



# 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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# Portuguese Route on St James Way - Spain, Europe

Tour Code: IT-SPGA01-PR

6 days / 5 nights ~\$0.00

Dates: March to October

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : 🐾🐾🐾🐾

Lodging : 🏠🏠🏠

**Tack:** English, Western can be arranged

**Horses:** Andalusian, Spanish and Arab/Spanish m...

**Pace:** Moderate with some difficult terrain a...

Walk,Trot,Canter,

**Airport:** Santiago de Compostela



## Introduction

Galicia, Spain

From the mid 12th century, the veneration of Saint James and the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela – considered one of the bastions of European culture – had far-reaching effects in Lusitanian lands. For centuries, the Portuguese people participated enthusiastically in this collective experience – supported by monarchs, members of the nobility and the high clergy. Indeed, from the 12th century up until the present day, much of Portugal's road network has seen the comings and goings of pilgrims heading from towns and cities all over the country – Lisbon, Santarem, Coimbra, Porto, Braga, Chaves – to their goal of Santiago de Compostela. Their motives were originally strictly religious, yet thanks to this steady flow of movement between Portugal and Galicia, cultural, economic and intellectual exchange also flourished.

The hospitality offered to pilgrims by those stationed along the route is proverbial; the practice was started in the Middle Ages by the monks and clergymen serving the hospitals founded by the monarchs and nobility. This tradition is kept alive today by the inhabitants of the towns scattered along the Way and by the innkeepers' hostels.

Bridges, rural chapels, sanctuaries, stone crosses, country houses and historic cities are shelled along a route that begins on the banks of the Miño river, in the city of Tui, to conclude before the Jacobean tomb. The Portuguese Way in constitutes a route of notable monumental evidence, with strong cultural realities that go beyond the architectural and the museum.

## Accommodation

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

### Description

Accommodations will be in small hotels, guesthouses and rural inns along the way - most will have private bathroom facilities.

Free Wi-Fi internet and laundry facilities are available in almost all accommodations on the trail.

### Portuguese Route Accommodations Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1: Hotel in Barcelos

Night 2: Hotel in Ponte de Lima

Night 3: Hotel in Tui

Night 4: Hotel in Pontevedra

Night 5: Hotel in Soutomaioir

Night 6: Hotel in Padron

Nights 7 & 8: Hotel in Santiago de Compostella

### Hotel in Barcelos

This hotel is located in the heart of Barcelos' city center. Accommodations are simple and comfortable and come equipped with standard hotel facilities (ensuite bathroom, air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi and TV).

### Hotel in Ponte de Lima

This hotel has a modern design and offers 30 simply furnished bedrooms. The hotel is surrounded by a park with many trees, allowing for a quiet stay. The rooms all include a private balcony, air conditioning, Wi-Fi internet, a TV and a private bathroom. The hotel facilities include a spa and laundry services (extra cost).

### Hotel (option 1) in Tui

This hotel has 64 spacious bedrooms that all have free Wi-Fi access, air conditioning/heating, a full private bathroom, a safe and a TV. The hotel facilities include a small gym.

### Hotel (option 2) in Tui

This historic building is a perfect example of Galician architecture. It welcomes guest in elegantly furnished bedrooms with air conditioning, cable TV, free Wi-Fi access and private facilities. The hotel also has beautiful garden with great views of the surrounding and a big outdoor swimming pool. Laundry services are available at this hotel at an extra cost.

### Hotel (option 1) in Pontevedra

This hotel is located in the heart of Pontevedra's city center and offers 85 simple and comfortable bedrooms. Each room comes with temperature control, satellite TV, free Wi-Fi access and private bathrooms. Laundry services are available at this hotel at an extra cost.

### Hotel (option 2) in Pontevedra

This small hotel is located in the historic quarter of Pontevedra. The 22 bedrooms are simply furnished and all feature a TV, free Wi-Fi access, air conditioning and private bathroom.

### Hotel in Soutomaioir

This small hotel is ideally located close to the historic Castle of Soutomaioir. It offers 14 bedrooms, all equipped with a bathroom, heating, and a TV. Wifi is available in shared areas.

### Guesthouse (option 1) in Padron

This charming was built during the 18th century and has been welcoming guest for over 30 years. The interior features exposed stones and wood and the décor includes many antiques. Each room has its own bathroom as well as a TV and internet access.

### Hotel (option 2) in Padron

This beautiful historic property dates back to the 16th century and used to be the place where the archbishops of Santiago came to relax. The complex is set on a huge parcel of land including gardens and woods. The interior is tastefully decorated and mixes perfectly history with comfort. The air-conditioned rooms all come with a TV, private





tastefully decorated and mixes perfectly history with comfort. The air-conditioned rooms all come with a TV, private bathroom and free Wi-Fi. Guests are welcome to explore the many public areas including lounges, gardens and the outdoor swimming pool.

We use one of the following hotels in Santiago de Compostella:

- Option 1: This beautiful hotel is ideally located on a hillside, offering great views over the city. It has a big garden with an outdoor swimming pool and even a small chapel. The rooms are elegantly decorated and all feature air conditioning/heating, a safe, a TV, free Wi-Fi access and an ensuite bathroom.

- Option 2: This modern hotel is offering comfortable and well-designed accommodations, all with air-conditioning, private facilities, a safe box, cable TV, and free WiFi. In addition, the hotel has a small garden with an outdoor swimming pool and a small gym.

#### 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 with this trip and you will have the opportunity to try traditional Galician dishes in local restaurants.

#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to all dietary restrictions with prior notice.

## **Riding**

#### **Horses**

We mostly use pure Spanish horses as well as Arabian crosses. All horses have been trained to be quiet and easy-going.

