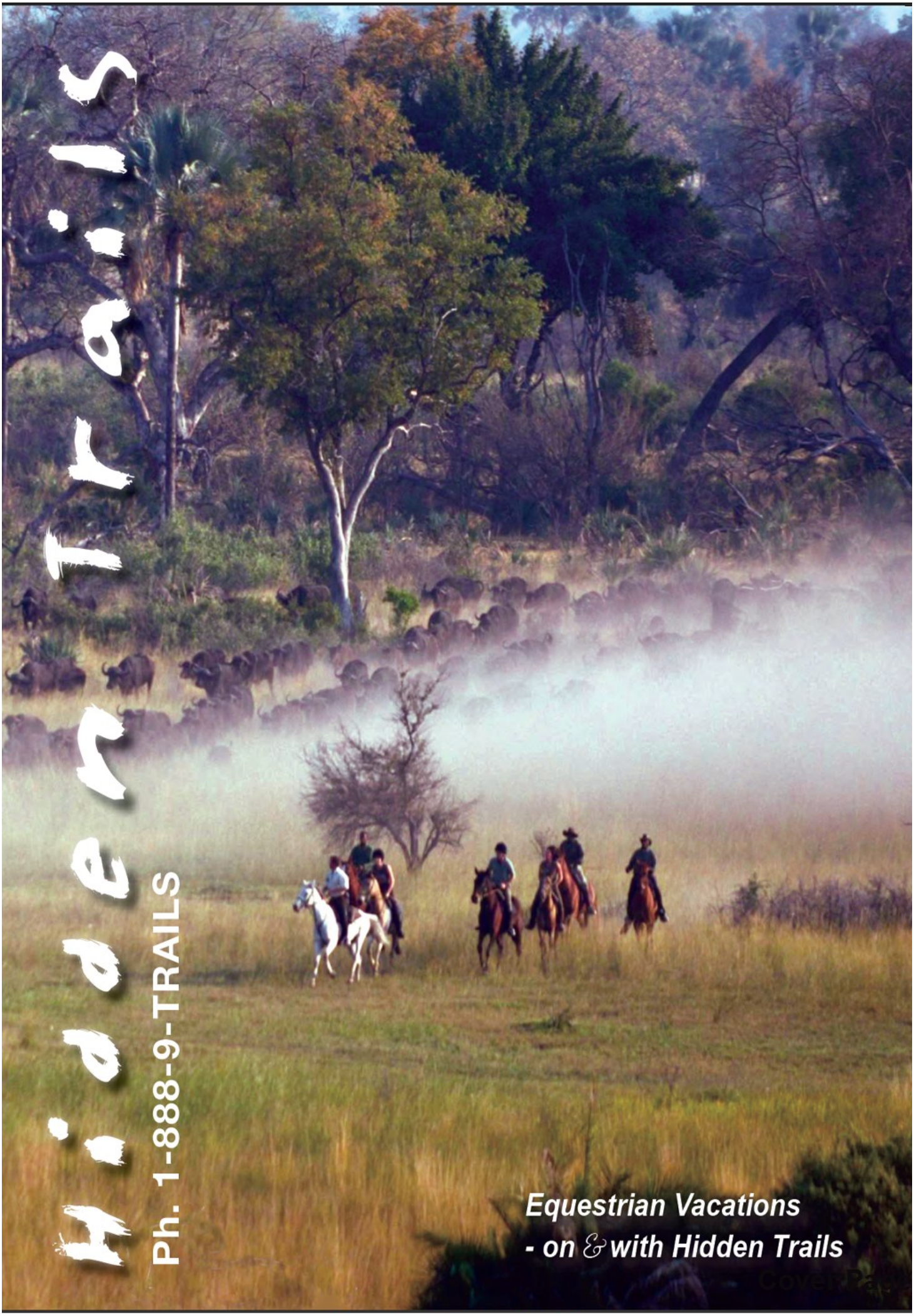

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About Hidden Trails



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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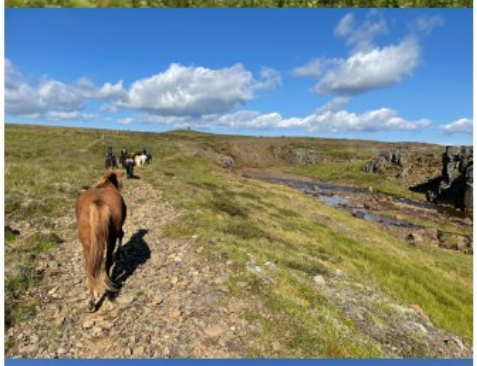
Hot Springs, Lava Fields & Trails - Iceland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ICEIL1
4 days / 3 nights ~$3,200.00
Dates: July

