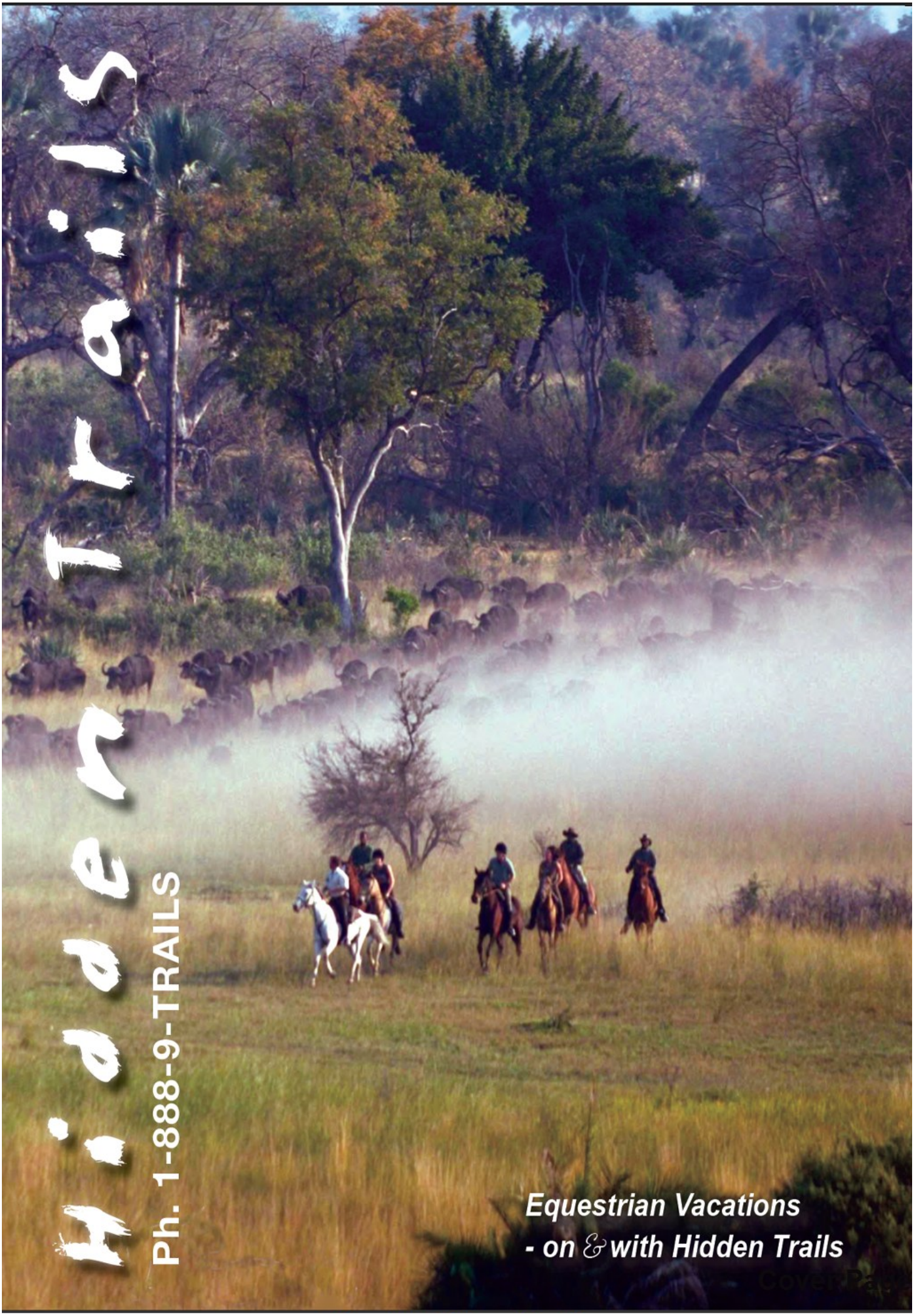

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About Hidden Trails



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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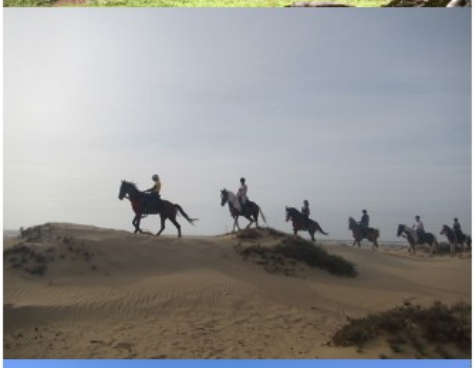
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13 days / 12 nights ~$3,980.00
Dates: All year long

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: English saddle with saddle bag
Horses: Marwari & Marwari cross
Pace: Moderate pace with canter and gallop o...
Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

Airport: Colombo - Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)






Introduction

Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka
Join this beautiful riding holiday in Sri Lanka and discover what this island nation has to offer from beautiful beaches to luxuriant mountains.

You start your tour on the West coast and make your way into the center of the country to the stunning Sigiriya Rock and the last capital of the ancient kings: Kandy. You will then head South to the fabulous Yala National Park, before ending your tour in the lovely fortified city of Galle.

If you are looking for an adventure filled with nature, cultural monuments and local hospitality, then look no further!

Accomodation

Accommodations
This is a progressive ride, so nights will be spent in different locations.

Description
Accommodation will be in hotels.

Accommodation Itinerary - *subject to changes based on availability*
Night 1: Hotel in Negombo
Nights 2 & 3: Hotel in Kalpitiya
Night 4: Hotel in Dambulla (2 options)
Night 5: Hotel in Kandalama
Night 6 & 7: Hotel in Kandy
Nights 8: Hotel in Nuwara Eliya
Night 9 & 10: Hotel in Tissamaharama
Nights 11: Hotel in Kirinda
Night 12: Hotel in Galle

Hotel in Negombo
