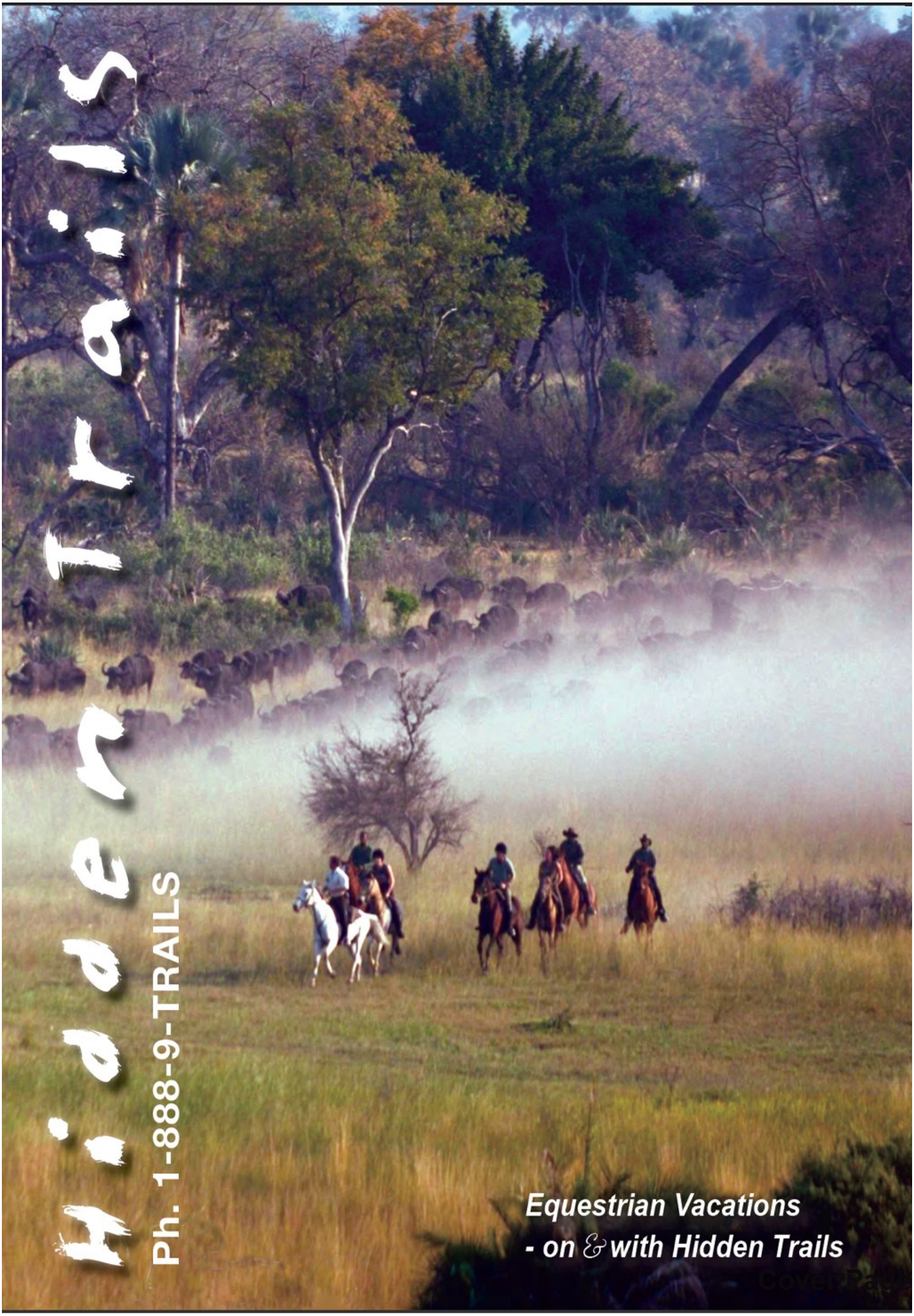

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About Hidden Trails



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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Day of the Dead & Mystery Villages Ride - Mexico, North America

Tour Code: IT-MXIR04
9 days / 8 nights ~$4,755.00
Dates: Oct-Nov

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: Charro & Western (English on request)...
Horses: Quarter horse, Azteca and Mexican Crio...
Pace: Moderate riding pace according to terr...
Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

Airport: Guanajuato International Airport (BJX)













Introduction

Central Mexico, Mexico
Enjoy the best tequilas, listen to mariachi music and ride through sites of great historical value.

