



# 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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# Hasmas Mountains Ride - Romania, Europe

Tour Code: IT-RORT03  
6 days / 5 nights ~\$1,190.00  
Dates: April to December

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

**Tack:** Remodeled German military saddles

**Horses:** Szekler Horse (mountain ponies) & Lipi...

**Pace:** Moderate pace approx. 3-6 hrs in the s...

Walk, Trot, Canter,

**Airport:** Targu Mures - Transilvania International Airport



## Introduction

Transylvania, Romania

Find peace and relaxation while riding through the picturesque Romanian Carpathian Mountains.

This riding holiday lets you explore the Hășmaș National Park and discover the idyllic and sparsely populated area in which our stables are located. You will ride through the Hășmaș National Park famous for its vertical caves, steep chasms and rocky outcroppings. With a bit of luck, you will get to see the semi-wild horses that live in the surrounding mountains.

You will be accommodated at our secluded log cabin, located in the middle of the mountains and surrounded by forests. Here, you will be able to experience a life close to nature without any modern appliance to disturb you – allowing for true relaxation and peace of mind!

## Accommodation



### Accommodation

This is a progressive ride so nights are spent in different locations (except for the Easter special where all nights are spent at the guesthouse).

### Description

Most nights are spent at the guesthouse. We will also spend one night in a lovely mountain hut.

### Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes

Nights 1 - 4: Guesthouse near Kovács Péter

Night 5: Mountain hut near White Meadow

Night 6 & 7: Guesthouse near Kovács Péter



### Guesthouse near Kovács Péter

You will stay in our 120 year old rustic log cabin that used to be a Csango farm. The traditional architecture was kept. It is hidden in the middle of the nature, far away from civilization. There is no electricity, no internet and no cell service here. The accommodation is simple and guest can choose to stay in shared rooms inside the log cabin or in a Mongolian yurt. Facilities are shared and there are flushable toilets. A fireplace keeps the house warm and the wood-heated outdoor showers provides a special experience.

In the evenings, you can relax in our warm, saltwater-filled bath barrel while enjoying great views of the surrounding mountain.





#### Mountain Hut near White Meadow

This mountain hut was built in 1932 by the Transylvanian Carpathian Association. The building has since been expanded and modernized several times.

The shelter has two ground floor rooms with bunk beds. If you want, you can also pitch a tent outside.

#### Room Occupancy

Single rooms are not available.



#### Meals

All meals are included with this trip and you will have the opportunity to taste local Romanian dishes. Local alcoholic drinks are included.

We serve 2 warm meals (rich breakfast and 2-course dinner) & a saddle bag picnic for lunch everyday.

The ingredients used for our dishes are of sustainable, ecological and regional origin.

Our vegetables and fruits come from the weekly market in Gheorgheni. Cheese and milk are supplied to us by the neighboring farmers and the meat comes from animals that were allowed to grow up in peace on the lush meadows. No antibiotics, no genetic engineering, natural food and happy animals!

We also use trout from nearby fish farms, wild boar and deer products from the nearby forests.

Finally our self-collected porcini mushrooms, chanterelles and blueberries also contribute to a colorful, biologically oriented cuisine.

#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to vegetarians & vegans and we are always trying very hard to put together a varied menu for you! We also cater to guests with food intolerance or allergies; just let us know if you have any dietary restrictions at the time of booking.



#### Riding





### Horses

The horses are mostly crosses between Lippizans and indigenous breeds (Szekler horses & mountain ponies). We breed our own horses. All are calm, mentally balanced, not overbred or nervous, and live in freedom without any kind of force or negative pressure.

At a very young age, our horses already learn how to proceed securely on broken, slippery and rocky land since they take part on the tours following their mothers.

The studs are kept on the pasture, so their nervous system is stable and calm and they are glad to fulfill their daily tasks.

We start training our horses when they are 4-5 years old and mostly all of them can be used under saddle or as pack-horses.

### Tack

Our saddles are comfortable, remodeled, German military saddles that have been specially developed for a high level of comfort for riders and horses over long distances. If required, our guests can get a lambskin seat cushion for their saddle.

The self-designed, leather saddlebags are made by hand and are used to safely carry the guests' belongings while on the trail (max. 8 kg).

The saddlebags and the packs were modified in order to enable the packhorses to follow the team, even at a canter.

### Riding Gear

Some of our guests do not want to give up their usual equipment during their holidays. It is okay to bring your own stirrups, saddle cushions, reins or your own tent. Please, let us know in advance!

However, riding with your own saddle is not possible for the benefit of our horses. Our horses wear saddles that are specially tailored to their individual back shape.

