

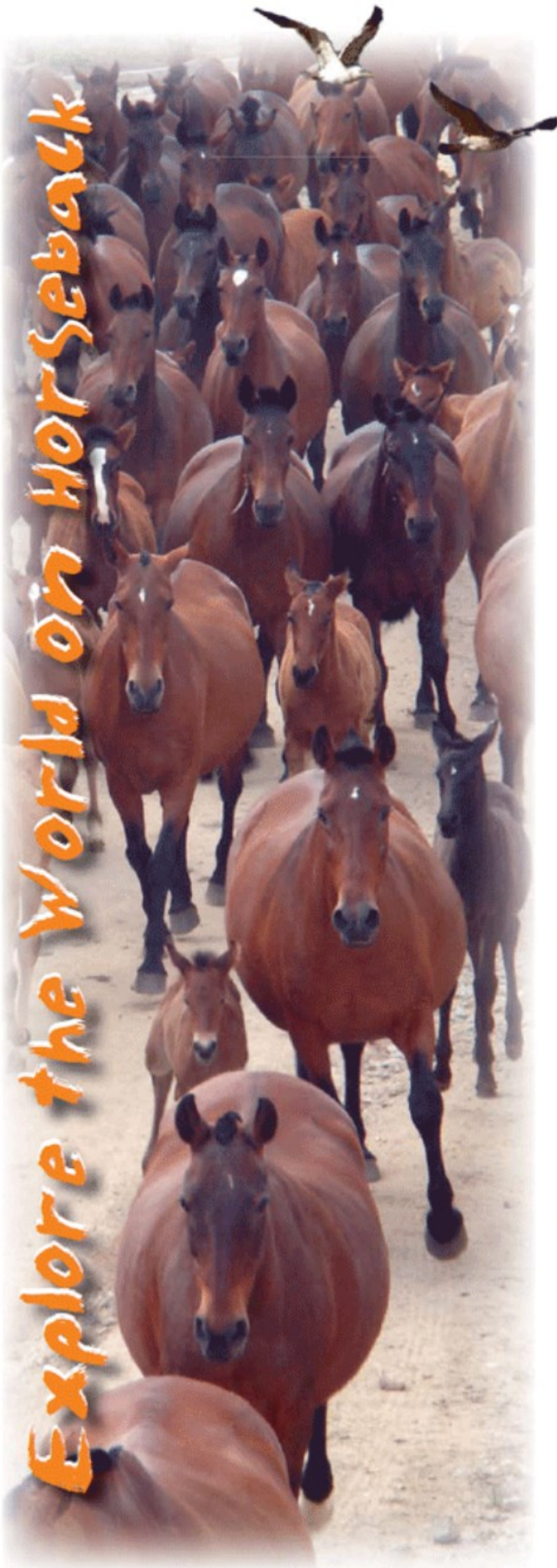
# Hidden Trails

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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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# Turkish Mediterranean Coast Ride - Turkey, Europe

Tour Code: IT-TKIR05

8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,750.00

Dates: November

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: Dalaman Airport



## Introduction

Turkey, Turkey

Discover the Mediterranean coast of Turkey on horseback.

This itinerant ride along the southern coast of Turkey, in the province of Mugla, offers a wide panel of landscapes: forests, hilly paths, canals, lakes, beaches, the historical site of Kaunos and streams of the famous Dalyan lagoon. Enjoy many gallops in the forests, walk on thousand years-old paths, cross flowered villages, and go on mountainous walks leading your horse on narrow paths.

This is a fast paced trip that offers the opportunity to swim every day with or without your horse, on deserted beaches and in the hot water sources of Sultaniye.

Important note: because there are many beehives in the area, we cannot accept riders who are allergic to bees.

## Accommodation

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

### Description

The first, fourth and last nights are spent in a hotel and the remaining nights are spent camping.

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

Night 1: Hotel in Koycegiz

Night 2: Camping near Koycegiz Lake

Night 3: Camping near the Sea

Night 4: Guesthouse in Dalyan

Night 5: Camping

Night 6: Camping

Night 7: Hotel in Gocek

### Hotels

The hotels used on this trail all offer double rooms with en-suite bathrooms, Wi-Fi connection and a laundry service.



### 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.

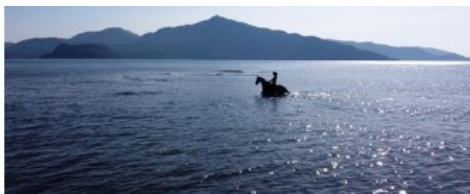
### Tent/Room Occupancy

Single room/tent accommodations are possible depending on availability. A single supplement fee applies for those nights if you are not willing to share.

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







#### Meals

All meals are included in the trip from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 8.

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

We can cater to vegetarians given prior notice.

### Riding

#### 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 beautiful nature.

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 riding days with 5.5 to 6 hours on horseback per day, covering approximately 20-35km 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

Important: because there are many beehives in the area, we cannot accept riders who are allergic to bees.