This seaside hotel has 131 rooms all featuring air conditioning, a balcony, a TV, a safe, ensuite bathroom with hair-dryer and complimentary Wi-Fi.
Guests are also welcomed to use the outdoor swimming pool.

Hotel in Kalpitiya
This 3-star hotel on the coast offers 6 comfortable rooms facing the lagoon. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, a TV, free Wi-Fi and private facilities.
There is an outdoor pool where guests can cool off in the evening. Guests can also do kayaking on the lagoon free of charge.

Hotel in Dambulla - Option 1
Each of the 7 bedrooms at this lovely boutique hotel include individually controlled Air Conditioning, a safe, a TV, a tea/coffee maker, internet access and a private bathroom.
In the evening, guests can relax by the pool or on the patio.

Hotel in Dambulla - Option 2
This modern hotel offers comfortable rooms equipped with air conditioning, ensuite bathroom, satellite TV and a phone. There is an outdoor pool.

Hotel in Kandalama
Surrounded by nature, this beautiful eco-friendly hotel has modern bedrooms that include air conditioning, a TV, ensuite facilities and free Wi-Wi internet. The rooms face the Kandalama lake.
There is an outdoor pool and a garden.

Hotel in Kandy
Ideally located, this hotel offers a beautiful view over the lake. The modern rooms all feature air conditioning, a TV, a safe and their own bathroom with hair dryer.
Free Wi-Fi access is available in all rooms and public areas.

Hotel in Nuwara Eliya
Thanks to its location in the hills, this property offers great views over the city. The rooms are spacious and come equipped with Wi-Fi internet, heaters, satellite TV, a safe box and private bathroom.

Hotel in Tissamaharama
This small hotel surrounded by nature offers 20 comfortable rooms. The rooms each have their own bathroom, a tea/coffee maker, a safe, air conditioning and free Wi-Fi access.
Guests can relax by the pool after a long day of exploring.

