

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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Southwest Pack Trips - USA, North America

Tour Code: RTNM01

5 days / 4 nights ~\$1,625.00

Dates: March to Oct

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

Lodging : 🏕️🏕️🏕️

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter horses, Mustangs and Appaloosa...

Pace: Slow - 4-6 hours in the saddle per ri...

Airport: Albuquerque or Santa Fe



Introduction

New Mexico, USA

"This National Forest is America's undiscovered treasure, offering endless trail riding in some of the most spectacular scenery anywhere." You will explore its breathtaking canyons, creeks and meadows as you navigate the 'Blue Range' or the 'Middle Fork' of the Gila wilderness!

The Gila and the Blue are places of spectacular beauty tucked away in the Southwest corner of New Mexico and into Arizona. Dependent of the season, we will explore one or the other Gila wilderness areas on unforgettable pack trips with our sure footed horses and experienced guides. Ride some of America's most pristine and unique country during the day — then relax and have some fun in our camp during the evening.

The Gila Wilderness Pack Trip

One of the richest and most stunning landscapes in America, the Gila Wilderness is one of the world's largest and premier wilderness destinations.

The mountains and deep canyons of the Gila are rich with human history, wildlife and adventure. Ancient Indians dating back 1000 years lived along the Middle Fork, leaving behind inspiring and interesting cliff dwellings. The Apaches called the Gila home — and one of our stops is at the birthplace of Geronimo.

The Gila lays claim to the title of America's first and most expansive wilderness region, but this unique distinction does not begin to brush the surface of this powerful country, with the extraordinary diversity, tranquility and enchantment guarded at its heart. Until recently, the Gila National Forest, with its 3.3 million acres of awe-inspiring vistas, peaceful meadows, majestic rivers and deep, carved out canyons was a hidden treasure experienced by rugged trappers of the past and only the hardest adventurers of today. Riding the Middle Fork is like losing yourself to the beauty of our planet — the inspiration you receive starts the moment we begin our journey to the moment we arrive at the trail head. This natural inspiration will renew and enrich your daily life even after you're back home.

Blue Wilderness Pack Trip

The Blue Wilderness, on the border of Arizona/New Mexico has been a decade long effort of remarkable search and discovery. This little-used and little-known part of America's wild country has been our passion of exploration, with the vast riches in natural beauty as our reward. These historic trails were used by the Spaniards in their quest for gold and silver, along with the Apaches in their travels from Arizona to New Mexico. There are strange and beautiful rock formations — columns of hoodoos, jutting rocks of brilliant white, sculptured rock formations — much like a visit to Utah...or the Moon! Grand, awe-inspiring vistas . . . so many views in all directions. From Arizona look back and see into the mountains of New Mexico. View the beautiful canyons of the Blue River and endless scenery in the wild, untamed country of eastern Arizona. Large herds of elk, mule deer and bear roam this remarkable country without hesitation. Extreme remoteness . . . one of the greatest benefits of riding in the Blue is the fact of its little-to-no human use. A grand and awesome wilderness experience at its very best!

We will take you into the remote and wild countryside giving you a genuine lift in life. Experience the endless vistas of untouched country, spectacular canyon riding, deep pools of water and wild life. These pack trips are suited for every type of rider - family groups, beginners and advanced adventure-seeking riders. Each pack trip has the personal touch by our professional guide with 30 years of safe guiding experience. The riding and guides provide you with loads of historical & nature information. Meals are home cooked by the profession campfire chef. All on horses that are loved and well taken care of.

Truly refresh your spirit on a pack trip in Southwest New Mexico's wilderness!

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a pack trip, so most nights are spent camping.

Description

The first night is spent at a hotel nearby (not included). The next 4 night are spent camping at the base camp.

Camping



Our luxury base camp has everything set up and is ready for you to relax after a day of riding. Camp includes tents, cots, and private toilet facilities. Toilet facilities are solid toilet over a pit. Hot solar showers at the end of each day's ride are available in the shower tent. It is best to bring your own sleeping mats and sleeping bags, but some are available to borrow at no additional charge- please request at time of booking. Some trips will also include some progressive rides with overnights in "spike camps" that will be set up each day (not permanent camps) and therefore have less comforts. Please bring your own solar charger should you wish to charge batteries.

