

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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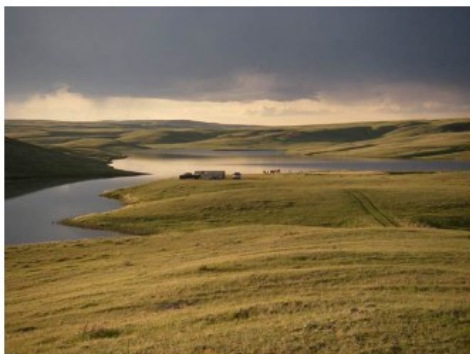
Kananaskis Mountains & Prairies Spring Edition - Canada, North America

Tour Code: RTAB18-C-SE
10 days / 9 nights ~\$4,650.00
Dates: May-June

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

Tack: Western
Horses: Canadian, Arab, Quarter Horse, Morgan,...
Pace: walk, trot and canters in the mountain...
Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

Airport: Calgary International Airport (YYC)



Introduction

Alberta, Canada

During this special tour we will ride through some of the best country Southern Alberta has to offer. We will spend 3 days in the Rocky Mountains showing you some of the best riding trails in this area. The mountains are typically still snow capped at that time of the year, but Spring has arrived in the lower elevations with the bright green aspen trees coming into leaf. Then we change scenery and ride 140 kms in 5 days across the open plains of Southern Alberta, 400 km south of our home base. The route will take us from Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park near the Sweetgrass Hills on the Montana border to the Cypress Hills in Saskatchewan. Explore the magical coulees and badlands of the Milk River, and ride along routes that were once used by Indians, whiskey traders, fugitive outlaws, and the North-West Mounted Police.

At historic Writing-On-Stone, you'll find a badlands landscape that has been sacred to Native Americans for thousands of years. Much of this country has not changed since the time of the buffalo. The Prairies are excellent riding country, with unlimited opportunity for experienced riders to move at a faster pace. Riding through the Prairies is an unforgettable experience.

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a pack trip/ progressive ride so nights will be spent in a mixture of guesthouses, hotel, and different campsites.

Description

You will spend a total of 4 nights at the ranch, 4 nights camping and 1 night in a hotel.

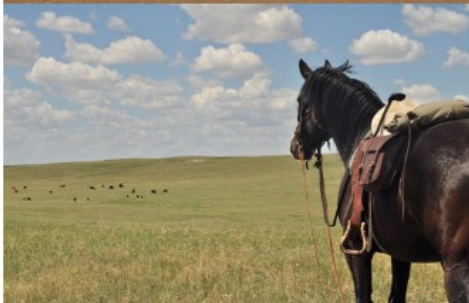
Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes

Night 1 - 3: Ranch
Night 4 - 6: Camping
Night 7: Hotel in Manyberries
Night 8: Camping
Night 9: Ranch



Ranch

The ranch lies in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. 13km south of the picturesque hamlet of Braaa Creek and



roughly 60 kilometers southwest of Calgary - a wilderness area stretching to 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 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. The guesthouse has 5 rooms (1 single room 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.

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.



Camping

On the trail we stay in simple but comfortable camps, their locations are well chosen within the given geography. Tents, sleeping bags and mats are provided. We always camp within easy walking distance of a clear stream or river where you can swim or wash yourself. Bathroom facilities are pit latrines dug in each camp a short walk from the tenting area. They aren't quite out-houses (only tarps for walls), but they have toilet seats. There is no electricity in camp, we recommend power bars or solar chargers.



Hotel

We will be staying in a small-prairie-style hotel in Manyberries with a real saloon. It is a cozy atmosphere with a warm shower.

Room Occupancy

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

Also, we don't normally offer single or private tents unless people want to bring their own. Space on the packhorses is limited. Thank you for understanding.





Meals

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

At the Lodge: Full breakfast and dinner, prepared with local and fresh ingredients. Breakfast is typically served around 8.30 AM, dinner around 6.30 PM.

In camp: all meals are cooked over an open campfire and prepared with fresh ingredients. The menu changes daily. The menu changes daily and offers typical local dishes but also internationally inspired cuisine. Ingredients include locally raised organic beef and pork, fresh vegetables and fruits. Breakfast is typically hot and dinner is typically a main course with a salad and dessert. Lunch is picnic-style with sandwiches or wraps, fruit and granola bars. 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 favourite drink you like.

Dietary Restrictions

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



Riding



Riding Experience

This vacation is for intermediate to advanced riders, and a keen sense of adventures. Riders need to be comfortable riding at all paces, balanced at canter, and confident in the saddle.

Since the pack train uses different trails we will often canter where the trail is suitable, especially in the prairies. This trip is designed for keen riders who are up to the challenge. Over the duration of the trek you will learn the basics of horse packing, wilderness horsemanship, low impact horse camping and a myriad of other skills to fully enjoy horse trekking. The guests are expected to help in tending to the horses and other camp duties.