Hotel in Kirinda
This hotel offers simple accommodation near Yala National Park. The rooms feature a TV, air conditioning, ensuite bathroom and a nice view over the pool or the garden.
There is free Wi-Fi internet available.

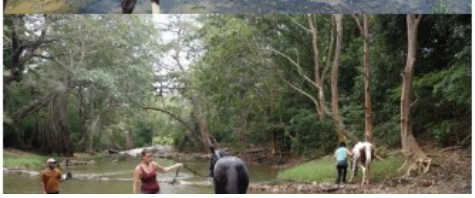
Hotel in Galle
This charming accommodation is located in the heart of the city, close to the Dutch Fort. The cosy rooms are equipped with ensuite bathroom and complimentary Wi-Fi.

Meals







Meals

Most meals are included in your package. Lunches on day 4, 7 and 9 are not included. Cost of lunch is usually around 12 USD per person.

Meals are generally eaten at the accommodations or stables and mostly feature fish or chicken curries with rice.

Water is provided but all other drinks must be paid extra locally.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding



Horses

We use Marawari and mix bred horses with smooth strides and a lot of endurance. Most of our horses are forward going and used to be ridden in English style.

Itinerary

Sample itinerary - *subject to changes*

Note: This program is somewhat flexible. If you would like to make some changes please inquire.

Proper attire should be worn when visiting religious places (shorts, tight pants and bare shoulders are not permitted).

Day 1: Arrival

After pick up at the airport, you are transferred to your hotel in Negombo so you can rest and relax before your tour.
Meals included: Dinner
Overnight stay at Hotel in Negombo

Day 2: Sand Dunes Ride

This morning, you can visit the city of Negombo, including its fish market. Then, you are transferred (90-minute drive) to the stables in Kalpitiya, in the Puttalam District.
After lunch, you will go for a ride to the lagoon, passing through local villages, vegetable and coconut plantations as well as a sunset hewn beach. You will be able to witness the life of the fishing folk as you ride along their villages and sloping sand dunes.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight stay at Hotel in Kalpitiya

Day 3: Dutch Bay Ride

You will be rising quite early in the morning and meeting the horses at the beach. With the Indian Ocean to your right, you can gallop on this stretch of land to arrive at the tip of Kalpitiya. This ride will take riders off the beaten track and you will get a chance to explore the coconut plantations and the mangroves. We will end the ride with a refreshing swim with the horses in the Indian ocean.
This afternoon, you will visit the Dutch Church and Fort.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight stay at Hotel in Kalpitiya

Day 4: Dambulla (no riding)

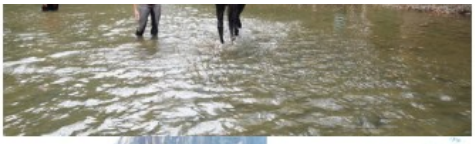
In the morning, you will travel to Dambulla. On the way to this historic city, you can visit the Ancient Kingdom of Anuradhapura which is considered the first capital of Sri Lanka. Anuradhapura is world renowned for being home to several well-preserved sites. You will be able to choose to visit some of the most important sites of ancient Sri Lankan civilization such as the Abhayagiri Stupa and the Samadhi Buddha Statue.
This afternoon, you could take some time to explore the Dambulla Cave Temples.
Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight stay in Dambulla

Day 5: Kandalama Lake Ride & Minneriya National Park Safari

Today's ride starts at Kimbissa near the Sigiriya Rock and will proceed through ancient reservoirs, paddy fields and villages giving the rider an opportunity to visit a Buddhist cave temple in the jungle and gallop along the Kandalama Lake.
You can choose to enjoy a Sri Lankan lunch at Alkin resort after which you will go on a Jeep Safari in the Minneriya National Park. The Minneriya National Park is popular for viewing the Asian Elephant in its natural habitat. During the dry season, hundreds of elephants congregate in the park, attracted by its source of water: the Minneriya reservoir.
After enjoying the wildlife in the Minneriya National park, you will return to your hotel (located close to the Alkin resort) for refreshments. Then, you are invited to join a barbeque dinner! You can enjoy the warmth of the fire under the clear skies and should you wish to sleep under the stars, we would be happy to arrange that for you.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight stay in Kandalama

