



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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Classical Dressage Clinic - in Southern Spain - Spain, Europe

Tour Code: IT-SPSR30D
7 days / 6 nights ~\$3,455.00
Dates: Available all Year

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

Tack: English
Horses: Andalusian and Andalusian cross
Pace: According to riding level - 4 hrs per ...

Airport: Seville



Introduction

Southern Spain, Spain

This is a six night, six day holiday designed for riders with a good level of ability. It's for those who have a great passion for Dressage and are ready to work hard for a week to really get a "push on" with their riding. As well as this, it is aimed for people who are not only interested in the Classical Dressage ways of riding, but also in the procedures used for training these magnificent horses. This is a unique opportunity, not easily found at other establishments. Guests will be immersed in the day to day riding and training that goes on at Epona. It's a great chance to get a real good feeling of the sensitive Andalusians and Iberian horses, trained to High School level, and to enjoy some of the advanced movements, such as Passage, Piaffe and Spanish Walk, which even very good riders don't often get a chance to experience. This program includes many private lessons, one of which will be with Olympic medalist Rafael Soto, semi private lessons, ground work sessions (working on training piaffe, passage and Spanish walk) and lunge sessions, working on improving the classical seat. Most of the lessons will take place in the morning leaving most afternoons free for guests to enjoy some shopping or sight seeing in the nearby towns, if they wish, or, alternatively, to stay at our facilities just relaxing or watching the afternoon lessons and other riding that might be taking place. (In fact, some guest often opt to join these lessons as an extra if places are available).

The Epona programs are set in an impressive 16th Century Hacienda where the García family will make you feel totally at home. The programme includes visits Jerez de la Frontera (to see the Show "Those Amazing Dancing Andalusian Stallions"), and a visit to Seville on the last evening for a typical Flamenco Dancing Show.

Accommodation

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This is a stationary ride so all nights are spent at the same location.

Description

Accommodation is included at the Alcazar de la Reina.

This is a beautiful hotel located in the heart of the historic center of the city of Carmona, just a few minutes drive away from the Hacienda. The hotel is full of history, charm, and elegance while at the same time comfortable and modern, and is located at only twenty minutes distance from Seville International airport. It offers breathtaking views over the fertile valley, the Vega de Carmona, all the way to the great river Guadalquivir, and the Sierra Morena mountain Range behind. The name of the hotel comes from the Moorish term Alcazar, meaning a fortified palace.

The building was originally erected by the Moors in the 13th century as a fortress adjunct to the Puerta de Cordoba, in an era when the town was one of the most important caliphates of Andalucía. The Palace, totally restored in the 1990s in the original Mudejar style, and refurbished in 2007, boasts spacious and elegant lounge areas and patios, a outdoor solarium with salt-water swimming pool, and a total of four different options for dining: The Tabanco Restaurant, the Terrace Bar, the Tabanco Tapas Bar and the official Guinness Irish Pub.

The rooms are ample, airy, comfortable and very tastefully furnished and feature two large (1m wide) single beds (for double occupancy beds are placed together, for twin, they have a space between), a full en-suite bathroom (tub and shower) with hair-dryer, air-conditioning and central heating, Satellite T.V., a safe and a minibar (consumption not included in the price).

Wi-Fi internet is available in all the public areas.



Other services available in the hotel, which may be of your interest but not included in the program:

- Room Service
- Private Parking. There is a small basement car park which has to be reserved and a fee charged. However it is awkward to maneuver and there is normally ample parking space in the street in front of the hotel, in full view of the lobby and an outdoor parking enclosure a few meters away from the front entrance.
- Laundry and dry cleaning service
- Treatments (upon request and subject to availability)
- Business centre: fax and photocopy service.
- International magazines and newspapers
- Swimming pool towels



- Florist (upon request and subject to availability)
- Outside of the normal transfer times, shuttle service to/from airport and train station

Room Occupancy

The single supplement fee applies if we are unable to find another rider to share.



Meals

All breakfast (at the hotel) and lunch (at the Hacienda) are included. Also included is the welcome tapas supper on Sunday evening. The other evening meals are not included in the price.

Lunches will be served at the Hacienda, and will consist of freshly prepared home cooked, combining mainly traditional Spanish dishes, which give you a taste of the renowned Mediterranean diet, with some International dishes and a selection of delicious home-made desserts. In addition, a variety of fresh salad ingredients and fruit is always available.

You will find innumerable dining options in the immediate vicinity of the hotel, from elegant restaurant to tapas bars with tables in the street. In the hotel alone there are five possibilities, including room service, if you just feel like a quiet night resting. About two blocks walk away from the hotel, you can find the city's hub of socializing, where families meet in the evening for coffee, tapas or an ice cream. This is the Plaza San Fernando, popularly known as the Plaza de Arriba (the Upper Square) or la Plaza Redonda (the Round Square).

