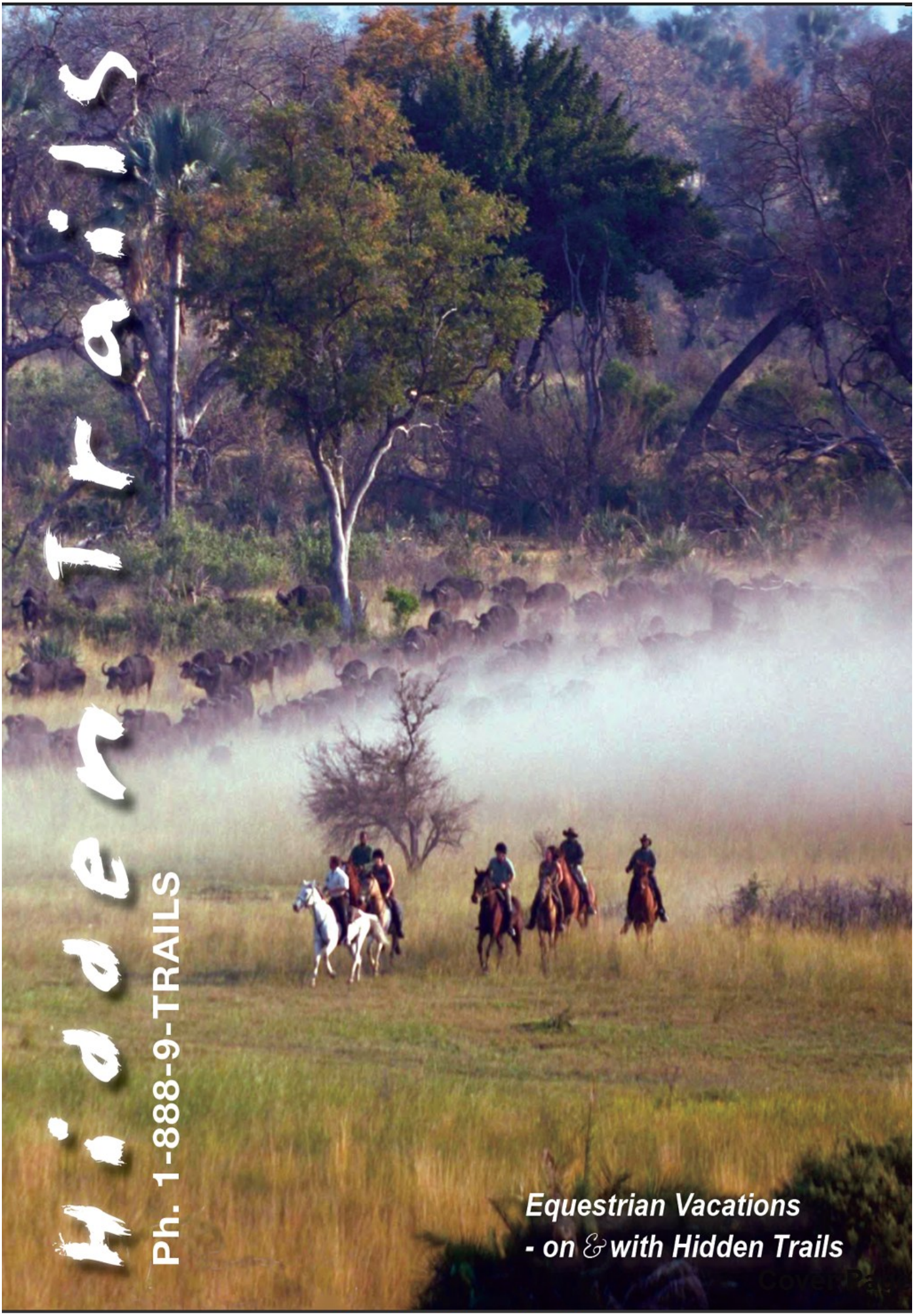

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About Hidden Trails



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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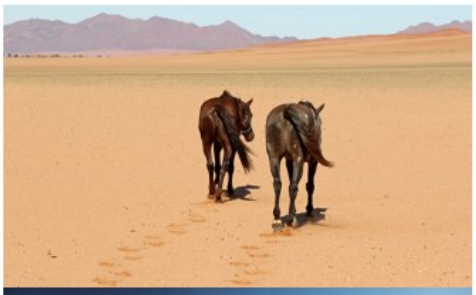
Between Desert & Skeleton Coast - Namibia, Southern Africa

Tour Code: IT-NADSC
10 days / 9 nights ~$8,780.00
Dates: October to November

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: Skirted endurance-type saddles
Horses: Arab, Haflinger, Lipizzaner, Trakehner...
Pace: Riding 20 - 60 km per day at all place...
Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

Airport: Walvis Bay Airport















Introduction

Namibia, Namibia
Welcome to the oldest, and one of the most scenic deserts on Earth, the Namib. With its iconic ochre dunes, huge plains and unique desert adaptations, this seemingly in-hospitable place leaves us enriched by its majesty.

