lbs / 95 kg
Riders:	Min 1 riders Max 8 riders

General Information About Crete

Crete, the island of surprises and contrasts. High mountains and deep gorges, archaeological sites alongside traditional villages where life continues in a relaxed and friendly way, clear blue seas bordered by golden sandy beaches. Zeus, the king of Greek gods, was born in a cave on Mount idi, the highest mountain. He represented hospitality and his spirit lives on today in the hearts of all Cretan people.

Georgaphy
Crete is the largest Greek island. It covers 8,336 sq m with 1.100 kms of coastline. It is considered as one of the most prosperous areas in Greece. Its development has been favored by its geographical location, climate, diverse natural beauty as well as its unique cultural and historical treasures. Crete is renowned for its breath-taking mountain ranges and long sandy beaches running down to emerald-blue seas. This particular geography allow the existence of a large number of rare flora and fauna species, such as the sea lily along the coastal zones, sea turtles caretta caretta in Rethynnon and Eleonoras Falcon falcon Eleonore in Lassithi. In the valleys and semimountainous areas, one can find more than 100 different varieties of flowers and plants, while in the high mountains and deep Cretan gorges the visitor may encounter interesting flora and fauna including the wild goat kri kri, which is found only in Crete.

Climate
Crete enjoys perhaps one of the best subtropical Mediterranean climates with over 300 days and more than 3,000 hours of sunshine each year. The light rainy season is normally confined to the period between November and March. Mild temperatures prevail year round.

Population
The population of Crete currently is approximately 600.000 people. The majority of inhabitants live in the four main towns of the island, Hania, Rethymnon, Agios Nikolaos and Heraklion, the capital. The remainder of the population is spread in smaller towns and scattered fishing and mountain villages.
Main Religion : Greek Orthodox
Language : Greek is the official language, but English and German are widely spoken.

Rates and Dates 2027 - IT-GR-SRCR01

Rates include: Accommodations in Classic room, All meals, 6 riding days & Government taxes.
Riding helmets and mini chaps are available for free in the stables.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US$
A 2027	8 day ride (high)	€1400	$1680
	Non-rider, dbl, pp	€980	$1175

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

Rates Note: Non riders: There are many activity options available - from Para-gliding to Caving, Mountain Biking and Hiking to Golfing (5 miles away), and Massages

Transfer Option

Description

2027	Transfer from Heraklion airport one way, per car (up to 4 pax)	€55	$65
2027	Transfer from Heraklion city center one way, per car (up to 4 pax)	€60	$75
2027	Transfer from Hersonissos one way, per car (up to 4 pax)	€30	$35
2027	Single supplement (requested)	€245	$295
2027	Child rates- please inquire		
2027	Upgrade to Deluxe room, per room	€455	$545
2027	Upgrade to Panorama wellness suite, per room	€910	$1095
2027	Upgrade to Superior wellness suite, dbl, per room	€1050	$1260
2027	Additional single supplement (requested) when upgrading to larger room	€245	$295
2027	Mandatory Climate Crisis Resilience Fee (April 1st to October 31st period) 1.50 Euro per room per night *rate subject to change*	€14	$20
2027	Mandatory Climate Crisis Resilience Fee (November 1st to April 30th period) .50 Euro per room per night *rate subject to change*	€4	$5
2027	Night transfers (00:00 to 07:00) additional charge	€10	$15
2027	Return transfer Beach Day Hersonissos, per car (up to 4 pax)	€50	$60

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	07/01/2027 - 08/31/2027	8d / 7n	8 day ride (high)

Min/Max: 1/8
Arrival is possible any time during the season from Saturday or Sunday

Rates do not include:Drinks, Gratuities & Transfers from/to Heraklion, Climate Crisis Resilience Fee

Environmental resilience tax is 2 euro per room / per night from April 1st to October 31st, and 0,50 euro per room / per night from November 1st to November 22nd and from March 15th to March 30th. (Must be paid at the hotel, during check out)

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-GR-SRCR01

Rates include: Accommodations in Classic room, All meals, 6 riding days & Government taxes.
Riding helmets and mini chaps are available for free in the stables.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US$
A 2026	8 day ride (summer)	€1330	$1465

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

Rates Note: Non riders: There are many activity options available - from Para-gliding to Caving, Mountain Biking and Hiking to Golfing (5 miles away), and Massages

