

# 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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# Sierra de la Demanda Ride - Spain, Europe

Tour Code: PG-BUTD  
8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,280.00  
Dates: June

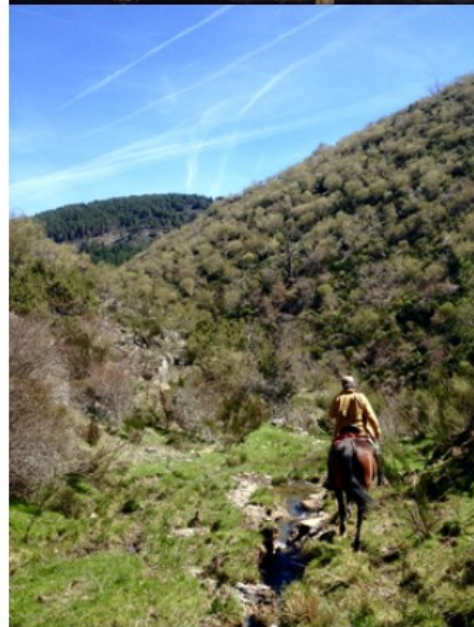
Trip Rating : ●●●●●  
Difficulty : ●●●●●  
Lodging : ●●●

**Tack:** Spanish (Vaquero) and some English

**Horses:** Pura Raza Española, Hispano Arab, Lusit...

**Pace:** moderate with canters, 25-30km p day  
Walk, Trot, Canter,

**Airport:** Madrid



## Introduction

Central Spain, Spain

A trip for nature lovers, the horse enthusiast, the gourmet who enjoys tasting the flavor of a new country, or for the curious traveler ready to experience the lifestyle and traditions of a different people! The Sierra de la Demanda Ride is a perfect extension to the El Cid - Arlanza Valley Ride.

This adventure ride crosses a mountain range that rises up to an elevation of 4,900 ft! Ride through extensive woodland, past lakes and lagoons formed long ago during the Ice Age. The area is rich in history with many remnants of dinosaurs life and fossil trees. You will visit the greatest concentration of necropolis and high-medieval hermitages in Europe. After riding in a wide arc, you will reach the town of Burgos with its famous cathedral. The countryside, where the royal cattle drive trails are still in use, is ideal for forward going riding, allowing for the riders to enjoy some canters and shorts gallops. On your last day you reach Covarrubias, where the first week's trail started, closing the full circle of the "El Cid" Discovery Ride.

## Accommodation

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This is a progressive ride so nights will be spent in different accommodations.

### Description

Overnight accommodations on this ride are in traditional and typical small hotels and rural posada in wonderful settings. Wi-Fi connection is available in all accommodations.

There are no laundry facilities available on this trip.

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

Night 1: Hotel in Quintanar de la Sierra (2 options)

Night 2: Hotel in Neila

Night 3: Accommodation in Monterrubio de la Demanda

Night 4: Guesthouse in Pineda de la Sierra

Night 5 & 6: Monasterio Cisterciense de San Pedro de Cardeña

Night 7: Hotel in Covarrubias (2 options)



### Hotel Casa Ramón in Quintanar de la Sierra

This small rural hotel offers 34 simply furnished bedrooms with great views over the surrounding mountains. Each room has its own temperature control, TV and private bathroom. There is free Wi-Fi available in common areas.

### Posada Las Mayas in Quintanar de la Sierra

This charming hotel located in the heart of the mountains only recently opened after enduring renovations. The interiors have been tastefully decorated and the original spirit of the house (dating from 1920) has been kept through small objects and furniture. The 11 rooms are all spacious and all come equipped with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, TV, phone and private facilities.

### Hotel Villa de Neila

This accommodation is surrounded by nature. Rooms are basic but comfortable and all offer free Wi-Fi access and a private bathroom.

### Casa Rural el Hayedo in Pineda de la Sierra

Tonight, you will be accommodated in an 18th century country house that has been fully renovated in order to provide comfortable accommodations. The original charm of the property has been conserved. The house only has 4 rooms and 3 bathrooms. Free Wi-Fi is available.

### Monasterio Cisterciense de San Pedro de Cardeña

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#### *Hotel Nuevo Arlanza in Covarrubias*

This charming hotel offers 45 bedrooms in the heart of Covarrubias. The rooms feature a Castilian décor with beamed ceilings and wooden furniture. All rooms come equipped with private facilities, free Wi-Fi, a TV and air conditioning.

#### *Doña Sancha in Covarrubias*

This rural hotel displays the typical architecture of the region (featuring old stones and wood) and has a small garden where guest can relax. The rooms are decorated with warm colors and all include a fan, heating, a TV, free Wi-Fi access, a private bathroom and a balcony with nice views of the surroundings. There are common areas (living room with fireplace, books and games & garden) which guests are welcome to use.

#### Room Occupancy

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



#### **Meals**

All meals are included with this trip.  
We serve mainly Spanish dishes.

The picnics are prepared fresh daily and feature local products.  
Dinners are in local restaurants with delicious local specialties.

#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to all dietary restrictions with prior notice.



