

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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Pueblo Éden Adventure - Uruguay, South America

Tour Code: IT-URG01 7 days / 6 nights ~\$3,300.00 Dates: Available all Year

Trip Rating : •••••
Difficulty : ••••
Lodging: ••••

Tack: Western Horses: Purebred Arabians Pace: Approximately 4-5 hours riding per day Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Montevideo





Introduction

Uruguay, Uruguay

Hidden in southern Uruguay surrounded by hills and amazing landscape, the Pueblo Éden Adventure offers an exciting combination of horses, fine wines and food, and adventure! Each day brings new and exciting experiences.

You'll have the opportunity to glide along the countryside on beautifully bred purebred Arabian horses. They are raised and trained with care and special attention. Set for intermediate and advanced riders, this trip takes you at all paces, allowing you to really feel the wind blow past. Groups are kept small so more freedom and attention can be given to each rider- it really is a personalized experience.

All nights are spent in beautifully built and unique accommodations. Meals emphasize local and organic quality foods that you'll want to savor. This area in Uruguay is quite known for it's wines. By the end of the trip you'll feel like a true connoisseur after visiting wineries and enjoying wine for dinners. Wines will also be paired with olive oils and cheese to really get your palette dancing. Dinners incorporate both International and Uruguayan dishes, sure to please every eater!

Accomodation



Accommodations

These are stationary rides, so you will be spending all nights at the same location (except for the first night on the 8-day program).

Description

There are no laundry facilities offered for horse riding guests.

Pueblo Mic

Located on 160 hectares of stunning land and lagoons and only 4 minutes from exclusive beaches, these accommodations are sure to impress! The cabins we stay in are situated right on the water. We will also have access to the pool and Jacuzzi.

-Private bath

Lodge at the Ranch

The Ranch is a 30 acre horse farm property. The main residence has a large communal dining / living room and wide veranda, which overlook the horses grazing in the field, the pool, and garden with native plants and trees. The Lodge has 4 separate studio-style Cabins for single / double / twin occupancy and 1 room inside main house with 4 beds.

- -Private bath with shower and toilet
- -Hairdryers
- -Air conditioning and heating
- -Minibar
- -WIFI

Room Occupancy

All single riders must pay the mandatory single supplement fee













All meals are included in this trip as well as a complimentary bottle of Uruguayan red tannat wine per person per day at dinnertime

We put a strong emphasis is on fresh home-cooked meals and light salad lunches.

Breakfast is buffet-style with toast, condiments, cereals, yogurt, fruit.

Lunch during our rides is often a light picnic.

Dinners incorporate International and Uruguayan specialties such as beef, pasta, chicken, roast dinner, and barbecue.

Wine is paired with dinner to enhance your dining experience.

Soft drinks (coke and diet coke), water, tea and coffee are freely available on a self-serve basis. Beer and spirits are not included.

<u>Dietary Restrictions</u>
We can cater to vegetarian diets with prior notice.





Riding Experience

This trip has been designed for good intermediate to advanced riders only. We ask all riders to have a firm and balanced seat, had formal riding lessons to master the basic horse riding aids and skills, be confident and capable to control a fit and forward going horse at all paces (including long stretches of posting trot and gallops) in open, varied, sometimes challenging country and to be able to mount and dismount unassisted. For safety reasons we reserve the right to prevent a client from riding if we feel they do not fulfill any of the above competence levels.

Guests can offer to help with the horses and get their horse ready in the morning, saddle / unsaddle and wash & clean up the horse and tack, if they want (always supervised), but this is by no means compulsory or expected.

Except for the first riding day (2-3 hours), all day rides are 3 to 5 hours long. This is broken up by lunch (minimum 1 hour) and sometimes an extra refreshment stop. Horses are unsaddled for lunch. After each stop, riders lead the horses for a few minutes to loosen the horses' (and the riders') muscles before mounting. Ride pace is varied and moderate and allows fast canters and galloping.

On the hottest summer days, we start the rides very early in the morning and return early afternoon to spend the afternoons relaxing near the swimming pool. Ride pace is adjusted to weather and terrain conditions (slower pace in hot, humid and / or wet weather, slippery trails).

We have 9 thoroughbred Arabians, Their ages vary between 6 and 18 years old. They live outside in the herd yearround and are occasionally stabled in bad weather. The horses are schooled and well trained for long distance trail riding. They are forward going, spirited, responsive and in excellent condition. Some of the horses are suitable for intermediate riders and some are only for advanced riders. Every effort is made to match horse and rider.

Tack

Tack is of a very high standard and kept in good condition. All our saddles are American Western leather style. Small saddlebag to carry water bottle (supplied), personal items for the day, lunch on some days.

