



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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Coastal & Historic Sri Lanka - Sri Lanka, Asia

Tour Code: IT-SRCH03
9 days / 8 nights ~\$2,655.00
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

This beautiful riding holiday starts by the exploration of southern Sri Lanka, around Tissamaharama. Learn more about the local wildlife and discover beautiful historic sites.

After a few days, it is time to move to the center of the country in order to visit the incredible Sigiriya Rock.

The tour ends by a visit of Kandy, the ancient capital of Sri Lanka.

Accommodation

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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 1-3: Hotel in Tissamaharama

Night 4: Hotel in Kirinda

Night 5: Hotel in Dambulla

Night 6: Hotel in Kandalama

Night 7: Hotel in Kandy

Night 8: Hotel in Negombo

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 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-Fi 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.

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 5 and 8 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 Marwari 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 Tissamaharama (approx. 4 hours drive). It is a scenic drive on the "Southern Expressway".

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight stay in Tissamaharama

Day 2: Giant Lake Ride

This morning you can relax at your hotel and explore the surroundings on your own.

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 3: Sandagiri Ride & Jeep Safari

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.

This afternoon, you will be picked up from the hotel 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight stay in Tissamaharama

Day 4: Yala Safari Ride

It will be an early start to catch the sunrise, at the Kirinda Lagoon. Make your way through the jungle on our steady horses. You will have the opportunity to brave sand dunes and discover tracks beaten by the local wildlife. This ride will take you along the boundary of the famous Yala National Park, through paddy fields and buffalo farms. Then, rest at the campsite or visit ancient Buddhist temples (Situl pauwa Rajamaha veyera /Kirinda Rajamaha veyera).

This evening, after a much-needed rest under the tropical sun we set off for another ride to discover the evening activities of the wildlife in the region. This ride will take you along the boundary of the famous Yala national Park, taking you through paddy fields and buffalo farms. You will discover traditional village roads as you explore the southern city of Yala.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight stay in Kirinda

Day 5: Dambulla (no riding)

In the morning, you will travel to Dambulla. On the way to this historic city, you can visit the Ancient city of Mahiyanganaya, a sacred place for Buddhists, believed to be the site of Goutama Buddha's first visit to the country.

If we have enough time, we can also visit Dambana Wedi Gammanaya (optional).

Once in Dambulla, you could take some time to explore the Dambulla Cave Temples.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight stay in Dambulla

Day 6: 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 7: 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 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 8: 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.

After your visit, you are transferred to Negombo.

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight stay in Negombo

Day 9: 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, cultural show in Kandy and turtle hatchery visit in Galle.

Other Info

Meeting: Tissamaharama

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 2026 - IT-SRCH03

Rates include: Accommodation, Half board (breakfast and dinner), Lunches during riding days, 5 Riding days, Transfers, Jeep safari in Minneriya and Yala & Entrance tickets

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	9 day trip	\$2655
	Single supplement	\$500

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
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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												
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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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