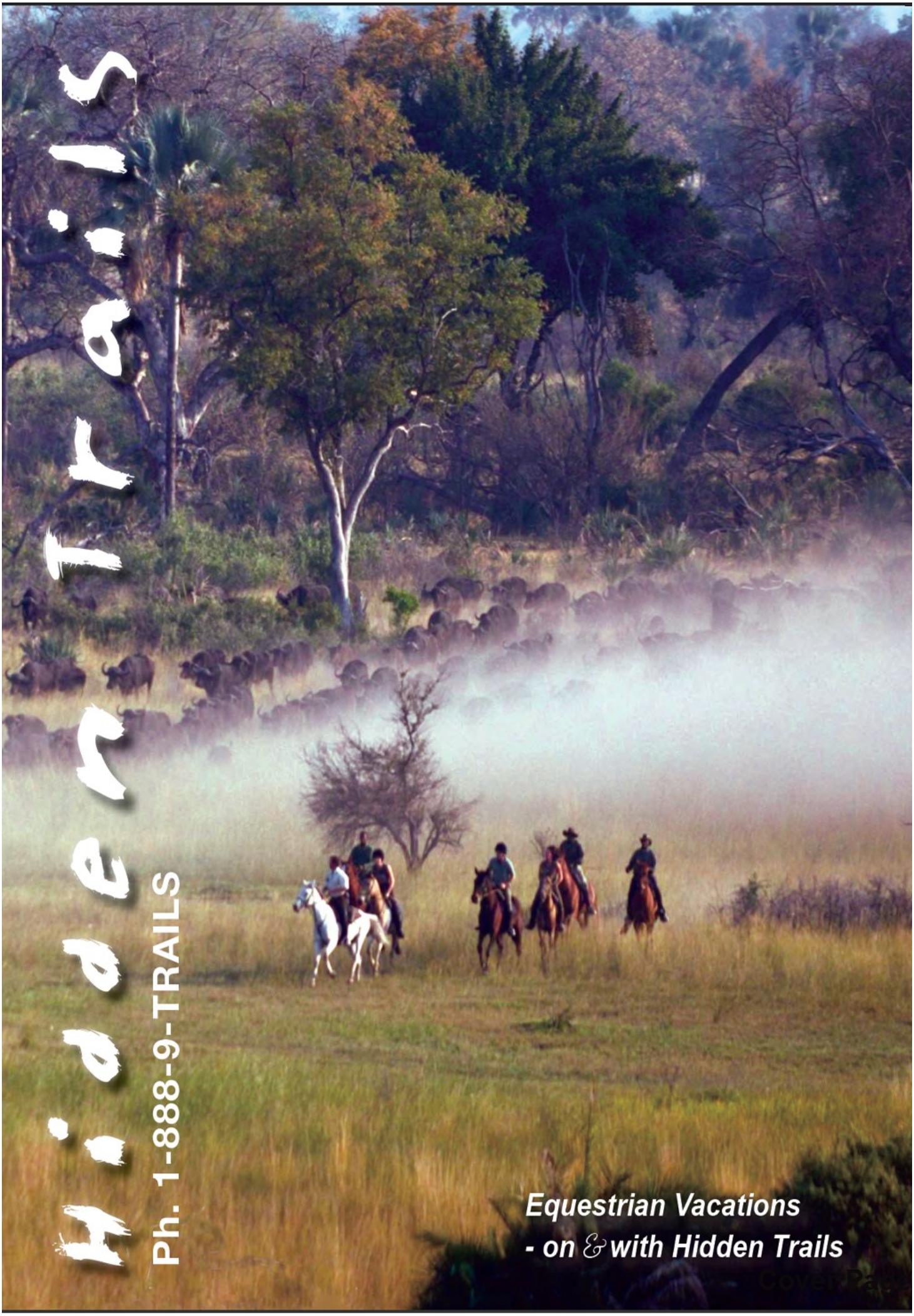

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About Hidden Trails



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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Wild Horses Safari - Namibia, Southern Africa

Tour Code: IT-NAWHS
11 days / 10 nights ~$8,780.00
Dates: May

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: Skirted endurance-type saddles
Horses: Arab, Haflinger, Lipizzaner, Trakehner...
Pace: Challenging ride. Suitable for confide...
Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

Airport: Windhoek Int Airport













Introduction

Namibia, Namibia
This adventurous ride takes us through some of the most breath-taking desertscapes on the planet. From the great dune sea of the central Namib to the very edge of the Sperrgebiet (German for restricted area), this ride covers diverse desert terrain - immense grassy plains, signature inselbergs, and the rugged Tiras Mountain Reserve. Namibia has given its communities the opportunity and rights to manage their wildlife through commercial conservancies, allowing you to reap the benefits of exploring true wilderness areas. You will be educated on the fragility of the desert and the conservation programs set in place.