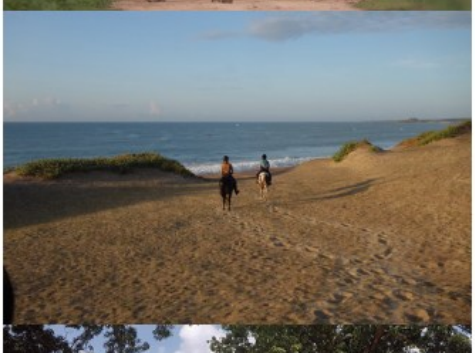
Day 6: Sigiriya Ride & Transfer to Kandy

Your ride will begin at the Alkin resort in Kandalama and will proceed through villages and paddy fields. Riders will be able to visit two archeological gems during this ride: Kaludiya Pokuna, an ancient Buddhist monastery









will be able to visit two archeological gems during this ride: Kaludiya Pokuna, an ancient Buddhist monastery complex and the moats surrounding the Sigiriya Fortress. Based on your preference, the ride could end in the Sigiriya Rock Fortress complex or at the Dambulla Cave Temples.
In the afternoon, you will travel to Kandy located within the misty mountains of the Central province. On the way, you will be visiting a spice garden in Matale where you can acquaint yourself with the wide variety of traditional Sri Lankan spices.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight stay in Kandy

Day 7: Kandy Visit (no riding)
You will be visiting the Royal Botanical Gardens located in Peradeniya. These historic gardens house a wide variety of orchids as well as the historic Cannonball Tree.
You will also be able to visit key sites in the ancient capital of Sri Lanka such as the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.
Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight stay in Kandy

Day 8: Train from Kandy to Ella (no riding)
This morning, you will be dropped off at the Kandy train station to embark on one of the most scenic train rides in the world. The journey to Ella takes approximately 6 hours, winding through lush tea plantations, misty mountains, and charming villages. This iconic Sri Lankan experience offers breathtaking views, vibrant local culture, and opportunities to capture stunning photographs. Known for its picturesque viaducts and vibrant train interiors, this journey is a must for any traveler exploring Sri Lanka's Hill Country.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight stay in Ella

Day 9: Transfer to Tissamaharama (no riding)
You can choose to go hiking (Little Adam's peak hike) or opt for a cooking lesson (extra cost) in the morning.
After lunch, you will be driven to Tissamaharama
Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight stay in Tissamaharama

Day 10: Yala Ride
It will be an early start to catch the sunrise, at the Kirinda Lagoon. Make your way through the jungle on horseback. You will have the opportunity to brave sand dunes and discover tracks beaten not by humans, but by the local wildlife.
Later, you can rest a little or go visit ancient Buddhist temples (Situl pauwa Rajamaha vehera/Kirinda Rajamaha vehera).
This evening, after a much-needed rest, you will try to catch a glimpse of the local wildlife. Yala National Park is home of the elusive Sri Lankan leopard, and the majestic tusker elephants. The vicious Sri Lankan crocodiles and the graceful antelopes are popular sightings on our rides. This ride will take you along the boundary of the famous Yala national Park. The horses will take you through paddy fields and buffalo farms. You will discover traditional village roads as you explore the southern city of Yala.
Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight stay in Tissamaharama

Day 11: Jeep Safari in Yala National Park & Giant Lake Ride
You will be picked up from the hotel early in the morning to travel to the Yala National Park. Yala is the second largest national park in Sri Lanka and is home to approximately 44 species of mammals and 215 species of birds and most famously has the highest concentration of leopards in the world. After a picnic breakfast inside the national park you can spend 4-5 hours exploring the park.
After lunch, you will set off to the stables to go on a scenic ride. This ride would allow you to explore archeological sites such as the Great Tissa Stupa and the Tissa Wewa reservoir. The Tissa Wewa reservoir is not only a remnant of Sri Lanka's ancient technical genius but also attracts local bird species.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight stay in Tissamaharama

