

# 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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# Indian Summer Ride - Canada, North America

Tour Code: RTAB18-B2  
7 days / 6 nights ~\$3,050.00  
Dates: September-October

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

**Tack:** Western  
**Horses:** Canadian, Arab, Quarter Horse, Morgan, ...  
**Pace:** Mostly walk on easy to rugged trails; ...  
Walk, Trot, Canter,

**Airport:** Calgary



## Introduction

Alberta, Canada  
Fall scenery in the Rockies.

Many people around the Rockies will tell you that their favourite time of year is when the aspen trees turn golden yellow and the mountains get their first dusting of snow. We call it Indian Summer: when warm and clear days with blue skies generate crisp, vibrant colours. The air smells fresh, the play of light and shadow is dramatic and foreshadows the change of season. The foothills and lower slopes of the Eastern Rocky Mountains are an ideal setting to experience this natural spectacle. We will take you to the best locations to witness this annual event. Fall is statistically the driest season of the year. Night time temperatures are often below zero, but the day time highs are typically in the high teens and can reach the mid-20s. What better way to immerse yourself in nature than on horseback?

At the beginning of the week we will pair you with a horse partner to match your skill set to be your companion for the week. You may however enjoy trying a variety of different horses through out your stay, and that is possible. You will be staying in our cozy ranch- the ideal place to get together, enjoy the scenery of the foothills and experience western hospitality. The heart of the guest quarters is a large, bright communal space where we socialize, eat, cook, listen to stories or just enjoy the view over the horse pasture.

No other places experiences the breathtaking golden hues of the fall colours as well as the Rockies. Come watch the Mother Nature offer her best work yet!

## Accommodation



### Accommodations

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

### Description

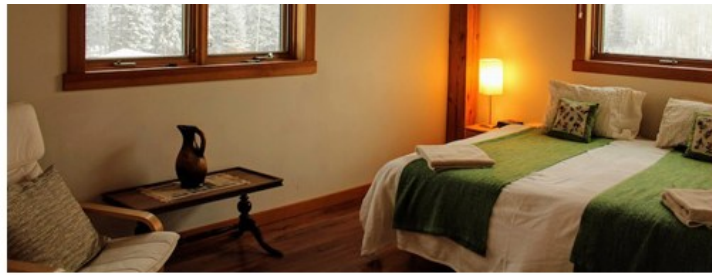
The ranch lies in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, 13 km south of the picturesque hamlet of Bragg Creek and roughly 60 kilometers southwest of Calgary - a wilderness area stretching to the Continental Divide! This is one of the prettiest areas for riding in the world. On the Eastern slopes of the Canadian Rockies, Alberta has a tradition of ranching that started in the late-1800's and continues today. Riding westward from the ranch toward the Continental Divide, landscape changes from one of rolling ridges and open forests to one of high alpine meadows, thick primal forests, and sheer limestone cliffs. The highest peaks in the region are around 11,000 feet with permanent snowfields and glaciers on their shoulders. This variety of ecosystems makes each day's ride different and beautiful in its own unique way.

The guesthouse has 5 rooms (1 single rooms with one double bed, 1 room with one queen bed, and 3 rooms with king bed, two twins, or two double beds). There are 2 full bathrooms, which are shared amongst all guests. We provide all bed linen and towels, but please bring your own soap and shampoo. There is a hairdryer in each bathroom. We have an outdoor fireplace with picnic area.

Smoking is prohibited anywhere on the property except for around the outdoor fire pit. There is no TV or cell service in the guest house, but there is complimentary WIFI. You are welcome use the i-pod docking station, boards games, and a large selection of books and magazines available. There is a telephone in the guest house that can be used for local calls or long distance if you bring a calling card.

Laundry is available for an additional fee at certain times of the day.





#### Room Occupancy

Starting 2026, solo travelers must be willing to share since there is only one single room at the ranch. Thank you for understanding.

#### **Meals**

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

All our meals are made fresh using as many local ingredients as possible. The menu changes daily and offers typical local dishes but also internationally inspired cuisine. As much as we take pride in preparing all meals from scratch, we are not a restaurant and typically, there is only one choice for a meal. Following the tradition of the "Good old days ranch life" we sit down all together, staff and guests, and enjoy a good meal and company together.

Breakfast is typically served around 8.30 AM, dinner around 6.30 PM. In most cases, you will have lunch on the trail. We will stop at a scenic place, enjoying a picnic lunch in great scenery.

Coffee, teas, water, juice for breakfast, and hot chocolate are complimentary while you stay with us. Please note that we do not serve alcohol, but feel free to bring your own as well as any other favorite drink you like.

#### Dietary Restrictions

We cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice. Gluten-free requests are \$10 extra per day.



#### **Riding**



#### **Pace**

Intermediate level required. Moderate pace. Slow in the mountains, but nice opportunities for faster paced riding across open meadows, 4 -7 hours per day. Some dense forest areas and extreme steep and rocky terrain sections.

#### **Horses**

We have Canadian, Arab, Missouri Foxtrotters, Paints and Quarter horses. The horses have been chosen for their endurance, spirit, and sure-footedness in the mountains. Most horses will be fitted with western style saddles but



those with a distinct preference for English riding may be accommodated.

