



Hidden Trails

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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 Continental Divide Ride - Canada, North America

Tour Code: RTAB18-S

10 days / 9 nights ~\$4,455.00

Dates: July to August

Trip Rating: ●●●●●

Difficulty: ●●●●●

Lodging: 🏠

Tack: Western

Horses: Canadian, Arab, Quarter Horse, Morgan, ...

Pace: Moderate pace. Slow in the mountains, ...

Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Calgary International Airport (YYC)



Introduction

Alberta, Canada

The Kananaskis Continental Divide Ride is designed for keen riders who are up to the challenge of covering between 170 and 200 km of rugged mountain trails in Kananaskis Country. 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.

Starting from the foothills, we move progressively westward and deeper into the mountains. Trails vary from difficult game tracks that require a knowledgeable guide to find, through to some that are suitable for cantering. We normally move camp 4 times, which allows us to remain for 2 days in two of the prettiest valleys in the Rockies and do some horseback exploring unencumbered with pack horses and unconcerned about breaking and resetting camp. This also allows us the opportunity to do more or less difficult rides depending on the interests and ability of the group.

Elevations range between 4400' at the Ranch, to over 8400' at Paradise Pass. Routes may vary due to a variety of natural conditions. On some sections of trail the riders are required to dismount and walk their horses for safety. There are other destinations that require the horses be tied and people hike the last mile or so to reach an alpine lake, so a reasonable level of personal fitness is required.

Explore beautiful lakes that invite for a refreshing swim, snowcapped mountain passes, and lush meadows with clear streams running through.

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a pack trip so nights will be spent at different campsites.

Description

The first and last night of the trip will be spent at the ranch, and the remaining 7 nights will be spent camping in 4 different campsites.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes

Night 1: Ranch

Night 2: Threepoint Camp

Night 3-5: Elbow River Camp

Night 6: Tombstone Backcountry Camp

Night 7-8: Paradise Valley Camp

Night 9: Ranch





Ranch

The ranch lies in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, 13km south of the picturesque hamlet of Bragg 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. 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.



Camping

On the trail we stay in simple but comfortable camps, their locations are well chosen within the given geography. Some campsites are primitive camps where you can sleep under the stars in a cozy lean-to. 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.



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 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

The Kananaskis Continental Divide Ride is designed for riders who are up to the challenge of covering between 170 and 200 km of rugged mountain trails in Kananaskis Country. This vacation is for riders with intermediate to advanced experience and a keen sense of adventure. Since the packhorse train uses different trails than the riding guests we will often canter wherever the trail is suitable. This is why it is important you are well balanced and comfortable at trots and canters! 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 covering normally about 20 - 30 kilometers.

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

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 (Sunday): Arrival

We will arrange pick-up from Calgary in the afternoon, either from the international airport or a hotel. The exact pick up time will be coordinated with you directly, but typically we don't schedule pick-ups before 4:00pm. After approximately a 1 hour drive, you will be dropped off at the Ranch where we have a welcome meet & greet BBQ with all guests and the staff to give you and us the chance to get to know each other a bit, ask questions, and – most importantly – go over the plan for the next days, including weather forecast and reminders of what you need to bring. We will talk to you about your riding skills and preferences and dislikes in a horse so we can select a good match for you to ride over the next days. You will then be issued a sturdy duffel bag, sleeping bag, and mattress. After you check into your room, you will have time to pack and prepare for the trip and socialize with the other guests.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 2 (Monday): Introductory Ride

After a short test ride in our arena, we will pack a lunch and leave the ranch – either on horseback or by loading them on a trailer and departing from a near trailhead. We take it easy the first day and ride through the forests and meadows of the Foothills until we reach our first camp. It takes 5 hours to get to the first camp.

When arriving in camp, we take care of the horses, groom and feed them and then have time to rest ourselves with a good cup of cowboy coffee or tea. The camp is located near a small river that is refreshing on a hot day for those who like to take a splash!

Dinner is made over an open fire. We have put up large wall tents that offer enough space and shelter for the group.

