

# **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.

### **Hidden Trails**

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# Pyrenees Summer Trails - Spain, Europe

Tour Code: PR-CJSP03 5 days / 4 nights ~\$0.00 Dates: August

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

Tack: English tack with saddlebags Horses: Spanish, Hispano-Arabians, Arabians, A... Pace: Trails with long gallops, canters, tro...

Airport: Girona-Costa Brava Airport (GRO)





#### Introduction

Catalonia, Spain

This stationary ride is perfect for the intermediate-leveled rider looking for a quick getaway in the majestic Pyrenees Mountains of Spain. This trail encompasses the beauty of the Pyrenees by taking you to panoramic views in the alpine areas at almost 2000m of elevation, deep valleys and rocky reliefs, river and lakes, and rural villages. In the busy summertime in Europe, no trip is better to escape the tourist crowds than to join us in the mountains. Our guides are knowledgeable of the area and horses and are sure to show you a good time! You'll be staying in a cozy stone hotel and provided with delicious cuisine for every meal! A wonderful demonstration of nature and culture blending in amongst itself!

### Accomodation



### Accommodations

This is a stationary ride, so all nights will be spent in the same location.

#### Description

A quaint hotel in the village of Setcases where you can enjoy nature in the middle of a quiet and familial atmosphere. Depending on your room, you will have views on the mountains, the Valley of Camprodon, the Valle del Ter, or Setcases village. All rooms have private bathrooms and a TV.

It is possible to ask for an accommodation upgrade for an extra fee (please inquire).

#### Room Occupancy

There is no single supplement if you are willing to share.



#### Meals

All meals are included from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on the last day.

The meals on this trip represent the great delights of the Catalan cuisine! Lunches will vary, sometimes you start early and return in time for lunch or you will picnic along the way. Catalonia produces an extraordinary variety of foodstuffs: wild mushrooms and game from the Pyrenees, the trinity of olives, grapes and wheat from the hilly heartland, all manner of fruits, vegetables and nuts from the irrigated lowlands, rice and fish from the river deltas and a great variety of fish and shellfish from Catalonia's 500 km of coastline. Enjoy a delicious pairing of wine with your meal



#### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to dietary restrictions with prior notice.

### Riding



The tack is English and trekking style and most horses are ridden in snaffles. Saddle bags are provided to carry items required during the day and for picnic lunches.

#### Horses

The horses used are well schooled Spanish, Hispano-Arabians, Arabians, Anglo-Arabian, and Quarter horses. They have all been carefully chosen and most are between 14.2hh (150cm) and 16hh (165cm) and are of a medium build. They are sure-footed, fit, forward going, responsive to ride and well adapted to the requirements of the sometimes rough terrain.

The horses are all trained using natural horsemanship techniques, which helps to create an enthusiastic, good natured horse that is keen to collaborate with its rider, and really enjoys its work.

A great deal of time has been spent selecting and training the horses for these trekking routes. Not too boisterous to be difficult for lower level riders, yet with enough spark to make an enjoyable ride to experienced riders. The horses live outside all the year round in a herd to helps to create a psychologically balanced animal well adapted to the necessities of trail riding and group riding. The herd of horses naturally adapts well to the rhythm of a trail ride, traveling up to 30km a day from place to place as a wild herd would do when looking for food and water

#### Pace

There are many opportunities for long gallops, canters and trots. On average, we spend 4-6 hours in the saddle per day, covering 20-30 km daily (80 km total). We will be riding for 3 days.

The main quide will be Xavi, an experienced and talented rider, always accompanied by an English speaking back up guide.

### **Itinerary**



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

#### Day 1 (Monday): Arrival

A private transfer will pick you up from Barcelona or Girona airport. You will arrive to your accommodations on the Pyrenees in a typical and small Catalan village in the middle of the mountains with stone houses. You will learn about the special characteristics of our Andalusian trail horses. After, you will be given an introduction to the week's program with an opportunity for one-to-one conversations designed to find every rider their perfect horse. Then, you can enjoy a fantastic dinner!