During our equestrian program, participants will be immersed in one of the most representative Mexican traditions of all time. They will be able to discover Mexico's traditions and actively take part in them, allowing everyone to discover why these festivities have conquered people all around the world.
In addition to discovering traditions first-hand, riders will enjoy the warmth and hospitality that distinguishes the Mexican people. They will also be able to taste a variety of dishes of the ancestral gastronomy of Mexico. Guests will also be guided by experts in the mixology of ancestral drinks, and body painting (catrinas).

During the first 3 days, we will dedicate ourselves to the Day of the Dead celebrations, in two of Mexico's most beautiful cities. The following days, our adventure on horseback will lead us through the mystery villages and their traditions.

Accomodation

Accommodations
This is a progressive ride so nights are spent in different locations.

Description
All accommodations are chosen for authenticity and comfort. The variety allows you to appreciate the diversity of life in Mexico. The described accommodations, are used regularly and most of the time during our trips. However, if for reasons beyond our control, we have to use a different accommodation as the one described, we will use as a replacement a similar hotel, located as close as possible to the intended area.

Accommodation Itinerary - *subject to changes based on availability*
Night 1 & 2: Hotel in San Miguel de Allende
Night 3: Posada in Guanajuato
Night 4: Hacienda near Puentecillas
Day 5: Hotel in Calderones
Night 6: Ranch in Santa Rosa
Night 7: Hotel in Sangre de Cristo
Night 8: Hacienda in Sangre de Cristo

Hotel in San Miguel de Allende
This small hotel offers 14 simple and elegant bedrooms, equipped with a TV, internet access, private facilities and a safe.

Posada in Guanajuato
This beautiful colonial hotel is housed in a historic building, and first opened its doors to the public in 1892. It offers comfortable accommodations with cable TV and private bathroom in the historic center of Guanajuato. Free Wi-Fi is available at this property.

Hacienda near Puentecillas
This charming hacienda was founded during the 16th century as a cattle ranch. The current owners decided to transform this place in order to welcome and accommodate tourists from all over the world. Nowadays, the hacienda is surrounded by plants and trees and provides 32 guestrooms.
Each room is bright and spacious and features a TV as well as an ensuite bathroom.
There is also an outdoor pool where guests can cool off in the evening.

Hotel in Calderones
This unique boutique hotel has 10 bedrooms, each featuring its own style. The rooms all include air conditioning, free Wi-Fi access, ensuite bathroom, a safe and a TV.

Ranch in Santa Rosa
This ranch is surrounded by beautiful mountains. It offers comfortable rooms with shared bathroom. Please, note that there is no internet connection available at this property.

Hotel in Sangre de Cristo
This beautiful complex offers spacious and comfortable dorm-style rooms. The group is usually split into 2 while staying there with one room for ladies and another room for men.
Bathrooms are also shared with one designated bathroom for ladies and another one for men. Up to 8 people can fit in each shared bathroom area.
There is Wi-Fi available at this property.

Hacienda in Sangre de Cristo
This lovely historic hacienda is surrounded by gardens, vineyards and century-old trees. The rooms are simply decorated and come equipped with a TV, a safe and a private bathroom. Guests are welcome to use the outdoor pool to relax in the evening.
Please, note that there is no internet access available at this property.

Room Occupancy
There are no single rooms available on this trip.

Meals
Meals are included from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on the last day (except for lunch on Day 2).