This riding safari starts from the formidable Skeleton Coast and makes its way into the remote western Damaraland before heading back onto the wild Atlantic Coast.
This adventurous riding safari is not for the faint of heart!

Accomodation



Accommodations
This is a wilderness ride, so you will be staying in a mixture of lodges and camping.

Description
Consider yourself 'unplugged' while on safari – cell-phone reception is minimal at best and internet not at all except in cities and larger towns.
Water is a very precious commodity in a desert, so while it is possible to rinse a few smalls things on safari, only lodges and hotels have laundry service.

You will be sleeping in a hotel in Swakopmund for the first night and in a lodge on the coast for the last night. The rest of the nights are spent camping.

Camping
While we do provide tents if needed, generally guests sleep out under the stars on cozy cots with bedding. The cots have bedrolls consisting of an insulating mattress, duck-down double duvet, and pillow - can zip up and has a waterproof cover. Hot bucket showers and chemical loos travel along with us - we endeavor to provide a shower every night but if water is scarce, one night might be shower-less.

Room Occupancy
Single supplement is waived if you are willing to share.

















Meals
All meals are included from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on the last day.

Breakfast is typically porridge or cereal, coffee or tea and a hot dish.
On days we are able to meet up with the supply trucks a light lunch is served, where this is not possible, sandwiches are enjoyed under a shady tree.
Dinner is a delight of typically Namibian fare; wild Game, free-range beef or Karoo mutton served as braai (grilled over an open fire) or potjie (pot casserole) with vegetables and a surprise dessert also made on the open fire.

Tea, coffee, and juice are always available in camp with chilled drinks, beer, wine, etc. available in the evenings. All drinks are included in the cost whilst on the ride. Only drinks at the first night lodges, guest farms, restaurants, and petrol stations while en-route are not included in the package rate.

Dietary Restrictions
We can easily cater to vegetarians. We cannot fully cater to vegans, so please supply your own snacks.

Riding



Riding Level
Do not underestimate the physical toll living outside take on you- come very fit! You need to be balanced in the saddle and stay off your horse's back without having to hang onto their mouth at all paces. You need to be able to post trot.
If you do not ride regularly (2 - 3 times a week), we strongly recommend that you get into practice before joining one of our challenging safaris. This is a challenging ride suitable for confident intermediate riders. Please not, we reserve the right to prevent anyone from riding if we feel they do not fulfill the minimum competence level as indicated or if weight and fitness level do not fall within that recommended for these challenging safaris.

Pace
You will ride in the morning for 4-5 hours, have a lunch break for 1-2 hours, and then continue riding for another 2-3 hours, totaling around 6-8 hours per day in the saddle for 7 days. You will cover 20-60km per day at all paces and over rough terrain. Other days may be less.
Pace depends on the terrain and temperatures as well as on fitness and weight of riders with walk, trot, canter and gallop. Meandering canyons means a slower place making this suitable for both intermediate and advanced riders but it has the most sublime plains for long, long slow canters.
Because Namibia has such wide-open spaces, it is possible to accommodate up to 15 riders on most trails plus 2 - 3 riding guides.

Horses
Your horse will be chosen from a mixed herd of many breeds i.e. Arab, Haflinger, Trakehner, ranch horses, they are small to medium-sized (14.3 to almost 16 hands) sure-footed horses raised on rough terrain, some of them with experience in endurance riding, and every one of them a kind, reliable companion that deserves the very best treatment and care.
Each rider is responsible for grooming, regularly checking over, and tacking up their own horse (assistance is given when required). It is this experience that cements the bond between you and the horse you must rely on to carry you across the desert.

Tack
We use skirted endurance type saddles with heavy padding for the comfort of horse and rider. Each saddle is fitted with two specially made water bottle holders (water bottles supplied). If you normally ride with a sheepskin bumnah you may bring your own (western shaped). We use a simple snaffle bridle over the halter

Weight Limit
We have a strict weight limit of 85 kg dressed in your riding gear – fit riders heavier than this will need to hire a 2nd horse. Our absolute maximum weight limit is 93 kg.

Hard Hats
Hard hats are obligatory, unless medical insurers acknowledge that you will still be insured, should you choose not to wear a hard hat.