### Weight Limit

Out of consideration for our horses, our weight limit is 90 kg. However, some exceptions can be made depending on various factors – please inquire

### Tour Leader

Csaba's love for the mountain, horses and riding tour started in his childhood. He feels most at home when he can be close to horses and nature. He knows the trails inside and out, even the most isolated tracks. I also know many of the locals there.

### Insurance

All participants must have their own insurance to take part in this trip.

### Solo Travelers

Solo travelers and women traveling alone should feel safe while travelling through Romania. Although public transport is slower than in Western Europe, it is safe and our guests have never had any problems in the past.

## Itinerary



### Sample Itinerary: Summer Program - *subject to change*

#### Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

After your individual arrival to Gheorgheni we transfer you to our ranch in the mountains (about 15 km). With a bit of luck, we may spot a deer or grouse on our way. After settling into your cozy rooms, our chef Brigitta indulges you with an original Szeklerian dinner in our rustic log cabin.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### Day 2 (Monday): Introductory Ride

We start the day with a sumptuous, local breakfast. Then, we look for the horses in the pasture. After everyone has found their hoofed partner for the week, we clean and saddle the horses and set off. Today we climb the main ridge of the Carpathians. As we make our way uphill, the view gets better and better! Once at the top of "Lo Havas" we take a lunch break and enjoy our picnic on a high mountain pasture over which sheep and cows migrate in summer.

After lunch, we continue directly on the main ridge to the summit of "Csofronka", from where we move back towards the Ranch. We lead the horses downhill and sit up again at a bear station in the valley. The last part of today's route takes us along a romantic forest path, with a small mountain stream repeatedly crossing our path. This route is at its most beautiful in the afternoon, when the lower sun conjures up a wonderful play of light and shadow in the small mixed forest.

After taking care of the horses, the sauna and hot pot are ready to pamper you.

*Riding approx. 4.5 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### Day 3 (Tuesday): Sunrise Ride

This morning, we saddle up our horses before the sunrise and start our ride with the sounds of nature awakening. After a quick canter through the forest, we reach a plateau with beautiful views over the main ridge of the Carpathian mountains. We then go back through the forest, following the footsteps of bears and deer. After about 2.5 hours, we reach the summit of Big Sina, at 1568m high. Here, we take a break for lunch. Then, we



about 2.5 hours, we reach the summit of Big Sipos, at 1500m high. Here, we take a break for lunch. Then, we slowly make our way back to the guesthouse.

*Riding approx. 5.5 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 4 (Wednesday): Hasmas National Park Ride**

A long riding day awaits us today. We make our way down the valley before taking a small mountain path to the Red Stone. From here, we enter the Hasmas National Park. Lunch will be taken in a high mountain pasture. Once back in the saddle, we make our way to the White Meadow, surrounded by limestone. If we are lucky, we might encounter a herd of semi-wild Csango horses. After a thrilling canter, we continue making our way up through a spruce-tree forest. We will eventually approach the tree line and finally enjoy a beautiful panoramic view over the Csik basin. We take a break to enjoy the view, before heading back to the guesthouse.

*Riding approx. 8 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 5 (Thursday): Pongraz Plateau Ride**

Today we take it easy. After we have all slept in, we saddle our horses and ride on the plateau of Pongraz, where we have lunch in a restaurant. On the way home, some great gallops over sandy paths are waiting for us. The evening ends around the campfire and you have time to share your experiences of the week.

*Riding approx. 3 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 6 (Sunday): Departure**

After breakfast, transfer back to Gheorgheni, from where you start your individual journey home.

*Note: In case of bad weather, the organizer reserves the right to make changes to the itinerary.*



Sample Itinerary: Winter Program - subject to changes

#### **Day 1: Arrival**

After your individual arrival to Gheorgheni we transfer you to our ranch in the mountains (about 15 km). With a bit of luck, we may spot a deer or grouse on our way. After settling into your cozy rooms, our chef Brigitta indulges you with an original Szeklerian dinner in our rustic log cabin.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 2: Introductory Ride**

After a rich and typical Romanian breakfast, we'll go and get the horses from the snow-covered meadow. Our first ride will lead us to Mount Magas Bükk (1380 m), from where we will have a wonderful view of the snow-capped mountains and valleys all around. On our way back to the ranch, we will be cantering through the fresh and deep snow. Once we've returned, you will get to warm yourself up with some tasty mulled wine and coffee. We'll let the day end in the log cabin, huddled close to the fire, listening to music and enjoying good conversations.

*Riding approx. 3 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 3: Ride to Little Sipos**

Today we'll ride up to the "Little Sipos" (1458 meters). Before we begin the ascent, we'll stop at a small mountain farm and have the opportunity to taste the local cheese. Once we're back in the saddle, the path will lead us through romantic snow-covered spruce forests, which will guide our way to the summit. After having had our lunch break, we'll be headed back to our farm. Thereby, we'll come across source of the Olt River, which is the second largest river in Romania. Back on the ranch, we'll round the day with a hearty dinner and a cozy evening under the starlit sky.

