

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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Royal Horse Trails - Portugal, Europe

Tour Code: PG-PATA
8 days / 7 nights ~\$2,340.00
Dates: May

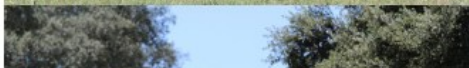
Trip Rating : ●●●●●
Difficulty : ●●●●●
Lodging : ●●●

Tack: Portugese cavalry saddle like English ...

Horses: Lusitano

Pace: 4-6 hrs Pace Moderate, long canters
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Lisbon



Introduction

Alto Alentejo, Portugal

Lazy rivers and babbling creeks meander through the rolling hills and pastures of Portugal's largest breeding area of fighting bulls, providing enough fresh water to make this central region the greenest of Portugal. This is classic horse country with soft trails through a scenic, lush countryside. You will overnight in beautifully renovated private estates, once the homesteads of European nobles. Lots of antique furniture and a very special atmosphere make them a true cultural and historical highlight of the Royal Horse Trails ride.

The journey takes you over hilly meadows without fences or roads to the Maranhão Lagoon. You cross several bridges, most of which had been built by the old Romans until you reach Alter do Chão and visit one of the two National Stud Farms that has its headquarters here. This is certainly a highlight for all lovers of Portuguese horses, but the view from the farm over the surrounding countryside is no less impressive. Hundreds of mares and their colts graze on huge meadows. Travel through meadows and fields, where only a few remote farmhouses remind you of the presence of people.

No doubt - this is one of the best rides in Europe!

Accommodation

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

Description

The accommodations throughout the trip are in country inns and private estates. Laundry facilities are available in Alter do Chão (nights 3 & 4) for an extra fee.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1: Monte do Padrão in Figueira e Barros

Night 2: Monte Dos Aroeirais in Fronteira

Nights 3 & 4: Varandas de Alter in Alter do Chão

Night 5, 6, & 7: Monte Dos Aroeirais in Fronteira

Monte do Padrão in Figueira e Barros

This recently renovated farmhouse is surrounded by a 1300-hectare park. It has 7 double rooms.

Monte Dos Aroeirais in Fronteira

This charming property offers elegantly decorated bedrooms, that all come fitted with a TV, air conditioning, a private bathroom and free Wi-Fi access. The property is surrounded by olive groves and offers a small outdoor swimming pool. Guests are also welcome to relax on the terrace or to read a book in the lounge, by the fireplace.

Varandas de Alter in Alter do Chão

This small hotel offers simply decorated bedrooms fitted with a TV and an ensuite bathroom. The hotel amenities include an outdoor pool and a sauna (extra charge). Free Wi-Fi is available in public areas.

Room Occupancy

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



Meals

The package includes all meals and drinks at lunch time. The meals are usually traditional Portuguese food.

Lunches are eaten on the trail and usually included grilled food. The dinners are eaten in local restaurants or in the hotels' restaurants.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with advance notice.



Riding



Horses

You will be riding pure-bred and part-bred Lusitano Horses. The Lusitanos, which come from the same origin as the famous Andalusians, can be considered as some of the finest horses in Europe. Together with their Spanish brothers, the Lusitanos were the first horses which were brought to the New World and thus became ancestors of all American breeds. They are known for their splendid abilities and glamour performing the collected movements. You can indeed look forward to getting a mount which is not only well tempered and of a docile character but who will allow you to explore the great feeling of riding a well-trained horse.

Tack

The saddles that you will be using are mostly Portuguese Army saddles covered with sheep skin which are very comfortable and well-suited for the purpose of long distance rides. English style bridles are used. We do not provide saddle bags. There is a bottle holder provided with each saddle.

Weight Limit

The weight limit for this ride is 85 kg / 190 lbs, but we can accept riders exceeding this weight if they are experienced (under confirmation).



Itinerary





Sample itinerary - subject to changes

Note: This is a sample itinerary only and subject to changes at the tour operator's discretion. Riding times and distances are subject to change due to group dynamic and rider levels.

Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

Arrival in Lisbon and transfer at 5:30pm. You will travel north-east to the town of Fronteira, approximately 200 kms. For your first night you stay in a traditional farmhouse, renovated farmhouse, Monte dos Aroeirais. This is lovely historic accommodation with a very welcoming host who'll let you discover typical Portuguese cuisine and wine. Overnight and dinner at Monte dos Aroeirais – our horses sleep at the same location!

