



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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Texas Equestrian Clinic - USA, North America

Tour Code: RCTX01

6 days / 5 nights ~\$2,880.00

Dates: Available all Year

Trip Rating: ●●●●●

Difficulty: ●●●●●

Lodging: ●●●

Tack: English or Western

Horses: Registered Quarter Horses, Thoroughbre...

Pace: All paces according to riding level. F...

Walk, Trot, Canter, Jumps

Airport: San Antonio International Airport (SAT)



Introduction

Texas, USA

Located in the heart of the beautiful Texas hill country near Bandera, the Equestrian Lodge offers first-class accommodations and quality riding clinics!

The lodge lies on the northeast boundary of the Hill Country State Natural Area - a 5,400 acre primitive area, which boasts two live streams and 35 plus miles of riding and hiking trails. An ideal place for horseback riders as well as a peaceful retreat for bird-watchers and nature-lovers of all types. The Equestrian Lodge features specialized instructions in its equestrian facilities, offering private and group instruction to it's guests, in such disciplines as Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Reining, Cutting, Dressage, and Combined Training.

The purpose of the Whole Horsemanship Clinic is to provide an overall understanding of the effective horsemanship process, thus providing a framework over which the student may continue to develop their skill as horsemen and women. The riding clinic can be applied to either Western or English disciplines, and include study and practice of the following topics: Psychology of the horse and the rider's place in it. Developing trust and respect between horse and rider. Developing a "Good Seat". Balance, relaxation, posture, and proper biomechanics for the rider. Developing "In Frame" movement in the horse. Balance, flexion, collection, and relaxation. How to use proper cues to accomplish the desired result. Applying the above principles to specific disciplines and events.

Riders of any skill level will benefit from this in-depth study of the fundamentals of effective riding and horsemanship. (Only riders of like skill level are taught together.) A maximum student to teacher ratio of 2 to 1 insures ample personal attention. The clinics typically include 2 hours of instruction and 2 hours of trail riding per full day, and a 2-hour instructional session the morning of guests' departure. Schedules are modified to meet the needs of the participants and seasonal weather conditions.

Accommodation



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This is a stationary ride where all nights are spent at the same location.

Description

You will sleep in authentic pioneer-style cabins, built of limestone and cedar, which provide guests with comfort and sanctuary from the rigors of modern-day life. Strategically nestled among the oaks in the valley, and perched among the junipers along the hillsides, each accommodation welcomes guests with oak floors, central air and heat, and abundant wood-sash windows and spacious porches from which to take in views of the surrounding countryside and wildlife.

When you're ready to take it easy, slip off to the Cowboy Cool Pool, or the Jacuzzi Under the Stars, or schedule yourself a massage, facial, or other spa service in the privacy of your accommodation. Or simply sit and watch the horses graze from the porch of your very own cabin or suite, read by your fireplace, or count the stars as you sit by a glowing campfire.

All accommodations have a fire ring and outdoor seating area, with firewood provided for evening campfires. All accommodations are non-smoking, except for the exterior front porches.

Pets are permitted only with the prior permission of the owners, and in accordance with the rules of the ranch's pet policy, available upon request.

WiFi is available at the office and dining room. Laundry is available at no extra cost.

Room Options





Suites (1 pax)

Our suites consist of a bedroom with queen bed, sunroom, kitchenette, and bathroom with tub/ shower combination. A spacious front porch is shared with the suite next door. No interior space is shared (bathrooms are private).

Cabins (2+ pax)

Each of our private cabins has 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a living/ kitchen/ dining area with floor to ceiling limestone fireplace, and a spacious front porch. The entire cabin is reserved for a single party.

Room Occupancy

No single supplement fee.



Meals

All meals are included from breakfast on Day 2 to breakfast on the last day.

Please have dinner on your way in as the kitchen is closed on Sundays. The packages include breakfast foods, stocked in your accommodation.

Breakfast is in-room, with breakfast foods amply stocked in the fully equipped kitchen of each accommodation, for guests to enjoy at their leisure.

