

# 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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# Cappadocia Relaxed Ride - Turkey, Europe

Tour Code: IT-TKIR06  
8 days / 7 nights ~\$0.00  
Dates: Year round

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

Tack: McClellan light trailing saddles with ...  
Horses: Arab and cross-Arab mares  
Pace: Mostly at a walk, with opportunities f...  
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Kayseri



## Introduction

Cappadocia, Turkey  
Discover Cappadocia, its culture and its magical landscape...

During this relaxed holiday, you will have the opportunity to spend time with beautiful Arabian horses, improving riding skills and learning about natural horsemanship techniques, surrounded by the rocky valleys of Cappadocia. You will also be able to go on walks and sightseeing trips to learn more about the local culture.

This program is flexible and can be adapted according to your needs and wants, which makes it ideal for family getaways!

## Accommodation



### Accommodations

These trails are all progressive rides where nights are spent at various locations.

### Description

The traditional habitat of Cappadocia is mainly troglodyte: rooms are carved in the rock. Most of the hotels are beautifully restored old houses and offer caves rooms. Most people enjoy this amazing experience. But some guests have complained about the lack of windows and the rough (unfinished) walls in their bedrooms. Please let us know if you would have an issue with this type of accommodation.

Most nights are at the same guesthouse in Mustafapasa and 2 nights are spent in Uchisar.

### Room Occupancy

Single room accommodations are possible depending on availability. A single supplement fee applies for those nights if you are not willing to share room with other riders. If we are unable to find another rider to share the room with you, a single supplement fee applies.



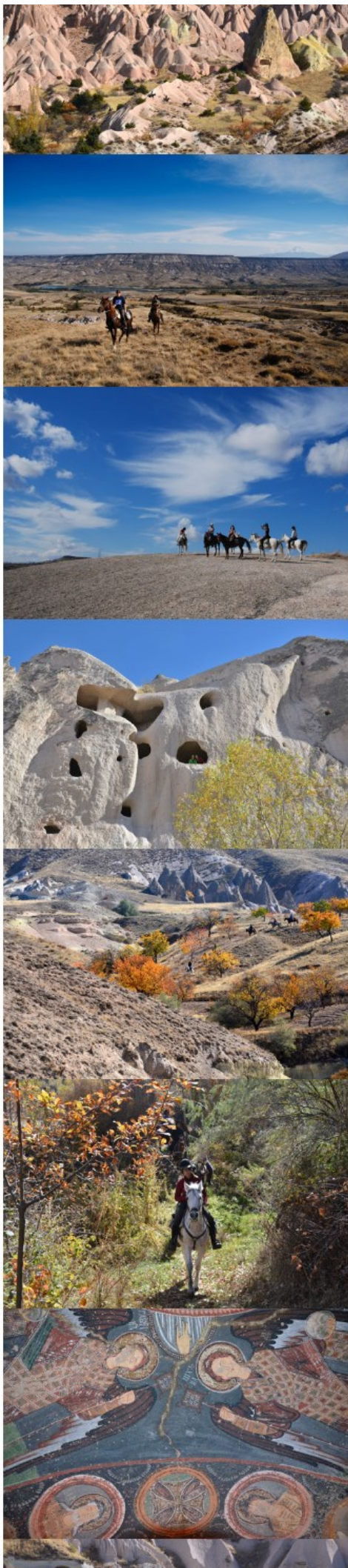
### Meals

All breakfasts and dinners are included for this trip.

A continental and Turkish breakfast option is available at the accommodations. Dinner vary everyday and feature local specialties.

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**

Riders must be able to tack up and mount their horse unassisted. You must be able to stay in control on spirited horses and 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.