Set for confident strong riders, this ride is a thrill for adventure seekers! Feel your heart pick up pace as you gallop along the never-ending expanse of the desert. The horses are sure-footed and amazingly hand-reared with love and dedication. The diversity of the herd, from the reliable horses who have done these trips countless times to the younger greener horses eager to please with a guiding hand, offers a horse for everyone!

Experience the serenity of sleeping under the stars while camping. The sight of the constellations is sure to take your breath away and leave you in awe on the beauty of the world we live in. This trip is amazing for appreciating the smaller things in life and experience the wonder the world has to offer.

Accomodation

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

Description
You will be staying in a lodge for 1 night and camp for 9 nights. Lodges are subject to changes based on availability.
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.

Accommodation Itinerary - *subject to changes based on availability*
Night 1: Lodge in Windhoek
Night 2: Camping
Night 3-8: Camping in Namib desert
Night 9 & 10: Camping in Geistershlucht



Lodge in Windhoek
The main lodge building comprises a dining room, a centrally situated bar, a lounge with fireplace, a conference room and a boardroom. Nestled outside, between the lounge and dining area, is the pool (great for swimming lengths – it really is quite long!) The elevated wooden deck offers a fairytale view of Windhoek. The Lodge and the rooms have been designed to emulate old German farm houses – think 'stoep' with 'afdakkie' and pots of geraniums. The 20 guest chalets consist of 14 twin chalets and 6 double chalets (all chalets have ensuite bathrooms with showers, toilets, and basins). Two of the chalets have been designed with honeymooners in mind and have baths instead of showers. All rooms have feather duvets wrapped in 100% cotton, environmentally friendly guest amenities, and unparalleled service and hospitality. 6 chalets offer views of Windhoek and 14 face east offering superb sunrise views of the Moltkeblick Mountain. You'll also have WIFI available.

















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. This ride includes the challenging crossing of the Namib dune sea as well as big, big plains for fast riding...and seeing the Namib's wild horses.
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*

Camp life has a leisurely pace - days begin at sunrise with the aroma of freshly brewed 100% Arabica coffee wafting through camp.
After a hearty breakfast we start riding around 8am for 4 - 5 hours. Lunch breaks are 1 - 2 hours, followed by another 2 - 3 hours riding in the afternoon.

Day 1: Arrival
Arrive Windhoek's Hosea Kutako Airport before 17:00– airport transfer to overnight lodge where you will meet the other riders and guide for dinner and a briefing.

Day 2: Wolwedans
Early breakfast and then 5-hour transfer to our lunch spot in the quaint hamlet of Maltahöhe, followed by a decent down the picturesque Zaris Pass to our camp in the Tiras Biosphere Reserve. Settle in and explore your surroundings - here you will meet your crew, your horse and be instructed in how to be 'desert savvy'.

Days 3 to 8: Tiras Mountains to Desert Wonderland
We set off up the rugged Tiras Mountains via one of the meandering dry washes coming down from the plateau above.
This unspoiled landscape has forced landowners to find sensitive ways to utilise this fragile area which is generally left to be natural. Boasting exceptional panoramic views from above - sentinel inselbergs (island mountains) dot the desertscape below with the distant dune sea towards which we are heading.
Desert adapted game are encountered during the day and open country with good going allows for some fast-paced riding. Lunch is enjoyed under a convenient tree or interesting spot with a good view. Overnight camps are chosen for their spectacular views - sleeping under the magnificent starry sky is a must - it has its own kind of magic. Few places on earth afford so little light pollution - allowing for an incomparable view of the magnificent southern constellation.





Our route may vary depending on weather conditions, or other circumstances but be assured every day will be memorable.
Crossing the dune sea is an experience in itself and you will come to appreciate why we chose this route - the remarkable desert-scapes on the far side are as true "Namib" as one can get.

Days 9-10: Wild Horses and Towns
From our last night camp in Geistershlucht (Ghost valley) we visit the waterhole of the Namib's – the wild horses of the Namib - for a sundowner.
We then visit the coastal town of Luderitz, visiting the historic 'ghost town' of Kolmanskop – the colonial mining town the desert is 'reclaiming'.

Day 11: Departure
After breakfast we transfer back to Windhoek Int Airport (just over 7-hour commute from Klein Aus) arriving in time for departure flights after 6:00 pm.



Other Info

Meeting: Windhoek
Airport: Windhoek Int Airport
Train station: --
Transfer: Windhoek Int Airport
Distance: 40km
We provide ground transfers from and to Windhoek through Windhoek Airport Shuttle and Tours. Meet us at the Windhoek airport on Day 1 no later than 17:00 (5:00pm).
At the end of the trip - departure flights should not be before 5:00pm.