Meals are based on regional Mexican food and include beef, pork, chicken, eggs, fruits, vegetables, cereals, rice, milk, coffee, natural fruit juices, and purified bottled water.









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Breakfast and dinners are eaten at the accommodations and lunches are eaten on the trail.

Dietary Restrictions
We can cater to most dietary restrictions if given prior notice. However, please note that changes to the menu made locally (without prior notice) might incur additional charges locally.

Riding

Required riding level
Intermediate - A rider who has a firm seat, is confident and in control at all paces and can get on and off without help. At some point, it will be necessary to lead your horse on foot.
Difficulty of terrain: 60% easy- 25% intermediate – 15% difficult
Physical effort required: 65% easy - 30% moderate - 5% intense
On the trail: 5 riding days

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

Day 1 (October 31st): Arrival
You will be greeted in the city of San Miguel de Allende, a city characterized by its rich traditions, in which popular events and festivals play an important role throughout the year. It is a place full of culture and art.
After checking into your room (around 4 pm), you are invited to our welcome cocktail, during which we will discuss the program. Then, you will have some time to visit the historic city center before dinner (served around 9 pm).
Meals included: Welcome dinner
Accommodation: Hotel in San Miguel de Allende

Day 2 (November 1st): Day of the Dead
Today, we will be able to live with intensity the tradition of the day of the dead. We start with a walking tour, guided through the route of "offerings". During this tour, we will visit the historic pantheon of San Juan de Dios. Later, we will enjoy a fun mixology workshop, specialized in pre-Hispanic drinks. You will taste and create four cocktails that have transcended the history of Mexico: Tepache, Pulque, Pox and Raicilla.
In the afternoon, we will attend the theatrical performances alluding to the Day of the Dead, which are held in the main square of San Miguel.
Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Hotel in San Miguel de Allende

Day 3 (November 2nd): Guanajuato
After breakfast, we will transfer by car (1 hour drive) to the city of Guanajuato, a colonial city with beautiful buildings that contain the elements of the two main cultures that created them, the indigenous and the Hispanic. The constructions retain their architectural and environmental characteristics and because of this, the city was declared by UNESCO a World Heritage Site in December 1988. It is currently considered as the most beautiful colonial city in Mexico. We will visit the historic center, walking through its narrow alleys and discovering houses, squares and gardens. We will visit the "monumental offering" of Guanajuato and "El Tapete de la muerte" (The death carpet) as well as "La Catrina Vive Festival", enjoying live music with local mariachis.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Posada in Guanajuato

Day 4 (November 3rd): Mummies & Catrinas
This morning, we visit the "Museum of the Mummies". Here, you will appreciate the mummified remains of our ancestors, some of which date back to 1870. It is considered the current largest collection of natural mummies in the world.
Then, we will go to Rancho Colomitos, where we meet our riding companions. We will get acquainted with our new friends on an introductory ride before dressing up as catrinas (symbol of death and icon of Day of the Dead in Mexico). We will ride as catrinas around the ranch and enjoy a photo and video session.
In the evening, we will enjoy a "Catrinas and catrines" themed dinner.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Hacienda near Puentecillas

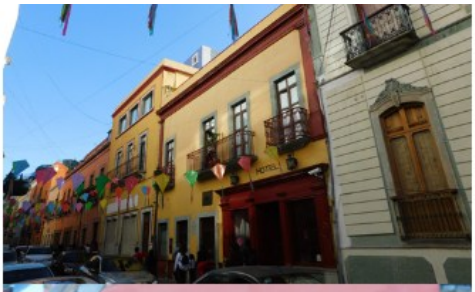
Day 5 (November 4th): Mystery Villages Ride
This is the day we begin our journey on horseback. We will start by exploring the mystery villages, made up of various communities in which the Chichimeca culture, mining and a Cristero region converge. Today's ride is based on mystery, nourished by the local legends and traditions.
Rancho Colomitos – Calderones 21 km
Meals included: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Hotel in Calderones

