



Hidden Trails

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- 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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Gredos Mountains & Villages Trail - Spain, Europe

Tour Code: IT-SPGRE1-S
7 days / 6 nights ~\$2,510.00
Dates: June & Sep-Nov

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

Join a horseback riding adventure across the Avila and Salamanca provinces. You end your journey with the visit of Salamanca town, a world Heritage site by UNESCO.

From the Gredos Mountains to Salamanca, you will ride through varied landscapes and learn more about local villages along the way.

You will ride in the Sierra de Candelario and Sierra de Bejar a very lush area with its own microclimate. Then, following the Tormes River, you will head North. The predominant landscape is holm oak woods and pastures where we can see black bulls.

Accommodation

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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). Most overnights are at charming rural hotels where we enjoy the exquisite regional cuisine, known for its tendency to be gourmet. We will also experience modern hotels, built in the traditional European style, located in areas of outstanding beauty.

All accommodations provide free Wi-Fi access.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

- Night 1: Hotel in Hoyos del Espino
- Night 2 & 3: Hotel in El Barco de Avila
- Night 4: Hotel in Candelario
- Night 5: Hotel in Guijo de Avila
- Night 6: Monastery Valdejimena in Horcajo
- Night 7: Hotel in Salamanca



Hotel in Hoyos del Espino

This charming hotel offers beautiful views over the Gredos Mountains. It has 21 rooms, all equipped with a TV, private bathroom and free Wi-Fi. The hotel has a digital telescope and can arrange observation sessions on clear nights.





Hotel in El Barco de Avila

This beautiful hotel built out of noble materials offers modern and comfortable accommodations featuring private bathrooms with hair dryer and toiletries, heating/air-conditioning, a TV, free Wi-Fi access and hardwood floors. The property benefits from a beautiful view over the city and surrounding mountains as well as a lovely garden and terrace.

Rural Hotel in Candelario

This rural hotel is housed in a beautiful building featuring the local architectural style. During its restoration in the 90s, great care was taken in conserving the charm of the traditions while providing more modern accommodations. Each room has its own decor and comes equipped with Wi-Fi access, a TV, heating and private facilities.



Hotel in Guijo de Avila

This small hotel has 20 modern accommodations, all equipped with full bathrooms, air conditioning, a TV and internet access.

Hotel in Salamanca

The hotel is housed in a beautiful historic building with a neoclassical renaissance façade. Rooms are simply decorated and all have air conditioning, a satellite TV, a safe and private bathroom with free toiletries. Free Wi-Fi is available at the reception.

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, steaks, fish

between the starters (fish, salads, soup, vegetables, pasta, etc), the main courses (grilled fish, pork, steaks, hen, 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 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. Usually, when the terrain allows for a safe canter, we canter. In the mountains, in many areas the terrain does not allow for trotting or cantering so we enjoy walking with breathtaking views around.

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

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 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 (Sunday): Arrival

Meet at Madrid airport and transfer to your accommodation (2 hours' drive) with a break in Avila for a short visit (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Enjoy your welcome dinner at the hotel with us.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at a Hotel in Hoyos del Espino

Day 2 (Monday): Navarredonda de Gredos to Angostura de Tormes

Distribution of horses. Our route follows the Tormes River at the bottom of the valley. Tapas for a short break. Lunch stop. Riding in the afternoon downhill along the river valley to Angostura de Tormes. Horses spend the night at the village and riders are transferred to their accommodation in El Barco de Ávila.

Riding 6 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Hotel in El Barco de Ávila

Day 3 (Tuesday): Angostura de Tormes to Becedas

In the morning, we will go through cattle trails. Lunch by the Tormes River, beside the medieval bridge (14th c.) and in the shade of a 14th c. church in El Barco de Ávila. Then, in the afternoon, we will ride to Sierra de Bejar and Becedas, the last village in Avila province where the horses spend the night. We transfer the riders to the same hotel than the night before in Barco de Ávila.

Riding 7 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Hotel in El Barco de Ávila

Day 4 (Wednesday): Becedas to Candelario

This day is a short day ride from Becedas to Candelario. We will go through villages of peculiar feature.

In the afternoon, visit of Candelario, a picturesque village (one of the most beautiful in Spain). Walk up the steep streets, and walk along the channels that collect the water from the mountains - magnificent, examples of architecture in this town.

Dinner and overnight at charming rural Inn "Artesa", in the center of the town. Accommodation and an excellent restaurant where you can taste the most traditional Castilian cuisine.

Riding 4 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Hotel in Candelario

Day 5 (Thursday): Candelario to Guijo de Avila

Northward to Salamanca through Puerto de la Hoya we will get to Neila de San Miguel and stop for tapas at the unique church in a Celtic location (Cerro del Berrueco). Lunch at Medinilla. In the afternoon, the landscape is open and flat and we will reach the Cañada Soriana Occidental one of the main cattle path in Spain.

We will spend the night at Guijo de Avila in a rural complex with very comfortable cabins and a nice views of the Tormes River.

Riding 6.5 hours.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Hotel in Guijo de Avila

Day 6 (Friday): Guijo de Avila to Horcajo Medianero

We will cross the river Tormes by Santa teresa's dam, a huge water reservoir. We will ride all day through the Dehesas of Salamanca with holm oaks, bulls, black Iberian pigs. Lunch by small river. Afternoon canters through the dehesa and holm oaks to Horcajo Medianero. Night and dinner at monastery of Valdejimena with horses very close to us. You stay in a very special place and you might have to share a bathroom.

Riding 6 hours.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Monastery Valdejimena in Horcajo

Day 7 (Saturday): Horcajo Medianero to Alba de Tormes (Half-day ride)

In the morning, we ride along the Eastern lands of the province with beautiful and clear horizons bathed by waters of the Tormes River. We have lunch near Alba de Tormes. The history of Alba de Tormes is linked to Santa Teresa's life and death, where the body rests in one of the convents. This is the end of the ride.

The horses travel back home by truck and we transfer riders to Salamanca town (20 min driving).

In the afternoon you can walk along the streets of this historical town, world heritage by UNESCO, visit the most important monuments, The Plaza Mayor with its arcades is particularly impressive. Dinner at a restaurant located at the Plaza Mayor. Night in the heart of Salamanca.

Riding 4 hours.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Hotel in Salamanca

Day 8 (Sunday): Departure

After breakfast, departure from Salamanca at 10 am on time for flights departing Madrid after 2 pm. All riders will be transferred at the same time, so if any of rider needs to arrive to Madrid prior to noon all riders depart earlier or we will arrange 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 Crosses (hispano-bretón, hispano-lusitano)

Pace: Moderate with extended trots and controlled canters. (approx. 180 km total)

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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

Age: Min 10

Weight: 200 lbs / 90 kg

Riders: Min 4 riders

Max 10 riders

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-SPGRE1-S

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals with wine for dinner and lunch, 6 Riding days, Luggage transport & Excursions described in itinerary

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	7 day trip	€2090	\$2510

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	Single supplement	€295	\$355
2026	Non-rider- 20% discount		
2026	Small group supplement (3 pax only), pp - please inquire		

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	06/07/2026 - 06/13/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	08/30/2026 - 09/05/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	10/25/2026 - 10/31/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	11/22/2026 - 11/28/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 4/10

Rates do not include:Alcoholic and canned drinks other than wine, Travel insurance (mandatory), Transfer from/to Madrid Airport & 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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