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Tour Dates

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A 2026	07/01/2026 - 08/31/2026	8d / 7n	8 day ride (summer)

Min/Max: 1/8
Arrival is possible any time during the season

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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	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Interm.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking
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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 maling address):

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I have enclosed a check for the deposit ◯

Additional Signatures:

2. _____

3. _____

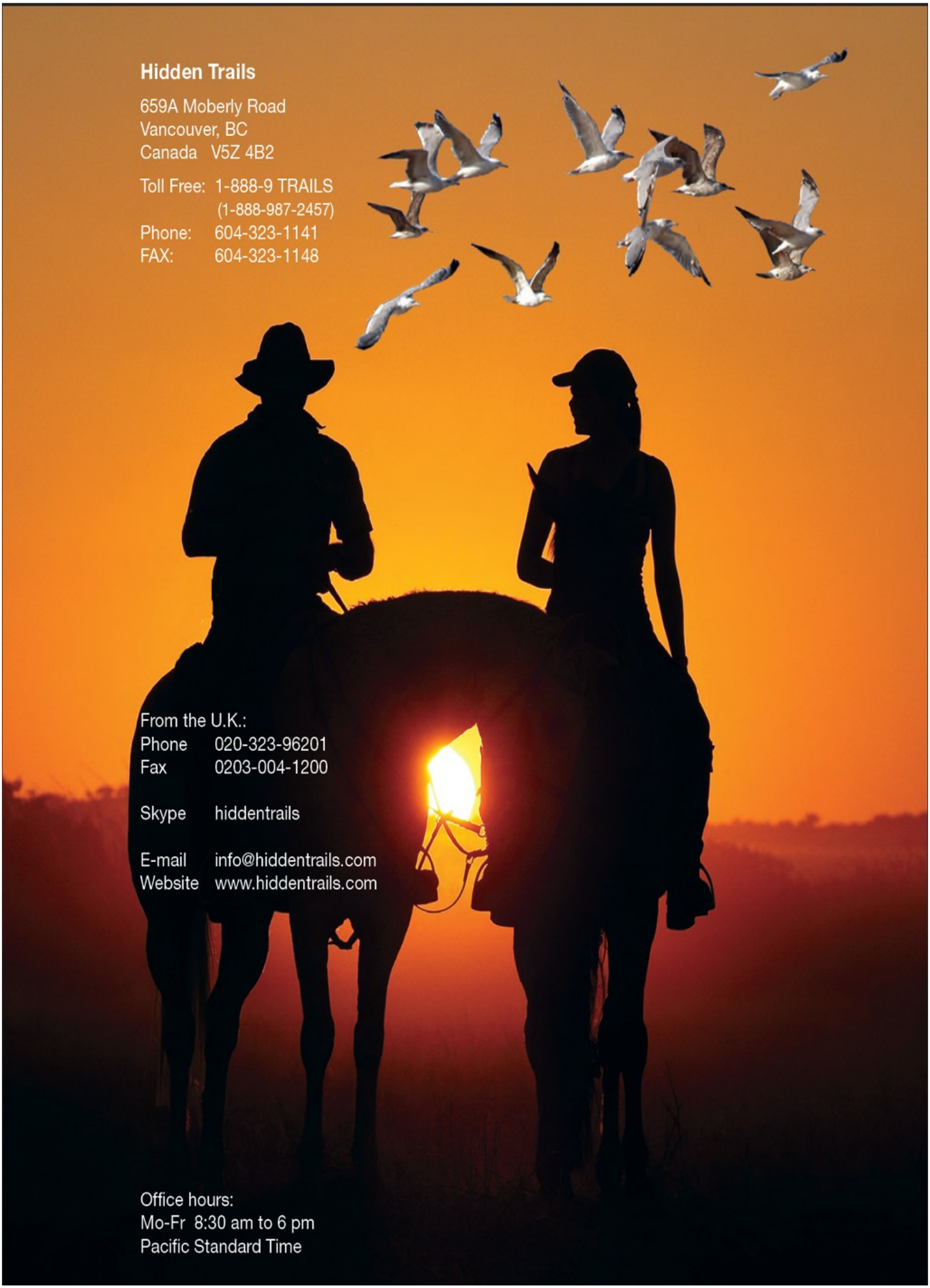
4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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