

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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Weminuche Wilderness Pack Trip - USA, North America

Tour Code: RTC005

5 days / 4 nights ~\$2,500.00

Dates: June to August

Trip Rating: ●●●●●

Difficulty: ●●●●●

Lodging: ▲▲▲

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter mix

Pace: Any level, 5 hours in the saddle per d...

Airport: Durango



Introduction

Colorado, USA

Travel into one of the most spectacular areas of the Western United States, deep in the Weminuche Wilderness of the San Juan Mountains. This area was heavily glaciated and the valleys are textbook geologic featuring meandering streams through enormous valleys with hanging waterfalls on the valley walls, great expanses of exposed granite and huge moraines. You camp in a beautiful meadow on the glaciated canyon of the Florida River near the City Reservoir, built in the late 1800's by the city of Durango to store water. Today, it no longer is used by Durango, but instead provides some of the best lake fishing in the San Juans. The fish are not big, but they are lively! Less than a mile downstream, the canyon boxes off and is impassable. You can feel the presence of bear and elk in the air as you wander through this true wilderness. The list of activities to do is endless. Among our favorites is a ride to one of many high mountain ridges, enjoying incredible views, wildflowers, and of course, elk. Chicago Basin is one of the most sought out destinations in the San Juans but one of the most crowded. We ride horses to the rim where we have the most spectacular view of the Basin and the Fourteen thousand foot mountains surrounding it— and you won't see another person! Trimble Pass is another spot that you will never forget. And if you're up for it, we can climb to the top of Mount Sheridan for a view that is unmatched.

Another camp we use on our longer trips, is the West Virginia Camp. It is located in the spruce and fir trees at 11,300 ft. This is a true wilderness setting with large cliffs lining the valley that West Virginia Creek winds through. The fishing is fabulous in this native cutthroat stream, a rarity in today's world of invasive trout species. Virginia Creek is a moderate hike away with predominantly Rainbow Trout in its waterfalls and meanders. The views of Pigeon and Turret Peaks and the rest of the Needle Mountains are breathtaking on the way to these high mountain lakes.

Accommodation



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This is a pack trip ride where all nights are spent at a base camp.

Description

You will be staying in walled tents. Cots and pads are provided. Please bring your own sleeping bag! We have separate sleeping tents for each group of a mixed group trip. Clean latrine tents are located near camps. When the weather is warm enough, a warm shower is available (solar shower).





Meals

All meals are included in this trip.

Meals are served in our basecamp dining tent or on the trail when traveling by horseback. Gourmet meals, snacks, soft drinks and purified water are provided (bring your own water bottle). The cook tent has a woodstove with an oven where we bake biscuits and even pies! We believe that food is as important as the wilderness experience and we know you'll enjoy our delicious meals.

We do not provide alcohol on any of our trips. We can pack in a beverage of your choice (within reason). Since the effects of alcohol are multiplied at altitude, please use common sense. Under no circumstances will anyone be allowed to ride a horse under the influence of alcohol.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding



Fitness Requirement

You will enjoy all of our trips most if you are in good physical shape. Plan ahead, train for your trip and get ready to enjoy one of the best trips you can have anywhere. We provide riding instructions and encourage guests to get as involved with the handling of the horses as they wish, within reason.

Horses

We breed, raise, and sell Quarter Horses that are ideally suited to the endeavors that are important to working and living in the mountains. Our bloodlines are true foundation bred performance horses. Because we use these horses in our operations, we pay special attention to disposition in addition to great confirmation in our breeding program. With a herd of 100 horses, we have many to choose from for all riders!

Weight Limit

200lbs if less than 6'0

225lbs if more than 6'0



Itinerary





Sample Itinerary: 5-day Pack Trip - subject to changes

Note: We can create custom pack trips pending date availability. Daily rate depends on the size of the group and is also possible for a single person at a premium.

Day 1 (Monday): Arrival

Arrive at the ranch for 9:00am. After the pack load is set we'll mount our horses and head up the mountain. Immediately you become surrounded by the dense forest of the Weminuche Wilderness. We will take our time and wind up the trail crossing some creeks along the way and even skirting fallen trees. We will stop along the way for lunch along the trail in a spot where the views will take your breath away! As we continue on this remote trail to camp, we end the day descending down a traversing trail, crossing a river and ending up at our fully provisioned camp in the wilderness. You will have a chance to unload your personal gear and then join the group for some snacks before dinner. After dinner we can relax around our own private campfire and then head off to bed under a blanket of stars.