Tent Occupancy

Single riders will have a single tent at no added fee.
Triple occupancy is possible in a large tent.



Meals

All meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 5 are included.

All the creature comforts in the world — a deluxe kitchen with delicious all-you-can-eat Chuck Wagon Style Dutch oven cooking. Plentiful and delicious, our meals are home cooked and will leave you asking for seconds!

Wine is included with dinner, but you are also welcome to bring your own for the trip.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding



Riding

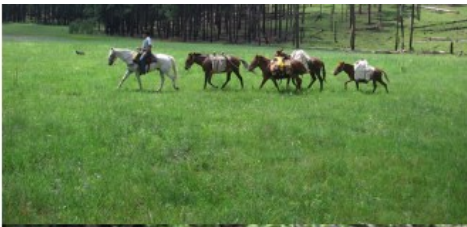
These rides require guests to be in good health and in good shape. The rides take place in mountain terrain.

Horses

Gentle, experienced and sure-footed, our riding horses are members of our family. We have horses to match every type of rider, from beginners and children to advanced adventure-seeking riders. We have Quarter horses, Mustangs and Appaloosas.

Itinerary





Sample Itinerary: Gila Wilderness - subject to changes

This 5-day pack trip goes into a base camp and includes rides along the awesome Middle Fork of the Gila River, a trip up the canyon to an Indian Cliff Dwelling, and some top country to a late 1800's log cabin. Deer, elk & bear can be seen on this trip. The elevation is around 8000 feet.

Day 0 (Saturday): Pre-trip night

Drive to Reserve or Glenwood and check into a local B&B or hotel (not included). Dinner and breakfast on own.

Day 1 (Sunday): Ride to basecamp

We pack our gear into vehicles, have breakfast along the way, driving to the trailhead. Then, we saddle up, pack the mules and ride into camp. The camp is located in a hidden, stunning canyon, the birthplace of Geronimo. Our comfortable camp features wall tents, cots, and everything to make your stay comfortable and warm. Elk and deer are abundant and thriving in the Gila, offering many excellent opportunities to see elk graze right along with our horses in camp, and along our riding journey.

In the evening, we enjoy a delicious Dutch Oven Meal.

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at basecamp

Day 2 (Monday): Middle Fork Ride

Ride the magnificent Middle Fork of the Gila River. There is no better wilderness experience in the world, than a horseback ride along the Middle Fork. Many water crossings with towering and splendid canyon walls await us. Awe-inspiring at every turn, canyon walls tower over us, with splendid hoodoo columns rising up along every stretch. Continuous water flow offers a cool dip along the way.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at basecamp

Day 3 (Tuesday): Historic Cabins Ride

We ride down stream on the Middle Fork, and make a gentle climb out of the canyon to a rest stop for sweeping views of the canyon below. We continue through changing landscapes to an historic late 1800 hundreds cabin. The horses graze while we eat a healthy lunch. A most splendid experience, wondering about life in the Gila over 1000 years ago. Then, ride back to our base camp.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at basecamp

Day 4 (Wednesday): Indian Cliff Dwelling Ride

Today, we ride upstream from our base camp to an Indian Cliff Dwelling. These Dwellings are in a canyon few people visit. Make a short climb to the Dwelling site and inspect the many Dwellings left behind some 1000 years ago. Ride back to camp.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at basecamp

Day 5 (Thursday): Departure

Pack our gear and ride back across vast scenery to our trailhead. We return to the trailhead around 2- 3pm.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch



Sample Itinerary: Blue Wilderness - subject to changes

This 5-day pack trip goes into a base camp and includes rides into red rock country, with 360 degree vistas and stunning landscapes, as well as a visit to a log cabin. We also ride into alpine country, with good vistas and wildlife sightings.

March, April and early May are the best times to book this trip. 6000-8000' elevations.

Day 0 (Saturday): Pre-trip night

Drive to Reserve or Glenwood and check into a local B&B or hotel (not included). Dinner and breakfast on own.

