



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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Train & Trail in Tuscany - Italy, Europe

Tour Code: IT-ITVALTT
8 days / 7 nights ~\$1,345.00
Dates: March to December

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

Tack: Western (English saddle is available)

Horses: Italian breeds (Maremma and Sardinian)

Pace: According to experience
Moderate with...
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Florence



Introduction

Tuscany, Italy

Located only half an hour from Florence, in the midst of the Tuscany countryside, this beautiful Agriturismo welcomes you on a weeklong riding holiday. This package offers horse lovers a chance to stay in a typical stone farmhouse with Tuscan charm and atmosphere.

During your holiday, you will experience close contact with our horses, mixing trail rides and lessons in the riding school. The trail rides through the classic Tuscan landscape vary continuously, between vineyards and olive trees, along woods or along hills, and through rivers and streams.

The days' timetable is based around the care of the horses, who have been schooled at the riding center in Western style.

Accommodation



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

Description

The farmhouse is located on the hills overlooking the rivers Arno and Sieve, in the heart of the magnificent Tuscan countryside.

The house has been recently refurbished with eco-sustainable materials, all while keeping the original charm of this beautiful Tuscan farm.

There is an outdoor pool nearby that guests can enjoy. The pool is sanitized with sea salt: it protects the environment from pollution, and the skin and eyes from the annoying effects of chlorine.

Here, guests are welcomed in a familiar way, surrounded by a serene and relaxed atmosphere, far from the formalities of a hotel.



Accommodation is provided in double rooms. There are also two rooms with a single bed. The rooms are airy and fresh, and each has its own bathroom.

Room Occupancy

Single supplement is mandatory if we are unable to find another rider to share.



Meals

All meals are included.

For lunch and dinner we offer you a wide range of typical dishes of the Tuscan tradition, known for its genuine flavors. We balance our meals between the different regional recipes with the ingredients that the season offers. To embellish our dishes we use the products of our garden.

We all eat together, either indoors or on the terrace, which offers a stunning view of the countryside.

Breakfast includes coffee, tea, milk, fresh bread with butter, honey, jams, yogurt and muesli.

Lunch and dinner at the farmhouse, start with 2 first courses such as tagliatelle with porcini mushrooms and rigatoni with black cabbage and potatoes, followed by meat such as roast pork loin or rabbit accompanied by vegetables. For dessert, we like to serve panna cotta or a homemade cake.

During full day rides, we serve a picnic lunch featuring cold pasta salad, salami, cheese, vegetables...

Chianti wine, water and extra-virgin olive oil are included with all meals.

Special Diets:

Vegetarians catered for, but please let us know in advance.



Riding



Riding Experience

Lessons and rides are arranged according to the experience and preparation of the riders so that everybody can get the most out of the experience. Riding programs can be adjusted.

There are many different trail rides possible, as the surrounding countryside is vast and varied. Trail rides can be adapted to suit all levels.

Tack

Our horses are all trained western style, although English saddle is also available. During trails, horses are equipped with saddlebags to carry the daily picnic lunch.

Pace

The pace is adapted to the trails. It is moderate in general, with trot, canters and gallops when possible.

Riding Helmet

We supply riding helmets. For your safety, we recommend to ride with a helmet. Riders under 18 will not be allowed to ride without wearing a helmet.

Horses

The well-being and sound preparation of our horses is of prime importance to us. Our horses are all carefully selected by us for their good nature and trekking ability and we have horses suitable for all riding abilities. They are well-balanced because of the natural way of their maintenance, living together outside in herds. The horses are secure on any kind of terrain and well trained for lessons in the arena.

Our stables has 35 horses of different breeds (Maremma, Quarter horse, Sardinian, Anglo-Arab), all of which have been trained or re-trained following the principles of "natural horsemanship" to guarantee maximum physical and psychological condition and reliability.

Our horses are not restricted to lonely stables but live altogether outside in the fields, which allows them to remain healthy, both physically and mentally. Their diet is constantly monitored and their work regime adapted individually according to age and condition.

The same attention is given to the relationship between horses and riders, so as to guarantee each guest the best suited workmate, offering also the possibility of using a variety of horses throughout the holiday. Our riding philosophy is based on mutual respect and confidence between the horses and the riders.

Itinerary

You can choose to sign up for a 12-hour riding package or an 18-hour riding package.

It is possible to ride both in the morning and afternoon, choosing between lessons and 1-2 hour rides out in the countryside. Lessons and rides are arranged according to the experience and preparation of the riders so that everybody can get the most out of the experience. We adapt our riding program to our clients' needs and abilities.