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: Icelandic tack with saddle bags
Horses: Icelandic Horses
Pace: Riding 15-25 km per day (3-6 hours in ...
Walk,Trot,Canter,

Airport: Keflavik Airport






Introduction

West, Iceland
This lovely four day ride takes you to some of the most beautiful riding tracks in Borgarfjörður, in Western Iceland. This area boasts everything that Iceland has to offer: Glaciers, volcanoes, hot springs, historic Saga sites and geothermal pools.

During the ride you will visit the huge Lava Tunnel Viðgelmir and the cozy geothermal Krauma SPA. An optional tour is also offered directly from the hotel grounds into the blue ice of the huge Langjökull glacier.

Our guide and their team takes some spare hand-horses along and you can try riding with a hand-horse – but there is no requirement and we might also have the spare horses running along.

Accomodation



Accommodations
This is a stationary ride so all nights will be spent at the same accommodation.

Description
You will stay at 4* hotel in Húsafell. This hotel is a Member of the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. It offers 48 beautiful Nordic style decorated rooms in an idyllic setting, between vast lava fields and a lovely birch forest.
Each room features private facilities with hair dryer, free Wi-Fi access, a TV and a coffee & tea maker.



There is also a golf course and a geothermal pool available near the hotel (extra fee applies).

Entrance fee is payable at the pool reception. Please note the pools are public. It is possible to rent swimming costumes and towels for a small fee.
The pool is open daily in summer from 2 pm on weekdays and 10 am on weekends.

Note that your guide will not be staying at the hotel during the tour.

Room Occupancy
Triple rooms might be available on request (please inquire).
The single supplement fee is mandatory for single travelers.

















Meals
During the ride half board is provided with breakfast and lunch.
Dinner is not included on this tour.

The hotel has an excellent restaurant with exquisite local Icelandic gourmet cuisine.
Breakfast is served in the hotel restaurant dining room from 7:00 to 10:00 am in summer (June - September).

Lunch is usually eaten on the trail and features a variety of dishes including: sandwiches, hot dogs, lobster soup, lamb BBQ...
We also provide coffee and cakes at the end of the day, usually home baked or assorted Icelandic cheese etc.

Dietary Restrictions
It is possible to cater to special diets with advance notice.

Riding



We usually ride with some spare horses as we ride at least 2 horses every day. We mostly ride at a tölt but also walk, trot and canter.

We operate our horse riding tours in Iceland in cooperation with local partners that are horse people through and through.
They breed their own horses and train them themselves. They operate their tours in their home region where they know each and every mountain, creek and canyon.

Riding Gear
Our tack is very similar to the one used by English style riding. But don´t worry if you come from a Western Riding background, we will assist you and you will get used to the tack in no time. We use safety stirrups on all our saddles and will ask you to wear a helmet at all times. You can bring your own helmet (please disinfect your riding gear) or you can borrow one locally.
Our bridles are very practical, they have clip on reins that you can release so that your horse can have some grass while you enjoy your break! We also provide you with a saddle bag, big enough for your picnic, gloves and a small camera.

Riding with the Herd
One of the things that makes riding tours in Iceland completely different from tours in other countries is the fact that we take lots of spare horses along when we travel. The sight of 40 – 80 horses running free over the mountain trails with the wind in their mane is a view you will not forget – we promise! On each tour you can expect to ride different horses every day. That means that we need at least three to four horses per person. The horses we are not riding run along freely in a herd.
Our partners and their staff will take care of the herd and if you want to, you can help them with the herding. But please note that you should always follow the instructions by the staff. We will go over the safety procedures on the first day of the trip. Riding with the herd is a once- in- a -lifetime experience for every rider!

