

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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From Steppes to Mountains - Hungary, Europe

Tour Code: IT-HUAS04
9 days / 8 nights ~\$2,480.00
Dates: April to September

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

Tack: Hungarian-style saddles (similar to En...
Horses: Akhal teke & Hungarian horses in Hunga...
Pace: Approx 5 hours in the saddle per ridin...

Airport: Budapest Ferihegy airport



Introduction

Southern Hungary, Hungary
Visit 2 completely different regions in two different countries in just one week.

Start your tour in the Great Hungarian Plains and sit in the saddles of our beautiful Akhal horses. Then, make your way to the mountains of Transylvania.

This tour will also allow you to immerse yourself in the heart of Hungarian culture while enjoying traditional accommodation in yurts. You will also discover Hungarian landscapes that will fascinate you: from the Tisza River to the magical Sűli Forest.

Accommodation

Accommodations

This is a progressive ride, so nights are spent in different accommodations along the way.

Description

The first half of the trip is spent in Hungary while the second part is spent in Romania.

[Accommodation Itinerary for Bears path](#) - subject to changes based on availability

Nights 1-4: Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Nights 5-8: Guesthouse in Pádis

[Accommodation Itinerary for Wolves path](#) - subject to changes based on availability

Nights 1-4: Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Night 5: Farmhouse in Kladova

Nights 6-7: Cottage in Magyarád

Night 8: Farmhouse in Kladova



Yurts near Ópusztaszer

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.

Guesthouse in Pádis

You sleep in small wooden chalets equipped with two bunk beds and an ensuite bathroom. Wi-Fi and phone coverage are available at this property.

There is a sauna and a small pool where guests can relax in the evening.

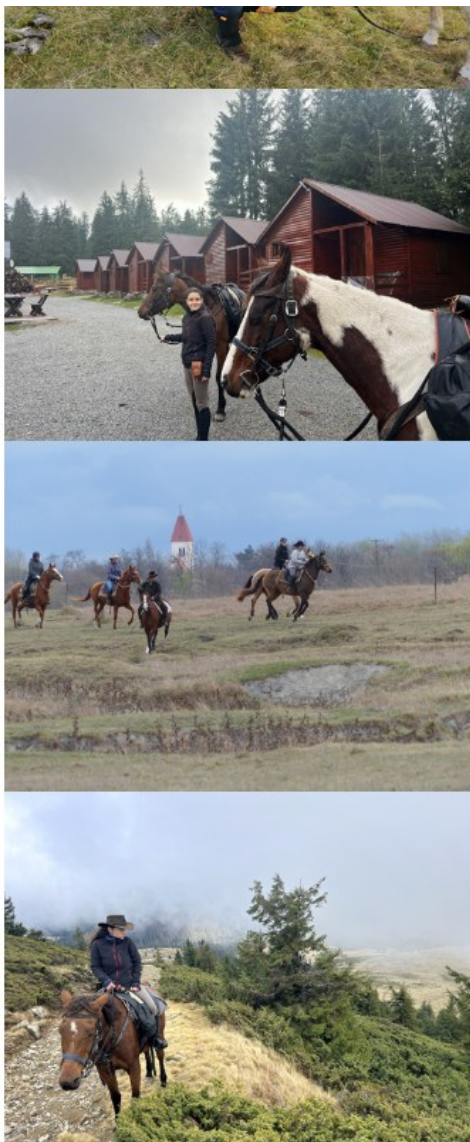
Room Occupancy

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.

The meals are based on regional cuisine. Romanian cuisine is a diverse blend of different dishes from several traditions with which it has come into contact, the Turks brought meatballs (perişoare in a meatball soup), from the Greeks there is musaca, from the Austrians there is the şniţel, and the list may be continued. The Romanians have many types of food in common with countries in the Balkan area and the former Austro-Hungarian Empire.



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Breakfast usually includes coffee/tea/water, butter, cheese, jam, pastries, ham, eggs and vegetables. Lunches mainly consist of picnics eaten out on the trail (sandwich, fruits, dried fruits and mixed nuts, chocolate). Dinners feature a hot meal starting with a soup, a second course and dessert.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding

This package is ideal for fit and experienced riders who want to ride long distances (30-40 km) with many opportunities for long canters.

