

# 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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# Antalya Mountains Trail - Turkey, Europe

Tour Code: IT-TKIR01-A  
9 days / 8 nights ~\$3,960.00  
Dates: October

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

**Tack:** McClellan light trailing saddles with ...  
**Horses:** Arab and cross-Arab mares  
**Pace:** Mostly walk with some opportunities to...  
Walk,Trot,Canter,

**Airport:** Konya



## Introduction

Turkey, Turkey  
From Lake Beysehir to the Mediterranean coast.

Crossing the Taurus mountains from north to south, the trail starts in Anatolia with incredible canter along Lake Beysehir and ends on the Mediterranean side by crossing a river. This trail is notable because of the diverse landscapes and scenery: sandy beach and an umbrella pine forest; chestnut and arbutus trees and pomegranate orchards; rocky valleys and high pasture, as well as the majestic canyon of Köprülü for which the Köprülü Canyon National Park is named.

You will also discover Selge. Set on the historic Saint Paul trail, this ancient site has astonishing rock formations and Roman ruins - a little diamond between two mountains!  
Although referencing miles does not always make sense in the mountainous areas, be aware that the trail will be fast and rhythmic! Frequent canter - some unforgettable - along with trots, walks and some passages where you will lead your horse: solid rubber sole shoes are compulsory.

In the anarchic limestone formations that characterize this region, we ride along tracks including roads, cute narrow paths, and a paved Roman-era road. There will also be some improvisation alongside the river. This is the perfect trail for a good rider who likes adventure and extraordinary landscapes.

## Accommodation

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

### Description

The progressive trail in bivouac is for those who enjoy outdoor living, and sleeping in a tent or under the stars. Our camp spots are all situated in the heart of Lake Beysehir National Park or Köprülü Canyon National Park. Wi-Fi and electricity are almost never available on this trip (only during nights spent at hotels or guesthouses). A logistic 4x4 vehicle will be transporting your luggage.

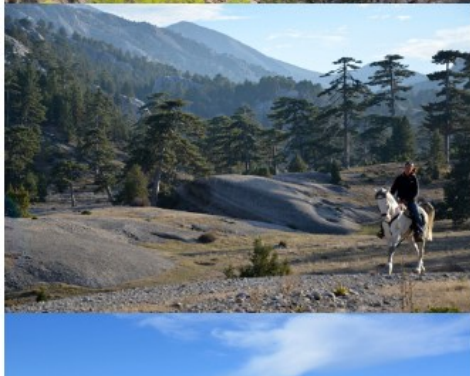
### Accommodations Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1: Hotel near Lake Beyşehir  
Nights 2 & 3: Camping  
Night 4: Erdinc's Guesthouse  
Nights 5, 6 & 7: Camping  
Night 8: Guesthouse in Antalya



### Hotels and guesthouses

The hotels and guesthouses used on this trail all offer double rooms with en-suite bathrooms.





#### Camping

You will reach a different location on horseback at the end of each day, with the camp set up in the middle of nature, surrounded by beautiful views. The camps includes a large communal tent like those used by the last nomadic families in the country. You will be sleeping in double tipi-tents with floor mats and single camp mattresses (provided). The camp also includes a shower tent with a bucket and a gas stove for heating the water. For the washroom, you need to dig a hole in the ground.

You will set up and take down your own tent, and replace the equipment in the trailer each morning. You must bring a suitable sleeping bag, a torch, towels and toiletries.

#### Room Occupancy

Single room accommodations are possible depending on availability for just 3 nights out of 8. A single supplement fee applies for those nights.

If we are unable to find another rider to share the room with you, a single supplement fee applies.



#### Meals

All meals are included for this trip. Full board includes a continental breakfast, a delicious picnic lunch featuring a local specialty each day and dinner.

At the camp, dinner is a traditional dish cooked on the wood fire, along with salad and fruits. Dinners are taken the Turkish way, on the floor, sitting on a carpet around a large round tray set in the communal tent or outside by the campfire.

Tea, coffee and mineral water are included; wine, beer and soft drinks are available as an option, for an extra cost.

#### Dietary Restrictions

Vegetarian options are available upon request.

### **Riding**



#### Physical Condition and Riding Ability

You must have a competent riding level to take part in our trails. Our horses are forward going and you must be able to stay in control during group canters. You must be able to stay in the saddle firmly during group canters, and be able to tack up your horse yourself. Before coming to Turkey, go for a few rides and get adequately fit in order to avoid muscular pain or irritations during the trail.