Hand horses and loose herd
In our tours we usually ride with a hand horse (also known as ponying). If you have never ridden with a hand horse before we will teach you how to manage and help you in any way we can.
If your hand horse is bugging your riding horse please let the staff know and they will either take him or have him run along.
Some roads can be narrow and then it is best to have a long rein on the hand horse and make him go behind you, but if you find it difficult just put the reins over his head and let him loose.



you, but if you find it difficult just put the reins over his head and let him loose.
We pair our horses together so the riding horse and the hand horse know each other and have no problem being side by side.
The staff usually have more than on hand horse.

Please note: If you are having trouble with your hand horse, try to let the staff know as soon as possible. In all cases it is better to drop the hand horse (he will not go anywhere) if you have any problems. Do not try to hold on the hand horse as you might loose your balance.
We always try to have a loose herd once on every tour, just to get the feeling. But that means we need your help with the herd! Some riders will be in the front, some in the back and then the loose herd in the middle. For those in the front it is very important to never let a loose horse get passed you. And for those in the back do not push on the loose horses. But no worries, we will explain it better on the tour.

Riding Experience
You do not need any prior knowledge of Icelandic Horses or the special gait tölt. We will explain our way of riding and will take time and patience to teach you how to ride the tölt. However, you might get more out of a multi-day trip if you know already a little bit about tölting. This is why we offer a pre-tour for our multi-day tours in cooperation with our partners (inquire for more information). We especially recommend this pre-tour for riders that are used to Western Riding. But as already mentioned above, this pre-tour is just a service to make sure you enjoy the tour even more but it is not a requirement. We will take good care of you either way!

Horse Welfare
Horse Welfare is not just a slogan for us. All of our Team Members own horses and ride on a regular basis. Some of us even breed horses. We love horses - in fact they are everything to us! That is why we carefully pick and choose our partners. We visit them on a regular basis – even without prior notice - to make sure that their horses are kept in good conditions all year round. That is also the reason why you will not find many departures in a row for our tours.
We want to make sure that both horses and the human team behind each tour gets a good rest in between departures so that they can deliver 100% service once you arrive.
During a typical year our horses are kept outside 24/7 during summer on usually rather large fields with access to good grazing and fresh water. If they are close to the stable or a paddock we will keep them there for a few hours during the day when we want to ride them in order to have them nearby and dry. Also in some cases to prevent them from eating 24 hours! Obesity can be a problem in Icelandic Horses. During autumn (usually from Mid September to December) we take their shoes off (all horses in Iceland are ridden with shoes) and they are turned onto big autumn fields where they live nearly „half-wild“ in large herds. During this time they are completely „on vacation“, they are not ridden but we visit them regularly to make sure that every horse is doing well. End of December/beginning of January we take the young and competition horses into the stable for training. Then they are kept in stalls but the Icelandic Law for Horse Welfare states clear regulations regarding stall sizes, daily playtime outside, paddock fencing, food... Older fully trained horses, breeding mares, untrained youngster and horses that are not ridden during wintertime like many of our horses that we use for the tours usually stay outside on winter fields in large herds where they are fed with hay and where sufficient water and wind protection is provided, either natural or man made. From May/June all horses again are on summer fields where they stay outside 24/7 feeding on grass. A few exemptions from these rules are made regarding stallions due to their nature.

Travel Insurance
Individual travel insurance is not included in the tour prices. We urge our guests to purchase relevant travel insurance before visiting Iceland. Guests from Europe should bring their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

We reserve the right to alter routes, itineraries or timetables should the necessity arise. The estimated duration of tours as indicated by km can change according to road or weather conditions.

Day 1 (Thursday): Welcome to West Iceland! Reykjavík – Hraunfossar Waterfalls – Hotel Húsafell
Meet & Greet with your guide at your accommodation in Reykjavík at 10 o´clock. Please wear your riding clothes at departure. Private transfer to West Iceland into the charming Nature Reserve Húsafell. Here you meet your horses for a first ride from Húsafell through the idyllic birch tree forest Hraunásskógur to the famous Hraunfossar waterfalls, which run down in numerous little falls from the rugged brims of the Hallmundarhraun lava field, covering a distance of almost 1000 m. We leave the horses at a farm near the waterfalls and drive to our accommodation for the next 3 nights, the lovely four-star Hotel Húsafell, member of the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Enjoy a relaxing bath in the geothermal pool or hot tub, a round of golf and a delicious meal with a drink from the cozy hotel bar!
Meals included: Lunch
Overnight at Hotel in Húsafell