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most diets including vegetarian and gluten and lactose-free, etc. with prior notice.

Riding



Riding Experience

We are an Approved British Horse Society, Training and Examination Centre since 1985. We are used to training people of all abilities, from novice to advanced High School work. We are, therefore, happy to split riders into various groups and adapt our program as necessary to suit both experienced and less experienced riders.

Horses

Our horses are the most important thing for us. They are the ones who truly make this Equestrian Vacation something unique. There are over 60 horses of different breeds, shapes, sizes, levels of training and temperament. With this large number we can match each guest with the ideal horse. There is also the option to change horses if the horse and rider are not getting along.

Most of our horses are Andalusians or Andalusian cross breeds but we have lots of others breeds such as Warmbloods (Hannoverian, Holsteiner and Oldenburg), Anglo-Arabs, Thoroughbreds, different breeds of ponies and others.

But most importantly we would like to emphasize the good nature and willingness of all our horses. We have no kickers or biters and besides their training and work, we think they are all special in their own way; they are all individuals and so they are treated as such. Our horses are a part of our family.

Staff

Every instructor is fully qualified by the British Horse Society, Association of British Riding Schools and the Spanish Equestrian Federation. They all speak Spanish and English.

All ride leaders and assistant ride leaders hold diplomas from British Equestrian Tourism and the Federation of International Equestrian Tourism (FITE). You will only be taught or led by bilingual staff (some multilingual). All ride leaders carry mobile phones to summon rapid help in the unlikely event that this is necessary.





Facilities

Olympic size dressage arena (60 x 20 m)
 Covered floodlit school with sprinklers (42 x 22 m)
 Additional floodlit dressage arena (30 x 15 m)
 One multipurpose large arena (50 x 50 m)
 A lunging ring (20 m. Diameter)

There is unlimited "hacking" in beautiful countryside. You can ride days and weeks, without stepping on a single inch of pavement and without finding a single fence or gate.

Hard Hat

It is obligatory by law in Spain to wear a riding helmet for all riding activities. We do have a few helmets out, but it is preferable for each person to have his/her own, as a good fit is essential.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

Guests arrive in the afternoon either by pick-up at the train station in Seville (10 - 20 minute drive) or by means of their own transport. A free transfer service is offered at 4:30 pm from the Santa Justa Train Station. You will then be escorted to your hotel in the nearby town of Carmona, one of the famous white villages of Andalusia. Carmona is the oldest continually inhabited village in Europe and as you stroll through the narrow streets of the old town, you will feel and breathe the spirits of ancient cultures (Iberians, Visigoths, Phoenicians, Romans, Moors), in the innumerable examples of their architectural influence in the churches, towers, palaces and mansions as well as in the inherited customs.

After you are settled in, you may appreciate a dip in the pool, or perhaps discover the pleasures of the Spanish afternoon "siesta" after a tiring journey.

A member of our team will meet you in the hotel lobby at 8:15 p.m. on Sunday evening, to go to the welcome dinner along with the rest of our guests for the week. The meal will normally start at 8:30 p.m. During the meal you will be going over the week's schedule and morning transfer times among other topics.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Carmona

Day 2 (Monday): Assessment

After breakfast at the hotel and a quick transfer to the Hacienda, be ready to mount up. After the trail riders leave for their morning ride, everything is quieter now, ready for the dressage lessons. Your first lesson will be an assessment with your instructor, who will note your good points and the areas which need to be worked on. It is also the first chance for you to get used to your horse and the more sensitive style of riding required for the Andalusian and Iberian horse. Our goal is that you get as much improvement and fun out of your lesson as possible. After this first session, take a short break, then change to your new mount for your private lesson. After you have recovered a little it is time for your first lunge session, great for improving your seat, balance and posture.

Once the lessons are over, relax with a book in the garden or by the pool. You are also more than welcome to stay and sit by the arenas and watch the daily training of our horses. Vivi, our main horse trainer will be more than happy to answer any questions about our training methods and our horses. Meet the rest of the group for lunch in beautiful dining room, where you will have your experience of typical Andalusian home cooking, courtesy of our resident cook and sample our excellent local house wine.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Hotel in Carmona

Day 3 (Tuesday): Jerez Visit & Lesson

Early breakfast and pick up at the hotel at 9:00 a.m. before leaving for Jerez de la Frontera, in the province of Cádiz, 1.5 hours away by car. Jerez is internationally renowned for its production of sherry and brandy. However, the main attraction of the day will be the visit to the Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Ecuestre, an equestrian performance titled, "Those Amazing Dancing Andalusian Stallions" (Ticket Price: 27 € - not included in package). Here you will have the privilege of seeing the magnificent Andalusian stallions at their best, at home in the

breathtaking setting of their 18th Century palace and the riding hall. They will be performing piaffe, passage and the airs above the ground (courbette, capriole, etc) in a spectacle of light, music and colour, comparable only with the famous Spanish Riding School of Vienna. Fernando is well known at the school and is good friend with many of the world famous riders. Vivi trained at this school for 4 years and frequently performed in the show.