Riding approx. 4-5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at Threepoint Camp

Day 3 (Tuesday): Threepoint Camp to Elbow River

If the weather for the day is favorable we will break camp after breakfast and depart for our longest day of the week. A breathtaking ride through the foothills and across a mountain range will take the better part of 7 hours to get to our next camp. This ride can't be done in poor weather conditions.

Riding approx. 7 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping near Elbow River

Day 4 (Wednesday): Elbow River on Horseback

The plan is to make a short but dramatic ride up a hidden valley. Because we'll be returning to the same camp, we can make a leisurely start, and we should be back early enough in the afternoon for a refreshing swim in the river near camp.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping near Elbow River

Day 5 (Thursday): Elbow River on Horseback

Weather permitting, the plan is to navigate our way around a mountain range using some very challenging trails. It will take more than 7 hours to complete that loop that is well described as an equestrian obstacle course. Return to the same camp late in the afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping near Elbow River

Day 6 (Friday): Sheep River Ride

After breakfast, we will break camp, pack up the horses and move up valley, crossing a low pass into the drainage of the Sheep River. This ride takes us past the highest mountain we'll see, rising 3200m. It's a fairly easy day covering about 24 kms

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping near Sheep River

Day 7 (Saturday): Ride to Paradise Valley

We pack up again and head north, past some alpine lakes where we'll take lunch and maybe a swim if it is warm enough. We'll arrive in our new camp in a beautiful meadow before supper.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping near Paradise Valley

Day 8 (Sunday): Paradise Pass

There are several options in Paradise Valley, but if conditions are suitable our favourite is to climb to Paradise Pass (2575M). If people feel strong we might continue around a nameless mountain range and make our way back to camp by descending a rugged and steep valley.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping near Paradise Valley

Day 9 (Monday): Ride back to Elbow River valley

After breakfast, we break camp for the last time, pack the horses, and ride down the valley where we will be met by the truck and trailer. After 8 days of riding through Kananaskis Country, you will return to civilization, where you can enjoy a shower and a nice dinner in the company of your new found friends.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 10 (Tuesday): Departure

After breakfast, it's time to say good bye. The shuttle will pick you up around 9:30am to take you back to Calgary. With you will be the memories of an unforgettable adventure in Kananaskis Country.

Meals included: Breakfast

Note: Elevations range between 4400' at the Ranch, to over 8400' at Paradise Pass. Routes may vary due to a variety of natural conditions.

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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

Tack: Western

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

Pace: 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.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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 2027 - RTAB18-S

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 8 riding days & Transfers

All camping gear, sleeping bags, mats, and duffels provided. Oil-slicker cost \$5 per day per person.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	Can\$	~US\$
A 2027	10 day trip - 7 nights camping and 2 nights Lodge	Can\$6500	\$4875

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 4:00pm included		
2027	Transfer from/to hotel in Calgary at 5:00pm included		
2027	Special diet (gluten-free or dairy-free) supplement	Can\$100	\$75

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	07/04/2027 - 07/13/2027	10d / 9n	10 day trip - 7 nights camping and 2 nights Lodge
A 2027	08/08/2027 - 08/17/2027	10d / 9n	10 day trip - 7 nights camping and 2 nights Lodge

Min/Max: 3/8

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

Rates and Dates 2026 - RTAB18-S

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, 8 riding days & Transfers

All camping gear, sleeping bags, mats, and duffels provided. Oil-slicker cost \$5 per day per person.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	Can\$	~US\$
A 2026	10 day trip - 7 nights camping and 2 nights Lodge	Can\$5940	\$4455

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 4:00pm included		
2026	Transfer from/to hotel in Calgary at 5:00pm included		
2026	Special diet (gluten-free or dairy-free) supplement	Can\$100	\$75

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	07/19/2026 - 07/28/2026	10d / 9n	10 day trip - 7 nights camping and 2 nights Lodge
A 2026	08/23/2026 - 09/01/2026	10d / 9n	10 day trip - 7 nights camping and 2 nights Lodge

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	Skill Level									
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Intern.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
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3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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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