Day 2 (Friday): Hotel Húsafell – Fljótstunga – Tunga – Lava cave Viðgelmir –Hotel Húsafell
After enjoying a long breakfast from the sumptuous buffet, you will meet again with Steinunn in the hotel lobby and return to the horses. You will ride via the farm Fljótstunga along the banks of a wild salmon river into the beautiful landscape around Tunga. Right after today´s ride we take you to the huge lava cave Viðgelmir, one of the largest of its kind in Iceland. A guide will take you „down under“ to the wonders of lava stalagmites and other peculiar lava formations in the huge dome underneath the Hallmundarlava field. (Helmets and torches provided. Please dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes, duration approx. 1,5 hours). After the tour you return to your lovely hotel.
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch
Overnight at Hotel in Húsafell

Day 3 (Saturday): Hotel Húsafell – Hallmundahraun lava fields – Hotel Húsafell – Optional Canyon bath or Glacier tour
After breakfast return to the horses to go for a breathtaking ride through the huge lava field Hallmundarhraun on remote tracks through different types of lava, birch forest und wide open spaces of secluded fields covered in moss and lichens. Enjoy spectacular views of mountains and the glacier Langjökull in the background. We leave the horses at Kalmannstunga for a well-deserved rest. After the ride you can enjoy relaxing at the pool next to the hotel or go a once-in-a-lifetime trip and explore the rare sights both on top of Langjokull glacier and inside the ice tunnels (better to book in advance) or go on a guided tour to the fantastic Canyon baths.
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch
Overnight at Hotel in Húsafell

Day 4 (Sunday): Hotel Húsafell – Húsafell Nature Reserve Ride – Krauma - Reykjavík
After breakfast and check out at the hotel we return to the horses. Today we close our circle by riding from Kalmanstunga through the Húsafell Nature Reserve back to the hotel grounds. On our way to Reykjavik we stop at modern Krauma with steam rooms, hot tubs and a relaxing room with a crackling open fire. We will provide you with a towel, bathrobe and a glass of wine!
Riding: Approx 10 km
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Please note: An optional tour into an ice tunnel at Langjökull glacier can be booked from the hotel grounds on the last day. Please let us know if you would like to book this option (extra fee applies).

Non-riders
Non-riders are welcome to join. There are great facilities for hikers and golf loving people! Please, inquire for rates.

Other Info

Airport: Keflavik Airport
Pick-up / drop-off for this trip is from downtown Reykjavík. Transfers can be arranged from/to your accommodation in Reykjavík or at the BSÍ bus terminal.

Tack: Icelandic tack with saddle bags
Horses: Icelandic Horses
Pace: Riding 15-25 km per day (3-6 hours in the saddle)
Walk | Trot | Canter |
Level:  (4 out of 5) Strong Intermediate
Age: Min 12
Weight: 210 lbs / 95 kg
Riders: Min 2 riders Max 5 riders
Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2027 - IT-ICEIL1

Rates include: Hotel accommodation with Half Board (breakfast & lunch), Private Transfer between Reykjavík and Húsafell, 4 riding days according to program & Entrance to Krauma SPA, Giljaböðin mountain spa and lava cave Viðgelmir

Packages and Options

Season	Description	ISK	~US$
A 2027	4 day trip	ISK425900	$3410

The US Dollar Rate is based on a ISK Exchange Rate of 0.008 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2027	Transfer from/to downtown Reykjavik is included at set times		
2027	Single supplement	ISK85700	$685

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	06/18/2027 - 06/21/2027	4d / 3n	4 day trip
A 2027	06/25/2027 - 06/28/2027	4d / 3n	4 day trip

Min/Max: 2/5
Custom departures possible on request for groups of 2+ pax

Rates do not include:Dinners, Travel insurance (mandatory) & Gratuities

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ICEIL1

Rates include: Hotel accommodation with Half Board (breakfast & lunch), Private Transfer between Reykjavík and Húsafell, 4 riding days according to program & Entrance to Krauma SPA, Giljaböðin mountain spa and lava cave Viðgelmir

