

# 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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# Peneda Gerês National Park Ride - Portugal, Europe

Tour Code: IT-PTGNP  
8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,045.00  
Dates: Apr-Nov

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

**Tack:** English  
**Horses:** Lusitano and Garrano horses  
**Pace:** Approx 2 to 4 hours per riding day  
Walk, Trot, Canter, Gallop,

**Airport:** Porto



## Introduction

Northern Portugal, Portugal

Close to the northern border between Portugal and Spain lies the Peneda-Geres National Park, a region of varied habitats which range from the high granite mountain landscapes to dense oak forests. Not only is this a beautiful, natural landscape but it is also the territory of a large predator, the magical Iberian Wolf, a species which your hosts have studied closely for several years. In your exploration of this peaceful region you will look for signs of the wolves' passage, visit fojos (ancient stone traps to catch the wolf) and talk about the history and legends surrounding the species. You may also be treated to one of the most enchanting sounds in nature - the howl of the wolf.

In addition to the wolf, the wild Garrano horse also roams this area freely. The rides often pass herds of these horses which is a wonderful sight to behold. Some of the riding horses used are also from the Garrano breed (the others used being Lusitanos, another Portuguese breed). This ride will take you through the oak woods and groves of birch, natural shelter for roe deer and wild boar, as well as patches of chestnut and holly trees which are inhabited by squirrels. Jays and orioles rest along the cliffs where you might also catch a glimpse of an eagle and some rare species of crow.

This riding holiday has been designed for true nature enthusiasts who wish to contemplate the natural jewels of the Iberian peninsula in the company of a good horse. The landscapes feature the natural pools of the Laboreiro river, hot water thermal baths, ancient paths and, of course one of the main peaks in the park, the Peneda Mountain.

## Accommodation

### Accommodations

This is a stationary ride so all nights are spent at the same location.

### Description

You will sleep in a traditional mountain house, located in the historic village of Castro Laboreiro in the Peneda-Gerês National Park, and surrounded by pure nature. The house was built in the early 20th century and recently restored. The owners maintained the original features of the house (stonewalls, wooden doors...), but they equipped it with all modern comforts (central heating, fireplace, free WIFI & TV with cable channels) to enable visitors a pleasant stay.

There are 6 bedrooms (all with private bathrooms) featuring homemade toiletries made with local goat milk and lavender.



In the garden, surrounded by a beautiful Oak forest, you will find the ideal place for your morning breakfast or to read a good book.

### Room Occupancy

If we are unable to find another rider to share the room with you, the single supplement fee does apply.





#### Meals

The package includes all meals.

We serve gourmet Portuguese traditional recipes accompanied by an excellent selection of Portuguese wine.

Breakfasts feature our locally produced honey and homemade jams and marmalades as well as many other delicious foods.

#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with advance notice.

#### Riding

Your hosts are both journalists with a passion for the environment and nature conservation. In 1999, they decided to broaden their horizons and began a long-term project to study a family of Iberian Wolves and produce a documentary on the species for Portuguese television. They provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere and look forward to sharing their passion for this magnificent region with their guests.

#### Itinerary



*Note: During your stay there will be a combination of half day and full day rides. It is possible to have additional riding (riding lessons available at an extra cost - payable locally) in place of the non-riding excursions. Please note, the following itinerary description might change due to the weather or other conditions.*

#### Sample Itinerary: 8-day program - subject to changes

##### Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Transfers from the airport to the village of Castro Laboreiro, where our guesthouse is located. Welcome dinner.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

##### Day 2 (Sunday): Discover Peneda Gerês National Park

This morning, we match horses and riders and go for our first ride in the beautiful pathways of the Peneda Mountain. We stop for lunch in the gardens of the country house.

In the afternoon, visit of the reception center of the National Park for better knowledge about the region and the biodiversity of this natural area. Dinner at a local restaurant.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Riding: 3 hours*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

##### Day 3 (Monday): Ride to the Valley of the Wolves

This ride takes us towards the fabulous Valley of the Wolves, one of the most beautiful valleys of the mountain. We will stop for our lunch break in the mountain. Full of biodiversity, the area is rich in rare sightings of wild animals. Last but no less important, we can spot the best Garrano herds of all the region here in the valley.

Dinner at the guest house.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Riding: 5 to 6 hours*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

##### Day 4 (Tuesday): Ride to the highest point of the region

Starting in the top of the mountain where the horse stables are located, we will ride in direction of the plateau where Laboreiro River begins. A wild valley in the top that works has a cup and concentrated a lot of small springs and water lines to start the main mountain river. Traveling to reach this valley, we will pass Rodeiro village, the highest and a very typical village in the region.

During this ride we will reach the highest point of the region, meaning 1340 metres of altitude and enjoying breathing 360 degrees views.

Our lunch break will be at the country house.

During the afternoon we will visit the medieval Castle of Castro Laboreiro.

We come back to the guesthouse for dinner.

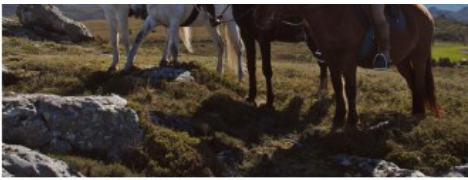
*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Riding: 3 hours*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

##### Day 5 (Wednesday): Ride to Castro Laboreiro village

Today we will keep following the ancient Transhumance trails and these were also used as a connection to Spain back in the old days. We will leave the winter valley and cross near Barreiro Lake in direction of Castro Laboreiro village. It will be a ride full of amazing views of the mountain and the oak forest.