This program may be suitable for riders who lack a bit of confidence, but it is NOT suitable for beginners or novices. The trail includes 4 riding days with about 2 to 3 hours in the saddle each day. We cover 20 km a day on average, on varied 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 yrs and older can participate, but anyone under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult!*

## Itinerary



#### **Sample Itinerary - subject to changes**

*The program below is for information only; it can be modified upon request, depending on the participants' ages, interests and horse-riding level.*

#### **Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival**

*Arrival at Karsakli and transfer to our guest house in Odunpazarı. Evening spent with your guide.*





Arrival at Kayseri airport. Transfer by minibus to your guest house in Ortahisar. Evening meal with your guide.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Mustafapasa*

#### **Day 2 (Monday): First Ride**

Discovery of the farm and the animals. This morning, you can also meet your horse and go for a short test ride on our training course. After lunch on the farm, go for a 2 hour ride around the farm.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Mustafapasa*

#### **Day 3 (Tuesday): Ortahisar**

After breakfast, you will ride to the village of Ortahisar, where we stop for lunch. In the afternoon, ride back to the ranch through the Gomed valley (Self-guided walk with a GPS also possible).

*Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Mustafapasa*

#### **Day 4 (Wednesday): Yatak and Tartale valleys**

This morning, we go for a 2-hour ride in Yatak and Tartale valley. We enjoy our lunch in the trogloditic hotel of Ayvali. In the afternoon, riders can walk to Cavusin through the valley of roses (Self-guided walk with a gps). In the evening, transfer to your guesthouse in Ughisar.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Ughisar*

#### **Day 5 (Thursday): Green Valley**

Walk in the Green Valley (3 hours). Lunch in Goreme. Visit of the Goreme open air Museum.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Ughisar*

#### **Day 6 (Friday): White Valley**

Walk in the White Valley. Lunch in Cavusin and transfer to the farm for a training on natural horsemanship.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Mustafapasa*

#### **Day 7 (Saturday): Pancarliik Valley**

We ride to Pancarliik Valley and have a picnic lunch with the horses in the valley before riding back to the farm by the scenic valley of Ortahisar.

You have the option to be driven to the hammam in Ürgüp for a relaxing steam bath and massage.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner*

*Overnight at Guesthouse in Ortahisar*

#### **Day 8 (Sunday): Departure day**

Breakfast and transfer to Kayseri

*Meals included: Breakfast*

#### **Non Riders**

Non-riding companions are welcome to join this trip. It is best to have a car in order to do some sightseeing while the rest of the group explores on horseback.

For those interested in experiencing the hot air balloon flight over Cappadocia's surreal landscape at sunrise it can be arranged. The cost varies depending on season and type of ride, from 150 to 220 Euro plus 10% tax – paid locally in cash or credit card. The price includes:

- pick-up from hotel around 04:00h
- deluxe flight (1 hour, up to 16 passengers)
- return to hotel before breakfast

Note that if the weather does not permit for the balloon flight the operator will advise at the last minute, often after the pick-up.

## **Other Info**

**Meeting:** Ortahisar

**Airport:** Kayseri

**Train station:** Kayseri Railway Station

**Transfer:** Kayseri Airport

**Distance:** 35 miles

Pick-up/ drop-offs are available from Erkilet International Airport/ Kayseri Erkilet Airport (ASR).

Pick-up is between 8:00am and 6:00pm on Day 1.

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 at a walk, with opportunities for trots and canters each day.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 5 out of 5) Intermediate and above

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

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

**Riders:** Min 2 riders

Max 6 riders

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Rates include: Accommodations, All Breakfasts and Dinners including water, tea and coffee, 4 half-days around horses (introduction of natural horsemanship, cattle penning & discovery of the area on horseback) & activities as described in itinerary & Transfers at set times

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	8 day trip (4 riding days) - ask for rates	€0	\$0

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

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Transfer pick up included from Kayseri airport at set times between 8:00am and 6:00pm (no arrival between 10pm and 6am)
2024	Non-rider rate - Please inquire
2024	Balloon flight, pp (from 300 Euro) - please inquire if interested
2024	10% discount for riders under 30 (does not apply for discovery ride)
2024	Single supplement - please inquire

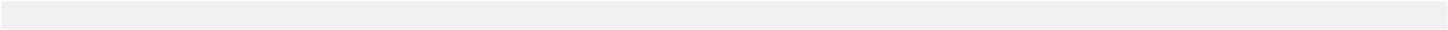
Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip (4 riding days) - ask for rates

Min/Max: 2/6

Additional tour dates possible, please inquire about availability

Rates do not include:Lunches, 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) & Optional balloon flight



# 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 Inter.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking				
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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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