

Hidden Trails

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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 Classic Ride - Turkey, Europe

Tour Code: IT-TKIR07
8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,880.00
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...

This classic trail takes you around Cappadocia. From the peasants' Cappadocia to the most beautiful valleys, a succession of fantastic rock formations, lush canyons, high plateaux, steppe-like landscape, along with vineyards and orchards, compose a surprisingly varied route. On the way, the villages reflect the Anatolian way of life while frescoed churches and other troglodytic treasures testify of the rich past of the area.

Accommodation



Accommodations

These trails are all progressive rides where nights are spent at various locations. Depending on availability, hotels are located in Avanos, Ayvali, Mustafapasa and Uchisar.

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. You will stay in picturesque, comfortable hotels located in ancient stone houses or in renovated cave houses, typical of the local architecture. 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. All guesthouses offer internet access. You will have the time to visit Cappadocia's nicest villages and experience the legendary Turkish hospitality and the Anatolian way of life.

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.

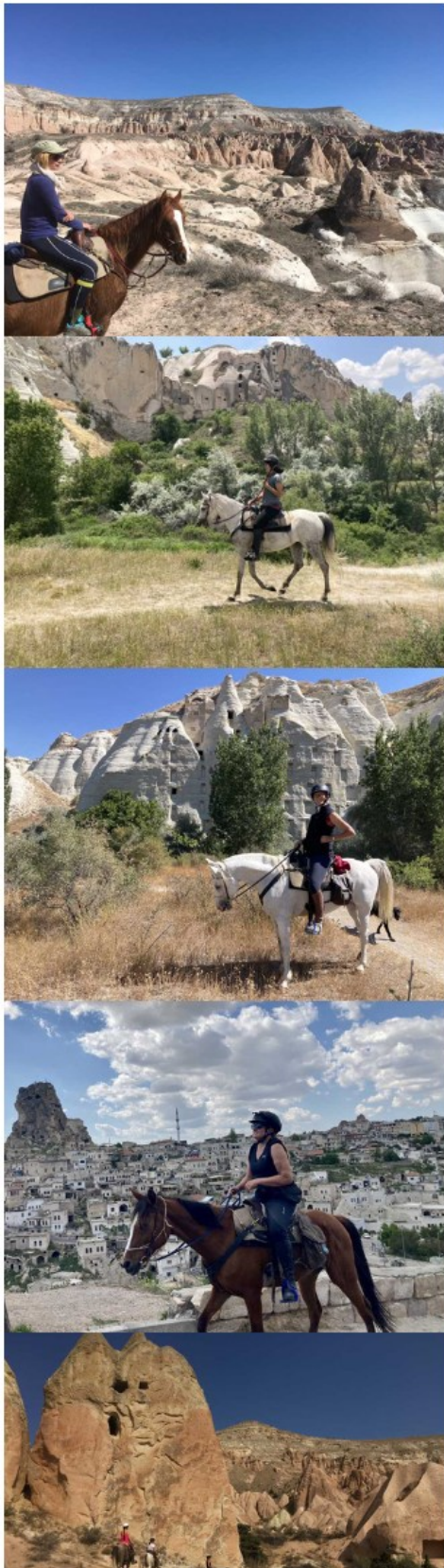
If we are unable to find another rider to share the room with you, a single supplement fee applies.

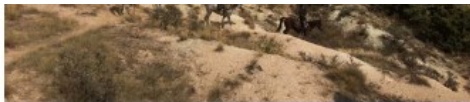


Meals

All breakfasts and dinners are included for this trip, except dinner on arrival day. Lunch is taken in different restaurants and snacks or served in the nature by our team, you will taste local specialties.

Dinner and breakfast are taken at the hotels. Hotels serve Anatolian cuisine for dinner comprising a starter, one or two courses and a dessert. Vegetarian menu on request. Tea and mineral water are included. Cappadocia wine, local alcoholic drinks, beer and soft drinks are available on an option.





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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: Arrival

Arrival at Kayseri airport. Transfer by minibus to your guest house in Avanos.



meals included: none
Overnight at Guesthouse in Avanos

Day 2: First Ride

You meet the team at the ranch for breakfast and are driven to the ranch. Meet the horses at the equestrian center and take a short warm-up ride along the banks of the Red River to Lake Bayramhaci. We will pass through the village of Sarihidir and return through the vineyards of Mount Ziyaret to finish in Avanos.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in Avanos

Day 3: Love Valley

Departure towards Uchisar. After passing through the small canyon of Çayagil, we will continue to the Valley of Love, with its "fairy-tale" wonders. We will finish in Uchisar, a huge rocky outcrop for a panoramic view.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in Uchisar

Day 4: Valley of Roses

We enter the most beautiful Cappadocian valleys with their multicolored lunar shapes: the Valley of Kiliçlar, the Red Valley, and many others, to admire the varied landscapes created by volcanoes and erosion. Lunch on the terrace next to the Uzumlu chapel will let us experience Turkish hospitality. Return to our accommodation through the KaranKemer Valley.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in Uchisar

Day 5: Valley of Gomed

We venture into a less-known Cappadocia by classic travelers. The village of Ibrahimpacha (also called Babayan) still retains its agricultural aspect. We continue towards Gomed and Uzengi, valleys with immense pigeon houses. We will end our day in Mustafapaşa, an old Greek village that has preserved an authentic character.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in Mustafapaşa

Day 6: Keshlik Monastery

This day offers total change and diversity. This hike takes us to another image of Cappadocia. Through plateaus and valleys, we will pass by the fairy chimney formations of the Golgoli site. A trail will take us to the Keşlik Monastery, where we will have lunch and then visit the rock monastery. Return to Mustafapaşa via a trail that overlooks the entire valley.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in Mustafapaşa

Day 7: Devrent Valley

Every day and every moment has its uniqueness in Cappadocia. Through the Pancarlik Valley and a monastery that was once a hospital, we will take a path to admire an impressive view of the Rose Valley. Then, we will transition to the Devrent Valley, now called the Valley of Imagination, to arrive at the 13th-century Saruhan Caravanserai, built by the Seljuks. We will then follow along the Red River to return to the stable.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight in Avanos

Day 8: Departure Day

Breakfast and transfer to airport
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. 5 to 6 hours or horseback with average of 28 kilometers 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



Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-TKIR07

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals except dinner on Day 1, drinks including water, tea and coffee, activities as described in itinerary & Transfers at set times

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	8 day trip - high	€2400	\$2880
B 2026	8 day trip - mid	€2250	\$2700
C 2026	8 day trip - low	€1950	\$2340
D 2026	8 day trip - winter	€2500	\$3000
E 2026	8 day trip	€2500	\$3000

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.2 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

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

2026 Single supplement €400 \$480

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
B 2026	04/19/2026 - 04/26/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip - mid
E 2026	05/10/2026 - 05/17/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip
A 2026	09/13/2026 - 09/20/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip - high
A 2026	10/04/2026 - 10/11/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip - high
D 2026	10/25/2026 - 11/01/2026	8d / 7n	8 day trip - winter

Min/Max: 2/6

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, hamn Open Air Museum of Gorême, Hot Air balloon ride

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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