On these trails, the great difference is the beauty between the high-altitude landscape and the more hidden valleys of Castro Laboreiro that becomes visible and breathtaking.

Picnic lunch in the mountains.

After lunch, we will climb back to the stables where continues presenting you extraordinary landscapes over the mountain. Birds of prey will make company with us on the way.

Dinner at the country house.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Riding: 3 to 5 hours*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

#### **Day 6 (Thursday): Castle & Sanctuary**

During this morning you can choose between a free morning to relax and rest or go with us to visit the Castro Laboreiro Museum and get to know more about their history.

Early lunch at the gardens of the guest house.

We will go riding this afternoon for a sunset ride to track and hopefully find the wild Garrano horses. The sunset ride is done according to weather conditions.

Dinner at the guest house.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Riding: 2 to 3 hours*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

#### **Day 7 (Friday): Valley of the Wolves Ride**

Today we will ride towards the border in the east of Portugal, looking for the Garrano horses and the amazing megalithic monuments there – these represent the largest Megalithic necropolis in the Iberian Peninsula.

We will stop for our lunch break in the mountain. The ride continues with the possibility of some long canters.

Dinner at the guest house.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Riding: 5 to 6 hours*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

#### **Day 8 (Saturday): Departure**

Transfer to the airport.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

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**Sample Itinerary: 5-day program - shorter version of the week-long ride, subject to changes**

#### **Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival**

Transfers from the airport to the village of Castro Laboreiro.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

#### **Day 2 (Sunday): Discover Peneda Gerês National Park**

This morning, we match horses and riders and go for our first ride in the beautiful pathways of the Peneda Mountain. We stop for lunch in a typical local restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit of the reception center of the National Park for better knowledge about the region and the biodiversity of this natural area.

In the evening, we will go for a sunset ride to track and follow a wild Garrano horses herd.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

#### **Day 3 (Monday): Ride to the border**

Today, we will ride until we reach the border with Spain, making our way East. We should spot some herds of wild Garrano horses as well as some megalithic monuments which constitute the largest megalithic necropolis of the Iberian Peninsula. We will stop for our lunch break in the mountain. We should have some opportunities for long canters.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

#### **Day 4 (Tuesday): Morning Ride & Sightseeing**

We will enjoy some canters in the mountain this morning. Our lunch break will be in a local restaurant.

This afternoon, we visit the historical Melgaço village with its castle and old churches. We will later stop at the Alvarinho presentation center to try out their wonderful fresh local white wine. A typical Portuguese wine, the Alvarinho cast is both one of the most important varieties of the Tart Wine Region and one of the most internationally prized.

We come back to the guesthouse for the night.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse*

#### **Day 5 (Wednesday): Departure**

Transfer to the airport.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

## **Other Info**

**Meeting:** Castro Laboreiro

**Airport:** Porto

**Transfer:** Porto Airport

Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is from Porto Airport. On Day 1, the transfer is scheduled for 3 pm. On the last day, you should be dropped off at the airport around 12 pm.

**Tack:** English

**Horses:** Lusitano and Garrano horses

**Pace:** Approx 2 to 4 hours per riding day

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3.5 out of 5) Intermediate

**Age:** Min 14

**Weight:** 185 lbs

**Riders:** Min 1 riders      Max 6 riders

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-PTPGNP

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, 6 riding days

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	8 day trip	€1860	\$2045
	Single supplement	€350	\$385
B 2026	5 day trip	€1350	\$1485
	Single supplement	€200	\$220

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.1 and subject to currency fluctuation

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Transfers from/to Porto airport, round trip	€100	\$110
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#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	04/04/2026 - 04/11/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
B 2026	04/04/2026 - 04/08/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	04/11/2026 - 04/15/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2026	04/11/2026 - 04/18/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	04/18/2026 - 04/25/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
B 2026	04/18/2026 - 04/22/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	04/25/2026 - 04/29/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2026	04/25/2026 - 05/02/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	05/02/2026 - 05/09/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
B 2026	05/02/2026 - 05/06/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	05/09/2026 - 05/13/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2026	05/09/2026 - 05/16/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	05/16/2026 - 05/23/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
B 2026	05/16/2026 - 05/20/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	05/23/2026 - 05/27/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2026	05/23/2026 - 05/30/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	05/30/2026 - 06/06/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
B 2026	05/30/2026 - 06/03/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	06/06/2026 - 06/10/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2026	06/06/2026 - 06/13/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	06/13/2026 - 06/20/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
B 2026	06/13/2026 - 06/17/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	06/20/2026 - 06/24/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2026	06/20/2026 - 06/27/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	06/27/2026 - 07/04/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
B 2026	06/27/2026 - 07/01/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	07/04/2026 - 07/08/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2026	07/04/2026 - 07/11/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
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A 2026	08/15/2026 - 08/22/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
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B 2026	09/05/2026 - 09/09/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
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B 2026	10/03/2026 - 10/07/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	10/10/2026 - 10/14/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2026	10/10/2026 - 10/17/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	10/17/2026 - 10/24/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
B 2026	10/17/2026 - 10/21/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	10/24/2026 - 10/28/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
A 2026	10/24/2026 - 10/31/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	10/31/2026 - 11/07/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
B 2026	10/31/2026 - 11/04/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
B 2026	11/07/2026 - 11/11/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip
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Min/Max: 1/6

\* custom tour dates possible by request - please inquire for availability and rate

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Rates do not include: Gratuities

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# 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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