



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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Into the Carpathian Mountains - Romania, Europe

Tour Code: IT-RORT05
8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,835.00
Dates: May to October

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

Tack: English
Horses: Shagya Arabs, Arabs, Kisber, Gidran, ...
Pace: 24-39km per day, 4-7 hours per day (i...
Walk, Trot, Canter, Gallop,

Airport: Bucharest



Introduction

Transylvania, Romania
Transylvania is a land made for the adventurous horseback rider and there truly is no better way to explore the endless hills, meadows, and medieval villages it has to offer. The ride starts at the Southern edge of Transylvania and travels through the Southeastern corner of this mystical land. Journey 110 miles through the lush hills and medieval villages in a big arc back to Sinca Noua from which you begin. See and experience some of the most rural areas that Europe still has hidden, with tens of thousands of sheep grazing traditionally in the hills. Many of the beautiful and famous fortified churches of Eastern Europe along the way are 800 years old! Sinca Noua lay at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains and is from which the ride ventures towards the plains of the Olt River valley. Many long canters make the riding exhilarating for even the most advanced riders among us. Splash across the Olt River and visit Ticusu Veche, an old Saxon village then ride towards the town of Selistat while observing the continuous beautiful Romanian landscapes. You are likely to see colorful Bee-eaters, the crowned Hoopoe, and the Lesser Spotted Eagles! Journey over the hills to Viscri, famous for its fortified church, the village restored by the Mihai Eminescu Trust (under the patronage of Prince Charles) to its original setting. Have an evening to explore the village and its 1100 AD church, designated a World Heritage site in 1993 by UNESCO. In the village of Jibert stay in a newly constructed log-house and enjoy a great dinner and bonfire party! With stunning scenery and many chances for strong canters all along the way, the horseback riding and culture available on the Carpathian Mountains holiday is phenomenal and not to be missed!

Accommodation



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This is a progressive ride so you will be staying in different locations each night.

Description

During the trail, overnights are in guesthouses or with local people on the way.

Attention: We are in rural Romania and the standard and comfort varies. The tranquility and slow pace of life in these villages is a special treat and makes up for any possible discomfort.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

- Night 1: Guesthouse at the Riding Center
- Night 2: Local family house in Halmeag
- Nights 3 & 4: Farmhouse in Cobor
- Night 5: Accommodation in Viscri
- Night 6: Cabin in Jibert
- Night 7: Guesthouse at the Riding Center





Guesthouse at the Riding Center

The guesthouse has 9 double rooms, each with a bathroom. Downstairs, there is a nice dining room and there is a large veranda outside where guests can sit in the summertime. An extensive living room with open fireplace and bar is inviting for relaxing evenings. We heat our guesthouse with a modern wood central heater and treat our sewage with a reed bed for biological cleaning. There is now good cell phone coverage and wireless internet access at the farm. It is possible to do your laundry for a small fee.

Farmhouse in Cobor

This lovely farmhouse offers accommodations to visitors in a recently renovated building, mixing perfectly traditions with comfort. There are 6 bedrooms (total of 14 beds), all equipped with private facilities. Guests are also welcome to relax in the old stables (now a living room) and in the yard. There is free Wi-Fi access in common areas.

Cabin in Jibert

This charming chalet has been built completely out of wood and is surrounded by nature (very quiet). It has 11 bedrooms, all equipped with a heater and a private bathroom. There is no internet connection at this accommodation.

Room Occupancy

If we are unable to find another rider to share the room with you, the single supplement fee does not apply. Single rooms are not available at every location based on availability. Where available and applicable, the single supplement is paid locally.



Meals

All meals are included with this trip, and beer and wine are served with dinner. Drinks at the bar have to be paid separately.

We use mainly locally produced food in our kitchen. People in Sinca Noua generally don't use pesticides or artificial fertilisers, and the livestock is still kept the old way, that is, outside on the pastures. Our own vegetable garden delivers fresh onions, salad, zucchini etc. Other food such as milk, potatoes, lamb, and veal is bought from the farmers in the neighbourhood. We support the village on their way certifying their whole agriculture as being organic.

