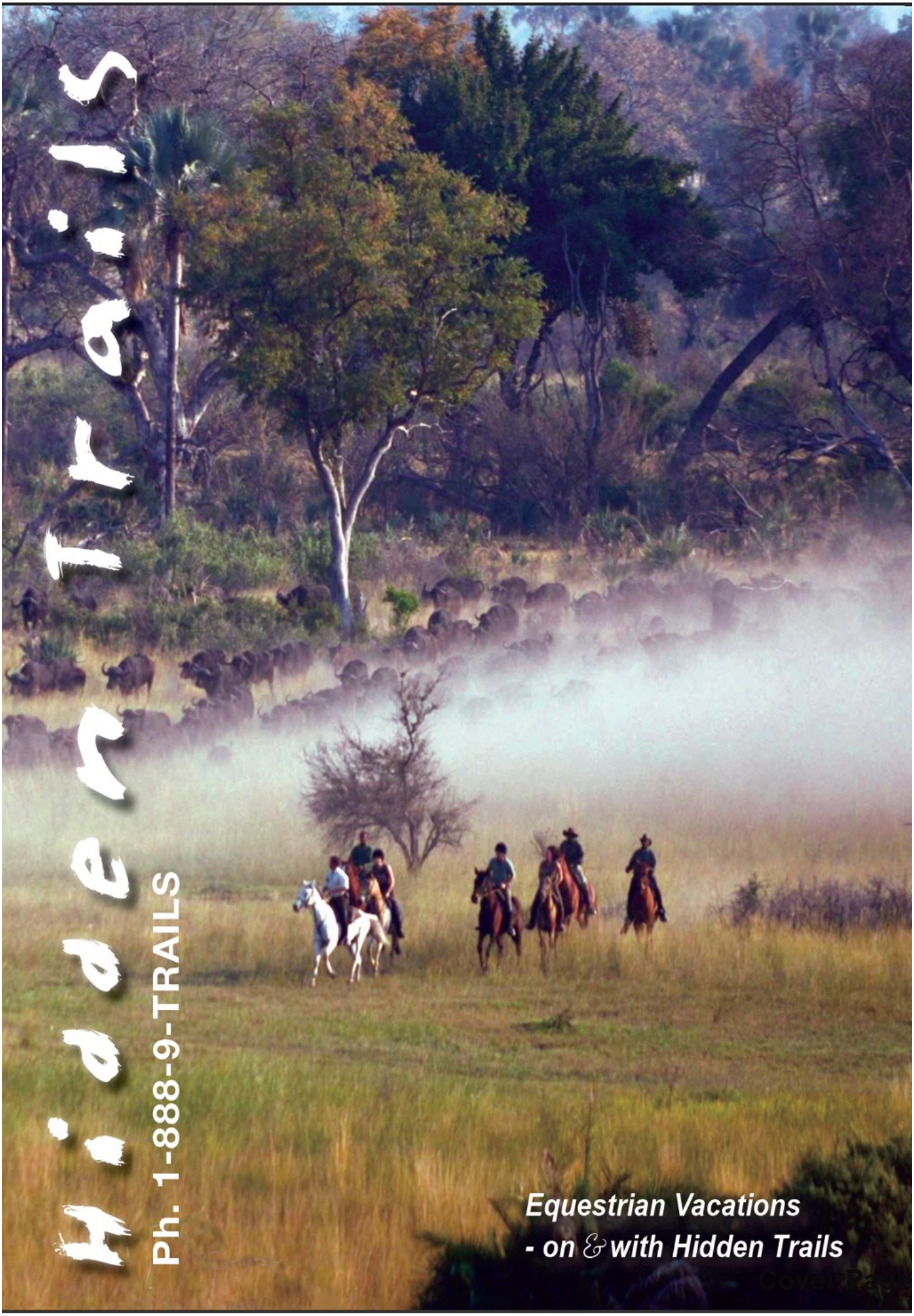

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About Hidden Trails



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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Sea, Temples & Tea Riding Tour - Sri Lanka, Asia

Tour Code: IT-SRCH02
11 days / 10 nights ~$3,600.00
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
After exploring the Western coast of Sri Lanka, this tour brings you to the central part of the island, rich in archeological sites. You will visit the Ancient Kingdom of Anuradhapura as well as the famous Dambulla Cave Temples and unmissable Sigiriya Rock.