The 18-hour riding package includes 2 hours of riding for the first three days (morning or afternoon) and 4 hours of riding for the last three days (morning + afternoon).

The 12-hour riding package includes 2 hours of riding each day.

Note: We supply riding helmets. For your safety, we recommend to ride with a helmet. Riders under 18 will not be allowed to ride without wearing a helmet.

Riding Lessons

Lessons are organized according to the level of each rider and we can teach at any riding level from beginner to experienced.

Riding lessons are available in English, German and Italian.

The first lesson is an introduction to our style of riding, which combines English, western and trekking techniques and styles. The horses are trained in Western style (with one or two hands), with the knowledge of new training techniques (Parrelli / Andersen).

The instructors carry out the lessons on horseback so that they can constantly demonstrate and assist the riders. The training of riders is very similar to that used with horses: the simple exercises to learn the basics are done with experienced horses that facilitate the actions, even if approximate.

Thanks to the trustworthiness and experience of our horses, even absolute beginners can ride out on a hack in the countryside after their first hour's lesson.

Over one week, beginners will learn to develop a good seat on the horse and be able to control it in walk, trot (sitting and rising) and canter.

Beginners' lessons start with work on posture and balance, at a walk, controlling the horse with one and two hands, before going on to changing direction and breaking into trot on demand.

For riders with a bit more experience we analyze the various methods of controlling the reins (direct, open, neck and indirect reins) and the effect each of these has on the horse (stop, change of direction, turn on the forehand, lateral steps, roll back), applying them to the different paces of walk, trot and canter.

Trail Rides

The countryside around the farm is varied and spectacular. We can go for rides through olive groves and vineyards or climb up the hills across forest of cypresses and pines or along the river.

As the surrounding countryside is vast and varied, we can adapt our trails to suit all riding levels.

The pace is adapted to the trails: moderate in general, with trot, canters and gallops when possible.

On Fridays, we usually organize a full-day ride (4 – 6 hours in the saddle) with a stop for lunch in the middle of nature or in a farmhouse, depending on weather conditions.

NYE Special

Every year, during the Holidays, we organize a special week with 12 riding hours.

Accommodation in a single room is not possible during that week.

We arrange a special dinner with many delicious courses for December 31st and we go on a midnight ride with torchlights to celebrate the new year.

On January first, we go on a long trail ride, with a picnic break in nature.

Non-Riding Activities

Non-riding companions are welcome. It is best to have a car in order to do some sightseeing while the rest of the group explores on horseback.

The farm is located on the Strade del vino Chianti Rufina (wine route) so we suggest to visit the cellars with wine tasting.

The closest village is Pontassieve with a colourful market on Wednesday morning. Florence is only about 20 km away. By car, you can easily visit some of the region's famous sights including Arezzo, San Gimignano, Siena... (all located within about 1-hour drive of the farm) Shopping at outlets with many famous Italian brands can be found within a 30-min drive of the farm.

Other Info

Meeting: Pontassieve

Airport: Florence

Train station: Pontassieve

Transfer: Pontassieve train station

Distance: 42km / 26 miles

Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is from Pontassieve train station (Florence-Arezzo-Rome line). Pick up is scheduled for 4:30 pm on Day 1 (Saturday). Taxi transfers can also be arranged from Florence Airport (FLR), or Pisa International Airport (PSA) on demand.

Tack: Western (English saddle is available)

Horses: Italian breeds (Maremma and Sardinian)

Pace: According to experience Moderate with trots and canters and gallops when possible
Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (1 to 3.5 out of 5) Beginner to Intermediate and above

Age: Min 10

Weight: 175 lbs / 80 kg

Riders: Min 1 riders

Max 18 riders

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-ITVALTT

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals with table wine & 6 riding days (total of 18 or 12 hours depending on chosen package)

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	8 day trip (18 riding hours)	€1120	\$1345
	Single supplement	€250	\$300
B 2026	8 day trip (12 riding hours)	€910	\$1090
	Single supplement	€250	\$300
C 2026	NYE Special (12 riding hours)	€1000	\$1200

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.2 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Tourist tax, pp, per week
2026	Group transfer from Pontassieve train station
2026	Please inquire for Kids rates

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	03/01/2026 - 12/25/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip (18 riding hours)
B 2026	03/01/2026 - 12/25/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip (12 riding hours)
C 2026	12/26/2026 - 01/02/2027	8d / 7n	NYE Special (12 riding hours)

Min/Max: 1/18

Rates do not include: Gratuities & Transfers

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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