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at Monte do Padrão

Day 2 (Monday): Meet your horses

Meet your horses and ride in the area of Fronteira town. Our destination for today is Herdade Grande, where we will stop for lunch. The landscape consists of pine and cork trees, with scenic views and flowers and birds all around. The day ends at Monte dos Aroeirais where you can spend the evening and dinner in the beautiful garden by the pool. Dinner and overnight at Monte dos Aroeirais.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Monte dos Aroeirais

Day 3 (Tuesday): Monte dos Aroeirais to Alter do Chão

Today you ride from Monte dos Aroeirais to the town of Alter do Chão, through meadows where they raise wild bulls. After a picnic lunch and siesta you arrive at the comfortable 4-star Estalagem - Varandas de Alter. The lovely owner of the hotel lets our horses stay in the hotel garden! Dinner and overnight at Varandas de Alter.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Varandas de Alter

Day 4 (Wednesday): Alter do Chão Horse Breeding Farm

Today in the morning you will ride on a long country lane. The ride allows horses and riders to loosen the muscles after the long ride yesterday. Left and right you'll see fields with cattle, maybe horses and a lot of olive trees and blooming wildflowers. After lunch at the hotel, you will visit Alter do Chão, the stud and breeding farm. Horses bred here are very famous and traded under the name Alter. This is often a highlight and not only for horse-lovers. In this idyllic location, hundreds of mares and their colts graze on large meadows filled with flowers. You should also get the opportunity to see some of the stallions and young horses. Dinner and overnight at Varandas de Alter.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Varandas de Alter

Day 5 (Thursday): Ride to Ribeira da Seda

Today, leaving Alter do Chão behind, you ride to Ribeira da Seda through large meadows with only one remote farmhouse to remind you of the presence of people. We'll enjoy views of the picturesque towns of Alter Pedroso and Cabeço de Vide. Horses and riders will once again both stay at Monte dos Aroeirais. Dinner and overnight at Monte dos Aroeirais.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Monte dos Aroeirais

Day 6 (Friday): Authentic Alentejo

Today you'll make a loop starting from and returning to Monte dos Aroeirais. Upon leaving you'll see the old train station – not in use anymore – with the typical Portuguese tiles or 'azulejos'. You'll ride past authentic farms where they still work hard at making traditional Alentejo food and drinks. We expect to see fields full of wildflowers, where cattle grazes peacefully. The kind of place that makes you lose track of time. You'll have lunch next to the water at Catarina Velha. Afterwards you return to Monte dos Aroeirais. Dinner and overnight at Monte dos Aroeirais.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Monte dos Aroeirais

Day 7 (Saturday): Exploring History

Today you ride towards Herdade dos Atoleiros. You'll see one of the most authentic landscapes of this area, the Alto Alentejo. Open fields, oak trees and farmlands are today's decor. This ride is also filled with history, because in the 14th century this area served as the battlefield for an important historical battle which the Portuguese army won, thanks to innovative battlefield tactics. There's a monument that reminds us still today about this episode in history. Riders and horses return to Monte dos Aroeirais for a goodbye dinner and last overnight in this comfortable traditional house.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Monte dos Aroeirais

Day 8 (Sunday): Departure

After breakfast transfer to Lisbon and departure.

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.

Other Info

Meeting: Padrao

Airport: Lisbon

Transfer: Lisbon airport incl 5:30PM

Distance: 240 km

Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is from Lisbon Airport/ Humberto Delgado Airport (LIS) only. Pick-up is scheduled for 5:30pm on Day 1 of the trip. Drop-off on the last day is scheduled for an arrival at the airport in Lisbon around 10:30 AM (starting 2026 drop-off time will be at 2:00 PM).

Tack: Portugese cavalry saddle like English Endurance with sheepskin

Horses: Lusitano

Pace: 4-6 hrs Pace Moderate, long canters

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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

Weight: 188 lbs / 85 kg

Riders: Min 5 riders Max 10 riders

Rates and Dates 2027 - PG-PATA

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 6 riding days, Transfers & Luggage transfers

Packages and Options

| Season | Description | EUR | ~US\$ |
|--------|-------------|-------|--------|
| A 2027 | 8 day trip | €2010 | \$2415 |

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

Rates Note: Triple rooms are not possible,

Transfer Option

Description

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------------------------|------|-------|
| 2027 | Transfer from Lisbon airport at 5:30 PM | €100 | \$110 |
| 2027 | Single supplement | €710 | \$855 |
| 2027 | Non-rider – please inquire | | |

Tour Dates

| Season | Tour Dates | | |
|--------|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| A 2027 | 04/11/2027 - 04/18/2027 | 8d / 7n | 8 day trip |
| A 2027 | 04/18/2027 - 04/25/2027 | 8d / 7n | 8 day trip |
| A 2027 | 05/02/2027 - 05/09/2027 | 8d / 7n | 8 day trip |
| A 2027 | 05/09/2027 - 05/16/2027 | 8d / 7n | 8 day trip |

Min/Max: 5/10

Rates do not include: Alcoholic beverages at dinner or from from bar & Gratuities

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Rates and Dates 2026 - PG-PATA

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 6 riding days, Transfers & Luggage transfers

Packages and Options

| Season | Description | EUR | ~US\$ |
|--------|-------------|-------|--------|
| A 2026 | 8 day trip | €1950 | \$2340 |

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

Rates Note: Triple rooms are not possible,

Transfer Option

Description

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------------------------|------|-------|
| 2026 | Transfer from Lisbon airport at 5:30 PM | €100 | \$110 |
| 2026 | Single supplement | €690 | \$760 |
| 2026 | Non-rider – please inquire | | |

Tour Dates

| Season | Tour Dates | | |
|--------|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| A 2026 | 05/03/2026 - 05/10/2026 | 8d / 7n | 8 day trip |

Min/Max: 5/10

Rates do not include: Alcoholic beverages at dinner or from from bar & 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 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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