

# 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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# Salt pans, Mountains & Ruins - Peru, South America

Tour Code: IT-PERT11

5 days / 4 nights ~\$1,930.00

Dates: Available all year round

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging: 🏠 BASIC

Tack: modified McClellan saddles with saddle...

Horses: Peruvian Paso Horses

Pace: Slow on mountain paths with opportunit...

Walk,Trot,

Airport: Cusco



## Introduction

Cusco, Peru

This 5-day riding holiday is a great option for people who wish to learn more about the Incas, while riding through beautiful landscapes.

During this tour, you will visit the beautiful Salinas de Maras complex as well as the incredible site of Moray. Along the way, you will also learn more about local communities and visit a pre-Inca cemetery as well as a surprising rock forest.

Finally, the ride ends with a beautiful night near the charming Huaypo lagoon.

## Accommodation

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

### Description

You will be accommodated in small hotels and lodges. Please, note that facilities are usually shared.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1: Guesthouse in Misminay

Night 2 & 3: Lodge in Compone

Night 4: Lodge in Huaypo lagoon



Guesthouse in Misminay

You will be accommodated in a simple but comfortable private rooms.



Lodge in Compone

You will sleep in wooden cabins close to a forest, at the border of the village. Rooms are usually private but might have to be shared.





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#### *Lodge in Huaypo lagoon*

These charming domes have great views over the lagoon. Usually, each dome has one bedroom and one bathroom.

#### *Casa Andina Hotel in Cusco (optional extra night)*

This charming hotel is ideally located in the heart of Cusco. It offers 93 comfortable and elegantly decorated rooms, each equipped with a safety box, heating, coffee kit, TV, free Wi-Fi access and a private bathroom with hairdryer. Check-in starts at noon.

#### *Casa Andina Hotel in Urubamba (optional extra night)*

This beautiful hotel located in the Sacred Valley provides rooms that feature cable TV, heating, ensuite bathroom and free Wi-Fi access. The hotel has a small garden where guest can relax in the evening.

#### Room Occupancy

In case we are unable to find you a roommate, a single supplement fee might apply. Please, note that accommodation for single travelers are not guaranteed at all locations.



#### **Meals**

All meals are included in your package from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on the last day.

All your meals are prepared by our cook who follows along the tour with our support vehicle (transporting suitcases).

The food served features Peruvian and international cuisine.

The meals are served buffet style so everyone can choose what they want to eat.

Plenty of drinking water will be provided during the rides.

#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with advanced notice.

### **Riding**



For the protection of all participants, the ride leader reserves the right to prevent anyone from riding who displays insufficient ability, or whose behavior endangers the safety of other riders, themselves, or the horses. No refund will be made to a participant who is rejected for any such reason, or who is unwilling or unable to complete a tour.

#### **Horses**

We have 20 Peruvian Paso horses which are known for their smooth gait and elegance. We have horses with different temperaments that can cater to all levels of rider.

The Peruvian Paso Horse transmits its unique smooth gait to its purebred foals. No artificial devices or special training aids are necessary to enable the horse to perform the "Paso Llano", that provides a ride of incomparable smoothness.

### **Itinerary**

#### **Sample Itinerary - subject to changes**

#### **Day 1: Ride to Misminay**

This ride begins at a hotel at 8,000 meters above sea level in the town of Urubamba, where our backpacks



This ride begins at a height of 2,828 meters above sea level in the town of Paucarbamba, where our hacienda is located. Upon your arrival at our facilities (around 9 am), you will receive instruction and recommendations before the tour.

We should start riding at about 10 am. We will cross a wooden suspension bridge and continue along the valley floor on the right bank of the Vilcanota River. The eucalyptus trees that grow on the banks of the river will be our witnesses until we reach one of the largest Inka cemeteries of its time, located on the cliffs of the town of Yanahuara.

Arriving at the Tarabamba sector, we will cross a second suspension bridge, where there is a control booth to enter the Salinas de Maras. A steep trail will guide us from the valley floor to the salt flats, located halfway up the hill. Once at the Salinas, we dismount our horses and go on a guided walking tour. After our guided visit, we will get back in the saddle and continue climbing the hill until we reach our lunch point in Maras (around 1:30 pm).

After lunch, we will continue riding through fields of barley, oats and other Andean products until we reach the rural community of Misminay, 3,500 meters above sea level. There, we will be welcomed by the locals with dances, songs and Andean music.

*Meals included: Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight in Misminay*

#### Day 2: Misminay to Compone

After breakfast at about 9 am, we will have a farewell ceremony by the local people, amid songs and ancient dances. We are back in the saddle at 10 am, making our way to a viewpoint from where we can appreciate the most important Inka agricultural laboratory of its time "Moray" and the wonderful view of the Sacred Valley with its snowy peaks.

