

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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Gourmet Ride in Tuscany - Italy, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ITSR01P
8 days / 7 nights ~\$0.00
Dates: Apr to Oct

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

Tack: English
Horses: Sella Italiano, Arabian, Maremmano
Pace: Moderate with trots and canters. 4 rid...
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Rome/Florence



Introduction

Tuscany, Italy
Typical "Tuscan Hospitality" with superb cuisine at your fingertips, based on purely traditional and organically farmed products while enjoying stunning views of a unique and spectacular countryside- combined with excellent trail riding on beautiful horses!

This is an opportunity to for a refined equestrian vacation in the middle of Tuscany that incorporates first class accommodations, superb meals and relaxed horseback riding into the beautiful Tuscan countryside. The riding routes cover four distinct areas in the available landscape and are aboard our well-trained and top quality horses. While each area has its own special aspects, they all blend gently into a complete picture, with an interweaving of hills, ancient eroded landscapes molded by time, woods, vineyards, rows of slender cypresses and shimmering olive groves.

The "Casale", the main welcome area and elegant lodging for guests, is the completely and traditionally restored beautiful and original stone farmhouse. It has retained its initial appeal and stands in a splendid position overlooking the magnificent and unspoiled landscapes of the clay hills of the Val d'Orcia, the imposing Radicofani fortress, Mt. Amiata, the austere medieval tower of Celle sul Rigo and renowned San Casciano Bagni. An outdoor swimming pool to swim in and relax beside with ample room for sun tanning.

The restaurant on the ground floor of the "Casale" is where the specialties of the Tuscan cuisine can be savored. Every dish is prepared, not only with a creative flair for the eye's delight, but with healthy local food and genuine organic products straight off the farm, taking great care to enhance the most intensive flavors of each of the fresh garden crops as well as the farm-produced pork and cheese delicatessen...pure the gratification of the palate!

The atmosphere is naturally rustic and the quality service is provided in a manner that is both attentive and pleasantly relaxing.

Accommodation



Accommodations

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

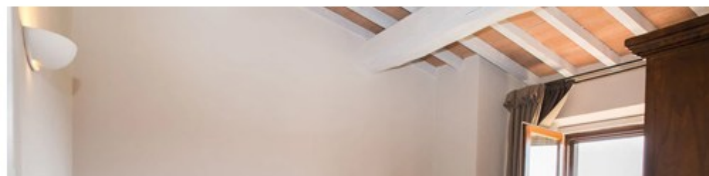
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Room Options

Farmhouse Suites (Al'Isà, Tara, Camilla, Farida and Ben Tar)

The 5 suites are all located on the first floor of the farmhouse. They offer a splendid view of the hills and an unforgettable relaxing atmosphere. The furnishings are elegant and comfortable. Stylishly furnished according to the local traditions, the suites are cozy and intimate. With warm pastel colored walls, these suites include a large master bedroom with king size bed, a cozy reading corner and large bathroom with shower and relaxing whirlpool bath.





Apartments at the Borgo

The "Borgo" is made up of charming converted stables, fashioned in genuine imitation of a small, typical and enchanting rural village, with its main square, inner courtyard and homely, secluded Mediterranean gardens for each unit where guests can unwind and enjoy quiet private rests. It has been built up in the central area of the old farm buildings, with delightful, completely separate, top quality self-catering apartments, all in the likeness of a traditional hamlet.

The apartments are all equipped with all modern facilities and recreate a cozy rural settlement in a proper Senese style. The two-bedroom apartments, on the first or ground floor are composed of a master bedroom, a living room with kitchen nook and fireplace and a bathroom with shower. The ones on the ground floor own a private terrace, an ideal solution for families with children or for those people who want to grant more freedom to their pets. The three-bedroom apartments, consisting of two floors, have two bedrooms, a living room with kitchen nook and fireplace, two bathrooms and private garden or balcony. Each apartment has its own fireplace! The various furnishings have all been made by local craftsmen in keeping with Tuscan and Senese styles.

Room Occupancy

If we are unable to find another rider to share the room with you, a single supplement fee applied. Single room accommodations are subject to availability.



Meals

Breakfasts and dinners are always included but only 4 lunches are included.

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Traditional local dishes from the area, such as "pici" and other home-made pasta specialties are accompanied by the farm wines, or by wines, prevalently Tuscan, especially selected for the guests from the most prestigious Italian wineries (alcoholic drinks not included in the price).

There is a most striking Belvedere leading out from the restaurant – set up with an open-air buffet in the summer months – from which the gorgeous and most awesome view of the countryside, made famous by the renowned Senese School painters, can be thoroughly enjoyed whilst in the evenings the beautiful sunsets that impart a glowing red silhouette to Mt. Amiata and the tower of Ghino di Tacco's Castle can be witnessed and stored amongst "those special memories".

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to all dietary restrictions with prior notice.





Riding

All participation in riding activities requires registration, which provides for the issuing of a F.I.S.E. Class A riding license. Those who already possess the license will be automatically registered.

Horses

The horses (Arabian and Italian breeds) are raised and trained directly at the farm, according to the classic fundamentals of natural horseback riding. They are well fed and trained, and they have a number of paddocks where they are free to run peacefully, and then become the trustworthy companions of our guests. There are currently 14 horses.



Riding Center

The equestrian center is affiliated to F.I.S.E (Italian Federation of Equestrian Sports). The facilities include a sand arena (30 x 60 meters) and an Endurance Course (country itinerary with genuine obstacles).

Staff

Enrica grew up with horses, which have always been a tradition and a passion for her family. She is a 2nd Level Country Riding Instructor and is an excellent Endurance rider.



