



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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Chianti Hills Explorer - Italy, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ITSR16
8 days / 7 nights ~\$3,240.00
Dates: May & Sep-Oct

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

Tack: English
Horses: Local Sicilian and Maremma
Pace: Moderate with some trots and canters
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Florence



Introduction

Tuscany, Italy
Stay in lovely traditional Tuscan farmhouses and explore the Arno valley and the neighboring Chianti hills on horseback.

The rolling countryside is made up of vineyards, olive groves and extensive woodlands of oak, chestnut and pine, while on the hilltops perch ancient castles and medieval villages that seem lost in another age.

Under the careful guidance of your English host, who is a mine of information about the history, customs, flora and fauna of the area (not to mention Tuscan art and architecture), all rides are an excellent introduction to rural Tuscany.

Accommodation

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This is a progressive ride so nights will be spent in different locations.

Description

Overnights are spent in lovely farmhouses.

Accommodations Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Nights 1-3: Farmhouse
Nights 4-6: Agriturismo I Tribbi
Night 7: Farmhouse

Farmhouse

This small family-run farm holiday center in the Chianti hills was established back in 1969. While fully surrounded by pristine countryside (vineyards, olive-groves and woodlands), it is only three miles from the station of Monteverchi.

The 17th-century house has a panoramic view over the Arno valley. It is typically Tuscan, with its pigeon-loft, beams, terracotta floors and arches. Each bedroom is attractively furnished and has its own small bathroom. There is a sitting room with a large selection of English books and classical music and a fire is prepared on the hearth on wintry days.

The farm is primarily a riding-centre: the stables are just behind the house, a dozen or so horses graze in the surrounding paddocks.

The house itself is clean and pretty, but it is after all a family home, with books spilling out of the shelves and jackets hanging on the back of chairs.

There is free internet access (WIFI) at the riding center.

Agriturismo I Tribbi

The I Tribbi estate is a manor house located about 500 meters high, in a scenic area surrounded by greenery. The house has guests rooms of different sizes and offers the opportunity to enjoy two outdoor pools as well as a park surrounded by cypress trees.

Each of our rooms has a typically Tuscan style, with colors and materials that fall within the architectural tradition of our region. Stone, terracotta, wood and wrought iron for a warm and simple at the same time. And with added value: a unique view of the surrounding hills.

Meals

All meals are included in this trip.

You will be amazed at the variety of Tuscan dishes offered. Our cook has a large repertoire of pasta, rice and meat dishes and typical Italian desserts. Franca has now been our cook for several years and Jenny gives her a hand with her cooking classes. A typical meal comprises 3 courses: a "primo piatto" of pasta or rice, a meat or fish dish, followed by fresh fruit or dessert.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to all dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding

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In a week's stay, you will never do the same ride twice. This is not fast riding country, but there is so much to look at that speed is not an issue. You will follow trails through pretty vineyards, olive groves and woodlands without any landowners objecting and without meeting a single gate, something that never ceases to amaze.

Horses

There are 12 horses on our property, and they are of various breeds, as we believe that it is the temperament of the horse, not the breed that matters.

The horses are kept in the stables immediately behind the house or in the surrounding fields.

The horses, all trained in the English style of riding, are sleek, fit and even those which are stable-kept spend some hours in the paddocks every day if they are not ridden. They all have good characters, strong hooves and plenty of stamina. All the horses do arena work as well as riding out on the trail, so they are obedient and responsive to the aids on all occasions.

There are also 2 ponies available, but they are lively little fellows and are not suitable for children less than ten years old.

If riders feel inclined, they are welcome to help with the grooming and tacking up of the horses, an excellent way of making friends with their mounts.

Staff



Jenny set up the riding center because she wanted to transmit to others her love of horses and the Tuscan countryside. She is very knowledgeable about the local history, art and architecture as well as the flora and fauna. Eraldo (qualified as a BHS instructor) is in charge of the riding side of activities. He is very knowledgeable about birds, is an experienced instructor and guide, a keen fisherman and hunter – and a charming fellow with a great gift of the gab!