All other meals are served in the dining room of the ranch house headquarters. Meals feature fresh, home-cooked dishes mixing the casual gourmet and traditional Texas style of cuisine.

Beer and/ or wine are included with dinner but guests are also welcome to bring their own alcohol if they want.

Dietary Restrictions

If you have special dietary requests, please let us know in advance, and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

Riding

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*weight limit for jumping lessons is 180 lbs

Pace

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- Western- Western Horsemanship, Reining, Trail, Bridleless - Beginner through Advanced
- Hunt Seat and English Equitation - Beginner through Advanced
- Dressage- Training through Level 2
- Jumping Disciplines up to 3 feet
- Eventing through Novice Level (3 feet, 3 inches)

Topics of study include

- Psychology and ground work. The basis for effective communication.
- Developing a non-interfering, balanced seat, effective cueing.
- Developing balanced, athletic movement in the horse.
- Applying the above principals to specific disciplines and events.

Horses

We're proud of our horses! And no wonder! Every individual in our herd has been selected for his or her beauty, athleticism, training, and disposition. And that makes your riding experience here one you will find no place else. From show records to pedigrees, to exceptional versatility, every one of them has something very special to offer its lucky rider. And you needn't worry that this is a "bait and switch" routine. These are the actual horses on whom our guests take their lessons or clinics and enjoy their rides.



Non Riders

Non-riders are welcome on this trip and can take part in many non-riding activities such as fossil hunting, hiking or birding. In addition, many activities can be done in the area nearby such as cycling, golfing and fishing.

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Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

Evening arrival for participants. Please arrive between 4:00pm and 9:00pm, unless special arrangements have been made with the ranch. Guests may relax, hike, enjoy the pool and other ranch amenities. Please arrive having already eaten dinner that evening, or drive to Bandera to enjoy one of the local restaurants, since our kitchen will be closed.

Day 2 (Monday):

8:00am: Guests are encouraged to meet ranch staff members at the barn to assist in feeding and care of the horses, then return to their accommodations to enjoy breakfast at their leisure.

9:30am: Instructional Session- Barn- Ground Work and Psychology. Topics and exercises include:

- Participants' prior horsemanship experience. Choice of appropriate horse for each rider.
- Equine psychology, herd dynamics, and the leadership role of the rider/ handler.
- Effective human-to-horse communication via body language, breath, and energy.
- How to recognize and use the language of equus.
- Recognizing balanced, athletic movement in the horse.
- Effective handling of the horse on the ground to provide safety, as well as to promote balanced,

athletic movement in the horse.

- Ground exercises to develop the horse's athleticism

12:00pm: Lunch at ranch house

Afternoon Session: Groom, tack-up, and 2-hour trail ride. Followed by free time for relaxing, swimming at the pool, enjoying the hot tub, tubing or kayaking in the Medina River, or shopping in nearby Bandera. Massages and facials are also available for an additional fee.

7:00pm: Dinner at ranch house.

Day 3 (Tuesday):

8:00am: Feeding and care of horses at the barn, followed by breakfast in guests' accommodations.

9:30am: Instructional Session- Barn- The Rider's Body: Developing a balanced, non-interfering seat. Balance Ball, mirror, imagery, and other exercises incorporating fundamentals of Centered Riding, and other techniques, followed by a mounted lounge line lesson.

12:00pm: Lunch at ranch house.

Afternoon Session: Groom, tack-up, and 2-hour trail ride, followed by free time as described on Day 2.

7:00pm: Dinner at ranch house.

Day 4 (Wednesday):

8:00am: Feeding and care of horses at the barn, followed by breakfast in guests' accommodations.

9:30am: Instructional Session- Barn. The Rider's Body review. Establishing a balanced, non-interfering seat first, then adding appropriate aids and cues to properly aid the horse in executing skills and maneuvers in a balanced, athletic way. Introduction of vertical collection, lateral flexion, proper use of rider's hands. Identifying different types of maneuvers. Planning for, preparing for, and positioning the horse to successfully execute those maneuvers or skills.

12:00pm: Lunch at ranch house.

