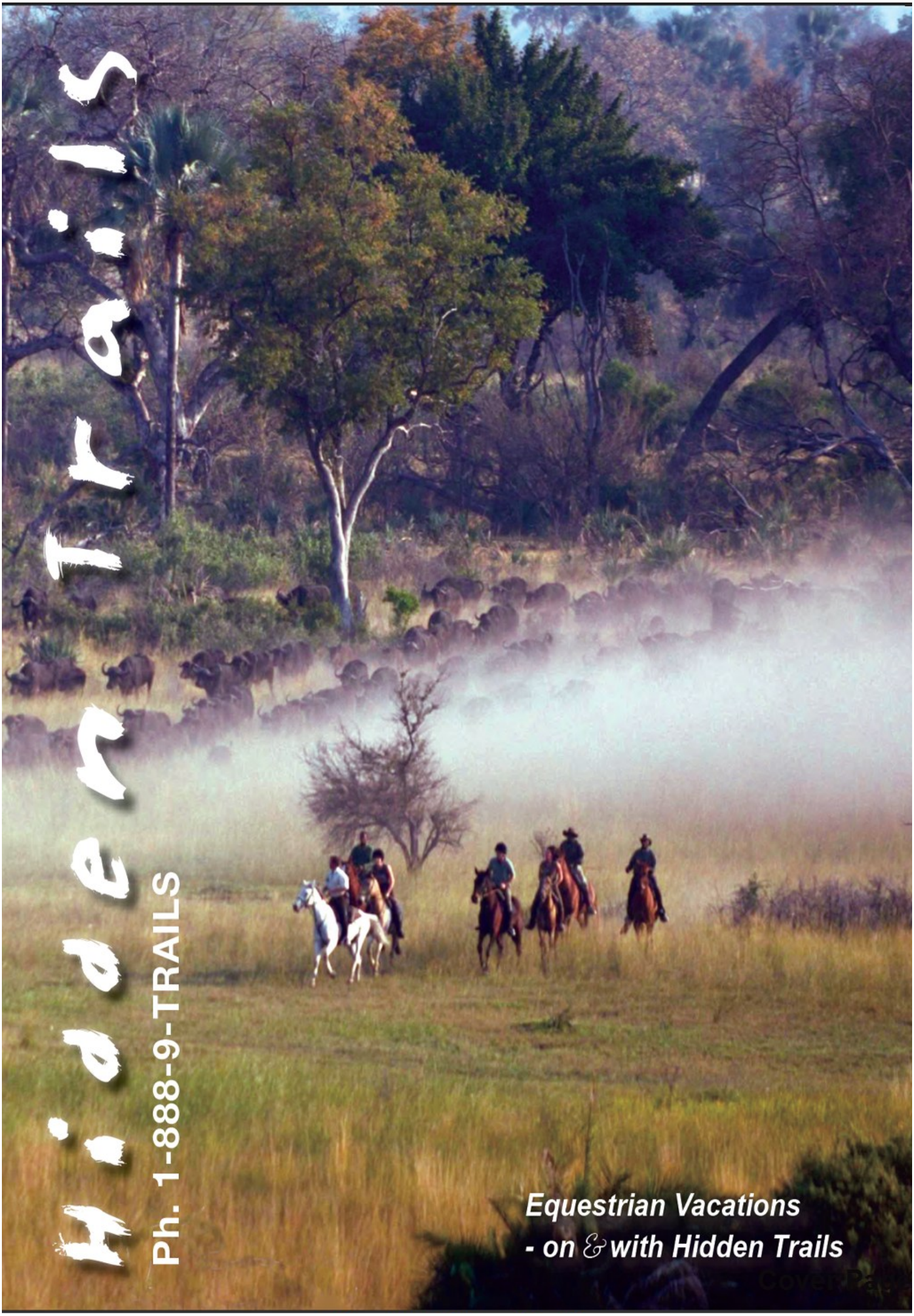

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About Hidden Trails



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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Western Riding in Isernia - Italy, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ITCD01
7 days / 6 nights ~$960.00
Dates: May, Jul & Oct-Nov

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: Western
Horses: Quarter, Haflinger, Appaloosa, Paint a...
Pace: Ride at all paces. 4.5 riding days 3-6...
Walk,Trot,Canter,

Airport: Naples










Introduction

Abruzzo/Molise, Italy
Are you traveling overseas and miss the comfort of the western saddle, but still want to do some riding? Or are you new to western and wanting to try something new? Look no further than Western Riding in Isernia!

This trip is a fantastic blend of exploring the beautiful Italian countryside on horseback with relaxation, culture, and delicious Italian food! You will be staying in a cozy farmhouse at 3,000 feet above sea level, away from the busy hustle and bustle. Let yourself unwind as you enjoy a sip of wine on the terrace overlooking the landscape. Your guide used to be a successful restaurant owner before committing to his passion of horses, so you will get to indulge in his fantastic cooking skills! All food is locally sourced and rich in flavours, and there is plenty to go around! Food is an important part of Italy's culture and it is celebrated amongst friends and family.