Day 6 (November 5th): Local Legends
We continue our journey through the Mystery Villages, visiting ancient communities nestled in the mountains. This region is recognized for its richness in minerals. We will visit the ancient cemeteries of Peregrina and Monte San Nicolás, which have some of the most romantic and mysterious legends. These legends will be narrated by your guides.
Calderones–Santa Rosa 21 kilometres
Meals included: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Ranch in santa Rosa

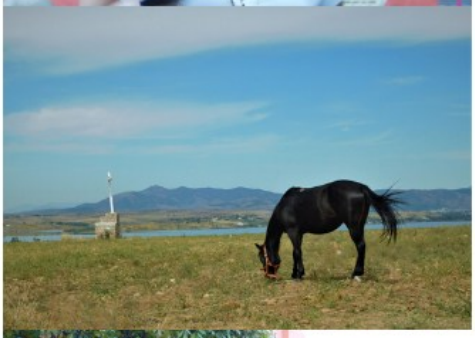
Day 7 (November 6th): Ride to Sangre de Cristo
Today's journey will allow us to discover one of the greatest biodiversity areas in the region. We ride through oak forests, pine trees and small communities full of history, nestled in the middle of beautiful mountains, and surrounded by majestic natural landscapes. Our destination for the day is one of the oldest communities in the region, Sangre de Cristo.
Santa Rosa – Sangre de Cristo 26 kilometres
Meals included: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Hacienda in Sangre de Cristo

Day 8 (November 7th): Historical Ride
For our last riding day, we will explore ancient communities featuring very important historical and cultural aspects such as: Chichimeca Indigenous Culture, the old Cristero War and silver mining. We will ride through the communities of Sangre de Cristo, Mineral de la Luz and San Ignacio. We will also visit the old mine of San Juan, El Zócalo de La Luz and the old Sangre de Cristo cemetery.
At the end of the XIX century, Sangre de Cristo and Mineral La Luz, and San Ignacio became ghost towns.
Sangre de Cristo – La Luz – San Ignacio – Tiros de San Juan 19 kilometres
Meals included: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Hacienda in Sangre de Cristo

Day 9 (November 8th): Departure
After breakfast, end of our services









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Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: San Miguel de Allende
Airport: Guanajuato International Airport (BJX)
Train station: --
Transfer: --
Distance: 100 km
Transfers are not available for this trip. You will meet your guide and the rest of the group in San Miguel de Allende for 4 pm on Day 1 of your trip.

Tack: Charro & Western (English on request) with saddle bags
Horses: Quarter horse, Azteca and Mexican Criollo
Pace: Moderate riding pace according to terrain with several trots and some canters.
Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |
Level: (3 to 4 out of 5) Intermediate
Age: Min 14
Weight: 240 lbs / 110 kg
Riders: Min 6 riders Max 14 riders

Rates and Dates 2027 - IT-MXIR04

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals, Activities as indicated in the program & 5 riding days

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2027	9 day trip	$5130

Transfer Option

Description

2027	Single supplement - please inquire	
2027	Non-rider, pp - please inquire	
2027	Late transfer fee	$200
2027	Small group supplement (2-5 pax only), pp - please inquire	

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	10/26/2027 - 11/03/2027	9d / 8n	9 day trip

Min/Max: 6/14

Rates do not include:Lunch on Day 2, Drinks, Entrance fees for museums and attractions, Travel insurance (mandatory) & Airport transfers

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-MXIR04

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals, Activities as indicated in the program & 5 riding days

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2026	9 day trip	$4755

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Single supplement - please inquire	
2026	Non-rider, pp - please inquire	
2026	Late transfer fee	$200
2026	Small group supplement (2-5 pax only), pp - please inquire	

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	10/26/2026 - 11/03/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip

Min/Max: 6/14

Rates do not include:Lunch on Day 2, Drinks, Entrance fees for museums and attractions, Travel insurance (mandatory) & Airport 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	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:

