

# Hidden Trails

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## 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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# Transhumance Trails in Extremadura - Spain, Europe

Tour Code: IT-SPER1-T  
9 days / 8 nights ~\$3,240.00  
Dates: Jan & Nov-Dec

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

**Tack:** English with saddlebag  
**Horses:** Pura Raza Española PRE (14), Pure Hisp...  
**Pace:** Moderate with extended trots and contr...  
Walk,Trot,Canter,

**Airport:** Madrid



## Introduction

Central Spain, Spain

On this unique tour, you will have the opportunity to become the guardians of the ancestral tradition of the transhumance. You will ride from Extremadura to the Gredos Mountains in spring (North Transhumance ride) and from Gredos to Extremadura in autumn (South Transhumance ride).

Following the Cañadas Reales and crossing different regions you will ride a long distance from the winter pastures in Extremadura to the summer pastures in Gredos Mountains (or the other way around in Fall). Spain is crossed by old cattle drive routes that served the pastoral economies of yesteryear. In Spain, these trails are called "Cañadas Reales". They are still used by cattlemen who practice transhumance, spending summer in the mountains with their cattle and returning each autumn to the winter pastures, lowlands.

This transhumance on horseback covers 200 km from Trujillo to Navarredonda de Gredos (or vice versa), crossing 3 different region in Spain (Extremadura, Castilla la Mancha y Castilla y León).

Your guide knows the Cañadas reales extremely well, keeping his family tradition alive. He will show you interesting facts along the way.

## Accommodation



### Accommodations

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

### Description

Accommodations are in small hotels and rural inns with private bathroom (toiletries almost always included). All accommodations provide free Wi-Fi access.

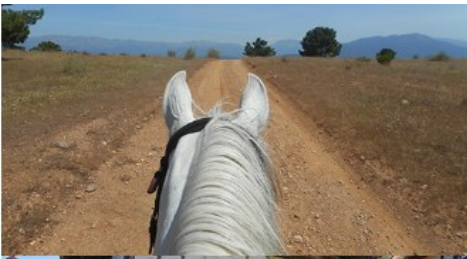
### Accommodation Itinerary (North to South) - subject to changes based on availability

- Night 1: Hotel in Trujillo
- Night 2: Guesthouse in Torrecillas de la Tiesa
- Night 3: Guesthouse in Casas de Miravete
- Night 4: Hotel in Navalmoral de la Mata
- Night 5: Hotel in Calzada de Oropesa
- Night 6: Guesthouse in Navalcán
- Night 7: Hotel in Mombeltrán
- Night 8: Hotel in Navarredonda de Gredos or Hoyos del Espino

### Hotel in Trujillo

The hotel is housed in an elegant 19th century manor house. It offers 27 bedrooms that all come furnished with air conditioning, private facilities (with hair dryer and toiletries) and a TV. Facilities include a beautiful garden with terrace and free Wi-Fi access. There is a laundry service available for guests.





**Guesthouse in Torrecillas de la Tiesa**

This beautiful stonehouse offers simple accommodations with air conditioning and private bathrooms. The house is decorated with many antiques which gives it a rustic charm. Guests can watch TV or surf the internet in the lounge.



**Guesthouse in Casas de Miravete**

This guesthouse offers accommodations in 2 well-equipped apartments able to fit up to 4 people each. The apartments each include a bedroom, a bathroom, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi access and a lounge with a TV.

**Hotel in Navalmodal de la Mata**

This modern hotel offers modern guestrooms equipped with all necessary amenities: a TV, free Wi-Fi, a comfortable bed and a private bathroom with toiletries. Guests can relax in the garden and terrace to soak up the sun.



**Hotel in Oropesa**

This beautiful historic building dates back to the 14th century and was originally a castle owned by a local bourgeois family. It offers panoramic views over the surrounding estate. The rooms are all uniquely decorated and feature a medieval décor. All rooms have their own bathroom, air conditioning and free Wi-Fi access. There are multiple public areas that guest are welcome to explore including lounges, a terrace and an outdoor swimming pool.



