

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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Wahiba Desert Ride - Oman, Middle East

Tour Code: IT-OMHT03
8 days / 7 nights ~\$0.00
Dates: Jan-Feb & Nov-Dec

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

Tack: English synthetic wintec type or endure...

Horses: Arabians & Anglo-Arabs

Pace: Approx. 4-5 hours in the saddle per ri...

Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

Airport: Muscat International Airport



Introduction

Ash Sharqiyah, Oman

Explore the stunning Wahiba Desert from the back of a beautiful Arabian or Anglo-Arab horse.

During this ride, you will cross the Wahiba desert, riding through an ever-changing landscape of sand dunes, wadis and Bedouin villages. One of the highlights of the ride will be getting to know more about the local culture and the Bedouin way of life: music, food... You might also encounter some Oryx.

Each night is spent at a different comfortable camp in the desert (all camping equipment is provided).

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a wilderness ride, so nights will be a mixture of hotels and camping.

Description

Accommodations are mostly in comfortable desert camps.

Accommodation Itinerary for Standard Option (8 days) - subject to changes based on availability

- Night 1: Hotel in Muscat
- Night 2 & 3: Desert Camp near Al Wasel
- Night 4: Guesthouse on a Farm
- Night 5: Desert Camp
- Night 6: Camp in Eastern Sands
- Night 7: Hotel in Muscat

Hotel in Muscat

This newly renovated hotel offers 152 modern bedrooms. Each room features a TV, a phone, a safe, free internet access and private facilities with hair dryer.

Desert Camps

You will be accommodated in comfortable tents with made up beds and modern facilities (sometimes shared, sometimes private).

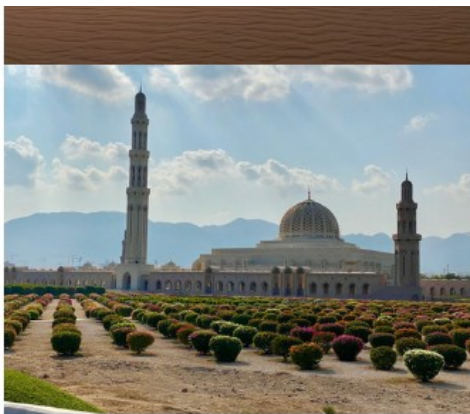
Guesthouse on a Farm

You will sleep in a small guesthouse with just a few bedrooms (in case of big riding group, accommodation will be at a different location). There is a pool and a garden where you can relax in the evening.

Room Occupancy

If you attend as a single rider willing to share but we are unable to find another rider to share, the single supplement fee applies.





Meals

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

The majority of meals are served at your accommodations.

During the desert ride our cook will provide delicious Omani dinners.

Majboos also named Kabsa, is a dish that consists of rice mixed with saffron cooked with spicy red or white meat. Majboos translates as "to be engaged" in Oman and is almost always served at special occasions like weddings and engagements!

Mashuai is another delicious dish consisting of roasted king fish and savory lemon rice.

A popular street food in Oman is Mishkak, which is grilled pieces of marinated meat (usually chicken, mutton or beef on long wooden sticks) served hot with tamarind chutney.

Halwa is a sticky, sweet gelatinous snack, made from brown sugar, honey, eggs and various spices. It has a lot of flavors, such as rose water, nuts, chocolate, etc. Some halwas are also made from the Omani dates. Halwas are often accompanied with Kahwa (a very strong bitter coffee that is often served in tiny cups) as a sign of hospitality. Kahwa is made from freshly roasted ground coffee and flavored with some cardamom!

Alcoholic drinks are not included in the package but you can bring some during the tour.

Dietary Restrictions

We can accommodate vegetarians and some other special diets with prior notice.

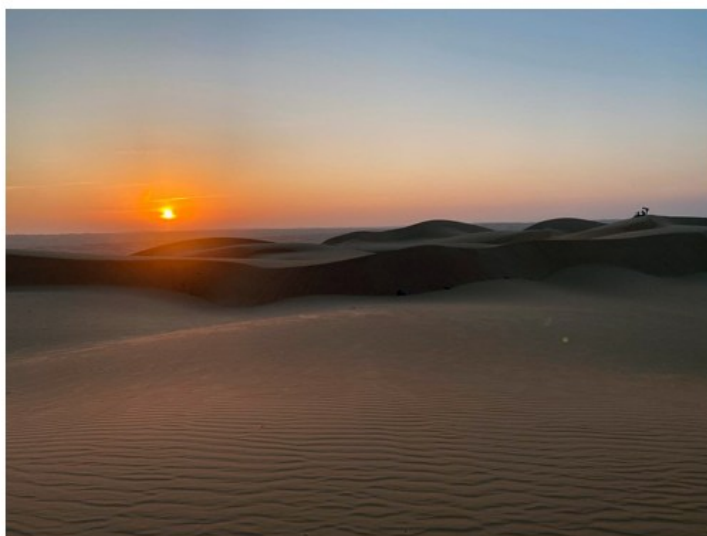
Riding



Riding

You must be able to walk, trot, canter and gallop in open spaces. The riding time depends on the level of the group, the horses, the terrain and the weather. Arabian horses are enduring but not very supportive. Thus, we ask riders over 85 kg to tell us before booking, in order to validate with the guide, the availability of a suitable horse.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