Non-Riding Activities

Cooking classes with our chef, entrance at the pools in Fonteverde Spa and wine tasting at our farm shop.

Itinerary





Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Arrive and settle into your accommodations. You will have time to relax before meeting Enrica Bartolini, owner and instructor-guide with Carlo Baccelloni.

This evening you will sample the first of your delicious meals.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at the Casale

Day 2 (Sunday): Morning Ride & Free Afternoon

You will go for your first hack around the farmhouse this morning. The afternoon is free for you to explore the area.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight at the Casale

Day 3 (Monday): Morning Hack & Afternoon Lesson

This morning, you continue exploring the area around the farmhouse. In the afternoon, you will get your first riding lesson.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight at the Casale

Day 4 (Tuesday): Spa Day (no riding)

Your package includes a free entrance to the Fonteverde Spa swimming pools.

Thermal therapeutic pool with waterfall and hydro massages

- Etruscan circuit: relaxation itinerary combining sauna, Turkish bath, Grotto and vascular circuit
- Thermal Bioaquam® circuit Pool and water circuit with 22 different types of hydro massages.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight at the Casale

Day 5 (Wednesday): Morning Ride & Free Afternoon

You will go for a hack around the farmhouse this morning. The afternoon is free for you to explore the area.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight at the Casale

Day 6 (Thursday): Morning Hack & Afternoon Lesson

This morning, you continue exploring the area around the farmhouse. In the afternoon, you will get your second riding lesson.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight at the Casale

Day 7 (Friday): Walking Tour

Today, you will go on a walking tour to explore the area between San Quirico and Bagno Vignoli.

WE start by a visit to the village of San Quirico, our starting point. Here we are on a small hill, above the remains of the former village of Osanna, from where we can catch sight of remarkable views of the surrounding countryside, where olive trees, some of which are centuries old, are the most common crop, interspersed with fields of grain and rows of cypress trees.

The main focus of our visit will be the Collegiata, dedicated to Saints Quirico and Giulitta. An example of Romanesque architecture with more recent additions, the church is adorned with a magnificent XII century Romanesque doorway decorated with numerous symbolic animals.

We will then stop briefly at the Church of San Francesco (Saint Francis), where we can see the terracotta statue by Andrea della Robbia, moved here from the Chapel of the Madonna di Vitaleta. We will then move on towards Bagno Vignoni, passing through the charming Vignoni Alto, with its lovely XI century castle, a former stronghold which once belonged to the Abbey of Sant'Antimo.

We will go on downhill to the famous, entrancing thermal spa near the River Orcia. Beloved of the Etruscans and the Romans, the baths are truly unique!

This is the only place where you can find a thermal bath in the main square. This fascinating feature and the beneficial properties of the waters resulted in visits to the spa by notable figures including St. Catherine of Siena, Pope Pius II who founded the town of Pienza and Lorenzo II Magnifico.

Duration: approx. 4 – 4.5 hours overall (approx. 2.5 hours excursion, 1.5 hours guided tours)

Walking distance 6 km – level of difficulty easy

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight at the Casale

Day 8 (Saturday): Departure

Departure after breakfast. Ciao.

Meals included: Breakfast



Non-Riders Program

Our non-rider program includes 7 nights with half board, 1 day at the Spa and 1 walking tour.

Other Info

Meeting: Celle sul Rigo

Airport: Rome/Florence

Train station: Chiusi

Transfer: Chiusi train station

Distance: 10 miles from Chiusi / 90 miles from Rome

Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is from Chiusi-Chianciano Terme train station. Pick-up is available between 8:00am and 10:00pm on Sundays. Check-out: 11:00am.

Tack: English

Horses: Sella Italiano, Arabian, Maremmano

Pace: Moderate with trots and canters. 4 riding days with a total of 14 hours in the saddle (3-4 hours a day).

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2.5 to 3 out of 5) Good Novice, Low Intermediate

Age: Min 16 Max 68

Weight: 150 lbs

Riders: Min 4 riders Max 8 riders

Local Events

Sagra dei Pici - every year in May

Extend your Gourmet Ride in Tuscany to experience the best of what Italy is famous for...pasta! The "Sagra dei Pici" takes place in Celle sul Rigo in Tuscany. The town square lights up at night with music and dancing.

Sagra del Ciaffagnone - First and second weekend of June annually

This gastronomic festival celebrates the "ciaffagnone" which was a main staple of local farmers, and is now considered very refined. It is a type of pancake made with water and flour, cooked in pork fat and sprinkled with pecorino cheese.

Campo Sportivo: Saturday from 7.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. - Sunday: from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

There is also a sweet version of the "ciaffagnone", with chocolate Nutella (like a crepe)! During the festival, there are stands with local specialties, live music and handicrafts by artisans.

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ITSR01P

Rates include: Accommodation in apartments, Half-board, 4 days riding (12 hours total with 2 riding lessons), 1 walking tour & 1 entrance to the Fonteverde Spa swimming pools.
Non-riders: Accommodation in apartments, Half-board, 2 cooking classes, 1 walking tour & 1 entrance to the Fonteverde Spa swimming pools.

Packages and Options

Season	Description
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Transfer Option

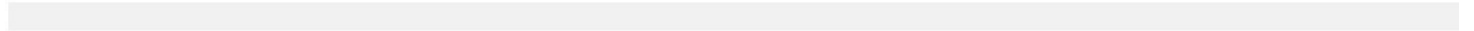
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Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Additional dates are available on request with 2-4 riders.

Rates do not include: Lunches, Drinks, Transfers & 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												
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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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