**Hotel in Navalcán**

This beautiful rural complex has been built with comfort of guests and respect of the environment in mind! It comprises 4 different houses of different sizes, all featuring air conditioning, comfortable bedrooms, modern bathrooms, a TV, a well equipped kitchen and Wi-Fi access. Each house has its own decor and natural materials such as wood and stones are omnipresent. There is a lovely garden and a seasonal outdoor salt water swimming pool for guest to unwind after a long day in the saddle.

**Hotel in Mombeltrán**

This small hotel is ideally located in the heart of Mombeltrán and offers great views over the Castle of the Dukes of Albuquerque. It has 9 cozy bedrooms with private bathroom, heating, air conditioning and television. Public areas include a lounge and a patio. There is internet access at this property.



**Hotel in Navarredonda de Gredos**

This small hotel is surrounded by nature and provides great views of the mountains. The bedrooms all come with Wi-Fi access, a TV and private facilities. Guests are welcome to relax in the panoramic lounge or outdoor terrace.



**Hotel in Hoyos del Espino**

This family hotel has been welcoming visitors since 1978. It has 15 guestrooms; all fitted with a private bathroom and a TV. There are public areas where guest can read a book, enjoy the view, watch TV or simply surf the internet. There is also a small garden with colorful flowers and a terrace.



**Room Occupancy**

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



### Meals

All meals are included on this trip.

The food is a highlight of this trip! Mamen will delight you with the tapas-breaks waiting for you with Serrano ham, Manchego cheese, olives, nuts, etc.

Lunches are taken on the trail; in the countryside (we bring tables and chairs) and always include a starter (salad, gazpacho, vegetables, etc), a main course (paella, iberian pork, fish, etc), fresh fruit, coffee and local wines. Lunchtime features delicious home cooked Spanish dishes such as Paella, Tortilla Española, Iberian pork bbq, salads, and soft cheese very typical from Extremadura "Torta del Casar". Lunch is often followed by a siesta in the countryside.

After the day riding, your dinner in the evening is around 9 pm and you can choose from different dishes and courses of local Spanish recipes. Your dinner is usually taken at the accommodation and include a choice between 3-5 starters (mix salad, soup, vegetables, pasta, etc), 3-5 main course (grilled beef, pork, stews, fish, omelet, etc), a dessert (flan, rice pudding, fruit, cake, etc), local wine, bread and coffee or tea.

The following drinks are included in the package: red and white wines, beer, refreshments, coffee or tea during the meals and aperitifs. Water bottle is provided every morning.

### Dietary Restrictions

Special diets (vegetarian, gluten free, allergies, etc.) can be arranged with advance notice.



### Riding





### Riding Schedule

On a normal day, we start riding at 10am, after a well-deserved rest and a good breakfast. Participants are encouraged in helping with the preparation of the horses. Usually, we need to catch the horses from the fields where they have spent the night, feed them, brush them and saddle them up before breakfast. In the morning, you will ride about 4 hours with a short tapas-break (Serrano ham, Manchego cheese, olives, nuts, etc. and something to drink) in the middle of the morning (usually around noon). After the break, we ride to the lunch place. A luxury picnic is waiting for us in the quietest and most beautiful spot. The stop for lunch is about 2 hours long, with time to enjoy the pic-nic and little siesta after lunch. In the afternoon, we ride for about 2 hours until we get to our accommodation.

### Riding Experience

This trip has been designed for intermediate to experienced riders. You should be comfortable at the walk, trot and canter, in group, in open spaces and your seat should be firm. On the rides, you will be riding for between four to seven hours a day so it is important to be as riding fit as possible.

### Pace

The overall pace of riding is moderate with walk, trots and canters mostly every day, depending on the terrain. There are many opportunities to canter along the Canades Reales. The distance covered on the average is 25-35 km per day. We usually spend about 6 hours in the saddle every riding day.

### Tack

We use fine quality English saddles and silicon seat saver. All the tack is in excellent conditions, very comfortable for horses and riders. You have small saddlebags in front of the saddles for a water bottle, sunscreen, camera, mobile, etc.