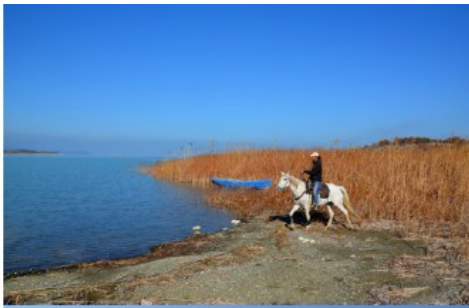
Riders must be in good physical condition. Circuit includes a few difficult portions where riders will be asked to dismount and lead their horse, sometimes up steep paths.

You need to be fit enough to mount and dismount your horse, walk on long distance and be comfortable with water (river crossing).

A regular practice of a sport is highly recommended.

#### Pace

The pace is mostly at a walk, with opportunities for trots and canters each day. The program includes 6 riding days. On average, we will ride 25-38 km and spend 5 to 6 hours on horseback each day. We will take regular breaks throughout the day and stop for at least one hour for lunch. Each day begins and ends with a 5-10 minute



breaks throughout the day and stop for at least one hour for lunch. Each day begins and ends with a 5-10 minute walk (on foot), for the riders and the horses to warm up/relax. This route features a lot of technical canters with some long stretch (about 10 minutes). Some canters are on light down hills and rough terrain.

**Tack**

The riding equipment includes standard bits and pelhams as well as McClellan light trailing saddles and saddles made by ourselves. These are fitted with two saddlebags for you to carry the picnic and personal belongings for the day.

**Horses**

Our stable is composed of forward-going Arab, and cross-Arab horses who will surprise you with their robustness and their agility. They are 1,50 m tall on average - the ideal size for trailing on tortuous paths! All our horses are responsive, well balanced and respectful of the rider and they are extremely sure-footed.

We have put a lot of time and investment into the quality of our horses. Since 2015, more than half of our cavalry has been renewed with pure Arabian endurance horses. Most of our horses have qualified in national endurance races.

We have invested in a horse walker and in an arena in order to continue to offer riders well trained horses.

Our horses live together as a herd and all spend their days outside grazing in our fields when not on the trail.

Horses are assigned according to riding levels and riders' preferences, but the size and the weight of the rider are also important criteria.

Our team will groom and prepare the horses, so no participation is required by the rider.

**Weight Restriction**

Riders cannot be over 85kg. We will weigh riders on arrival and those over will not be able to participate in the riding program.

**Guide**

We will provide 1 guide for every 4 riders.

**Travel Insurance**

You must have appropriate travel insurance to take part in our trails. Make sure your policy covers horse-riding activities abroad. Your insurance details will be requested on arrival.

*Riders 12 years and older can participate, but anyone under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult!*

**Itinerary**



**Sample Itinerary - subject to changes**

**Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival**

Arrival at Konya airport at 18:55 via the flight TK2038. You are driven to your hotel on the shore of Lake Beysehir, at the gate of the National Park. Dinner with the group and team at 9:00 pm.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel near Lake Beysehir*

**Day 2 (Monday): Ride to first camp**

Very equestrian morning: nice and fast, with frequent sandy canters along the lake, on earth track lined with small oak trees. A colorful lunch amid fishing boats, the blue skies and yellow reeds; and in the afternoon, we ride up the south delta of the lake, where herds of cows graze on these fat grassy spaces. We reach the road and cross a typical village - a mix of modernity and tradition. We walk in the stony riverbed until the canyon diverts us to an oak forest. The camp awaits us in the middle of a clearing.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight camping*

**Day 3 (Tuesday): Ride to second camp**

Via a wide path used in ancient times for transhumance (moving livestock from one grazing ground to another), we ride up until we reach a forest of beech trees. A quick change of scenery after a canter in the undergrowth, and we arrive at the bottom of the first pastures of the Taurus. On an earth and gravel track, we meet feral horses, and avoid them by accelerating our speed. Twenty minutes' walk in a narrow stony canyon, and we get back in the saddle to canter in an exceptional landscape: on both sides of a wide, dry riverbed, enormous pine trees grow on a carpet of greenery dotted between imposing rock blocks. Shepherds on donkeys gather their sheep and goats during our lunch.

We start the afternoon on a mineral pass before getting down a long track offering a panoramic view of the valley. From pine trees to an undergrowth, we find our camp on a green pasture locked between a cliff and a stream.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight camping*

**Day 4 (Wednesday): Ride to Erdinc's guesthouse**

In a beautiful ravine created by a stream running through a large round rocky block, we walk on the pine needles. As the trail becomes rocky, we lead the horses for a bit. After crossing a village and terraced fields, we reach brush and then a forest.