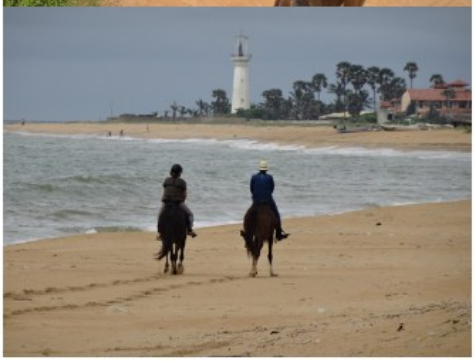
Day 12: Sandagiri Ride & Fort Visit
You will start your day at the stables in Tissamaharama. Go on a ride through banana plantations and along reservoirs. The ride includes an exploration of the Sandagiri Seya Archaeological Reservation. You will also be able to meet novice monks housed at the Sandagiri Saya Monastery before returning to the stables.
Later, you will be driven to Galle where you stay for the night. You will go on a tour of the Dutch Fort, a UNESCO world heritage.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight stay in Galle

Day 13: Departure
You will be dropped off at the airport (Negombo or Colombo) in time for your flight.
Meals included: Breakfast



Optional Rides
It is possible to substitute one of the rides in the program above by the optional rides below.
Please, note that the rides below can only suit strong intermediate riders and above.





Anawilundawa Wetlands Ride near Kalpitiya
You will be driven to the Anawilundawa bird sanctuary where the horses are waiting for you. The closeby coast, mangroves and reservoirs have resulted in a natural habitat for approximately 150 species of birds, 20 species of mammals and 74 species of butterflies. After a picnic breakfast, the ride will take you through the reservoirs, paddy fields, fisherman's villages, fish market and the beach.
After the ride, you are transferred to your hotel in Sigiriya.

Lunugamvehera Ride in Tissamaharama
You ride on the ancient route to the historical city of Kataragama. The Lunugamvehera National Park boundaries will be your destination for today. Following grass lined gravel tracks, you cross banana and vegetable plantations. This ride is popular for its many wildlife sighting opportunities. A morning ride at this location will often offer you the opportunity to cool down in the freshwater of the Manik Ganga with your mounts.

Non Riders
Non-riding companions are welcome to join this tour. Please inquire for rates.
Non-riding activities (riders can also sign up for these for a surcharge) include dolphin watching in Kalpitiya, Kite surfing in Kalpitiya, diving in Kalpitiya, village tour in Dambulla, elephant ride in Dambulla, Ayurvedic massage in Dambulla, cultural show in Kandy and turtle hatchery visit in Galle.

Other Info

Meeting: Negombo
Airport: Colombo - Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)
Transfer: Colombo - Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB)
Distance: 15 km
Transfers are included from/to Colombo airport on the first and last day.

Tack:	English saddle with saddle bag
Horses:	Marwari & Marwari cross
Pace:	Moderate pace with canter and gallop opportunities About 4-5 hours in the saddle per riding day
Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |	
Level:	(3 to 5 out of 5) Intermediate and higher
Age:	Min 8
Weight:	190 lbs / 85 kg
Riders:	Min 2 riders Max 4 riders

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Rates include: Accommodation, Half board (breakfast and dinner), Lunches during riding days, 8 Riding days, Transfers, Jeep safari in Minneriya and Yala & Entrance tickets

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2026	13 day trip	$3980
	Single supplement, pp (if 2 pax in single rooms)	$820

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfers included from/to Colombo airport
2026	Group discount for 3-4 pax - please inquire

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates

Rates do not include:Some lunches (on day 4, 7 and 9), Drinks, Gratuities & Photo permits during visits

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	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Interm.	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 maling address):

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I have enclosed a check for the deposit ◯

Additional Signatures:

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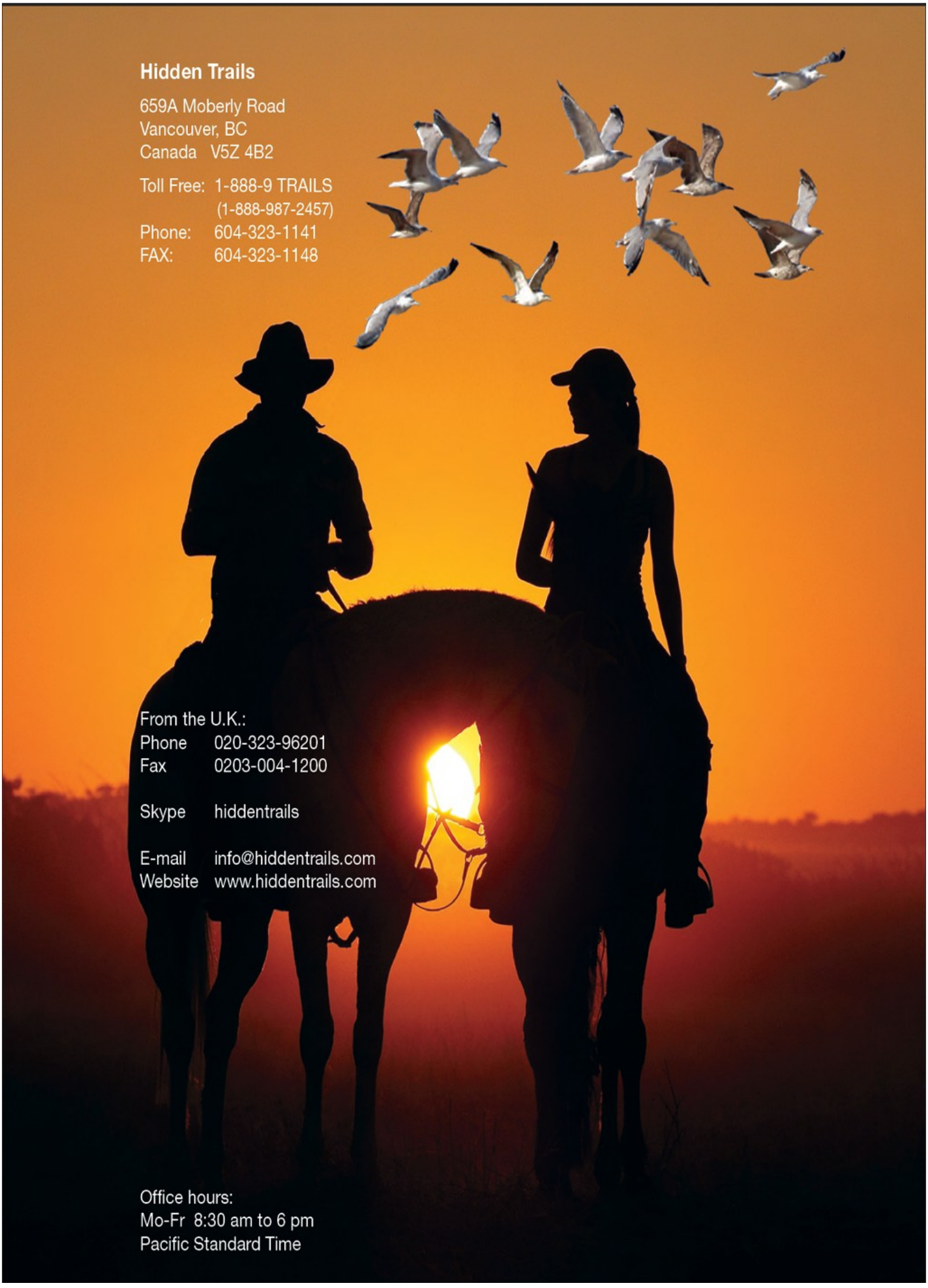
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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