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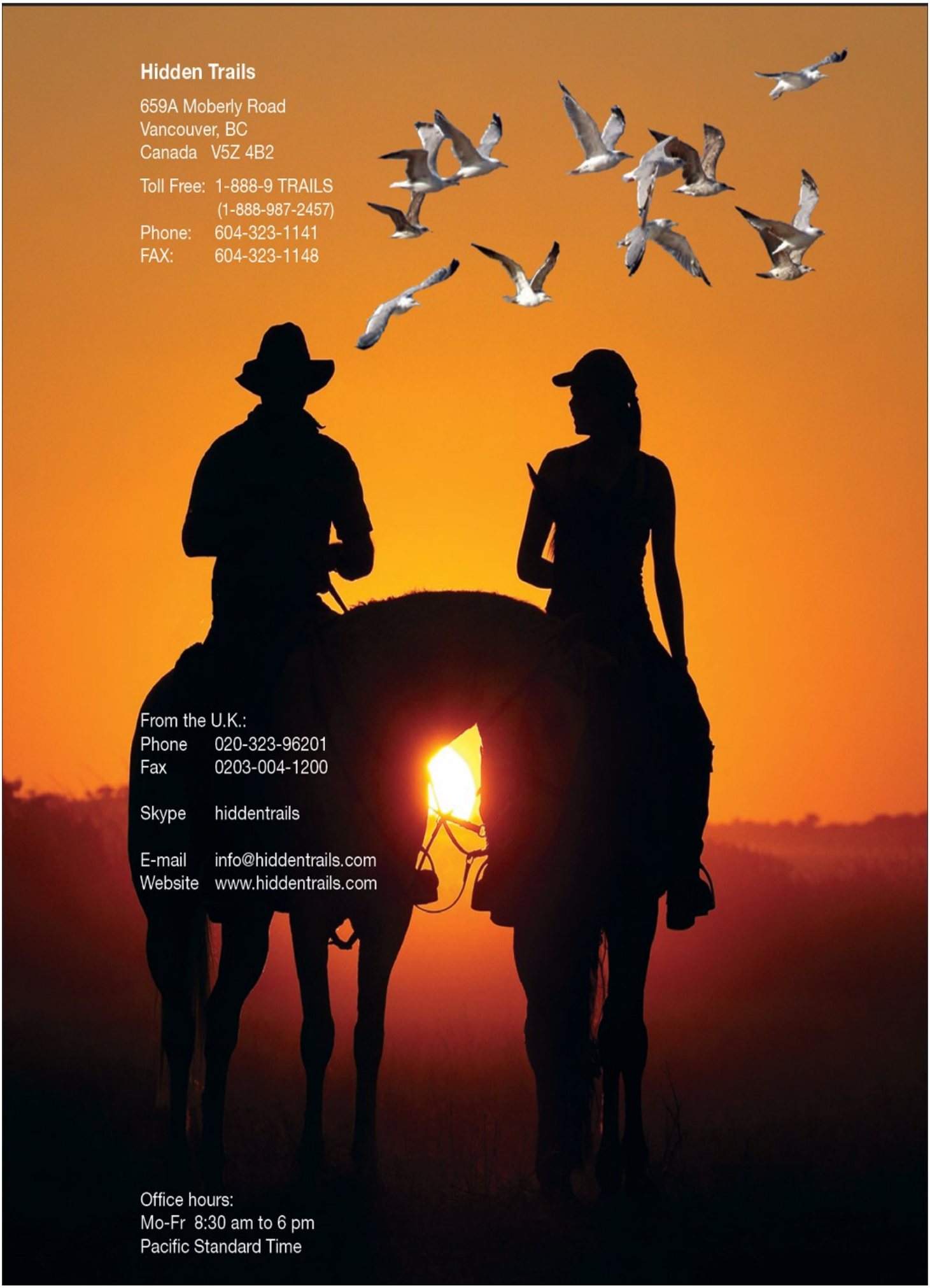
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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