



Hidden Trails

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- 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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The Cappadocia Endurance Race - Turkey, Europe

Tour Code: IT-TKIR04
9 days / 8 nights ~\$0.00
Dates: May

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

Tack: McClellan light trailing saddles with ...
Horses: Arab and cross-Arab mares
Pace: Moderate pace. 6 hours per day in the ...
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Kayseri Erkilet Airport



Introduction

Cappadocia, Turkey
Once a year the major horse riding centers in Cappadocia are combining forces to offer this exciting and challenging horse event! This unique itinerary combines a spectacular trail ride, an orienteering game, and an endurance race. It will take place annually at the best season of the year and will showcase the most beautiful landscapes of our region. Starting at the 'Bird Paradise' lake in the Sultan Sazli National Park, crossing all Cappadocia from south to north, and passing by the fantastic Red Valley, this itinerary lets you enjoy a great variety of landscapes! It will be an incredible adventure for the riders, and their horses.

This will be a challenge involving horsemanship, orienteering, and team spirit : the winner won't be the fastest but the most clever team.

You will ride in a small group of 6 riders, through a wild and spectacular landscape. Nights will be spent in comfortable camps, around the fire in a traditional, warm atmosphere, surrounded by horses. Your goal is to be able to follow the smartest itinerary (using google earth), to find all the highlighted points along your chosen way, to respect riding times and speed, to win the challenges, and to prepare your horse for the final trial: the 40km Endurance Race. Bursting with adventure, this is sure to be an unforgettable ride! Are you ready for the challenge?

Accommodation

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

Description

The first and last nights are spent in a hotel and the remaining 6 nights are spent in bivouac. 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.

Hotels

They all provide double/twin room with ensuite toilets and shower.

Bivouac

The camp includes a large communal tent, like the ones used by the last nomadic families of the country. Tents are based on twin share. All tents will have comfortable mattresses to sleep on. Riders will need to bring their own sleeping bags. Washrooms and warm showers are available on site - one washroom for each team.

Tent Occupancy

We have larger tents for groups who want to share.

Single rooms/tents are available for an added fee, but are not mandatory for those willing to share.

Meals

All meals are included in the trip from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 9.
Dinner is served in a large traditional tent on kilim carpet and low tables.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to vegetarians given prior notice.

Riding

More about the Race

Each team puts together a maximum of 5 riders and a guide. The team itself is in charge of the strategy and itinerary, the guide is there to help and show the way through the difficult passages.

The goal of this orienteering and endurance equestrian game is to be able to follow the smartest itinerary in the labyrinth of Cappadocia, to discover all the highlight points on your way, while respecting riding times and speed.

Physical Condition and Riding Ability

You must have a competent riding level to take part in our trails. This trip is designed for strong intermediate and experienced outdoor riders, looking for a fun and fast ride in Cappadocia on a more challenging itinerary than a standard trail. Here no horses nose to tail!

Our horses are forward-going and you must be able to stay in control during group canters. Before coming to Turkey, go for a few rides outdoor and exercise yourself in order to avoid muscular pain or irritations during the trail.

Riders must be in good physical condition. The circuit includes a few difficult ways where riders will be asked to dismount and lead their horse.

Pace

This trail includes 6.5 riding days with 6 hours one horseback per day. We cover approximately 35km per day on varied terrain. The day basically start with pace at walk in order to warm up the horses, then you will trot, canter, walk, trot.

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.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1- Saturday

Arrival at Kayseri airport. Riders are driven to Sultan Sazli National Park. Night in a guesthouse with direct view on the wetland of the «Bird Paradise».