Safety
Your safety and enjoyment are of paramount importance to us while you are our guest. Please alert us to any personal medical condition, allergies included and ensure you have all essential personal medication before arriving in Windhoek.

Children & Non-Riders
Experienced children riders who are accompanied by their parents are welcome – but please remember that these rides can be quite strenuous – so parents must use their judgment as to whether their children are suitable. Anyone unable to keep up with the group may have to travel in the support vehicle at some times. Non-riding companions are also welcome to join the trip and travel with the trucks.

Insurance
Comprehensive medical insurance is required to ride with us. Ensure repatriation is included in your policy. Travel insurance is recommended.

Itinerary









Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

Days begin at sunrise with the smell of freshly brewed coffee wafting through camp, followed by breakfast; departure is generally by 8am with 4 – 5 hours riding before lunch. Lunch breaks are an hour to 2 hours followed by another 2 – 3 hours riding in the afternoon.

Day 1: Arrival
A shuttle service will collect you from Windhoek International Airport (Hosea Kutako) to your first overnight in Windhoek (your name will be on a welcome board). Meet your fellow riders and host/riding guide for sundowners and dinner.

Day 2: To the Coast
Early breakfast and then journey to the rugged Skeleton Coast - approximately 4 hours to our lunch spot in the charming town of Swakopmund, and then a further 3 hours up the coast to our camp.
We visit the Cape Cross Fur Seal Colony on the way. The abundance of oxygen will surely knock you out for a good night's sleep tonight while the Atlantic Ocean roars in the background.

Day 3: First Riding Day
Our first riding day begins with a saddling briefing and getting acquainted with your horse. The landscape changes all the time and the pace quickens as the terrain allows.
As the soft evening light descends, we get into camp in time to enjoy sundowners as the spectacular Milky Way appears overhead. Here, where there is no light pollution, the stars are simply magnificent and sitting around a companionable campfire with new acquaintances, sharing the experiences of the day is a joy.
The aroma of dinner cooking in large black pots on the fire stirs the imagination of what could possibly smell that good!

Day 4-8: Canyons, Plains and back to the Coast
Negotiating landscapes which look like they belong on another planet - have your camera ready - we cross undulating terrain, dry river washes and interesting geological formations. Damaraland has a violent geological history, leaving a legacy of unusual land shapes.
Finally reaching the huge Ugab ephemeral river - these rivers only flow seasonally and sometimes not for years!
We see the well-known folded rock structures - called the Ugab Folds along the way before coming out of the river valley onto the wide plains above.

Day 9: Last Ride
Our last ride takes us across huge desert plains to the ocean at last - the Skeleton Coast, apparently so called for the wrecked hulks of stranded ships that dot this coastline.
We overnight in the small coastal town of Henties Bay in a wonderful private house with the most spectacular view over the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 10: Departure
Transfer to Windhoek International Airport (just over a 5-hour commute) for flights leaving after 3:00pm.



Other Info

Meeting: Swakopmund
Airport: Walvis Bay Airport
Train station: --
Transfer: Walvis Bay Airport
Distance: 45km

Tack: Skirted endurance-type saddles

Horses: Arab, Haflinger, Lipizzaner, Trakehner, ranch horse, even cross-breeds of the famous wild horses of the Namib Desert, etc

Pace: Riding 20 - 60 km per day at all places and over rough terrain - some very long canters

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

Level:  (3 to 4 out of 5) Intermediate

Weight: 190 lbs / 85 kg

Riders: Min 4 riders Max 15 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-NADSC

Rates include: All accommodations, All meals with drinks in camp, 7.5 riding days, Sightseeing to the World Heritage site of the Namib Sand Sea at Sossusvlei & Transfers

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US$
A 2026	10-day trip	£6600	$8780

The US Dollar Rate is based on a GBP Exchange Rate of 1.33 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer from/to Windhoek Airport included		
2026	Single supplement - if requested only	£275	$365
2026	Over 85 kg (extra horse charge)	£1065	$1415

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	10/07/2026 - 10/16/2026	10d / 9n	10-day trip
A 2026	10/28/2026 - 11/06/2026	10d / 9n	10-day trip

Min/Max: 4/15

Rates do not include:Drinks and refreshments at lodges/restaurants, Insurance (mandatory) & Gratuities

Rates and Dates 2027 - IT-NADSC

Rates include: All accommodations, All meals with drinks in camp, 7.5 riding days, Sightseeing to the World Heritage site of the Namib Sand Sea at Sossusvlei & Transfers

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US$
A 2027	10-day trip	£7200	$0

The US Dollar Rate is based on a GBP Exchange Rate of 0 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2027	Transfer from/to Windhoek Airport included		
2027	Single supplement - if requested only	£275	$365
2027	Over 85 kg (extra horse charge)	£1065	$1415