#### Trails and Terrain

All our trips are customized, using a network of over 300 km of trail that we have access to. Because we must consider a variety of factors in route planning, like bear activity, river conditions and snow depth in the high passes, we resist the temptation to publish a detailed schedule and trail description. After all, this is a back country-adventure you're embarking on, not a bus trip! The amount of terrain and spectacular scenery you will experience depends largely on the length of trek you take. You will encounter forest trails, open alpine meadows, rugged and rocky trails, exposed passes and river crossings.

#### Guides

Our team includes a number of enthusiastic and knowledgeable people, some are family, and the rest are like family. The amazing and dedicated people who work here never tire of sharing their passion for this lifestyle with our guests.

### Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

#### Day 1 (Sunday): Arrival

We pick you up from the Calgary International Airport (YYC) around 4:00 in the afternoon. It is about a 1 hour drive to ranch, welcome and check-in.

*Meals included: Dinner*

*Overnight at the Ranch*

#### Day 2 (Monday): Introductory Ride

After breakfast, you will meet "your" horse. After grooming and tacking you can get comfortable in our arena first before we head on our first ride to Whiskey Ridge

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at the Ranch*

#### Day 3 (Tuesday): Bragg Creek Ride

A four hour ride is planned in the foothills west of Bragg Creek, followed by some time to tour and shop in the hamlet of Bragg Creek before returning home for supper

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at the Ranch*

#### Day 4 (Wednesday): North Fork Ride

North Fork is a 23 km loop southwest of the ranch offering some stunning views of the Rockies. This one takes us through the aspen forest, which should be stunning in late September.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at the Ranch*

#### Day 5 (Thursday): Elbow Valley Ride

We'll trailer the horses a bit further into the mountains this time, and explore the upper Elbow Valley. There are more evergreens in this area where you will pass beneath 3000m mountains and splash through the icy waters of the Elbow. Our route will depend on how hard everyone wants to ride, but there are many trails to choose from.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at the Ranch*

#### Day 6 (Friday): Powderface Ridge Ride

We've saved a ride over Powderface Ridge for the last day as a culmination of the week. From the 2100m high summit you will enjoy sweeping views of over a hundred kilometers to the east, and almost as far to the north and south.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at the Ranch*

#### Day 7 (Saturday): Departure

Departure is normally scheduled for 9:30, which will have you at the airport (or other Calgary location) by 10:30.

*Meals included: Breakfast*





#### Non-Riding activities on the ranch

The trails around the ranch are also suitable for walks. There is a small lake at the north end of the property and 2 canoes are docked there if you want to enjoy a paddle or watch the beavers. Massages can also be booked for an additional fee.

### Other Info

**Meeting:** Bragg Creek

**Airport:** Calgary

**Transfer:** Calgary Airport 4 PM

**Distance:** 80 km

Pick up at Calgary Airport at 4:15pm. Return transfer leaves at 9:30am on departure day.

(Please don't book domestic flight before 12:00pm and international flights before 1:00pm)

Pickup from hotel near airport or downtown Calgary is possible after airport pick up

**Tack:** Western

**Horses:** Canadian, Arab, Quarter Horse, Morgan, Welsh pony, Paint and cross breeds

**Pace:** Mostly walk on easy to rugged trails; trots and canters, some trail sections are very technical and require good balance and full control over the horse, rides range from 4 to 8 hours/day

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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

**Age:** Min 8

**Weight:** 220 lbs / 100 kg

**Riders:** Min 1 riders

Max 8 riders  
(per riding group)

Max Capacity 8

## Rates and Dates 2027 - RTAB18-B2

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 5 guided riding days & Transfers from/to Calgary at set time

## Packages and Options

Season	Description	Can\$	~US\$
A 2027	7-day trip	Can\$4340	\$3255

The US Dollar Rate is based on a Can\$ Exchange Rate of 0.75 and subject to currency fluctuation

## Transfer Option

### Description

2027	Transfer from/to Calgary Airport at 4 pm included		
2027	Special diet (gluten-free or dairy-free) supplement	Can\$70	\$55

### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	09/25/2027 - 10/01/2027	7d / 6n	7-day trip

Min/Max: 1/8

Rates do not include: Alcoholic drinks, Special diet request, Taxes & Gratuities

## Rates and Dates 2026 - RTAB18-B2

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 5 guided riding days & Transfers from/to Calgary at set time

## Packages and Options

Season	Description	Can\$	~US\$
A 2026	7-day trip	Can\$4070	\$3050

The US Dollar Rate is based on a Can\$ Exchange Rate of 0.75 and subject to currency fluctuation

## Transfer Option

### Description

2026	Transfer from/to Calgary Airport at 4 pm included		
2026	Special diet (gluten-free or dairy-free) supplement	Can\$70	\$55

### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	09/27/2026 - 10/03/2026	7d / 6n	7-day trip

Min/Max: 1/8

Rates do not include: Alcoholic drinks, Special diet request, Taxes & 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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