

## **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.

## **Hidden Trails**

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# Ajusco Riding Holidays - Mexico, North America

Tour Code: IT-MXRG02 5 days / 4 nights ~\$1,300.00 Dates: Available all Year

Trip Rating : ●●●● Difficulty : ★★★★ Lodging: ♠♠♠

Tack: Mostly Mexican Charro or Western Tack,... Horses: Warmbloods, Quarter Horses, Haflinger ... Pace: 4-5 hours in the saddle per day on ave... Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

## Airport: Mexico City







## Introduction

Central Mexico, Mexico

During this special program for 5 days and 4 nights you will get to experience Ajusco Natural Park surroundings on a horseback and stay in a real Mexican ranch. We will climb up to 13,000 ft (4000 meters) to see one of the oldest inactive volcanoes of the zone, visit a hidden village, seek for a herd of wild horses and lots more! The almost 50-year-old ranch is all about authentic atmosphere and personalized service; you will feel yourself like at home!

## Accomodation



## Accommodations

On this stationary ride, all nights are spent at the same location.

## Description

There are limited number of rooms at the ranch so we can guarantee quality of service, privacy and a relaxing stay. All rooms are decorated Mexican style with unique paintings, antique furniture and beautiful details in each one of them. All rooms and suites have a private bathroom with hairdryer, shampoo, body wash, conditioner and bathrobe. Each room is also equipped with a heater, safety-deposit box, and extra blankets for your convenience.



We have a heated swimming pool, steam room, Jacuzzi, squash, mini basketball court, riding paddock, bar area and lots more for you to have an unforgettable stay!

Laundry facilities (extra charge) and Wi-Fi are available at the ranch.

## Room Occupancy

For solo travelers willing to share, no single supplement fee is charged, even if we don't find you any roommate.











### Meals

All meals are included in this trip.

Usually, breakfasts and dinners are at the ranch and then lunch is on the trail.

Meals are often buffet style, mixing Mexican and international cuisine, with ingredients from the region.

This trip includes some wine with dinner.

### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to all dietary restrictions with prior notice.

## Riding



## Riding Experience

This trip has been designed for intermediate to experienced riders. Some of the horses are less energetic than others but mainly they are not for people who have never gotten on a horse. At times, we can cater to beginners but they pay for a private wrangler who is there at all times to attend and help them with the horse. We have rides of varied length (from 1 hour to 12 hours) and of different difficulty levels (from beginners to experienced).

## Pace

Because the terrain of our riders is mostly in mountainous areas, we mostly go at a fast walk pace. However, we do also go at a trot and canter when the terrain allows. There are open fields and flat areas suitable for canters on the trails. On our rides, guests do not have to stay in line, following each other.

This trip includes 3 riding days with an average of 4-5 hours spent in the saddle each day. We will cover about 40km in total.

We have many breeds at the Ranch: Warmbloods, Quarter Horses, Haflinger and Friesians mostly.

The Friesian horses can be used in the paddock and on short trails (less than 2 hours) but, because they are very heavy horses, they get tired easily and are not made for cantering in the fields.

The warmbloods, quarter horses and other breeds are more suitable for long trails in the mountainous areas.

All of the horses are very experienced in the fields and they do not get scared easily. However, you should always keep in mind that they are animals with their own thoughts and can be unpredictable.

The horses are fed twice a day and each one of them gets their very own portion of oat and alfalfa with abundant hay.

After a very long trail (7 hours or more), we usually let the horses rest the next day and we give them a nice bath and their mane and tail are braided. We like to keep our horses pretty and in a good shape because they are the one who makes all these amazing horse-riding experiences possible.

## Itinerary







Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

### Day 1: Arrival

Depending on your arrival, we will give you a tour around the installations and you will get to meet the horses. Maybe take a margarita and wait for dinner! Let our staff help you get comfortable and show you how you can use all the amenities like the Jacuzzi, steamer and others.

Meals included: Dinner Overnight at the Ranch

### Day 2: Ajusco Surroundings

On your second day at the Ranch, we will take you for a short ride in the morning. You will get to climb up a hill where there are usually hundreds of goats and sheep enjoying the day and eating green grass. After lunch in the afternoon, we will ride to a nearby volcano from where a great view to Mexico City opens; it's just marvelous when the sun sets on this huge capital.

Riding approx. 4-5 hours Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at the Ranch

## Day 3: Hidden Villages and Wild Horses

Now that you got a feeling on the horses and got to do two shorter trails, you should be ready for a half-day in the saddle! Today we will take you to a trail to a hidden village called Capulin, where you will have the opportunity to purchase locally prepared beverage called "Conejo" or maybe just an ice-cold "cerveza". This beautiful village has only about 300 habitants and the nearest city is about 2 hour drive away and if we are lucky, there is a possibility to soot a herd of wild horses on our way.

Riding approx. 5 hours Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at the Ranch

## Day 4: Mountain Riding

On your third day at the Ranch, we will take you for a trail ride to an enormous inactive volcano you can see all the way from the Ranch. Now that you probably are used to the altitude, it's the perfect timing to climb even higher to 13 feet above sea level. The view is absolutely amazing from the top of this volcano. After lunch, we can take you to Downtown Ajusco for some shopping and sightseeing, or maybe you would like to skip a day of riding and do a tourist excursion to one of the many sights in the City.

Riding approx. 4-5 hours Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at the Ranch

## Day 5: Departure

If you have an early flight to catch - we will serve you a breakfast before it's time to go and one of our drivers will drive you to the airport upon request. In case your flight leaves at night, you will have time to do one last trail nearby the Ranch and we will accommodate with lunch and dinner to your schedule.

Meals included: as needed

\*\* subject to changes due to unforeseen circumstances \*\*

## Other Info

Meeting: Mexico City Airport: Mexico City Transfer: Mexico City Distance: 20km

Transfers are available from Mexico City International Airport or hotel any day of the week and any time (although we do recommend morning flight arrivals so riders have a full day the

ranch).

Tack: Mostly Mexican Charro or Western Tack, but we have some other tacks available upor

request (English, Australian, Galápagos and Women's Saddles)

Horses: Warmbloods, Quarter Horses, Haflinger and Friesians

Pace: 4-5 hours in the saddle per day on average. Pace is moderate with trots and canters

some opportunities for galloping

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

Level: (2.5 to 4 out of 5) Intermediate

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 8 riders

## Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-MXRG02

Rates include: Accommodations in classic rooms, All meals and beverages & 4 riding days Helmets and sombreros can be borrowed at the ranch

**Packages and Options** 

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	5 day trip	\$1300
B 2024	8 day trip - Holidays (during Easter, Christmas, New Year)	\$4165

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## **Transfer Option**

## Description

2024	Transfer from/to Mexico City airport or hotel (1-4 pax), return, per van	\$250
2024	Upgrade to Deluxe Room, dbl, pp	\$175
2024	Upgrade to Master Suite, dbl, pp	\$350
2024	Single supplement +40%	\$415
2024	Private Wrangler, pp, per day	\$100
2024	Private Riding Lessons, pp, per hour	\$70
2024	Transfer from/to Mexico City airport or hotel (1-4 pax), return, per car	\$140

## **Tour Dates**

Season	Tour Dates			
A 2024	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip	

## Min/Max: 2/8

\* minimum 7 nights during Easter, Christmas, and New Year

Rates do not include: Transfers, Taxes & Gratuities

# **Reservation Form**

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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)									
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