### Helmet

We recommend wearing a helmet, however you can ride without a helmet but your insurance must clearly state that you are covered to do that. You will also be asked to sign a disclaimer.

### Support Vehicle

A support van follows the group during the whole week, meeting us in the morning, for tapas-breaks, lunches, at night and to move your luggage. This means you have access to your luggage at least 3 times a day.

### Horses

We currently have 21 horses: 14 PRE, 4 Pure Hispano-Arab, 1 Anglo-Arab and 2 Crossed (hispano-bretón, hispano-lusitano). Our horses are responsive, well behave, good natured and serene thanks to the natural horsemanship method used to train them. Most of our horses were born and bred at home while others have been with us since they were foals. They live in freedom as a herd, eating, drinking, sleeping and traveling together in the most natural way possible. They live in a huge pine forest (500 ha) in the Gredos Mountains or in the rich pastures in the Dehesas of Extremadura. They keep fit as they can walk around 20 km every day. They live with other groups of animals including other horses, donkeys, cows and also wild animals such as wolves, roe deer, deer, wild boar, foxes.

### Staff

Emilio and Mamen (both born in Gredos Mountains) will be personally escorting you on these trips. Emilio will happily guide you across the trails, while Mamen will be preparing delicious meals and pic-nics. Emilio has been working in equestrian tourism for over 30 years and he dedicated his whole life to his horses. He speaks English and Spanish.

### Age Restrictions

There is no upper age limit, as long as you are riding fit and healthy. The minimum riding age is 10 years old (competent riders only), accompanied by an adult.

### Travel Insurance

It is mandatory to take a travel insurance for this trip! If you come from Europe, you should bring the European Health card, this gives you access to Spanish health care.

## Itinerary



### Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

*The following itinerary describes the route for the Spring North Transhumance.*

*The following is a sample itinerary but please note that changes are possible due to weather and other circumstances.*

*The van support is always close to the group with the luggage, so it's not necessary to carry things on the horse. The group meets the van at tapas time, lunch time, or in any other moment if necessary (for shoeing a horse, take rain coats, etc).*

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

Meet at Madrid airport for 3:00 pm and transfer to Trujillo (2.5 hours' drive). We visit the spectacular town of Trujillo before our welcome dinner at the hotel.

*Meals included: Dinner*

Overnight at a Hotel in Trujillo

**Day 2 (Sunday): Herguiejuela to Jaraicejo**

Transfer from Trujillo town to Herguiejuela (10 min) where the horses are and distribution of horses. We go riding through the "Cañada Real". Lunch is taken in the countryside with excellent paella cooked by us at the spot. In the afternoon beautiful riding crossing Almonte river with its impressive medieval bridge to Jaraicejo.

Night and dinner in very nice rural Inn.

*Riding 5 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Overnight at a Hotel in Torrecillas de la Tiesa

**Day 3 (Monday): Jaraicejo to Casas de Miravete**

Departure after breakfast, we ride in the morning in opened countryside through Dehesas and beautiful landscape. Good trots and canters in the morning. Lunch in the countryside. In the afternoon a short ride to Casas de Miravete, a small village in a spectacular enclave in the Monfrague National Park. Dinner at local bar with good local food.

*Riding 6 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Overnight at a Hotel in Casas de Miravete

**Day 4 (Tuesday): Casas de Miravete to Navalmoral de la Mata**

Riding in the morning along the "Cañada Real", with impressive views of Sierra the Gredos in front of us. Crossing the Albalat Bridge (16th century) over the Tagus River, one of the important public works built during the reign of His Catholic Majesty Charles I of Spain and V of Germany with a great shield in relief of Emperor Charles with the double eagle. Pic-nic by the Tagus river reservoir water. Riding in the afternoon to Navalmoral de la Mata.

*Riding 7 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Overnight at a Hotel in Navalmoral de la Mata

**Day 5 (Wednesday): Navalmoral de la Mata to Las Ventas de San Julian**

Departure after breakfast, we follow the Cañada Real in a flatter area with good trots and canters. Here the Cañada has an unusual wide of 200m. Horses spend the night at Las Ventas de San Julian. Transfer for dinner and night at beautiful Rural Inn in Calzada de Oropesa.