Note: there is no possibility to return halfway, riders who started the tour have to ride until the destination! 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 continue 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

The difference between the 2 programs below is the area that you will explore while in Romania.

Sample Itinerary: Bears path - subject to changes

Day 1: Arrival

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

Tonight, dinner is served between 7 and 8 pm.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 2: 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 around the stud, getting back to the yurt camp in time for lunch. The Cseppentő family has always considered the Akhal Teke breed as a type of work horse, and not a breed performing at equestrian shows. Carefully selected individuals remained in breeding, and it was not the quantity but the quality that they strived for. In addition to the purebred stud core, the stud of 75 horses includes Akhals with a high-blood rate, with which, in addition to tourism, they also perform successfully in competitions, especially in three-day events.

In the afternoon we will ride in a nearby forest, followed by a visit to the monumental panorama painting depicting the arrival of the Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin painted by Árpád Feszty in the Ópusztaszer National Historical Memorial Park.

Dinner will be served at yurt camp around 6-7 pm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 3: Forest & River Ride

This morning, we ride through the Sűli forest, where 100-150-year-old oaks line our way. This forest is a great habitat for owls, ravens and roe deer as well as, rabbits. Even meadow eagles roost in it temporarily.

After our lunch in the shade of a 100-year-old ash tree, we will continue our ride into a saline terrain, the Ányás bend, which stretches along the banks of the Tisza River.

Here, you can have a little insight into the Tisza flora, including mushrooms and floodplain plants.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 4: Seven Chieftain's Arrows Ride & Cattle Herd

We start the day with a ride out to the cattle herd pasture. We enjoy a good view of its special and protected fauna, free-grazing water buffaloes, colorful birds and a wild horizon of untouched wilderness.

This afternoon, we ride on forest paths to the monumental statues depicting the Seven Chieftain's Arrows. Here, according to legends, the arrows of the 7 Hungarian chieftains first hit the ground.

Tonight is our last dinner in Hungary

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 5: Transfer to Transylvania

After breakfast, we take a transfer to our next destination in Romania (about 3 hours by car). We will now enter into Transylvania. We expect to arrive at the famous Géza Balla winery in time for lunch. Then with our local tour guide, the journey continues all the way to Pádis. We should arrive at our accommodation around 4-5 pm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Pádis

Day 6: Britei Peak Ride

This is the most difficult and also the longest ride of this tour. Starting from Pádis, our first stop is at Varasoia lake. Passing through the Voiosu crest we reach the Britei peak. On our way back we stop by Piatra Arsa (the burnt stone), and we can enjoy the Pádis Cave before reaching our accommodation in Pádis. It is a 25 km long trail, and the highest peak is 1759 m high. Due to the very rocky terrain, it is required to dismount and lead the horses several times, which means that the riders are expected to be in good physical condition.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Pádis

Day 7: Shepherd's Trails

Today, the ride is easier and shorter. We will ride for about 18 km. Starting from Pádis, we cross paths with a shepherd's camp right after which a steep mountain ridge will await in front of us. After the climb, endless meadows brighten our day which will make way for long gallops. A very old shepherd village will be welcoming us along the road, and we will have the opportunity to roam around a little, and visit its famous wooden church. On our way back we will stop at Batrana's Cavern and ride across more endless meadows back to Pádis.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Pádis

Day 8: Meadows Ride

For our last riding day, we enjoy an easy trail with a scenic view. We ride through Pádis meadow and reach the Clavoi valley. On the way, we will have a short stop, dismount and walk to a beautiful waterfall at Izbucl Ponor and will visit some natural whirlpools. On our way back to Pádis, we will ride through several amazing meadows and forests.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Pádis

Day 9: Departure

After breakfast, we drop you off at Cluj Napoca's airport.

Meals included: Breakfast

Sample Itinerary: Wolves path - subject to changes**Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival**

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

Tonight, dinner is served between 7 and 8 pm.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 2 (Sunday): 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.

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In the afternoon we will ride in a nearby forest, followed by a visit to the monumental panorama painting depicting the arrival of the Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin painted by Árpád Feszty in the Ópusztaszer National Historical Memorial Park.