Every day you will journey on different trails, getting you familiar with the beautiful Isernia region. We visit many quaint villages dotted in the countryside such as Vastogirardi, Pietrabbondante, and Pescolanciano. You can't help but admire the architecture that is so characteristic to Italy. We'll explore miles of beech and oak forests, open fields perfect for cantering, and an UNESCO site. With around 5-6 hours per day in the saddle, you get a smooth blend of adventure and relaxation. Our guides are excited to share with you their knowledge and passion!

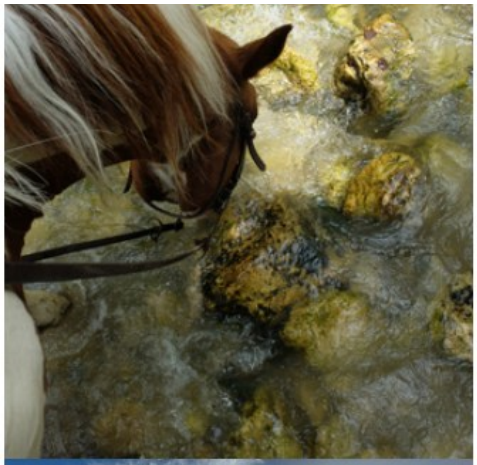
Accomodation



Accommodations
This is a center-based ride, so all nights are spent in the same accommodations.

Description
The farmhouse, dating from 1885, is situated at almost 3,000 feet above sea level. It is the only inhabited farmhouse in this little nature conservation area. The nearest neighbors live in Carovilli, a little village 4 miles away.
The front of the house faces a large oak forest whereas the rear offers a splendid view of the mountains and a valley. The house is not very big, but quite comfortable. It was completely renovated in 2003. The living-room has a nice fireplace, a piano, and a modest library. There are three guestrooms (two double and one accommodating six) and two bathrooms with all modern conveniences.
There is no WIFI available on this trip.















Room Occupancy
Single supplement subject to availability.

Meals
All meals are included for this trip from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 7.

You can be assured that at all these destinations you will be comfortable and very well fed. The food is wonderful with great care being taken to provide local specialties cooked with fresh ingredients. Carmine used to own a restaurant and this is apparent from the wonderful recipes he shares with his guests. The tiramisu is the very best!
You will never go hungry here! Our own testers called the food 'imaginative and delectable' and 'original and sumptuous'!

Meals are served on the terrace or in the kitchen-diner.
Breakfast is usually 'continental'. Expect a lot of delicious pasta, salads, cheese, and bread. You will also taste the juiciest, sweetest tomatoes with fresh mozzarella, tasty salami, and other delights like tiramisu and fresh peaches.
Lunchtime often consists of salami, cheese, and bread picnic-style, accompanied with a glass of crisp wine.

Wines and beers are included during meals. All other drinks must be paid for.



Fund for refreshments and snacks
For the trek we collect Euro 50 per person to go into a mutual fund for refreshments on our way plus drinks and snacks other than at meals.

Dietary Restrictions
We can cater to all dietary restrictions with prior notice.
Special diet requirement (other than Vegetarian) is additional charge -- please inquire.

Riding



Riding Level
Riders must be at least intermediate level to attend this ride. This means you are able to control a horse at ALL gaits, can mount and dismount unassisted, and are in good physical condition. There are areas where you will need to dismount and lead your horse. Therefore, you need to be in good shape.
We ride with western tack but experience in western riding is not required.

Pace
The ride includes 4.5 riding days with long days in the saddle (5-6 hours). The horses have to climb and go down a lot. Therefore, the pace is generally not very fast. However, in the plateaus and in the valleys we make long canters. The safety of the rider and that of the horse is of paramount importance to us!

Tack
We use western saddles. All saddles have a little saddle bag on the horn.

Horses
The horses have been selected for their character, looks, and intelligence (mix of American Quarter Horses, cross-breeds, Haflinger, Appaloosa and Paint). The horses are willing and easy-going. They were all born in the mountains, so they are very reliable.
All year-long, they live in a herd which makes them a close group- besides, most of them are related in some way or the other. They can choose from the paddocks around the house or the stable, which is at a distance of 30 feet from the house.
The horses are trained gently and with a lot of patience.

Guide
Carmine is a certified FISE (Federazione Italiana Sport Equestre) guide. He speaks Italian and English.

Age Restriction
We require all riders to be 12 years if traveling with and adult or 16 years if traveling alone.



Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival
Pick-up from Isernia train station is at 8:00 PM. After your transfer from Isernia, you are expected to arrive on Saturday evening at the farmhouse. After a welcome drink there will be dinner with your hosts/guides. A three-course Italian dinner will be served every night, accompanied by local wines.
Meals included: Dinner
Overnight at the Farmhouse

Day 2 (Sunday): Introductory Ride
The morning is yours. You may sleep in, take your time over breakfast, do whatever you like. Before lunch there is a safety briefing. Then we groom and saddle up the horses, followed by a short demonstration in western riding. After lunch we do a test-ride (3 hours) to enable you to get acquainted with the horse you are going to ride all week. Some riders like to ride different horses during the week which is also possible. We visit the new riding center which is close by and look forward a fresh prepared dinner.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Farmhouse

Day 3 (Monday): Ride to Valle Fredda
At about 10 A.M. we leave the house. After a long ride through the woods, we ride across fields and are able to canter. Picnic is at an idyllic spot. After lunch, there is a lovely view of the village of Vastogirardi. Then the route takes us through miles of beech-woods, before ending in "Valle Fredda" (Cold Valley). Here it is time for another long canter, before heading back to the stables. In the evening, we get served delicious food cooked by our host.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Farmhouse

Day 4 (Tuesday): Ride to Carovilli & Castiglione
Today, we pass the new riding center and ride down to the village of Carovilli. We tie the horses and have a fresh aperitif on the Piazza. We can enjoy the atmosphere and listen to the small and big news from the inhabitants. Our next destination is Castiglione, a small town nearby. On the top of the hill from Castiglione, there is a church ruin to see. This church still houses a functioning bell that we can ring. From there, we have a great view over the valley. After our picnic beak, we ride back to the farmhouse. The late afternoon is free for you to relax in one of our

amankas at the Bistro with a book or near our cozy fireplace in the house. If you prefer, you can take a refreshing deep in the pool of the neighboring town or go visit the castle in Pescolanciano (we will take you there).
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Farmhouse

Day 5 (Wednesday): Ride to Pietrabbondante
We cross a little river, immediately followed by a steep adventurous climb. We continue uphill along small paths with wild berry bushes left and right from us until the forest clears. Here, we stop for a picnic. To the north, we can see where the Abruzzo mountains start. Then it is just a short way to Pietrabbondante (literally meaning "stones in abundance"). Let's admire the theatre and the two Samnitic temples. The Samnites were the original population of Molise. It took the Romans three centuries of war before they finally conquered this region, which then became part of the Roman Empire (79 B.C). After our visit, it is time to ride back home.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Farmhouse

Day 6 (Thursday): Ride to Pescolanciano
After breakfast, we ride downhill in the direction of Pescolanciano. Shortly before the village, we pass on the Tratturo. A Tratturo is a 2000 years old track that is still used to move cattle from the far south where grass is scarce in summer. From here, we have a nice view over the old castle from the village. Before arriving in this village, there will be some canters in the fields. Lunch is served in a little restaurant. The owner is well-known for her home-made ice-cream. And now, get your trunks out. We can go swimming. Directly next to the resting place of the horses there is a little pool. We can relax here. The last few miles on horseback take us over open heath land and dense oak-woods. At about 6 P.M. we are back at the farm-house, unsaddle the horses for the last time and enjoy the farewell dinner.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Farmhouse

Day 7 (Friday): Departure
Departure after breakfast. Drop-off is at 8:00 AM.
Meals included: Breakfast

Due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances the program may have to be adapted. Alternative options include: Bell Museum Agnone, Pescolanciano Castle visit, Western riding lesson in the round pen of the new riding center.

Other Info

Meeting: Carovilli
Airport: Naples
Train station: Isernia
Transfer: Isernia Train Station
Distance: 124km / 77 miles
Pick-up included from Isernia train station for 8:00pm on Day 1. Drop-off on last day at 8:00am.

Tack: Western
Horses: Quarter, Haflinger, Appaloosa, Paint and cross breeds. 1 Freiberger
Pace: Ride at all paces. 4.5 riding days 3-6 hours per day in the saddle.
Walk | Trot | Canter |
Level: (3 to 3.5 out of 5) Intermediate
Age: Min 12
Weight: 190 lbs / 85 kg
Riders: Min 3 riders Max 7 riders

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Rates include: Accommodations, All meals with wine and beer, 4.5 riding days, Luggage transport, Taxes & Transfer from/to Isernia train station at set times
There are about 6 extra rain coats which can be borrowed. First come, first served!

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US$
A 2026	7 day trip	€870	$960

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

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer from/to Isernia train station included at set times (20:00h pickup, 08:00 drop-off)		
2026	Snacks and drinks fee (mandatory) - estimated cost	€50	$55
2026	Single supplement	€240	$265
2026	Surcharge for riders over 85 kilos	€150	$165
2026	Special diet requirement (other than Vegetarian) is additional charge -- please inquire		

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	10/31/2026 - 11/06/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 3/7
Custom trips possible on request in August and from November to April - please inquire
Shorter programs of 3-5 nights are also possible

Rates do not include:Gratuities; Snacks and drinks between meals (a collective Euro 50 per rider is to be paid locally to purchase these for the group); Drinks ordered after meals is additional charge; Special diet other than Vegetarian is additional charge

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): _____

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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