Packages and Options

Season	Description	ISK	~US$
A 2026	4 day trip	ISK399900	$3200

The US Dollar Rate is based on a ISK Exchange Rate of 0.008 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer from/to downtown Reykjavik is included at set times		
2026	Single supplement	ISK80100	$645

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates

Custom departures possible on request for groups of 2+ pax

Rates do not include:Dinners, Travel insurance (mandatory) & 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	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. _____

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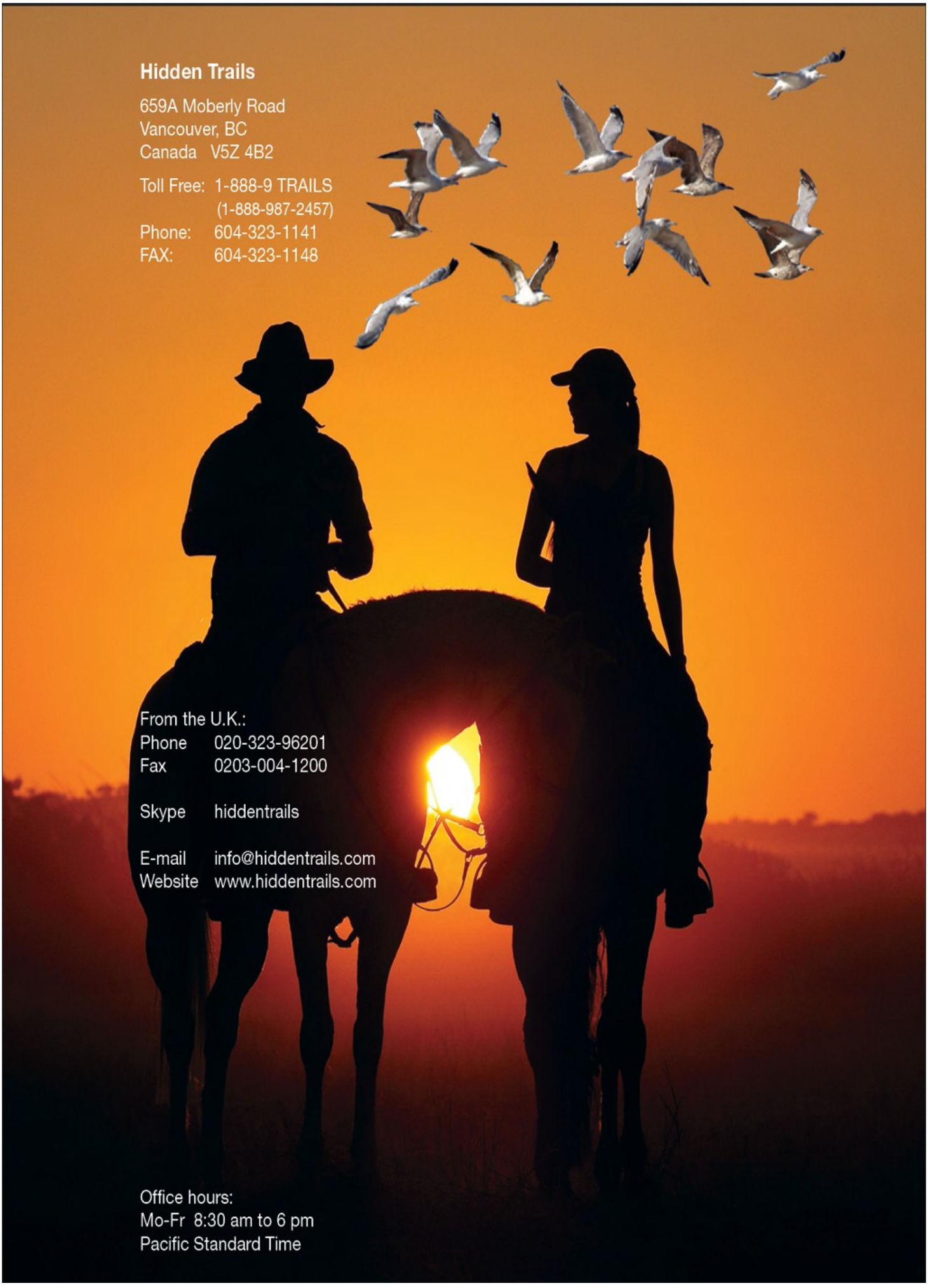
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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