You will then move on further South to the green city of Kandy, followed by a beautiful ride through the tea plantations of Nuwara Eliya.

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*
Nights 1-3: Hotel in Kalpitiya
Night 4: Hotel in Dambulla
Night 5: Hotel in Kandalama
Night 6 & 7: Hotel in Kandy
Nights 8 & 9: Hotel in Tissamaharama
Night 10: Hotel in Negombo

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 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 welcome to use the outdoor swimming pool.

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.

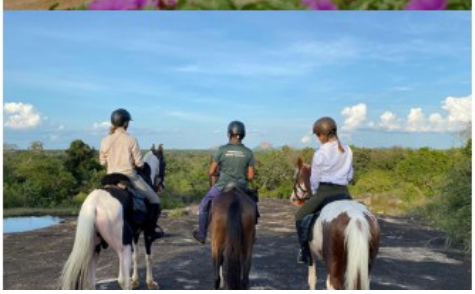
Itinerary

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 Kalpitiya (90-minute drive) so you can rest and relax before your tour.
Meals included: Dinner
Overnight stay in Kalpitiya

Day 2: Sunset Dunes Ride
This morning, you can relax at the hotel. There is an outdoor pool and you can also go kayaking in the lagoon (no extra cost).
In the afternoon, your ride will begin near the lagoon, passing through local villages and coconut plantations. 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 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 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 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 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: Tissamaharama (no riding)
This morning, you will travel from Kandy to Tissamaharama, a serene town in southern Sri Lanka. This is the gateway to Yala National Park. Surrounded by lush paddy fields and ancient reservoirs like Tissa Wewa, it offers a peaceful escape with cultural and natural highlights. Visitors can explore sacred sites such as Tissamaharama Raja Maha Vihara, enjoy birdwatching at Bundala National Park, or embark on a safari to spot leopards and elephants in Yala.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight stay in Tissamaharama

Day 9: Monastery ride
You can choose to start the day with an optional jeep safari in Yala National Park (extra cost).
In the afternoon, you go riding 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.
Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight stay in Tissamaharama

Day 10: Lake ride
After breakfast, you go on a ride around the lake 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
In the afternoon, transfer to Negambo.
Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner
Overnight stay in Negambo

Day 11: Departure
You will be dropped off at the airport (Negombo or Colombo) in time for your flight.
Meals included: Breakfast



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 and cultural show in Kandy.

Other Info

Meeting: Kalpitiya
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

Rates and Dates 2027 - IT-SRCH02

Rates include: Accommodation, Half board (breakfast and dinner), Lunches during riding days, 6 Riding days, Transfers & Entrance tickets

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2027	11 day trip	$3600
	Single supplement	$1055

Transfer Option

Description

2027	Transfers included from/to Colombo airport
2027	Group discount for 3-4 pax - please inquire
2027	Solo rider supplement - please inquire

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	01/14/2027 - 01/24/2027	11d / 10n	11 day trip
A 2027	02/02/2027 - 02/12/2027	11d / 10n	11 day trip
A 2027	02/03/2027 - 02/13/2027	11d / 10n	11 day trip
A 2027	02/04/2027 - 02/14/2027	11d / 10n	11 day trip
A 2027	02/05/2027 - 02/15/2027	11d / 10n	11 day trip
A 2027	02/06/2027 - 02/16/2027	11d / 10n	11 day trip
A 2027	02/20/2027 - 03/02/2027	11d / 10n	11 day trip

Min/Max: 2/4

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

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-SRCH02

Rates include: Accommodation, Half board (breakfast and dinner), Lunches during riding days, 6 Riding days, Transfers & Entrance tickets

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2026	11 day trip	$3600
	Single supplement	$1055

Transfer Option

Description

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

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	12/03/2026 - 12/13/2026	11d / 10n	11 day trip
A 2026	12/19/2026 - 12/29/2026	11d / 10n	11 day trip