#### **Pace**

We typically cover 25-35km in a day (approximately 6-7 hours in the saddle). The hours are broken up by one break in the morning and another for lunch, however we can stop again if necessary. The ride is set at a slow pace, giving you the opportunity to experience the pilgrimage as it first took place in the Middle Ages. There are some opportunities for trotting and cantering.

## **Itinerary**

During the rides, breakfast is usually served around 8 am so that you can start riding at about 9 am. Along the way, you stop for a small break at 11 am. You then stop for lunch and siesta at about 2pm and start riding again around 4 pm, arriving at the accommodation for 6-6:30 pm.

Dinner is generally served at 8:30 pm.

#### **Sample Itinerary: Portuguese Route - subject to changes**

*--This is only a guideline. the actual itinerary may vary depending on the time of year--*

This route, from Portugal to Spain, follows the Atlantic coast of northern Portugal and Galicia. Being a coastal route, the trail does cross numerous river drainages as they approach the Atlantic resulting in a series of ups and downs. Generally the route is through agricultural land but this is interspersed with pine and eucalyptus forests. It does not have any high mountain passes, with the highest elevation at about 275 meters. Alleged to have existed since the Middle Ages, the route is filled with historic bridges, country chapels, sanctuaries, stone crosses, ancestral homes and ancient cities on the way to the grave site.

#### **Day 1: Arrive in Tui**

Pick up from Santiago and transfer to Tui, where you will enjoy a nice welcome dinner.

#### **Day 2: Tui to Pontevedra**

We start from Tui and come to a bridge that gives us a couple of options: we can continue over the bridge or take a detour path to the left. In the end, both trails will arrive to Madalena. From here, we follow a Roman road and come to N-550, which goes to Redondela and the monastery Vilarella. The route will pass through the town, where we find the historic inn "Casa da Torre" a 16th century building. As we leave Redondela, we ride past the railway bridge, right through the woods to Soutoxusto. Surrounded by pine trees, we ride through it and then climb down to the village of Sete Fontes. We will eventually arrive to Arcade, a place known for its delicious seafood! Once you have had a good taste, we are off to the historic site Pontesampaio where the route crosses the river Verdugo and saw one of the greatest defeats of Napoleon's army during the Revolutionary War! We ride on to more points of interest, like the St. James Bertola, as we approach Pontevedra.

#### **Day 3: Pontevedra to Souitomaior**

After reaching the city, the road will lead us to the square and across the street to Santina. The road runs parallel to the railway line Pontecabras and we ride under the pine and eucalyptus trees until we arrive to the church of Santa María de Alba.

#### **Day 4: Soutomaioir to Padron**

We find the trail of Casal de Eirixio and O Pino in the deciduous forests, which are located near the old mills. At the mill of Solleiros the road bends slightly to Valga and then we will ride in the direction of Padrón, in the Province of Coruna.

#### Day 5: Padron to Santiago de Compostella

On our way to Santiago, we stop in Santiaguinho do Monte, which has a charming view, and a chapel dedicated to Santiago and an altar with the picture of Santiago in one of the stones. In Santiago we enter O Obradeiro, where we can appreciate the principal entry of the Saint James Basilica.

#### Day 6: Santiago de Compostella

After the cathedral visit, we will transport you to the Airport or train station (departure around noon).

*Note: The 7-day route starts in Ponte de Lima and it takes 187 km to get to Santiago. You can also opt for a longer or shorter trip.*

Other options to ride the St James Way include:

[French Route](#)

[Northern Route](#)

[Sea Route](#)

[Finisterre Route](#)



[click here for larger map](#)

### Other Info

**Meeting:** Santiago de Compostela

**Airport:** Santiago de Compostela

**Transfer:** Santiago de Compostela Airport (SCQ) or Railway station.

Transfer is included from Santiago airport or train station for 4:00 pm on Day 1

Drop off at Santiago airport or train station after breakfast on the last day of your tour.

**Tack:** English, Western can be arranged

**Horses:** Andalusian, Spanish and Arab/Spanish mix

**Pace:** Moderate with some difficult terrain along the way. Some trots and canters. Approx. 6 to 7 riding hours per day.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 4 out of 5) Intermediate

**Weight:** 245 lbs

**Riders:** Min 4 riders

Max 20 riders

## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-SPGA01-PR

**Rates include:** Accommodations, All meals, Riding days as described in itinerary & Transfers at set times  
Saddlebags provided  
Longer trip extensions are available on request (longest route is 22 days).

## Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	4-day Portuguese Route from Pontevedra	€1700	\$2040
B 2026	6-day Portuguese Route from Tui	€0	\$0
C 2026	6-day Portuguese Route from Pontevedra	€2500	\$3000

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

**Rates Note:** It might be possible to arrange trips from 4 riders

## Transfer Option

### Description

2026	Single supplement, pp, per night	€55	\$60
2026	Pick-up transfer included from Santiago on Day 1		
2026	Drop off transfer included on last day at set times (around noon)		

### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
C 2026	06/08/2026 - 06/13/2026	6d / 5n	6-day Portuguese Route from Pontevedra
A 2026	06/17/2026 - 06/20/2026	4d / 3n	4-day Portuguese Route from Pontevedra
C 2026	08/08/2026 - 08/13/2026	6d / 5n	6-day Portuguese Route from Pontevedra
A 2026	08/10/2026 - 08/13/2026	4d / 3n	4-day Portuguese Route from Pontevedra

**Min/Max:** 4/20

\* Please inquire about other tour dates

Rates do not include: Alcoholic drinks, Entrance fees & 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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