The first part of today's ride will be downhill for about twenty minutes, and after crossing a small ravine, we will start climbing the next summit again in the middle of a dense eucalyptus forest and through potato fields.

We stop for lunch (around 1 pm) in an open field surrounded by an eucalyptus forest.

After reaching the highest point of this day's ride, we will begin a ride down to the community of Chacuepay and its peculiar and picturesque surroundings. Huaracundo, an important town center, shows a great influence of Spanish culture with its cathedral church built at the beginning of the 16th century.

Our destination for the day is the town of Compone, where we will sleep in a lodge.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Lodge in Compone*

#### Day 3: Mountain Ride

We start the day by an uphill ride to the summit of one of the Apus (mountain deity) in the area. At the top, we will see the most important pre-Inka cemetery of the region, where Killke pottery remains scattered throughout. The panoramic view from this place is indescribable since we enjoy a panoramic view over the entire Pampa de Anta. After visiting this funerary area, we will go to the Yuraq Qaqa rocks. These rock formations have a volcanic origin.

After lunch, we go for a small walk in the mountain. Then, it is time to get back to the saddle and ride back to Compone, where we spend a second night.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Lodge in Compone*

#### Day 4: Compone to Huaypo lagoon

After enjoying a restful night, we cross the Pampa de Anta plain, towards the towns of Markjo and Huertas with its beautiful eucalyptus forest. We stop in Huertas for our midday break.

Shortly after resuming our riding journey, we will arrive at Huayllaqocha, which we will pass on our way to the charming Huaypo lagoon. We will arrive at the lagoon viewpoint for 4 pm. From here, we will listen to the song of the resident birds of its dense shore of totoraes.

We spend the night in a lodge, enjoying a wonderful view of the Huaypo lagoon.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Lodge in Huaypo lagoon*

#### Day 5: Last Ride

We start our last day of riding at about 10am. Today, we ride back to the Sacred Valley. We will ride along a steep path, until we pass the side of a monumental Catholic infrastructure that dates back to the 16th century (Church of Tiohamba). We will stop for lunch in the city of Maras, with its colonial streets adorned by stone gates. Each stone portal is adorned with heraldic shields from colonial times.

Along the last section of the ride, we will move through fields, before descending towards the valley floor. We expect to arrive back at the hacienda for 5:30pm.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch*

*Note: If you wish to extend your stay in Peru, we suggest to sign up for the [Machu Picchu Mountain Lodges Ride](#).*

## Other Info

**Meeting:** Urubamba

**Airport:** Cusco

**Train station:** Cusco

**Transfer:** Cusco or Sacred Valley

**Distance:** 38 miles


Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is available from Cusco or the Sacred Valley (Urubamba / Ollantaytambo). Transfers from/to the Sacred Valley are included in your package while transfers from Cusco can be arranged for an extra fee.

**Tack:** modified McClellan saddles with saddlebags

**Horses:** Peruvian Paso Horses

**Pace:** Slow on mountain paths with opportunities to go faster in the valley (no canter)  
About 5-7 hours in the saddle per riding day

Walk | Trot |

**Level:**  (3 to 5 out of 5) Intermediate and above

**Age:** Min 8 Max 70

**Weight:** 200 lbs / 90 kg

**Riders:** Min 2 riders Max 10 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-PERT11

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, Entrance ticket to Salinas & Riding according to the program  
It is possible to borrow a helmet locally

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	5 day trip	\$1930

Transfer Option

Description

2024 Transfers included from/to Sacred Valley (Urubamba / Ollantaytambo)	
2024 Transfers from/to Cusco on request - extra fee applies (please inquire)	
2024 Group discount (4-10 pax), pp	
2024 Small group supplement (2 pax only)	\$15
2024 Single supplement - please inquire	
2024 Extra night at Casa Andina Hotel in Cusco or Urubamba, dbl, pp, per night w/ breakfast (includes hotel taxes)	\$180
2024 Extra night at Casa Andina Hotel in Cusco or Urubamba, single, per night w/ breakfast (includes hotel taxes)	\$360

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	01/29/2024 - 02/02/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	02/05/2024 - 02/09/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	02/12/2024 - 02/16/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	02/19/2024 - 02/23/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	02/26/2024 - 03/01/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	03/04/2024 - 03/08/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	03/11/2024 - 03/15/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	03/18/2024 - 03/22/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
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A 2024	05/06/2024 - 05/10/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	05/13/2024 - 05/17/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	05/20/2024 - 05/24/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	05/27/2024 - 05/31/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	06/03/2024 - 06/07/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	06/10/2024 - 06/14/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	06/17/2024 - 06/21/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	06/24/2024 - 06/28/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2024	07/01/2024 - 07/05/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip
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A 2024	12/30/2024 - 01/03/2025	5d / 4n	5 day trip

Min/Max: 2/10

It is possible to arrange tours for private groups on request (private group fee applies)

Rates do not include:Drinks & 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													
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Inter.	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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