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: Challenging ride. Suitable for confident fit riders. 6-8 hours per day. Riding 20-60km per day at all paces and over rough terrain.

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

Level: (3.5 to 4 out of 5) Strong 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-NAWHS

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Transfers from/to Windhoek Airport, 7 riding days & Visit to the wild horses of the Namib, the town of Ludertiz, and Kolmanskop

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US$
A 2026	11-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

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

Rates and Dates 2027 - IT-NAWHS

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Transfers from/to Windhoek Airport, 7 riding days & Visit to the wild horses of the Namib, the town of Ludertiz, and Kolmanskop

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US$
A 2027	11-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	05/05/2027 - 05/15/2027	11d / 10n	11-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:

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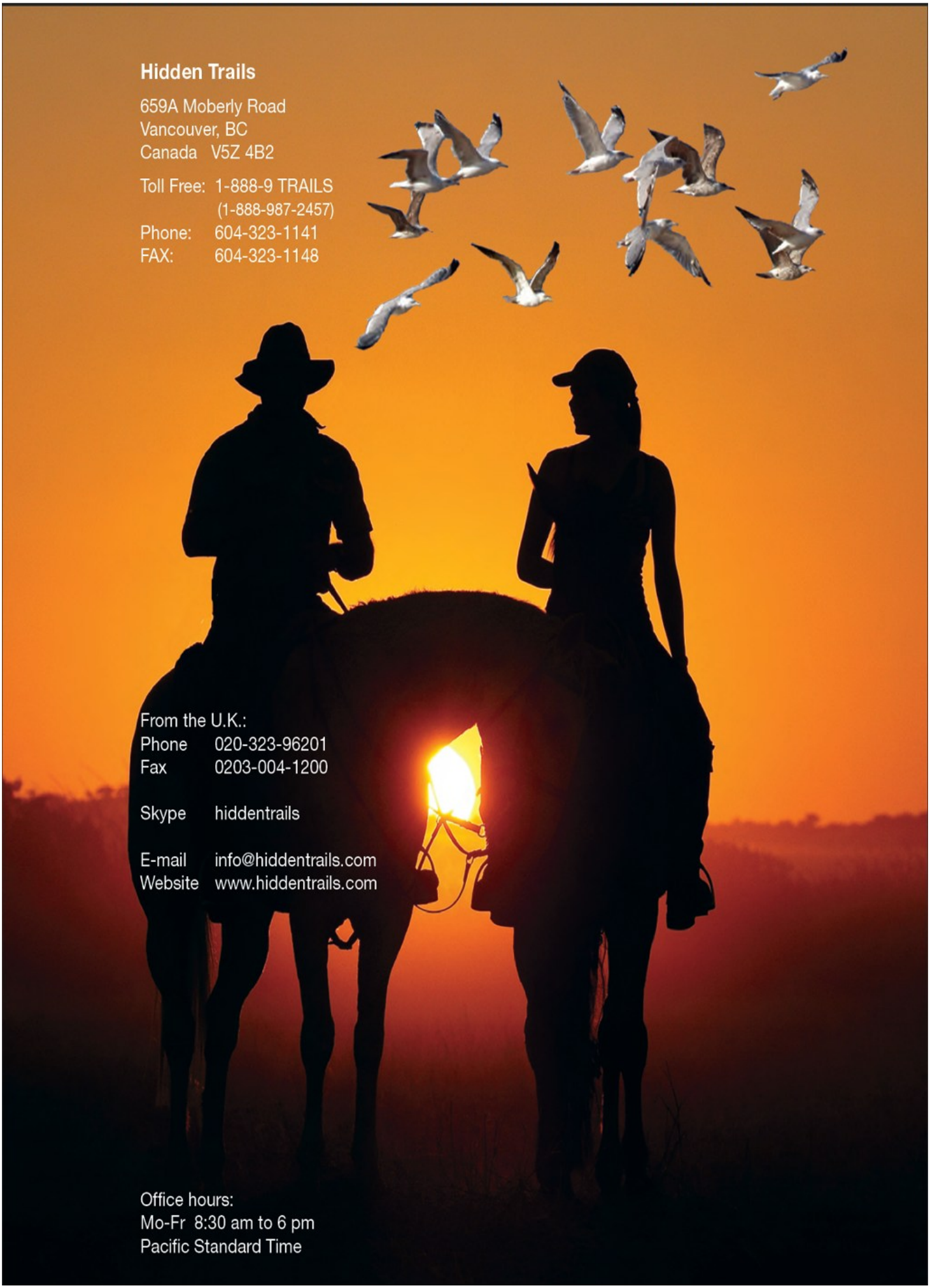
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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