#### **Riding**







#### Horses

We currently have around 20 horses, mainly locally Andalusian, Andalusian crosses and Spanish breeds. They average between 15hh and 16hh and are a forward going, responsive and thoroughly enjoyable ride. They are also good natured, nimble and sure-footed.

The stables where horses live are fully equipped and designed for the comfort and well-being of our horses.

#### Itinerary



**Sample Itinerary - subject to changes**

Note: it is possible to combine this tour with the [El Cid Arlanza valley Ride](#).

#### Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Arrival in Madrid and transfer to first nights hotel in Quintanar de la Sierra.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at Posada las Mays or Hotel Casa Ramón in Quintanar de la Sierra*

#### Day 2 (Sunday): Quintanar de la Sierra to Neila

We ride uphill on steep paths, winding through the dense pine forest until we reach Neila. Visit one of the most spectacular lakes of glacial origin - the Laguna Negra. These 10,000 year-old lakes are an impressive example of the formation of landscape by ice and erosion. In Neila you find beautiful houses and a bridge from the Roman times.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel Villa de Neila in Neila*

#### Day 3 (Monday): Neila to Monterrubio de la Demanda

Ride through huge beech, oak and pine forests down to Monterrubio de la Demanda, where you approach the green path of the mine train. In these wild parts, you might encounter wolves, wild boars, otters, eagles, hawks and falcons. These forests are very secluded and untouched. Nature is all around us and only a few farmsteads (often abandoned) can be seen. In Monterrubio de la Demanda you can finally visit the parish church, one of the oldest Romanesque works in Burgos.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight in Monterrubio de la Demanda*

#### Day 4 (Tuesday): Monterrubio de la Demanda to Pineda de la Sierra

Today, we follow the mine railway, which was built in 1902 and whose operation was discontinued a long time ago. It has since been transformed into *vías verdes* in recent years. Now 50 km of bridle path run through valleys, crossing hills with tunnels and leading the riders to Barbadillo de Herreras. You climb up to the gate of El Manquillo before the ride ends in a guesthouse in Pineda de la Sierra

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Casa Rural el Hayedo in Pineda de la Sierra*

#### Day 5 (Wednesday): Pineda de la Sierra to Arlanzon

We ride along the Arlanzon's Dam and the landscape changes and becomes flatter with cultivated fields. Depending on the time of the year, we may be able to visit the prehistoric site of the Sierra de Atapuerca, which was declared a world heritage site by UNESCO in 2000. The archaeological treasures were discovered when the mining railroad was constructed in 1902. They played an important role in understanding the human evolution and have determined a new human species that lived 800,000 years ago: Homo Antecessor. Tonight, we lodge in a working monastery and dine with the monks.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Monasterio Cisterciense de San Pedro de Cardeña*

#### Day 6 (Thursday): Arlanzon to Monastery de San Pedro Cardeña

We ride towards Burgos and the San Pedro Cardeña monastery - a place of great history which is connected with the life of El Cid. If we have enough time, we will visit Burgos.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Monasterio Cisterciense de San Pedro de Cardeña or Hotel in Covarrubias*

#### Day 7 (Friday): Monastery of San Pedro Cardeña to Covarrubias

We leave the monastery behind and passing through an impressive high-road we ride across the Castilian deserts towards the Las Mambblas mountain range until we reach Covarrubias. There we say goodbye to our horses. If we have time, visit of the fortified medieval town with its historic buildings and ancient church. We then meet for a farewell dinner in a famous restaurant of Covarrubias.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel Nuevo Arlanza or Doña Sancha in Covarrubias*

#### Day 8 (Saturday): Departure

Departure and transfer to Madrid after breakfast.

*Meals included: Breakfast*







## Other Info

**Meeting:** Covarrubias or Quintanar

**Airport:** Madrid

**Transfer:** Madrid

Pick-up/ drop-off is available from Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD). Pick-up is fixed for 5:00pm. Drop-off around 12:00pm on the last day.

**Tack:** Spanish (Vaquero) and some English

**Horses:** Pura Raza Española, Hispano Arab, Lusitanos, Cruzados con Español Arab

**Pace:** moderate with canters, 25-30km p day

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 4 out of 5) Intermediate

**Riders:** Min 4 riders

Max 9 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

If you prefer not to wear a riding helmet, you can sign a waiver form.



Rates and Dates 2024 - PG-BUTD

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 6 riding days & Transfers from/to Madrid Airport at set times  
Helmets can be provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	8 day trip	€2070	\$2280
	Single supplement	€200	\$220
B 2024	15 day trip Combo (El Cid & Demanda)	€3975	\$4370
	Single supplement	€400	\$440

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

Transfer Option

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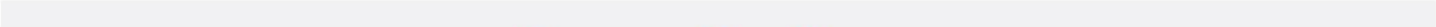
2024	Transfer from/to Madrid airport included at set times
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Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
B 2024	06/01/2024 - 06/15/2024	15d / 14n	15 day trip Combo (El Cid & Demanda)
A 2024	06/08/2024 - 06/15/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip

Min/Max: 4/9

Rates do not include: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													
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Inter.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking				
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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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