After a long canter, we have lunch on the banks of a river with a view of Roman tombs carved in the cliff. This short afternoon will be fantastic for anyone who likes fun canters: 9 km along river, sand, gravel, and dust track and the border of a field. Alternating cadence, slalom between the bushes. With a big smile, we arrive at the only guest



house in the area: Erdinc's place, operated by a nice family who welcome us with a traditional meal.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Overnight at Erdinc's guesthouse*

**Day 5 (Thursday): Köprülü Canyon Ride**

The village and the fog of the river are behind us when we take a narrow mule track overlooking the Köprülü Canyon. After passing the only bridge, we climb via a hard-surfaced road (very few to no vehicles). Lunch at a curious village built between rocks and chestnut trees. In this fairy-tale like landscape you could almost imagine trolls making an appearance! Selge's rocks, a crater produced by a falling meteor, and the canyon will be viewed at a walk and canter from a high-altitude dirt road.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Overnight camping near Selge*

**Day 6 (Friday): Mountain Ride**

We leave Selge and the antique theatre via a track in the forest inviting a canter. Then we reach one of the most extraordinary passages on this trail: a large path carved into the edge of a vertical mountain - we will be a few hundred meters above the valley! After 40 minutes of joy and a few passages, we must lead the horses; we eat under huge plane trees shading a fountain.

We then start the most challenging afternoon for both horses and riders. Climbing first by fields (terraced), and then through the forest, we reach one of the most remote parts of the trail – a beautiful pasture reachable only by horse or foot. After some short canter, we dismount and lead our horses on a mule path. No danger of falling, but we need to be focused to get through three rocky 400 meter passes – this will take about an hour. We finish by entering a forest, where we find the camp in the middle of a wide clearing.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Overnight camping*

**Day 7 (Saturday): Down to the Beach**

We descend the mountain via a large track sneaking its way along rock formations, pine forest and arbutus trees before reaching a cultivated plain. The rhythm will be active: cantering from field to field; crossing a river; and, finally, reaching the camp on a sandy beach along the river.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Overnight camping*

**Day 8 (Sunday): Last Ride**

We ride along the river, from sandbank to roller beach, fording streams and brooks. Few canters bring us to a bushy hill. After half an hour of riding uphill, we arrive on a rocky ridge, offering us a magnificent view on the antique theater of Aspendos, on the river bellow and on the Mediterranean sea.

We meet the team at lunch under the shade of a big tree. The afternoon will run on long tracks along a canal, following fields and crops that will lead us to the pine forest of Saklikent. We cross it cantering through the rising afternoon light. Last and long canter on the dunes of the beach. After a last swim, you will be driven to your guest house in the center of the old city of Antalya where you will enjoy a seafood dinner.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Overnight at a Guesthouse in Antalya*

**Day 9 (Monday): Departure**

After breakfast, you will be driven to Antalya airport.

*Meals included: Breakfast*



**Other Info**

**Meeting:** Lake Beysehir (~ 90 min. from Konya airport)

**Airport:** Konya

**Transfer:** Konya Airport

**Distance:** 100 km

Pick-up from Konya Airport (KYA) around 6:55pm. Drop-off at Antalya International Airport (AYT).

The free transfers are included at a set time only - NO EXCEPTIONS! If you have no choice but to arrive at an alternative hour, we can book you a commercial airport shuttle (limited hours of operation) or in extreme cases you will need to take a taxi from the airport.

**Tack:** McClellan light trailing saddles with saddlebags. Standard bits and pelhams

**Horses:** Arab and cross-Arab mares

**Pace:** Mostly walk with some opportunities for trots and canters

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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

**Age:** Min 12 - child or teen must be good rider

**Weight:** 185 lbs - Strictly enforced, may be weighed on arrival

**Riders:** Min 4 riders

Max 8 riders

Max Capacity 14

(per riding group)



## Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-TKIR01-A

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals including water, tea and coffee, 6 riding days with guide & Transfers at set times

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	8 day trip	€3600	\$3960

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.1 and subject to currency fluctuation

Rates Note: It might be possible to arrange this trip for less than 4 pax with a small group supplement - please inquire

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026 Transfer included from Konya Airport at around 7pm, drop off to Antalya Int'l airport on last day	
2026 Single supplement (3 nights)	€340 \$375
2026 Extra night (HB) -- please inquire	
2026 Riders under 30 years old get 10 % off!	

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	10/10/2026 - 10/18/2026	9d / 8n	8 day trip

Min/Max: 4/8

Additional tour dates possible, please inquire about availability

Rates do not include: Beverages other than water, tea and coffee at meal times, Travel and medical insurance (mandatory), Gratuities, Airport transfers outside of set times & Groom service (you are required to care for and saddle your own horses)  
You must bring a suitable sleeping bag, a torch, towels and toiletries.

# 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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