



# 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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# Border Ride - Morocco, Northern Africa

Tour Code: PG-MRBO

15 days / 14 nights ~\$2,555.00

Dates: October

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : 🐎🐎🐎🐎🐎

Lodging: 🏠🏠

**Tack:** English trekking

**Horses:** Arab, Berber stallions & mares

**Pace:** Up to 5-7 hours in the saddle per ride...

Walk,Trot,Canter,

**Airport:** Ouarzazate Airport (OZZ)



## Introduction

Morocco, Morocco

Join us on this incredible two-week loop ride out of Ouarzazate.

During this trip, you will discover small villages as well as a variety of landscapes from desert, to mountains and seaside. The River Draa will be a regular sight as you ride part of the border between Morocco and Algeria.

Nights are spent in a mixture of camps and local hotels, so that you can experience the best riding holiday possible!

## Accommodation

### Accommodations

This is a wilderness ride, so nights will be a mixture of hotels and camping.

### Description

You will spend 6 nights in hotel accommodations and 8 nights camping.

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

Night 1: Hotel in Ouarzazate

Night 2: Hotel in Fom Zguid

Night 3 to 5: Camping

Night 6 & 7: Hotel in Mhamid

Night 8 to 12: Camping

Night 13: Hotel in Merzouga

Night 14: Hotel in Ouarzazate

### Hotel in Ouarzazate

Since 2005, the hotel welcomes guests in a warm and friendly atmosphere. It offers 31 air-conditioned rooms, all fitted with a private bathroom, WiFi access and a balcony. The hotel also has a beautiful outdoor pool and a small garden with palm trees and flowers.

### Hotel in Fom Zguid

Located within the palm grove of Fom Zguid, this hotel offers a large outdoor swimming pool. Guests can enjoy a terrace offering panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. The air-conditioned guest rooms are bright and have a modern décor. They each have a seating area and an en suite bathroom with a shower and hairdryer. Some rooms offer a private terrace with patio furniture. WiFi is available in public areas and is free of charge.

### Hotel in Mhamid

This hotel is located just outside the city, surrounded by a beautiful oasis. Each of the spacious bedrooms has a view on the garden and is uniquely decorated, mixing modern decor with traditional architecture. They all come equipped with a private bathroom and air conditioning. You can connect on the Wi-Fi for free in public areas and you can also take a dip in the pool, to relax in the evening.

### Hotel in Merzouga

This charming hotel benefits from a great location, at the foot of the sand dunes. All of its 35 bedrooms are decorated in Berber style and feature air conditioning, ensuite facilities as well as free internet connection. In the evening, guests can choose to relax in the garden, go for a swim in the outdoor pool or sit in the lounge, by the open fire.

### Camping

You will overnight in comfortable dome tents with ground mats. There are rustic portable toilets (no flush) on site and no showers. There will be some rivers along the ride where you can bathe and wash up. Make sure to bring your own sleeping bag!

### Room Occupancy

Single supplement is mandatory if we are unable to find another rider to share.





**Meals**

All meals are included on the ride except for lunches on days 7 and 14.

You will enjoy a mix of food: some "western food" and some very good local specialties! Some days a car will meet us for lunch and on some days we will have a picnic on the trail - you will take the food with you in your saddle bags.

Drinks in hotels or restaurants and alcoholic drinks on the ride are not included.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to dietary restrictions if given prior notice.

**Riding**



**Horses**

You will ride small but very surefooted Arabian Berber horses with a great courage and stamina. Mares and stallions go together on the ride. Stallions and mares go well together, but some of the stallions need extra space when two are in the same area. A whip is suggested for the stallions, as they need strict orders. This does not make them difficult to ride, they just require more firm direction and more attention. These horses can get very attached to their riders and are always ready to please.

**Tack**

Mostly English and some military tracking saddles. Some people bring their own gel-cushion or sheep-skin cover to put over the saddle since we ride for long hours.

**Staff**

Driss and Rena have been organizing treks on horseback in Morocco since 1982. Rena, once a schoolteacher in Switzerland, came to Meknes in the year 1984 to realize her dream of living in harmony with horses and nature. In love with Morocco and its inhabitants, she will help you discover another Morocco, away from the beaten track, authentic and enchanting, as your guide on the treks. Driss is a riding instructor who used to work for the National Studfarm of Meknes. He has more than 25 years of experience with horses and he has taught a great many students (a lot of them French) who for the most part have gone on to be high level riders).

**Itinerary**



**Sample Itinerary - subject to changes**

**Day 1: Arrival in Ouarzazate**

Pick-up from Ouarzazate Airport (OZZ) between 12:00pm and 6:00pm, and then transfer to the first hotel. Dinner and overnight accommodation in a hotel.