*Riding approx. 4 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 4: Ride to Mount Csofronka**

After breakfast, we'll be headed to Mount Csofronka. Once we've reached the snow-capped summit, we'll enjoy the impressive view over the Hargita Mountains, the Murder Lake and the glaciers of the Kelemen Alps (2100). On our way back we'll be galloping through some fresh powder. In the evening you can relax in the warm water of our bath barrel and enjoy the ravishing sunset with a glass of wine or beer.

*Riding approx. 4 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 5: Valley Ride**

This riding day leads us into the valley, past idyllic farms and through numerous small mountain streams. Once we've successfully descended to the valley down below, a warming campfire with coffee, tea and mulled wine will be awaiting us on a small clearing in the forest.

*Riding approx. 4 hours*



*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 6: Winter Ride**

After you have enjoyed an extensive breakfast with local specialties we'll take you on a sleigh ride and to the neighboring farmers.

In the afternoon we'll saddle our horses and go on a short ride into the magical snow-covered landscape.

The evening invites you to sit at the fireplace, swim and relax.

*Riding approx. 4 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 7: Lookout Ride**

Today, we saddle our horses one last time. We ride across snow-covered meadows and fields to a lookout point from where we can see the cities and villages below from a bird's eye view. On the way back, there is another steep, adventurous climb through the thicket until we reach a small path that leads us back to the farm.

*Riding approx. 3.5 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Kovács Péter*

#### **Day 8: Departure**

After breakfast, transfer back to Gheorgheni, from where you start your individual journey home.

Note: *In case of bad weather, the organizer reserves the right to make changes to the itinerary.*

#### **Non Riders**

Non-riding companions are welcome to join this trip. It is best to have a car in order to do some sightseeing while the rest of the group explores on horseback.

## **Other Info**

**Meeting:** Gheorgheni

**Airport:** Targu Mures - Transilvania International Airport

**Train station:** Gheorgheni Gyergyószentmiklós

**Transfer:** Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca airport, Targu Mures airport, Sibiu airport, and local hotels

**Distance:** 117 km / 72.7 miles

Transfers are available free of charge to and from Gheorgheni train station at any time. It is also possible to arrange transfers from a hotel or guesthouse in Gheorgheni at no extra cost. Transfers are also available from Bucharest airport, Cluj-Napoca airport, Targu Mures airport, Sibiu airport, and local hotels at set times, for a fee.

**Tack:** Remodeled German military saddles

**Horses:** Szekler Horse (mountain ponies) & Lipizzaner cross

**Pace:** Moderate pace approx. 3-6 hrs in the saddle per riding day.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2.5 to 3 out of 5) Low Intermediate

**Age:** Min 14 Max 70

**Weight:** 250 lbs / 115 kg

**Riders:** Min 3 riders Max 10 riders

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-RORT03

**Rates include:** Accommodations, All meals with drinks, 6 riding days & Transfer from/to Gheorgheni  
For camping nights, sleeping bag, tent and mattress are provided

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	6 day ride - Summer	€990	\$1190
B 2026	8 day ride - Winter	€1390	\$1670

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.2 and subject to currency fluctuation

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Transfer is included from Gheorgheni train station		
2026	Transfer from Bucharest airport (330km) at set times, per car (1-4), per way	€190	\$230
2026	Transfer from Cluj-Napoca airport (230km) at set times, per car (1-4), per way	€140	\$170
2026	Transfer from Sibiu airport (230km) at set times, per car (1-4), per way	€140	\$170
2026	Transfer from Targu Mures airport (150km) at set times, per car, per way	€105	\$125
2026	Non-rider, dbl, pp	€420	\$505
2026	Please inquire for group discounts		

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	04/30/2026 - 05/05/2026	6d / 5n	6 day ride - Summer
A 2026	05/13/2026 - 05/18/2026	6d / 5n	6 day ride - Summer
A 2026	05/21/2026 - 05/26/2026	6d / 5n	6 day ride - Summer
A 2026	06/02/2026 - 06/07/2026	6d / 5n	6 day ride - Summer
A 2026	07/14/2026 - 07/19/2026	6d / 5n	6 day ride - Summer
A 2026	08/04/2026 - 08/09/2026	6d / 5n	6 day ride - Summer
A 2026	09/08/2026 - 09/13/2026	6d / 5n	6 day ride - Summer
A 2026	09/29/2026 - 10/04/2026	6d / 5n	6 day ride - Summer
A 2026	10/20/2026 - 10/25/2026	6d / 5n	6 day ride - Summer
B 2026	12/28/2026 - 01/04/2027	8d / 7n	8 day ride - Winter

Min/Max: 3/10

Rates do not include: Gratuities & 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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