The farm in Cobor also uses many organic and locally produced ingredients. The other locations serve local food.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with advance notice.



Riding





A HARD HAT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL RIDERS, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Riding Experience

This ride is tailored to strong intermediate riders and above. Participants have to be competent in all speeds and able to fully control a horse at a canter. Every day, we will have opportunities to canter and even gallop! We ride mainly on grass-covered trails and across pastures, and occasionally come through oak and hornbeam forests.

We recommend that you are physically fit as well as riding fit for the possible long hours in the saddle. During the ride we will need to descend quite steep and long downhill, which will require you to dismount the horse several times and walk for up to 20 minutes. This will only be possible if you are in good physical shape and are wearing sturdy, comfortable shoes or boots with good grip (well broken in).

Important: If you decide not to ride on one of the days, there is an extra fee for the necessary extra transfers that occur.

Pace

The pace is dictated by the terrain with plenty of opportunities for faster riding. The rides are rather fast with a good mix of walking, trotting, and cantering.

We cover around 22-38 km a day and spend approx. 3 to 7 hours in the saddle per day (incl. lunch break). In total, we cover more than 200 km in 6 riding days.

Horses

With an assortment of horses to choose from there is a suitable horse for everybody, from calm horses for the lesser experienced, to fast and fiery horses for the demanding rider. All horses have stamina, are fit and are used to the mountains.

Our stock of over 40 horses is a good mixture of pure and half-bred horses, mainly breeds of Hungarian origin such as Shagya-Arabian, Kisber, and Gidran. All these breeds are characterized by an outstanding willingness, endurance, beauty and good nature and proof their qualities again and again on all our rides.

Our horses live in two groups in open stables with sand paddocks, that allow them to move freely and complies with their need for social interactions with members of the same species. In addition, they are regularly turned out on large pastures.

The upper stables cover approximately 300 m2 and hosts about half of the horses (as well as our donkey Maja), which have the possibility of moving around freely. The horses have an open stable with two large boxes (50 m2 and 35 m2) and approximately 1,000 m2 of paddock. Furthermore, we have a separate box (18 m2) for horses that we want to temporarily separate from the herd (e.g. for fowling), and a box for a stallion with 16 m2. The lower stables also consist of an open stable for the remaining horses and the other animals.

Conservation Contribution

We ask all our visitors for a donation of 40 Euro per week for our regional conservation and development fund, which supports sustainable projects in and around Sinca Noua. Furthermore, we are personally involved in a number of conservation projects.



Itinerary





Sample Itinerary - subject to changes.

Note: non-riders can join the tour with mountain bikes (rented separately or bring your own) and follow the horses on the trails or go and explore on their own. The area is very nice for mountain biking on trails and country roads.

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Arrival in Bucharest (please make sure you arrive by 4:00 pm at the latest) and transfer by minibus from Bucharest to Șinca Nouă. Overnight at the guesthouse, dinner and evening introduction to the ride. (Single rooms available on request)

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at a Guesthouse near the Riding Center

Day 2 (Sunday): Ride to Halmeag

After being introduced to the horses, we will leave Sinca Noua (pronounced Shinca Noah) and ride along the valleys and over the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains towards the plains of the Olt River.

We pass several Romanian Villages, have our first long canters through the fields and cross the Olt River just before we arrive at our destination in Halmeag, where we will stay for the night. (Single rooms available on request)

Riding: ~6 hours (29 km)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Family homes in Halmeag

Day 3 (Monday): Halmeag to Cobor

We will ride along the Olt River from Halmeag to Sona, where we will enter into the hills of Transylvania. We ride along a beautiful ridge with marvellous views to the Fagaras Mountains. Our goal of the day is Cobor, an old Hungarian village in the middle of the Saxon area.