Afternoon Session: Groom, tack-up, and trail ride, followed by free time as described on Day 2.

6:30pm: Depart for dinner and country-western dancing in Bandera.

Day 5 (Thursday):

- 8:00am: Feeding and care of horses at the barn, followed by breakfast in guests' accommodations.
- 9:00am: Instructional Session- Barn. Practice of principals learned thus far. Incorporating pieces of information into one image and feeling. Applying Whole Horsemanship to specific disciplines or events. Mapping a plan for the students to continue developing their horsemanship skills.
- 12:00pm: Lunch at ranch house.
- Afternoon Session: Groom, tack-up, and 2-hour trail ride, followed by free time as described on Day 2.
- 7:00pm: Dinner at ranch house.

Day 6 (Friday):

- 8:00am: Feeding and care of horses at the barn, followed by breakfast in guests' accommodations.
 - 9:00am: Optional additional 2-hour instructional session, incorporating and practicing techniques studied thus far.
- Guests prepare to depart. Lunch may be provided for additional fee upon request.

When the clinic is extended to more days, more advanced skills or maneuvers are introduced and practiced, and/or specific disciplines are addressed, depending upon the students' needs and requests.

Program Director/ Head Instructor Dianne Tobin has over 30 years experience training horses, from starting youngsters under saddle, to working through problems of older mounts. She has competed successfully and won high-point awards in Showmanship at Halter, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Trail, English Pleasure, and English Equitation. She also spent eight years as a successful Certified Personal Fitness Trainer, and has an extensive knowledge of human biomechanics, kinesiology, and mind/body awareness. This knowledge, coupled with her horsemanship experience, gives her a unique perspective on the horse and rider relationship.



Cattle Sorting and Team Penning Clinic

This 4-day clinic is the perfect way to "get your feet wet", or to hone your cattle working skill, as you learn the exciting sports of Cattle Sorting and Team Penning! Appropriate for all skill levels, and limited to 12 participants, it provides ample opportunity for individual instruction, and offers 11 hours of riding and instruction, including a real penning and sorting contest with prizes, on the final morning. Enjoy the camaraderie and encouragement of your fellow teammates while learning to "read" each cow, cut, drive, sort, and pen the cattle on one of the ranch's seasoned, well-trained quarter horses! Super-fun!

4 day program includes:

- 3 nights lodging, in a Private Cabin for parties of 2 or more, or in a Suite for Single guests.
- All meals starting Friday morning, through light lunch on Sunday, except for dinner Saturday, when we all go out for dinner together. (Breakfasts are stocked in the guests' accommodations for them to enjoy at their leisure.)
- Use of an Equestrian Lodge horse for the following instructional sessions: A 1-hour lesson on Friday morning, a 2-hour session on Friday evening, a 3-hour session on Saturday morning, a 2-hour session on Saturday.
- Arrive Thursday evening, depart Sunday early afternoon



Non-riding activities included in the package:

- Swimming in the non-heated pool and use of the hot tub
- Fossil hunting

- Hiking
- Birding
- Star-gazing

Non-riding activities with extra charges:

- Bike rentals
- Fishing (seasonal) for \$50 per day.
- Tubing and/ or kayaking (seasonal) for about \$25 per person for a 2 to 3 hours.
- Golfing for \$36 weekdays or \$45 weekends including a cart. Clubs are available to lend.

We recommend non-riders to rent a car so that they can go explore the area. There is a second beautiful state park 25 miles from the ranch which also has ample hiking, in addition to the one next door to the ranch.

Other Info

Meeting: Ranch near Bandera

Airport: San Antonio International Airport (SAT)

Train station: --

Transfer: --

Distance: 96.5 km / 60 miles

If you are driving in, Check in is at 2:00pm.