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at a Hotel

Day 2- Sunday

After breakfast, the teams are put together and the rules of the trail are explained. You meet your horse and go for a 1-hour ride on the southern part of the lake in a flat landscape ideal to get confident with you horse, team and guide. Other team's riders may be seen in the distance. After the lunch, all the riders get together. Your team has 3 hours to cross an agricultural area, climb up to the crest of Yesilisar, and take a long ride across Akkoy lake and Keslik village or straight away to Erdemli Valley, in order to reach the camp. Once arrived at the camp, we enjoy dinner and check rankings of the day. Before sleeping, you will have to build your strategy for the next day.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Camp in Erdemli Valley

Day 3- Monday

The team that arrived last the day before are the first to start. Today, you will be riding for about 6 hours. You start the day through fields and meadows of the high Anatolian plateau (1600 m high), overlooked by the Erciyes volcano with its snowy peak. You decide on the itinerary: go around Hodul Daha or ride downhill by the Damsa Valley; the most challenging one gives you the maximum points! Dinner around a big campfire, rankings of the day and strategy for the next days.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at a Camp in Karlik Valley

Day 4- Tuesday

Now that your team has gotten used to the rules and is able to evaluate the other competitor's level, this is a day for an exciting competition when missing the entrance of a valley can make you lose your position of leader. En Route, there are remote canyons, underground villages, and churches that you should not miss... Keeping your eyes open will make you win many points! Later on, the terrain becomes wide open. We cross here open



eyes open will make you win many points! Later on, the terrain becomes wide open. We cross bare spaces where shepherds lead their flock, helped by the impressive Kangal dogs. After a last canter on the steppes, you arrive at the camp « Subasi ».

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Camp in Subasi

Day 5- Wednesday

Vineyards, orchards, valleys, and remote villages. The labyrinth of Cappadocia could make your arrival on time at the evening camp difficult. Will you take one of the easiest way or a challenging one? Arriving in the northern part of the National park, during this long riding day you can see the more scenic and sculptural valleys of Cappadocia: Zemi, Pigeon, Love and White valleys. Night on the top of the red valley.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Camp in Red Valley

Day 6- Thursday

We wake up early to admire the sunrise and the ballet of balloons taking off close by. The day starts with a long canter on an open plateau, overlooking the maze of colorful valleys: Red valley, Boz daga, Devrent valley, all beautiful, all challenging. Arrival in Uzengui valley for the night, close to the Ranch.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Camp in Uzengui Valley

Day 7- Friday

Today is a half day's ride. You will go through a training course where your horse has to pass some obstacles (mud, door, U-turn, slalom) to bring your team more points. Your horse is to undergo the vet-check before the 40-km endurance race, and you get all the information about the rules and organization of the race that will happen tomorrow.

In the afternoon, you have an opportunity to shop in Gorème, visit the open-air museum, or simply laze around. An equestrian show takes place in the afternoon and ends up with a big camp party.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Camp in Gorème

Day 8- Saturday

A 40-km race is organized for all the riders. The minimum speed limit is 10 km/h; the maximum 15, and the cardio at arrival makes the difference. Overnight in a hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at a Hotel

Day 9- Sunday

After breakfast, departure for Kayseri airport.

Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Sultan Sazli National Park

Airport: Kayseri Erkilet Airport

Train station: Kayseri Railway Station

Transfer: Kayseri Erkilet Airport or Nevsehir Kapadokya Airport

Distance: 95km / 59 miles

Transfers included from Kayseri airport around 6:00pm on Day 1.

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

Horses: Arab and cross-Arab mares

Pace: Moderate pace. 6 hours per day in the saddle covering approximately 35km per day

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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

Age: Min 18

Weight: 185 lbs / 84 kg

Riders: Min 6 riders

Max 20 riders

Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-TKIR04

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 6.5 riding days with English/ French speaking guide & transfers from/to Kayseri Airport and Nevsehi Airport

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	9-day trip	€0	\$0

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

Transfer Option

Description

2026 Transfers included from Kayseri/ Nevsehir airport between 8:00am and 6:00pm.

2026 Single supplement €275 \$300

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Rates do not include: Insurance (mandatory) & Gratuities

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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