In Cobor, our hosts run a conservation project, which includes the development of an organic farm with emphasis on biodiversity conservation and traditional restoration of some of the abandoned houses. Here you will also receive a presentation about the various projects of the Foundation. We'll stay overnight in one of these beautifully restored guesthouses for the next two days. (Single rooms available on request)

Riding: ~5.5 hours (26 km)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Farmhouse in Cobor

Day 4 (Tuesday): Ride around Cobor

Full-day ride around Cobor with stunning views, fast canters, and rich birdlife: We are likely to see bee-eaters, hoopoes, great grey shrikes, stone chats, or lesser spotted eagles. In the late afternoon we are back in Cobor and can chill out in the old stables or in the cellar bar. (Single rooms available on request)

Riding: ~6 hours (36 km)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Farmhouse in Cobor

Day 5 (Wednesday): Cobor to Viscri

Full-day ride over the hills to Viscri, our destination for the next night. Viscri is probably the famous most Saxon village in Transylvania with a stunning fortified church, and the UK based Mihai Eminescu Trust (under the patronage of Prince Charles, now King Charles) has restored the village in its original setting. We stay in the old farmhouses, which are transformed into little guesthouses, and enjoy the traditional Saxon cuisine. In the evening there is time to explore the village. (Single rooms available on request)

Riding: ~7 hours (38 km)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Guesthouse in Viscri

Day 6 (Thursday): Viscri to Jibert

In the morning we explore the fortified church in Viscri, enjoy the beautiful view over the village, and have a lunch before we go. In the afternoon, we ride over the hills to a log-house on a big meadow in the forest near the village of Jibert. Stunning scenery and great canters all along the way. Today is a rather fast but shorter ride. We have a great dinner and will enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the Transylvanian countryside. (Single rooms available on request)

Riding: ~3 to 3.5 hours (22 km)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Cabin in Jibert

Day 7 (Friday): Ride back to the stables

Today is our last day, but there are again plenty of canters over the hills and through the forests. Eventually we arrive in the Olt Valley, have a beautiful ride along the ridge through ancient oak pastures and descend from there through the forests towards Halmeag, where our ride ends. Here we enjoy a barbecue and a bus takes us back to Sinca Noua and also our horses get a transport back home. Surprise dinner in the evening. (Single rooms available)

Riding: ~6 hours (34 km)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Guesthouse near the Riding Center

Day 8 (Saturday):

After a last breakfast, the minibus takes us back to Bucharest for our flights.

Meals included: Breakfast





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.

Important: If a rider decide not to ride on one of the days, there is an extra fee for the necessary extra transfers that occur.

Other Info

Meeting: Sinca Noua

Airport: Bucharest

Transfer: Bucharest

Distance: 175km / 108.7 miles

Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is from Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport (OTP). Pick-up is scheduled for around 4:00pm on Day 1 of the trip. On the last day, drop off will be at around 12:00- 1:00pm. Please book flights departing after 3:00pm.

Tack: English

Horses: Shagya Arabs, Arabs, Kisberi, Gidran, Hungarian half breeds. Horses are very lively, fast and forward going, but with breaks

Pace: 24-39km per day, 4-7 hours per day (including lunch break) - many canter and gallop opportunities We ride in single file.

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3.5 to 4 out of 5) Strong Intermediate

Age: Max 70

Weight: 190 lbs / 85 kg

Riders: Min 4 riders Max 8 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-RORT05

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals including wine with dinner, Transfers, 6 Riding days & Entrance tickets

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	8 day trip	€2360	\$2835

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

Rates Note: Commonly a tip of around 40 Euro is donated to the Conservation fund please.

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer from Bucharest airport included at set times (around 4pm)		
2026	Recommended donation to Conservation Fund	€40	\$50
2026	Non-rider rate, dbl, pp - please inquire		
2026	Single supplement (applicable 6 nights- not guaranteed), per night	€25	\$30
2026	Group discount (7+), pp - please inquire		

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	04/25/2026 - 05/02/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	05/09/2026 - 05/16/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	05/23/2026 - 05/30/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	06/06/2026 - 06/13/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	06/20/2026 - 06/27/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	07/04/2026 - 07/11/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	07/18/2026 - 07/25/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	08/01/2026 - 08/08/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	08/15/2026 - 08/22/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	09/26/2026 - 10/03/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	10/10/2026 - 10/17/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	10/24/2026 - 10/31/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip

Min/Max: 4/8

Rates do not include: Gratuities & Recommended donation to Conservation Fund

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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