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	03/03/2027 - 03/12/2027	10d / 9n	10-day trip
A 2027	03/25/2027 - 04/03/2027	10d / 9n	10-day trip
A 2027	10/20/2027 - 10/29/2027	10d / 9n	10-day trip
A 2027	11/10/2027 - 11/19/2027	10d / 9n	10-day trip

Min/Max: 4/15

Rates do not include:Drinks and refreshments at lodges/restaurants, 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	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Interm.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking
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4.		☐				☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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):

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I have enclosed a check for the deposit ◯

Additional Signatures:

2. _____

3. _____

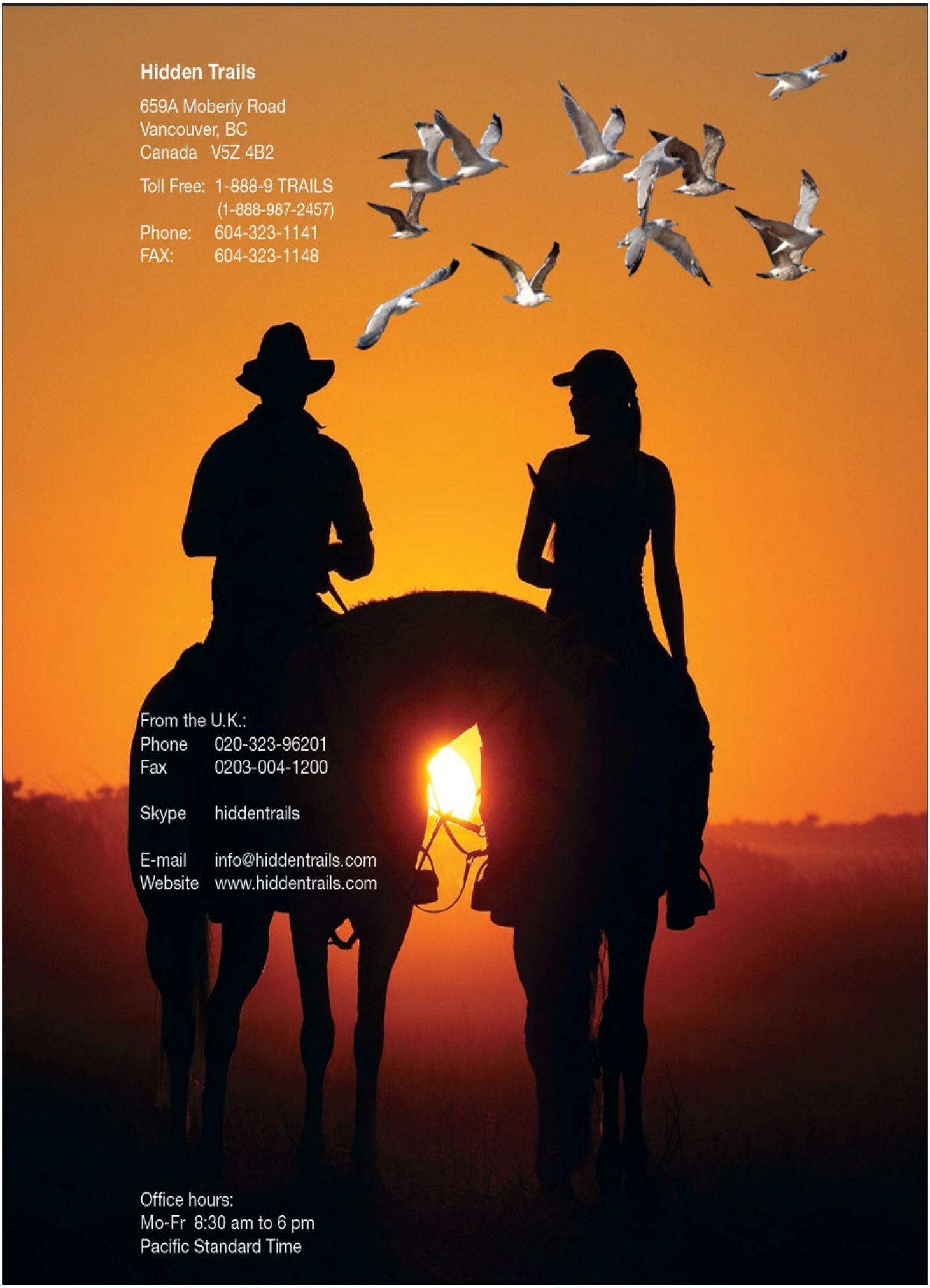
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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