It is possible to add an extra day to this program and ride on the beach near Muscat (please inquire for rates). If you decide to stay an extra day, you can ask your hotel in Muscat to arrange a cruise for you to see the Damaniyats islands (paid locally as weather dependant).



Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Arrival at Seeb international airport and transfer to your hotel located nearby Mutrah Souk and Old Muscat City. Afternoon city tour of Mutrah Souk, one of the most popular souks in the Middle East. Take a walk in its labyrinths with a myriad of merchandise, from imported fabrics to exotic Oriental spices, perfumes and richly handcrafted Artifacts. A visit to this frenetic, pulsating hub of Muscat's old quarter makes for a delightful experience. Then, transfer to the magnificent Al Alam Palace, the official residence of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said the ruler of Oman. The palace is an architectural marvel for both its design and its location between the twin Portuguese forts Mirani and Jalali.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Muscat

Day 2 (Sunday): Wadi Beni Khalid

After breakfast we will drive to Wadi Beni Khalid (3.5 hours from Muscat). It is the most famous wadi of the Sharqiyah region. Its stream maintains a constant flow of water throughout the year. Large pools of water and boulders are scattered along the course of the wadi. As a geographical area, Wadi Beni Khalid covers a large swath of lowland and mountains. You will have the option to swim in the natural pools (ladies should wear leggings as normal swimwear are not accepted).

Then, late afternoon transfer to Bidiya. Meeting with our horse team at the desert stable and test ride before sunset.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Desert Camp

Day 3 (Monday): Start of Desert Ride

We will meet our horses in the morning, near Bidiyah, and ride towards Sama Valley. The ground is nice and ideal to get used to our horses.

We aim to arrive at our camp in time for lunch, riding approximately 23 kilometers. Our horses and team are never far away. It is always possible to enjoy bedouin nights with our horse team after a nice shower and dinner at your camp.

Lovely evenings under the stars, firecamps and bedouin stories will make this ride unforgettable!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Desert Camp

Day 4 (Tuesday): Oryx Valley Ride

After a nice Omani breakfast we will start our ride across the Oryx valley, crossing the red sand dunes and passing villages. We will find palm trees in each village (with a water system called falaj) and green grass for the animals.... The perfect place for our lunch break.

This afternoon, we ride in a nice valley, with a lot of acacias trees, providing shade for animals and Bedouins.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Desert

Day 5 (Wednesday): Wadi Obeid Ride

We will be riding in a large valley, until we reach our camp on top of sand dunes.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Desert Camp

Day 6 (Thursday): Tiwi Rashid Ride

The destination for today is Tiwi Rashid valley. On today's route, we will see camels. The sandy ground is sometime very deep for our horses.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Desert Camp

Day 7 (Friday): Desert Villages

This morning, you ride to Al Rakka village where you will say goodbye to the horses. You are then transferred to a seaside hotel near Muscat for your last overnight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Muscat

Day 8 (Saturday): Departure

After an amazing tour, it's time for departure. We will drop you off at Muscat International Airport.

Meals included: Breakfast

Non Riders

Non-riding companions are welcome on this ride. Please, inquire for rates and non-riding activities.

Other Info

Meeting: Muscat International Airport

Airport: Muscat International Airport

Transfer: Muscat International Airport

Airport group transfers included at set times (according to arrival and departure times of all riders). If you wish a private airport transfers, we can arrange one for an extra fee.

Tack: English synthetic wintec type or endurance saddle with saddle bags

Horses: Arabians & Anglo-Arabs

Pace: Approx. 4-5 hours in the saddle per riding day - Paces varies depending on the terrain

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (4 to 5 out of 5) Strong Intermediate to Advanced

Age: Min 18 Max 65

Weight: 85 kg

Riders: Min 4 riders Max 7 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-OMHT03

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals with water, Group transfers & Riding days according to program with English speaking guide
Helmets can be borrowed locally

Packages and Options

Season	Description
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Transfer Option

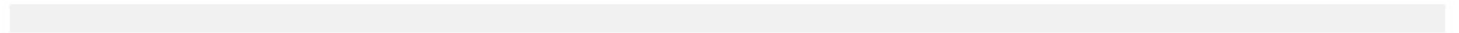
Description

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Best months for this trip are October to May

Rates do not include:Drinks, Gratuities & Private 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												
						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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