For transfers from/to San Antonio, please contact Raymond Robles (phone#1-210-887-5809)

Tack: English or Western

Horses: Registered Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Appaloosas, Paints

Pace: All paces according to riding level. For the instructions it would be good that riders have some prior experience to fully appreciate the classes

Walk | Trot | Canter | Jumps |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2.5 to 4 out of 5) Low Intermediate +

Age: Min 12

Weight: 225 lb / 102 kg

Riders: Min 1 riders

Max 5 riders

(per riding group)

Max Capacity 20

Spa Services

Treat yourself to the de-stressing benefits of our spa services in the privacy of your cabin or suite. It's the perfect way to spend a quiet afternoon, or to end an active day. (Spa services must be booked 24 hours in advance.)

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

\$65 (50 minutes), \$90 (80 minutes)

Uses a variety of advanced techniques to relieve tension in problem areas, and to promote relaxation throughout the body.

SWEDISH BODY MASSAGE

\$60 (50 minutes), \$90 (80 minutes)

Traditional Swedish techniques promote relaxation for the body and mind.

HOT STONE THERAPY

\$100 (80 minutes)

Warm river stones relax muscles to allow the deepest therapeutic massage benefits, while energy work balances the chakras.

RAINDROP TECHNIQUE

\$75 (50 minutes)

This powerful, non-invasive technique integrates essential oils and light massage, dispensed like drops of rain along the vertebrae. The effects may last for days after treatment.

HYDRATING ANTI-STRESS FACIAL

\$65 (50 minutes)

This stimulating facial provides important nutrients that restore vitality to stressed skin.

PROFESSIONAL DEEP CLEANING FACIAL

\$65 (50 minutes)

Effectively but gently cleanses skin impurities without drying the skin. The regenerating effects leave the skin smooth, balanced, and refreshed

Please cancel 24 hours prior to the scheduled service to avoid a 50% cancellation charge. Cancellations without adequate notice will result in a charge for the full service.

Rates and Dates 2026 - RCTX01

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals (from breakfast on Day 2 to breakfast on last day) & 4 riding days (whole horsemanship clinic) or 2 riding days (cattle sorting and team penning clinic)

An extra instruction session may be added on Friday morning before departure.

Non Riding Activities: Fossil hunting, Hiking, Birding & Star gazing

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	6 day Trip, 4-day Whole Horsemanship Clinic	\$2880
B 2026	4 day Trip, 2-day Cattle Sorting and Team Penning Clinic	\$1890

Tax:\$ 96

Transfer Option

Description

2026Single supplement - free if available

2026Child rate (12-17) - please inquire

2026Non-rider - please inquire

2026Transfer service by Raymod Robles from San Antonio airport, each way, per car ~\$150 + 20% gratuity, payable in cash \$180

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	04/12/2026 - 04/17/2026	6d / 5n	6 day Trip, 4-day Whole Horsemanship Clinic
A 2026	05/10/2026 - 05/15/2026	6d / 5n	6 day Trip, 4-day Whole Horsemanship Clinic
B 2026	05/28/2026 - 06/02/2026	6d / 5n	4 day Trip, 2-day Cattle Sorting and Team Penning Clinic
A 2026	07/12/2026 - 07/17/2026	6d / 5n	6 day Trip, 4-day Whole Horsemanship Clinic
A 2026	09/13/2026 - 09/18/2026	6d / 5n	6 day Trip, 4-day Whole Horsemanship Clinic
A 2026	10/05/2026 - 10/10/2026	6d / 5n	6 day Trip, 4-day Whole Horsemanship Clinic
A 2026	10/18/2026 - 10/23/2026	6d / 5n	6 day Trip, 4-day Whole Horsemanship Clinic
B 2026	11/05/2026 - 11/10/2026	6d / 5n	4 day Trip, 2-day Cattle Sorting and Team Penning Clinic
A 2026	11/15/2026 - 11/20/2026	6d / 5n	6 day Trip, 4-day Whole Horsemanship Clinic
A 2026	12/13/2026 - 12/18/2026	6d / 5n	6 day Trip, 4-day Whole Horsemanship Clinic

Min/Max: 1/5

Rates do not include:Meals on Sunday (kitchen is closed), Alcoholic Drinks, Transfers, Gratuities & Taxes

Non Riding Activities: Bike rental, Fishing, Tubing/kayaking & Golfing

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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