There are some trails we use where it is necessary to hike over rocky terrain, either to avoid undue risk or to enjoy a vista that cannot be ridden to. For most people this is a refreshing change that allows them to stretch their legs. We recommend that you bring or wear comfortable footwear that you can hike for a kilometer or two in.

Pace

5-7 hours per day will be spent on trail, riding up to 25 miles (40km) per day. We will spend 3 days in the Rocky Mountains showing you some of the best riding trails in this area. Then we change scenery and ride 140km in 5 days across the open plains of Southern Alberta. Walk over moderate to difficult terrain, many trots and canters for several miles, river crossings, grassy slopes.

Horses

The horses have been chosen for their endurance, spirit, and reliability in the mountains. Our horses are trained western style (neck-reining), but most English trained riders adapt very quickly to this style of riding with a bit of instruction and advice! The guests are expected to help in tending to the horses and other camp duties. Most horses will be fitted with western style saddles but those with a distinct preference for English riding may be



accommodated.

Guides

Interesting and entertaining guides share their knowledge of the different areas we visit. You can learn about horsemanship, back-country navigation, survival skills, and living in nature. Depending on the group size you will have one or two backcountry guides with you at all times. Wranglers lead the packhorses with your gear into camp, usually on a different, easier and less scenic route than the one the group takes. We all share the same love and pride for this country and are delighted to pass it on to our guests.

Requirements

We consider 8 to be optimal maximum group size for our back-country trips, but can handle groups as large as 10 if you are one big group who book together!

The minimum age for pack trips is 8 years old. Anyone under 15 should be a regular and enthusiastic rider and be adventurous, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We have also had people in their 70's on pack trips, but again, they were fit, in good health, and rode regularly prior to their holiday. We ask that you judge yourself (and your children) honestly in this regard, as we will take your word for it and plan the trip accordingly.

The maximum weight for riders is 220 lbs. Exceptions may be made for very experienced/athletic riders!

For all age groups: It is important that you feel fit and healthy before going on the trail. We are traveling in the wilderness, and medical services (beyond first aid) will not be readily available.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Note: While we have a route planned at the outset of every trip, changes are sometimes forced upon us by weather, bear activity or other environmental hazards. The guides reserve the option of changing the day's activity from the published schedule based on any concern they have for the safety of the party. In these cases, various alternatives will normally be presented to the group and a decision made in consultation with them.

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Guests arrive in Calgary, transfer to Bragg Creek, reception, accommodation in guesthouse at ranch

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 2 (Sunday): Introductory Ride

Meet "your" horse, explore the Foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Kananaskis Country on a 5-6 hour day ride.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 3 (Monday): Kananaskis Day Ride

We are getting deeper into the mountains, cross rivers and climb up to view points during a 7-hour ride.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 4 (Tuesday): Transfer to Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

Transfer to Writing-on-Stone in Southern Alberta, afternoon ride through the Provincial Park.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

Day 5 (Wednesday): Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

Ride through the magical backcountry of Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

Day 6 (Thursday): Ride to Ross Bridge

Pack up and ride 40 kms across sweeping grassland down the Milk River.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

Day 7 (Friday): Ross Bridge to Manyberries

Today, you ride another 40 kms to the Pinhorn Ranch.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Manyberries

Day 8 (Saturday): Cypress Hills

Today's ride brings you to the historic Cypress Hills.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping

Day 9 (Sunday): Back to the Ranch

Enjoy one last ride before trailering back to the ranch.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 10 (Monday): Departure

Depart for Calgary Airport approx 9:30am

Meals included: Breakfast

meals included, breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Bragg Creek

Airport: Calgary International Airport (YYC)

Transfer: Calgary Airport/ hotels

Distance: 80 km

Pick up at Calgary Airport at 4:00pm. 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 (~5:00pm)

Tack: Western

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

Pace: walk, trot and canters in the mountains, fast canters in the prairies

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

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

Age: Min 8

Weight: 220 lb / 100 kg

Riders: Min 3 riders

Max 8 riders
(per riding group)

Max Capacity 8

Rates and Dates 2026 - RTAB18-C-SE

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 8 days of guided riding with historical and natural interpretation & Transfers
All camping gear, sleeping bags, mats, and duffels provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	Can\$	~US\$
A 2026	10 day trip	Can\$6200	\$4650

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\$100	\$75

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	05/30/2026 - 06/08/2026	10d / 9n	10 day trip

Min/Max: 3/8

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

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Rates and Dates 2027 - RTAB18-C-SE

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 8 days of guided riding with historical and natural interpretation & Transfers
All camping gear, sleeping bags, mats, and duffels provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	Can\$	~US\$
A 2027	10 day trip	Can\$6650	\$4990

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\$100	\$75

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	05/29/2027 - 06/07/2027	10d / 9n	10 day trip

Min/Max: 3/8

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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