*Meals included: //*

*Overnight at Hotel in Ouarzazate*

**Day 2: Introduction**

In the morning, transfer to Fom Zguid. After lunch, short ride through the palm oasis to get used to the horses. Overnight at a hotel.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Hotel in Fom Zguid*

**Day 3: To the Mountains**



We start our adventure by riding through the small town of Fom Zguid, among the palm trees. Then, we make our way towards the Tagine mountain. We stop for lunch by a little palm oasis. In the afternoon, we follow the mountains and enjoy some gallop on sandy grounds. Tonight, we camp in the middle of nowhere.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight Camping*

#### **Day 4: Across Iriki Lake to Sidi Abdenbi**

This morning, we enjoy long canter over to Iriki Lake, an endless plain. We stop for lunch on the way. In the distance, we can already see the sand dunes of Chegaga. This evening, we camp by a little village Sidi abdenbi.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight Camping*

#### **Day 5: Ride across Chegaga Sand Dunes**

Today we ride into the sanddunes of Chegaga. In between the dunes we find clay ground where we can canter. We enjoy our picnic by a small group of Tamarisk trees. In the afternoon we get closer to the mountains. Tonight's camp is by a holy spring.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight Camping*

#### **Day 6: Ride to Mhamid**

We continue our ride among sand dunes. Sometimes crossing over the sand dunes, sometimes cantering in between them. It is an incredible feeling being in the middle of this sand world. At some point, we will reach a beautiful green place with huge trees. We will stop here for our picnic. Then, we follow a dusty path to the small city of Mhamid, where we will stay for two nights.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hotel in Mhamid*

#### **Day 7: Rest Day**

You are free to spend your day as you like. You can wander through the garden and go for a swim at the hotel's pool or you can go explore the small town of Mhamid.

*Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hotel in Mhamid*

#### **Day 8: Draa Valley**

Today, we get back in the saddle and ride along the valley of the Draa. This river does not always have water, but it is bordered by large palm trees. Later on, we cross over a small mountain with a great view over the valley and its many palm trees. We have our lunch break among the palm trees. This afternoon, we continue to follow the river valley, dotted with small villages and green gardens. Tonight's camp is on the edge of a palm oasis.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight Camping*

#### **Day 9: Across Mountains**

A long canter over a plain brings us to the foot of a mountain chain. Here is one of the military border posts. Then we climb over a mountain on a large path, with beautiful views over the desert valleys and canyons. In between the mountains, there is a large plain with a well. This is where we will stop for lunch. After our break, long canters lead us across another mountain chain. Our camp for the night is near a small village, under acacia trees.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight Camping*

#### **Day 10: Border Ride**

Today, we will cross plains, desert mountains, little sand dunes, acacia trees, military border points and more... The scenery is incredible. We camp under Acacia trees.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight Camping*

#### **Day 11: Ride to Tafraout**

We start our day's ride by following a large empty valley without any road or track to follow. Cars and horse can go where they want but from time to time there are sand banks so the cars must watch out to prevent from being stuck in the sand. Lunch together with the cars under a huge lonely tree. In the afternoon, we ride among sand dunes. At some point, we reach a plain surrounded by rose mountains. We end our day's ride with a canter over a huge white plain, that will lead us to our camp, close to Tafraout.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight Camping*

#### **Day 12: Tafraout to Ramlia**

Today is our longest riding day with over 65 km to cover! Our ride leads us across plains and over sandy mountains. At one point, we will cross the empty river bed of oued Cheris in order to reach the green fields of Ramlia village. The scenery is unforgettable and changes every hour. Tonight, we camp under acacia trees.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight Camping*

#### **Day 13: Ramlia to Merzouga**

Today is our last riding day together. We follow the river Ziz, which is mostly dried out. Then, we ride over white plains toward the valley of Merzouga. Finally, we see the red sand dunes of Erg chebbi. In the afternoon we ride along the sand dunes of Erg Chebbi until we reach our Inn. There might be time to jump in the swimming pool before dinner.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hotel in Merzouga*

#### **Day 14: Transfer to Ouarzazate**

Today, we say good by to the horses before driving back to Ouarzazate (approx. 6 hours). Overnight in the hotel

*Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner*  
*Overnight at Hotel in Ouarzazate*

#### **Day 15: Departure**

Individual return.

### **Other Info**

**Meeting:** Ouarzazate

**Airport:** Ouarzazate Airport (OZZ)

**Transfer:** Ouarzazate

**Distance:** 5 km / 3 miles

Pick-up is available from Ouarzazate Airport (OZZ) between 12:00pm (noon) to 6:00pm on Day 1. On the departure day, our partners will assist clients in finding their way. Check-out on the last day is at noon.

**Talk:** English trekking

Event: English training

**Horses:** Arab, Berber stallions & mares

**Pace:** Up to 5-7 hours in the saddle per riding day. Riders must have at least 5 years experience

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3.5 to 5 out of 5) Strong Intermediate

**Weight:** 190 lbs / 85 kg

**Riders:** Min 4 riders

Max 9 riders

## Rates and Dates 2026 - PG-MRBO

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals, 11 riding days & Pick-up from Ouarzazate airport

### Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2026	15 day expedition	€2130	\$2555
B 2026	29 day expedition	€4000	\$4800

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

### Transfer Option

#### Description

2026	Transfer from Ouarzazate airport included between 12pm to 6pm on Day 1		
2026	Transfer by taxi from hotel in Ouarzazate to Ouarzazate Airport ~ approximate rates	€15	\$20
2026	Single supplement	€470	\$565

#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	10/24/2026 - 11/07/2026	15d / 14n	15 day expedition
B 2026	10/24/2026 - 11/21/2026	29d / 28n	29 day expedition

Min/Max: 4/9

Rates do not include: Entrance fees and sightseeings (7 Euros per place), Alcoholic beverages, Lunches on days 7 and 14 & Gratuities for porters (~10-20 Dirham) and grooms (~250 Euros)

# 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 Intern.	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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