Return for lunch at the stables, followed by lessons in the afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Hotel in Carmona

Day 4 (Wednesday): Lessons

The lessons will take place as soon as the trail ride leaves. As the week progresses so will your dressage, hopefully performing more advanced movements. Today you will begin with the semi private lesson, followed by the private session. After a break, enjoy the unique opportunity to do some ground work. Our trainer will demonstrate on a one to one basis, the techniques used for training some of the more advanced movements. Ground work is a very strong part of the Classical Dressage style of training.

Once your lessons are over (or between them) feel free to sit by the arena and continue observing the daily training of the geldings, mares and stallions, from young and green to very advanced. We also school and exercise the schoolmasters periodically to keep them sensitive and in good shape for guests to enjoy and so they may get the most out of their lessons with them.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Hotel in Carmona

Day 5 (Thursday): Lesson & Lunge Session

You will get another riding lesson as well as your second lunge session.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Hotel in Carmona

Day 6 (Friday): Last Lesson & Seville

Today, you will be able to consolidate everything you have worked on during the week, under the ever watchful eye of Olympic silver medalist, Rafael Soto*. Depending on your ability, you will be confidently performing the more advanced movements with improved knowledge and technique today.

In the afternoon, we will go to Seville where we will visit a tack shop. After a short walk, we will arrive at an excellent restaurant providing both Spanish and International cuisine for the last dinner of the holiday and some superb Spanish wine.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at Hotel in Carmona

**Please note that although Rafael normally comes to teach on Fridays, due to his tight agenda, we can't guarantee this is the day he will be here each week, and we sometimes have to make adjustments in our schedule.*

Day 7 (Saturday): Departure

We offer complementary transport to the airport and train station. First trip at 8.00 am and last will be at 11.00 am. Have a nice journey home, we hope you enjoyed your stay and we look forward to welcoming you back!

Meals included: Breakfast



Non-Riders

Non-Riders are welcome to join their riding companions. They might even have the chance, to take one or several lesson for complete beginners. Alternatively, they can enjoy relaxing by the gardens or go for a swim in the pool. There are many non-riding activities available like sightseeing, golf, Spanish language lessons, flamenco dancing or singing, massage etc. Some of these activities need to be booked in advance.

Other Info

Meeting: Carmona

Airport: Seville

Train station: Santa Justa train station

Transfer: Included from Santa Justa train station.

Distance: 8 miles

Pick-up/drop-off is included from the Santa Justa train station, in Seville. Pick-up is for 4:30pm on Day 1. Drop-off on Saturdays from 8:00am to 11:00am to Sevilla airport or train station.

Tack: English

Horses: Andalusian and Andalusian cross

Pace: According to riding level - 4 hrs per day

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

Age: Min 12

Weight: 175 lbs / 80 kg

Riders: Min 1 riders

Max 2 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-SPSR30D

Rates include: Accommodations, All breakfasts and lunches, 5 riding days, Ticket to Jerez riding School, Transfers from/to Santa Justa train station at set times.

Non-riders: Accommodations with breakfasts and lunches

Some helmets can be borrowed

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	7 day trip	€2880	\$3455

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

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer from Sevilla train station at 4:30pm on Day 1, return included		
2026	Transfer from Sevilla Airport on Day 1 via taxi, per car, each way (usually around 80 euros)	€80	\$95
2026	Single supplement	€345	\$415
2026	Non-rider, dbl, pp	€1075	\$1290
2026	Children 12 and under: 15 % discount		
2026	Children under 3 -- FREE		

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	04/26/2026 - 05/02/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	05/03/2026 - 05/09/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	05/10/2026 - 05/16/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	05/17/2026 - 05/23/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	05/24/2026 - 05/30/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	05/31/2026 - 06/06/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	06/07/2026 - 06/13/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	06/14/2026 - 06/20/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	06/21/2026 - 06/27/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	06/28/2026 - 07/04/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	07/05/2026 - 07/11/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	07/12/2026 - 07/18/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	07/19/2026 - 07/25/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	07/26/2026 - 08/01/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	08/02/2026 - 08/08/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	08/09/2026 - 08/15/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	08/16/2026 - 08/22/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	08/23/2026 - 08/29/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	08/30/2026 - 09/05/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
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A 2026	09/13/2026 - 09/19/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
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A 2026	11/22/2026 - 11/28/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	11/29/2026 - 12/05/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2026	12/06/2026 - 12/12/2026	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 1/2

Rates do not include: Gratuities, Transfers from/to Sevilla Airport & Dinners (€10+)

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
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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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