



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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Great Hungarian Plain Tour - Hungary, Europe

Tour Code: IT-HUAS01
7 days / 6 nights ~\$1,030.00
Dates: May to October

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

Tack: Hungarian-style saddles (similar to English)
Horses: Akhal teke & Hungarian horses
Pace: Approx 5 hours in the saddle per riding day

Airport: Budapest Ferihegy airport



Introduction

Southern Hungary, Hungary

Take part in the authentic experience of horsebackriding through the Great Hungarian Plain.

Discovering a country from the back of a horse gives us a special feeling of freedom and helps us see the World from a different perspective. This is an experience that connects us with the past, as we try to follow the nomadic way of life, typical of inhabitants of the region, centuries ago.

During most of our journey, we ride through the Wilderness, across flora and fauna rich landscapes, covering about 25-35 km each day.

Accommodation



Accommodations

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

Description

There are 5 yurts and 8 cabins at our basecamp.

You are accommodated in a yurt. Our Yurts are located in the grazing field of our stud. Our guests can see the starry sky through the open ceiling of the yurts, and can also hear the horses in a nearby field, so they rest in harmony with nature in close proximity with the horses just like our ancestors over 1000 years ago.



Light is provided by oil lanterns and there are no bathrooms. There are shower cabinets with hot and cold running water near the yurts.

The yurts are decorated with carpets and blankets are provided. Each yurt can accommodate up to 6 people.

Room Occupancy

In case we are unable to find a roommate for a solo traveler, then the single supplement fee applies.





Meals

All meals are included from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on the last day.

During our daily ride, we usually have a picnic lunch.

Dinner often features Hungarian specialties, eaten at the accommodation or at a local restaurant.

Meals are taken in the large communal yurt.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding

This tour caters to strong intermediate riders and above who are comfortable at a moderate pace (many trots and short canters). We cover about 15-20 km each day.

Being able to keep the rising position in gallop and trot even in long distances is a basic requirement.



Tack

We use custom-made Hungarian-style saddles, modernized for today's riding needs and horses. They are extremely safe and comfortable.

The structure of our saddles is based on a historical Hungarian saddle, the "Tiszafüred saddle". During a course of several decades of development and continuous testing the design of the saddle has been adjusted to modern requirements thus ensuring the comfort of horses and the safety and convenience of riders. Our saddles continues to preserve the heritage of old Hungarian saddles, which is reflected in materials and design.

We provide a bottle holder with each saddle. If you want to bring snacks and other personal small object, we suggest you bring a waist bag.

Please, note that saddle bags are not allowed on this trip. Your luggage will be transported in our support vehicle.





Horses

The Akhal Teke is a breed that ancient Magyars rode during the conquest of the land of Hungary. This horse is renowned for its comfortable pace and endurance.

Akhal Tekes are light weight with an elongated body structure and sportive appearance. The breed features various hues of dun and peculiar metallic glitter. It is an intelligent, dynamic and sensitive breed.

As a result of its geographical origin, the breed has great endurance. Since it is a desert breed, it is capable of covering long distances even in extreme conditions.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

After your transfer from the airport, you have some time to settle in your yurt.

Tonight, dinner is served between 6 and 7 pm.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 2 (Monday): Introduction Ride & Stud Visit

Breakfast is served at 8 am. Then, we meet the horses, and aim to be in the saddle at about 9 a.m. We will do a test ride in the arena, for riding skill assessment and to make sure horse and riders are well matched.

Then, we go for a short ride in the surrounding area, getting back to the yurt camp in time for lunch.

In the afternoon visit to the stud by Steppe-Train. You will be transported by wagon(s) towed by a tractor (like a train) to visit the Akhal-Teke Stud.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 3 (Tuesday): Turul Statue Ride

We start riding at about 9 am. We will stop for our picnic lunch at the Turul Statue which commemorates the Hungarian conquest. The Turul (the peregrine falcon) is an important player in the sagas of the Magyars. The statue commemorates the Hungarian Invasion of the Carpathian Basin. Then, we will ride back to our yurt camp (total of 3 hours riding approximately).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 4 (Wednesday): Riding to the Communion mounds

This morning, we ride to the Communion mounds. These mounds served as burial grounds for various peoples of the steppes for over 2000 years. The 1,600 mounds discovered in the Great Hungarian Plain represent only a fraction of all the steppe mounds.

During our ride, we cross meadows, surrounded by reeds and oak forests. In the plains, we will discover the rich flora of the region.

After our visit (with lunch break) of the Communion mounds, we head back to the yurt camp, where dinner is waiting for us.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 5 (Thursday): Cattle Ride & Memorial Park Visit

After breakfast, we ride to the winter feeding grounds of our grey cattle herd. Our cattle lives in a 1,200 hectare meadow. From there, riders can catch a glimpse of the local protected fauna, such as the water buffalos.

This landscape is an incredible reflection of the great steppes.

In the afternoon, we visit the Feszty Panorama Picture in the National Historical Memorial Park. The painting depicts the ancient Hungarian Invasion of the Carpathian Basin.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 6 (Friday): Forest Ride

Today, we ride to the Süli forest: 100-150-year-old oaks line our way in the forest. There are old trees here from the time before the regulation of the Tisza River, which was 120 years ago. These days it is rich in birds and wildlife, a habitat for owls, ravens and roe deer as well as, rabbits. Even meadow eagles nest in here temporarily.

Dinner is served between 6-7 p. m. at the yurt camp

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 7 (Saturday): Departure

Departure is scheduled after breakfast.

Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Ópusztaszer

Airport: Budapest Ferihegy airport

Train station: Kistelek train station

Transfer: Budapest airport or Kistelek train station

Transfer: Budapest airport or Hírlapok train station

Tack: Hungarian-style saddles (similar to English)

Horses: Akhal teke & Hungarian horses

Pace: Approx 5 hours in the saddle per riding day (15-20 km daily)

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

Age: Min 12 Max 65

Weight: 198 lbs / 90 kg

Riders: Min 5 riders Max 10 riders Max Capacity 10
(per riding group)

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

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Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-HUAS01

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals & 5 riding days
Possible to borrow riding helmet locally

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	7 day trip	€935	\$1030

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

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Transfers from/to Budapest airport, return, pp (1 pax only)	€100	\$110
2024	Transfers from/to Budapest airport, return, per car (3 pax)	€50	\$55
2024	Transfers from/to Budapest airport, return, per car (2 pax only)	€65	\$70
2024	Transfers from/to Kistelek train station included		
2024	Single supplement in a yurt	€350	\$385

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	04/28/2024 - 05/04/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	07/28/2024 - 08/03/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 5/10
Custom dates available on request depending on availability - please inquire

Rates do not include:Gratuities & Transfers



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 Inter.	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"/>	<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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