Maximum weight is 85 kilos. Advanced riders up to 90 kilos will be considered depending on their height. For the horses sake, it is important that you give us your accurate weight (even if you are not close to the weight limit) because of the size and light frame of our Arabian horses, the pace of our rides, the hot weather in summer and the partly steep terrain. We plan our groups carefully according to the rider abilities and weight so that is it suitable for the horses and more enjoyable for you!



Safety

Rides go into remote and isolated areas, with limited mobile phone reception and assistance from third parties not immediately available. The guide carries a special mobile phone for regional areas.

Riding helmets must be worn at all time while riding.

In case of severe weather warnings (severe rain or storms) and local bush fire danger we may be unable to go out riding due to safety concerns. We will try to arrange an alternative program for you whenever possible (Wine Tasting Tour, Jose Ignacio tour).

Insurance

International guests must have adequate medical and travel insurance.

Non-riders are accepted but it is recommended that they have a rental car to explore the area. They can sometimes travel with the support vehicle to the lunch spot.



Itinerary



Sample Itinerary: 7-day program - subject to changes

Day 1: Arrival

You'll be picked up from the Montevideo airport and transferred to the ranch (approximate 2-hour transfer). After settling into your private cabin, we then go through selecting horses for each rider and having an introductory ride around the area. We later enjoy a welcome cocktail. At dinner we will meet the guide and go over the trail's itinerary

Riding: ~2-3 hours Meals included: Lunch & Dinner Overnight at the Ranch

We start our day with a delicious breakfast at the ranch (around 8:30-9 am). Today is dedicated to riding around the area and getting a first real glimpse of Uruguay's beautiful land, riding though pine forest and along stream with splendid views. We will stop for lunch in open country at a selected spot. We may have a chance to also visit a stunning waterfall to relax and enjoy.

Riding: ~4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 3: Ride to Viña Eden

After breakfast, ride in the direction of Viña Eden Winery with a lunch stop at the typical restaurant Posta de Vaimaca on the way.

After lunch we continue our ride to the winery where we make a guided tour of their installations and enjoy a wine

Riders are then transferred back to the ranch.

Riding: ~4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 4: Viña Eden to Las Taperas

Breakfast at the ranch and transfer to Viña Eden Winery, where the horses spent the night. Today, we ride in the direction of Las Taperas restaurant

Then, we ride back to the ranch (or optional transfer by car).

Riding: ~4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 5: Picnic Ride

We will have breakfast at the ranch and then head off for a ride in the surrounding countryside. We stop at a scenic location to enjoy a delicious picnic lunch.

Riding: ~4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 6: Waterfall Ride

In today's ride we will stop at a scenic picnic spot for lunch where, depending on the weather conditions, you may enjoy a swim in a beautiful waterfall while the horses rest.

In the evening, farewell dinner.

Riding: ~4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 7: Departure

After breakfast, you will be transferred back to Montevideo.

Meals included: Breakfast

*Please note beach riding is not available in January and February.

**On the hottest summer days we start the rides very early in the morning and return early afternoon to spend the afternoons relaxing near the swimming pool. Ride pace is adjusted to weather and terrain conditions (slower pace in hot, humid and / or wet weather, slippery trails). In case of severe weather warnings (severe rain or storms) and local bush fire danger we may be unable to go out riding due to safety concerns. We will try to arrange an alternative program for you whenever possible (Wine Tasting Tour, Jose Ignacio tour).

Other Info

Meeting: Pueblo Mio Airport: Montevideo Train station: --

Transfer: Montevideo or Pueblo Del Este

Distance: 125 km

Pick-up/ drop-off is available from Montevideo International Airport.

Our pick-up is usually scheduled for 11:30 am. We can, however, pick-up later during the day

(may incur extra cost).

Pick-up transfers can also be arranged from anywhere in Punta Del Este and Montevideo (bus

stop, town center or hotel) - please inquire.

Please be sure to book your departing flights for the afternoon.

Tack: Western

Horses: Purebred Arabians

Pace: Approximately 4-5 hours riding per day

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: 444 (3 to 5 out of 5) Intermediate

Age: Min 16 Max 75

Weight: 190 lbs

Riders: Min 1 riders Max 8 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-URG01

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals with soft drinks, 5 riding days, Wine & food tasting at Lote 8 & Vina Eden & Transfers from/to Montevideo Airport Helmets can be provided locally if needed

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	7-day tour	\$3300

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Transfers from Carrasco International Airport (MVD) included	
2024	Discounts for groups of 3+ riders - please inquire	
2024	Single supplement	\$400

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		20.00	
A 2024	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	7d / 6n	7-day tour	

Min/Max: 1/8

Custom dates available for groups of 3+ pax

Rates do not include: Transfers to Montevideo or Punta del Este, Alcoholic beverages, Medical and travel insurance (mandatory) & Gratuities

Reservation Form

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