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at manor house

#### Day 2 (Tuesday): From l'Abella to Pardines

This trail has different landscapes, from wide plains where we will find wild horses and cows to forests where we can do some gallops. We start from l'Abella at 1240m elevation through Bac de l'Abella, crossing Serra Cavallera. We will arrive to the end of la Vall de Camprodon and we continue up to Vall de Ribes in Coll del Pal where we can see Puigmal, la Molina, Colada de Tosses, and el Taga at 1950m elevation. We will go down to Pardines at 2:30pm- at this point we will lunch in a familiar restaurant with a traditional mountain meal. You can be ready for take a swim in the swimming pool! At 4:00pm we will come back across the forest way to Collada Verda and back to Vall de Camprodon. We will see the mountain lodge Pla de Salla where the farmers took care

of theirs cows. We continue up to Roques Blanques where we can see Abella, la Roca, Llanars, and Camprodon. We finish our descent to the Hípica.

Riding: 6 hours (approx. 30 km)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at manor house

#### Day 3 (Wednesday): From l'Abella to Tregurá

On this trail we will see all Camprodon's Valley. We are going to ride up Ia Solana d'Abella, crossing Roques Blancas. At this point we begin to ride across the trees and fields where we will reach the highest peak of the day 1950m elevation. If it is a sunny day at Pel de Ca, we can see the Montserrat Mountains. We will cross a big field on the road to Tregura to Pardines. We continue up to Ia Sierra de Ia Caña where we can see Queralbs, Vall de Núria, Ribes de Freser, Tregurà, Llanars, and Camprodón. At this point we can enjoy a panoramic view. We continue up to Tres Pics. In this point we can see Coma de Vaca, where the animals feed on summer. We will cross El Castell dels Moros (moor's castle) where we can see Setcases village, and continue downhill to Tregurà where we are going stop for lunch in a restaurant. After lunch we are going to continue downhill to Vilallonga de Ter, and from this point we will continue up to l'Abella.

Riding: 6 hours (approx. 30 km)
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at manor house

#### Day 4 (Thursday): Around Serra Cavallera

This trail give us an spectacular views of Ripolles Mountains. We start in l'Abella and ride up across pastures between wild horses and cattle. We will cross Coll del Pal where we see several villages from the whole valley. We will come back in a rounded trail crossing up to Espinadell and arriving to the Hípica. We will arrive at 3:00pm at the Hípica where a barbecue is waiting for us.

Riding: 4 hours (approx. 20 km) Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at manor house

#### Day 5 (Friday): Departure

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Barcelona or Girona airports. We hope you will take home some great memories of the rides and the sceneries!

Meals included: Breakfast

### Other Info

Meeting: Setcases

Airport: Girona-Costa Brava Airport (GRO)

Train station: Ripoll train station

Transfer: Girona-Costa Brava Airport (GRO) or Barcelona-El Prat Josep Tarradellas Airport

(BCN)

Distance: 105km

Transfer from Barcelona or Girona airport at 6pm on Day 1. We strongly recommend planning a flight arrival NO later than 4:00pm. Drop of at Barcelona or Girona airport around noon on the last day. Please DO NOT book a return flight before 2:00pm.

Tack: English tack with saddlebags

Horses: Spanish, Hispano-Arabians, Arabians, Anglo-Arabian, Quarter

Pace: Trails with long gallops, canters, trots. 4-6 hours per day (20-30 km per day)

Level: (3 to 4 out of 5) Intermediate

Age: Min 16

Weight: 210 lbs / 95 kg

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 10 riders

## Rates and Dates 2024 - PR-CJSP03

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 3 riding days & Transfers from/to Barcelona or Girona airports Helmets can be provided

## **Packages and Options**

Description

## **Transfer Option**

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**Tour Dates** 

Tour Dates

Season Custom dates departures can be arranged in August for groups of 2+ pax

Rates do not include: Gratuities

# **Reservation Form**

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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			
I made all participants aware of the risk involuding the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions and brochure or as listed on the Internet.  I (we) will sign and forward the Recreational Actual Name and First Name (The Traveler)	d the Hidden Trails Recrea	tional Activity Re	elease and Indemnity Agreement in this
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