*Riding 6 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Overnight at a Hotel in Calzada de Oropesa

**Day 6 (Thursday): Las Ventas de San Julian to Navalcán**

Departure after breakfast. We continue following the Cañada Real. The landscape changes. We ride along the reservoir close to Navalcán with beautiful views of the Gredos Mountains. Dinner and night at lovely rural Inn in Navalcán.

*Riding 6 hours*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Overnight at a Hotel in Navalcán

**Day 7 (Friday): Navalcán to Mombeltrán**

We change to take another Cañada to go to the Gredos Mountains. Beautiful views! Toledo province is to our left and we cross to Avila province in Castilla y Leon.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Overnight at a Hotel in Mombeltrán

**Day 8 (Saturday): Mombeltrán to Navarredonda de Gredos**

After breakfast, we start to climb the Roman Road with more than two thousand years old, very well preserved. It was used for the Roman armies and the transport of metals crossing the Sierra de Gredos through the abrupt mountain pass Puerto del Pico. Later on, it worked as a cattle drive in the medieval time. Despite the passage of centuries, it is still in good condition. We ride on the Roman road up the mountains with amazing views, crossing the picturesque mountain village: Cuevas del Valle.

When we get the Puerto del Pico, at the end of the Roman road, the landscape changes: beautiful mountainous landscape. Lunch at local restaurant at Puerto del Pico, after lunch riding in very different landscape, green mountain pastures with stonewalls and the highest peaks of Gredos in front of us to finish the amazing horse riding trip.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Overnight at a Hotel in Navarredonda de Gredos or Hoyos del Espino

**Day 7 (Sunday): Departure**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure from Navarredonda de Gredos at 10 am, to be at Madrid Airport around 12.30 pm. Please, do not book flights before 2 p.m. All riders will be transferred at the same time, if any rider needs to arrive Madrid before, we can arrange special transfer at extra cost.

*Meals included: Breakfast*

**Non-Riders**

Non-riding companions are welcome to join this trip. They can travel in the support car and join in meals, dinners and others activities, or if they wish, they can rent a car and move on their own, joining the group for dinner.

**Other Info**

**Meeting:** Navarredonda de Gredos

**Airport:** Madrid

**Train station:** Avila

**Transfer:** Madrid airport

Pick-up/ drop-off is available from Adolfo Suárez Madrid Barajas Airport in Madrid (MAD) .

Pick-up is set for 3:00pm on Day 1. Please, plan your arrival flight for no later than 2:00pm.

You will depart after breakfast on the last day and arrive at the airport around 12:30pm. Please do not book your departing flights leaving before 3:00pm!

**Tack:** English with saddlebag

**Horses:** Pura Raza Española PRE (14), Pure Hispano-Arab (4), Anglo-arab (1), 2 Crosse (hispano-bretón, hispano-lusitano)

**Pace:** Moderate with extended trots and controlled canters. 6 hrs per riding day. (approx. 200 km total)

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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

**Age:** Min 10

**Weight:** 200 lbs / 90 kg

**Riders:** Min 5 riders

Max 10 riders



## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-SPER1-T

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals with wine for dinner and lunch, 7 Riding days, Luggage transport, Excursions described in itinerary & All transfers from Madrid airport

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	9 day trip - North (on request)	€2700	\$3240
B 2026	9 day trip - South	€2700	\$3240

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

Rates Note: The price for non rider is the same than always, 20% less than normal price.

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Transfer from/to Madrid Airport included at set times		
2026	Non-rider- 20% discount		
2026	Single supplement	€400	\$480

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
B 2026	11/07/2026 - 11/15/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip - South
B 2026	11/28/2026 - 12/06/2026	9d / 8n	9 day trip - South

Min/Max: 5/10

Rates do not include: Alcoholic and canned drinks other than wine, Travel insurance (mandatory) & 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 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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