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping

Days 2-4 (Tuesday to Thursday): Pack Trip

Wake up each morning to the smell of freshly brewed cowboy coffee and another fulfilling western breakfast. The next few days we will be no rush to get started in the morning and there will be lots of options to choose from. We may opt to take a full day ride deep into the mountains enjoying waterfalls and wild flowers along the way or opt for just a half day ride and enjoy the afternoon doing a different activity. The fishing is 'Brookie Paradise' and only a five minute walk from camp in the waterfalls of the Florida River. High mountain lakes await us in every direction, some with 15" trout lurking in them. Or you may want to try to climb Mount Sheridan right behind camp for a spectacular 360 degree view including the 14,000 ft peaks Eolus, Windom and Sunlight peak. Keep your eyes open for large birds of prey overhead or possibly elk or deer running through the woods. After you have taken all the pictures you want, and spent the day enjoying what seems to be your own private wilderness playground, we'll head back to camp. Enjoy each others company while dinner is being prepared for you and relax around camp taking in the views, smells and sounds of this pristine wilderness. Each night offers a sky full of stars and coyotes often howling in the background.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping

Day 5 (Friday): Departure

After breakfast we take one last look at the glorious San Juan Mountain range that surrounds us and pack up our gear so we can head back to civilization. As you wind your way back to where the vehicle awaits there are plenty of last minute opportunities for taking photos. We'll plan on lunch on the trail along with way before we unload and pack up the animals for the journey home. You will arrive back in Durango at the ranch around 6:00pm. Please do not plan departures home tonight unless your flight departs after 8:30 pm.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight camping



Fishing Program (same route as pack trip)

The fishing at the headwaters of the Florida River includes alpine lakes, high mountain streams and the Weminuche Wilderness in Southwest Colorado. We have outstanding fishing right outside of camp. Be prepared because this is "brookie paradise", with excitement around every corner. We are experts on fishing the headwaters of the Florida River drainage. This area is one of the premier fishing regions in southwest Colorado, but because of its very remote location you can enjoy the trip and forget about the crowds. We can put you right there in the fishing fury, with a guide standing beside you who knows all of the prime spots, the best ways to fish them and the best fly for that particular hole at the time that you are there.

We are here to help you with what you want and need. If you're a beginning angler, we can give you a good foundation of the basics which you can carry on with you long after your trip. If you have more experience, we can help you refine techniques and learn some new tricks. If you are an advanced angler, our beta can help you maximize your fishing experience.

From our camps we can fish three different streams with three different types of fish and consequently three different fishing characters. The Florida and most of its tributaries are full of brook trout. These are voracious

feeders and a day of fishing can result in many fish on the end of your line. West Virginia Creek is a rare, native cutthroat fishery and we are fortunate to be able to stalk these wily critters in such a beautiful wilderness setting. Virginia Creek is dominated by Rainbow Trout and has the largest stream trout in our area.

We also fish the high country lakes of the Florida Basin including the Castilleja Lakes, Lake Marie, City Reservoir, Lilly Lake and Emerald lake. High country lake trouts can be fickle, but when they are hitting, the thrill of hooking one of these fish is truly exhilarating.

All of these trips are truly full service with all of the amenities of our basecamp pack trips with the addition of a dedicated fishing guide. The ratio of fisherman to guide is a maximum of 3 to 1. We provide all fishing flies and fishing gear is also available for rent.

Other Info

Meeting: Durango

Airport: Durango

Transfer: --

Distance: 10 miles 1/2 hr

Transfers are not available for this trip. Meet at the ranch for 9:00am on day 1 of the trip.

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter mix

Pace: Any level, 5 hours in the saddle per day. Slow Mtn trails

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2 to 2 out of 5) Novice

Age: Min 6 Max none

Weight: 200 lbs / 90 kg

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 8 riders

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Rates and Dates 2024 - RTCO05

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals with soft drinks and purified water (bring your own water bottle), Some riding instructions & Guided riding and packing services according to program
Cots and pads are provided.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	5 day pack trip	\$2500

Tax:\$ 3
Rates Note:Small group surcharge \$100/person/day

Transfer Option

Description

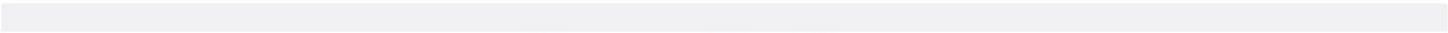
2024	Meet at the ranch for 9:00am on day 1 of the trip.
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Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	06/10/2024 - 06/14/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip
A 2024	06/17/2024 - 06/21/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip
A 2024	06/24/2024 - 06/28/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip
A 2024	07/01/2024 - 07/05/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip
A 2024	07/08/2024 - 07/12/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip
A 2024	07/15/2024 - 07/19/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip
A 2024	07/22/2024 - 07/26/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip
A 2024	08/12/2024 - 08/16/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip
A 2024	08/19/2024 - 08/23/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip
A 2024	08/26/2024 - 08/30/2024	5d / 4n	5 day pack trip

Min/Max: 2/8
Custom Full Service Pack Trip available any date -- please inquire for rates

Rates do not include:Transfers, Gratuities, Fishing license & Alcoholic drinks (bring your own- within reason)
Bring your own sleeping bag!



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 Inter.	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"/>	<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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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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