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

NOTE: our program has a degree of flexibility for your own leisure, and some details may change due to weather or specific events such as grape harvest.

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Go to the main railway station of Florence (Firenze Santa Maria Novella). Now take the 6:14 pm train (RV4085) to Foligno, and get off at Montevarchi-Terranuova, our local station (you should reach it for 6:51 pm). The preceding station is San Giovanni Valdarno, but when the train leaves it you can start getting your luggage together, as only four minutes later you will arrive at Montevarchi). Your host, Jenny (white-haired and wearing a red shirt) will be there to welcome you on platform 1.

Then, take a ten-minute drive in a minivan to the farm, the 400-year-old typically Tuscan home of your host. Settle in and then enjoy a chat and a glass of Chianti Classico with your host, either in the sitting room or outside the farmhouse with its panoramic views.

*Meals included: Dinner
Overnight at the Farm*

Day 2 (Sunday): Introductory Ride

Breakfast, followed by a morning ride with your English-speaking guide Eraldo. You ride through vineyards, olive-groves and woodland, passing an 18th-century Villa and a 14th-century church.

After lunch and a rest, you go on a short walk to a local farmhouse to sample homemade jams and visit the "Museo della civiltà contadina" (Museum of Rural Culture).

Riding approx. 2.5 hours

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Farm*

Day 3 (Monday): Morning Ride & Cooking Class

This morning, you go on a ride through more breathtaking landscapes of the Valdarno region. You will be back at the farmhouse in time for lunch.

In the afternoon, cooking class with Isabella, in preparation for dinner.

Riding approx. 2.5 hours

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Farm*

Day 4 (Tuesday): Ride to Valdambra Valley

Today, you go on a full day ride to "I Tribbi", a beautiful country villa overlooking the neighboring valley of Valdambra.

On our way, we stop for our picnic lunch near the village of San Leolino.

Dinner and overnight at I Tribbi.

Riding approx. 5 hours

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at I Tribbi*

Day 5 (Wednesday): Montebenichi Ride

After breakfast, ride to visit the village of Montebenichi, with its two restored medieval castles, then back to I Tribbi for lunch.

Spend a relaxing afternoon at the estate, with time for a deep in the swimming pool, resting or reading in the garden.

For dinner, you enjoy a typical Tuscan "grigliata" (barbecue) with Casabianca top quality wine.

Riding approx. 3 hours

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at I Tribbi*

Day 6 (Thursday): Relax (no riding)

This is a day for relaxation. You can visit Siena to do some shopping and to discover the city at your own leisure.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight at I Tribbi

Day 7 (Friday): Cennina Castle Ride

Ride back to the farmhouse, with picnic stop in the valley below the castle of Cennina, at "Podere Il Lupo". During the meal, wine tasting with your host Talita, then back to the farmhouse for a special farewell dinner.

Riding approx. 3 hours

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at the Farm*

Day 8 (Saturday): Departure

Breakfast and EITHER your own arrangements to leave (departure is usually by 10:00 am) OR a ten-minute drive to Montevarchi to meet the train back to Florence. For those going to Rome, there is a direct train from Montevarchi.

Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Farm

Airport: Florence

Train station: Montevarchi

Transfer: Montevarchi Train Station

Your host, Jenny will meet you at Montevarchi Train Station for about 7 pm on Day 1

Tack: English

Horses: Local Sicilian and Maremma

Pace: Moderate with some trots and canters

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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

Age: Min 14

Weight: 190 lbs

Riders: Min 2 riders

Max 6 riders

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ITSR16

Rates include: Accommodation, Most meals including wine, 5 riding days & Transfers

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	8 day trip	€2700	\$3240

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/to Montevarchi train station at set times included		
2026	Single supplement	€345	\$380

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	09/19/2026 - 09/26/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip

Min/Max: 2/6

Rates do not include: Transportation and lunch on Day 5, 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													
						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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