Note that this itinerary can be done in one direction or the other, depending on the week.

The description below is an example of a trail we often do, but due to the weather forecast or safety reasons, the guide can choose to change the itinerary at the last minute.

#### Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

Arrival at Dalaman airport and transfer to your hotel. Dinner with your guide and the group of riders.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Koycegiz

#### Day 2 (Monday): Ride to Koycegiz Lake

After breakfast you're taken to the start of the trail. You'll be able to get familiar with your horse, your equipment and the ride's gaits (fast walk, endurance canter and trot). When the horses get warmed up, you'll begin to cross a liquidambar forest, then canter along the orange orchards and follow wooden trails among the olive trees.

We will ford the Dogusbelen river with its pebbles and gravel, before we reach our lunch stop.

A different scenery awaits us this afternoon. We will cross a coniferous forest with garrigue bushes and enjoy long canter on mountain trails overlooking Koycegiz Lake (pronunciation : Koidjehiz).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight Camping near Koycegiz Lake

#### Day 3 (Tuesday): Koycegiz Lake to Seaside Camp

This morning you will saddle your horse and begin to ride down the mountains, through a beautiful forest. From time to time, we get a lovely panorama over the lake and the surrounding villages. We reach the hot springs of Sultaniye for our picnic lunch. You can bathe in the springs and the lake if you want (swimming with horses is not possible here).

In the afternoon we have incredible views over the Dalyan lagoon, probably one of the most remarkable view of the Turkish coast. We make our way down through the olive tree orchards and quiet trails, until we reach our picture-perfect camp by the sea: fine sand beach and superb view on Iztuzu beach.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight Camping near the Sea

#### Day 4 (Wednesday): Seaside Camp to Dalyan

We start the day with a ride along the lagoon, where we will have the opportunity to canter on trails covered by pine needles. Later, we arrive at the ancient site of Kaunos (paying entry: 6 €).

We should reach the charming town of Dalyan for a seafood lunch. The afternoon will be dedicated to a cruise through the beautiful reed channels of the lagoon (the horses will rest).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight Guesthouse in Dalyan

#### Day 5 (Thursday): Gokbel & Iztuzu Beach

Today, we reach the horses by boat and load them on a barge in order to cross the Dalyan river. Then, we quickly ride out of town, through the orange and grenade orchards. You will ride at the bottom of a deep sandstone canyon, on an old mule path leading to a wooden plateau. Long canter trails await. After crossing the beautiful postcard village of Gokbel, the road will lead you to the famous Iztuzu beach, where we stop for lunch. You can go for a swim if you want. After the break, we visit of the center for protection and rehabilitation of Caretta turtles.

This afternoon, we ride through a labyrinth of oleanders, on trails surrounded by beehives. Tonight's camp is located in a big clearing.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight Camping

#### Day 6 (Friday): Sarigerme & Dalaman River

We ride down to the touristic village of Sarigerme through a forest with many different trees (carob trees, lentisc trees...) to a 5 km-long beach. Then, we ford the Dalaman river (in case of floods the horses will have to cross a bridge upstream, taking an extra 2 hours). Today, we enjoy our picnic on the beach, with a possibility to bathe in the sea.

In the afternoon you'll walk, leading your horse by foot, along a steep path through sweet smelling bay-trees, mint and thyme. A breathtaking panorama awaits you at the top. Later, we delight in a few canters through olive orchards and abandoned fields. You will pass near an astonishing roman cistern and eventually reach the camp in a clearing, with views of the Gocek islands (pronunciation : Geudjek).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight Camping

#### Day 7 (Saturday): Bay of Gocek

A long morning awaits with a fast ride on forest tracks overlooking the bay of Gocek. A steep path will have us walk our horses for a few minutes. Then, splendid panoramas and long canters will lead you to Gocek port, famous for its numerous yachts.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight Camping

#### Day 8 (Sunday): Departure

After breakfast, departure for the airport in time for your return flight.

Meals included: Breakfast

## Other Info

**Meeting:** Koycegiz

**Airport:** Dalaman Airport

**Transfer:** Dalaman Airport

**Distance:** 35 km

Transfers are available from Dalaman Airport (DLM) between 8am and 6:00 pm.

**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

**Weight:** 185 lbs / 84 kg

**Riders:** Min 4 riders

Max 8 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-TKIR05

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 2024	8 day trip	€2500	\$2750

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

2024	Transfer included from/to Dalaman Airport at set times		
2024	Single supplement	€305	\$335
2024	Riders under 30 years old get 10 % off !		

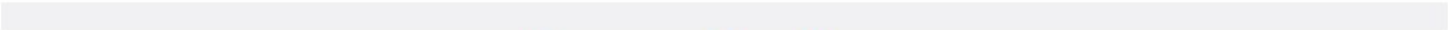
Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	11/16/2024 - 11/23/2024	8d / 7n	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, Sightseeing entrance fees, 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													
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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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