Min/Max: 2/4

Rates do not include:Some lunches (on day 4, 7 and 9), Drinks, Gear rental, Laundry charges, 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:

2. _____

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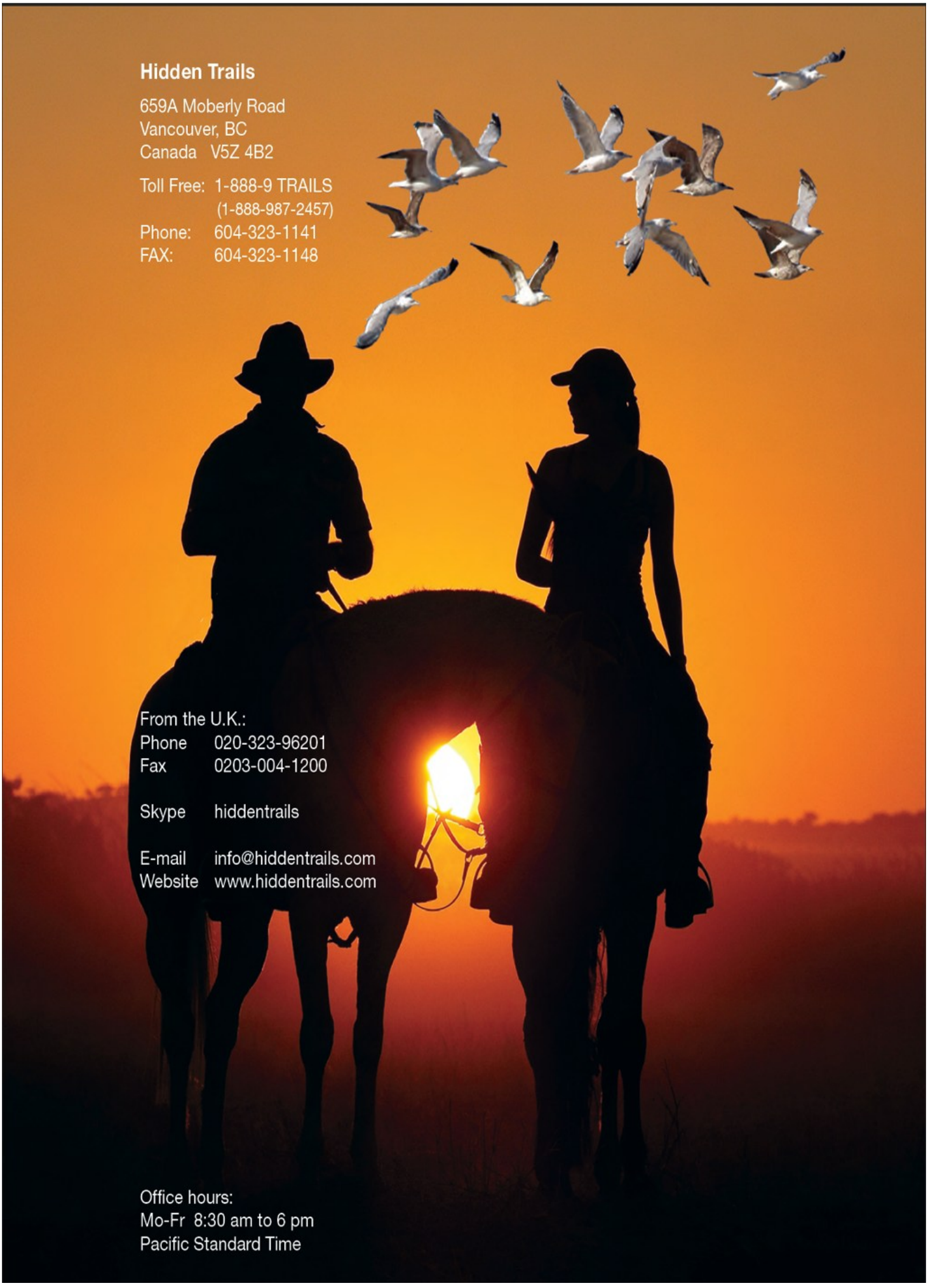
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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