Dinner will be served at yurt camp around 6-7 pm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 3 (Monday): Forest & River Ride

This morning, we ride through the Süli forest, where 100-150-year-old oaks line our way. This forest is a great habitat for owls, ravens and roe deer as well as, rabbits. Even meadow eagles roost in it temporarily.

After our lunch in the shade of a 100-year-old ash tree, we will continue our ride into a saline terrain, the Ányás bend, which stretches along the banks of the Tisza River.

Here, you can have a little insight into the Tisza flora, including mushrooms and floodplain plants.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 4 (Tuesday): Seven Chieftain's Arrows Ride & Cattle Herd

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This afternoon, we ride on forest paths to the monumental statues depicting the Seven Chieftain's Arrows. Here, according to legends, the arrows of the 7 Hungarian chieftains first hit the ground.

Tonight is our last dinner in Hungary

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Yurts near Ópusztaszer

Day 5 (Wednesday): Transfer to Transylvania

After breakfast, we take a transfer to our next destination in Romania (about 3 hours by car). We will now enter into Transylvania. We expect to arrive at the famous Géza Balla winery in time for lunch. Then with our local tour guide, the journey continues all the way to Kladova. We should arrive at our accommodation around 4-5 pm.

In the evening, we enjoy dinner by the campfire, conversation and discuss the adventure ahead.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Kladova

Day 6 (Thursday): Wilderness Ride

This morning, we meet our horse companions at the farm in Kladova. Our first day riding in Transylvania is spent

in untouched wilderness, with the route passing through forests and along mountain ridges. Open pastures provide opportunities for long gallops. We will stop for a picnic lunch on the way.
The route covers 20 km, with 5-6 hours of riding. Due to the rocky terrain, participants will dismount and lead their horses at times, which also requires physical endurance.
We should arrive at our accommodation in Magyarád around 5-6 pm. After a short rest, enjoy a hearty dinner and a campfire conversation about the day's experiences. Our luggage will be transported to the lodging by car.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in Magyarád

Day 7 (Friday): Világos Castle Ride

After breakfast, we get back in the saddle. Our 15 km route involves riding at all three gaits, with participants dismounting and leading their horses on steeper, rocky sections. We will stop for lunch at the Világos Castle. The Világos Castle offers a stunning view of the Great Hungarian Plain and is most beautiful at sunset. Some believe the castle dates back to the 12th century, though it was first mentioned in writing in 1324. Below the castle lies the Szöllősi Meadow, where Görgei, a Hungarian general during the War of Independence (1848-49) surrendered to the Russians.
After our break, we return to the accommodation.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in Magyarád

Day 8 (Saturday): Ride from Magyarád to Kladova

This final day is the longest, featuring scenic gallops and breath-taking views as we cross the mountain ridge. We pass through beautiful meadows and forests, with a short section along an abandoned asphalt road deep in the woods.
Our expected arrival at the farm in Kladova is around 6 pm.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in Kladova

Day 9 (Sunday): Departure

After breakfast, we drop you off at Cluj Napoca's airport.
Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Ópusztaszer

Airport: Budapest Ferihegy airport

Train station: Kistelek train station

Transfer: Budapest airport

Pick-up for this trip is included from Budapest Airport (BUD), no later than 5:00 PM. Drop-off for this trip is included to Cluj Napoca Airport (CLJ).

Tack: Hungarian-style saddles (similar to English)

Horses: Akhal teke & Hungarian horses in Hungary / Andalusian, Shagya Arabian mix & Pain horses in Romania

Pace: Approx 5 hours in the saddle per riding day with long canters

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (5 to 5 out of 5) Advanced

Age: Min 12 Max 65

Weight: 190 lbs / 85 kg

Riders: Min 6 riders Max 10 riders Max Capacity 10
(per riding group)

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-HUAS04

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, Transfers & 6 riding days
Possible to borrow riding helmet locally

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	9 day trip - Wolves path -- tour date TBA	€2065	\$2480
B 2026	9 day trip - Bears path	€2065	\$2480

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 Budapest airport included on Day 1
2026	Transfer to Cluj Napoca or Timișoara airport included on last day
2026	Single supplement - please inquire

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
B 2026	09/24/2026 - 10/02/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip - Bears path

Min/Max: 6/10

Custom dates available on request depending on availability - please inquire

Rates do not include: 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									
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Intern.	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 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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