Day 1 (Sunday): Ride to basecamp

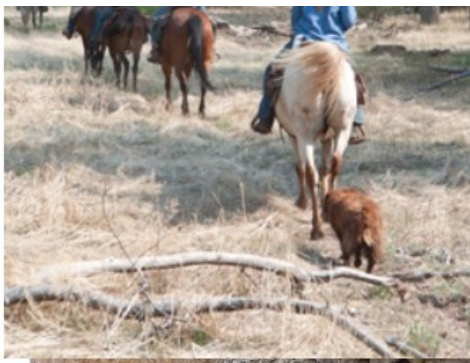
Meet at the ranch and drive to the New Mexico/Arizona border. We ride into Arizona's Blue Wilderness area, or otherwise called Blue Primitive Area. Riding up a narrow and spectacular canyon, our journey ends at a Spanish Mining Symbol, carved into a tree some 400 years ago. Spaniards, at the time, forced Indian slaves to do the mining. Enjoy a grand view of the valley, not many people experience.

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

Overnight camping at basecamp #1

Day 2 (Monday): Grand Vistas of Arizona Loop

Ride the incredible Blue Wilderness loop through a slot canyon, then we climb to rolling high country. While riding narrow slot canyons, one can almost touch the canyon walls on each side. Once at the top, we experience grand vistas of Arizona with its rugged mountains terrain. We will visit the ruins of a historic late 1800's cabin.



Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping at basecamp #1

Day 3 (Tuesday): Ride to Historic Cabins

Ride to our high country camp, near a fully-intact and different late 1800's historic cabin. An excellent chance to see elk and deer along the way. Landscapes every changing.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping at basecamp #2

Day 4 (Wednesday): Talc Uprising Ride

One of more diverse loop riding experiences in Arizona. Landscapes and views change constantly as we move from one stunning terrain to another. One of the most unusually stops is called the "Talc Uprising" — white columns of this fine mineral explode over many acres of landscape. Terrain one might find in Utah. The most unusual geological formation.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight camping at basecamp #2

Day 5 (Thursday): Departure

Pack up camp and we journey back to the trailhead by a different route. We climb to one of the highest peaks in the Blue, passing a natural lake. Then we descend, passing through changing landscapes as we drop in elevation. From old-growth alpine terrain to desert-like environments this is the fitting end to Nature's Hidden Treasures. We return to the trailhead around 2- 3pm.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Other Info

Meeting: Glenwood or Santa Fe

Airport: Albuquerque or Santa Fe

Train station: Santa Fe

Transfer: Santa Fe

Distance: 204 miles

Gila and Blue: We recommend renting a car from Albuquerque

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter horses, Mustangs and Appaloosas

Pace: Slow - 4-6 hours in the saddle per riding day

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2 to 3 out of 5) Novice +

Age: Min 7

Weight: 215 lbs

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 15 riders

Blue Wilderness

Customer Review from Jan Stalcup of Benton, Kansas

Last spring, I decided to take a pack trip in New Mexico and booked a trip in May, into the Blue Primitive range, which borders New Mexico and Arizona. The trail to the base camp was beautiful, with huge juniper trees, piñon pines and awesome mountain views as we dropped down in the canyon. The camp was shaded with a nice creek running alongside.

This area is pure wilderness. There's no motorized-vehicle access and we never saw any other trail riders. After setting up base camp, we rode out to several places. There's so much varied terrain and interesting rock formations - there's no way you can get tired of any one trail.

One ride took us for miles along a canyon, until we came out on a mountaintop. Another trail ran alongside some hoo-dos — tall rock spirals. We stopped often in the shade to rest the horses and I went looking for elk sheds and deer antlers.

On the last day of riding, we rode a place Jim call the "Mystery Lake" — it was an amazing place. It was well-wooded, as we were over 9000'. The aspen trees were larger around than any I'd ever seen, and there was huge Douglas firs everywhere. The day we packed out of the canyon and headed home, we spotted fresh bears sign not far from where we are camping. The night before, we'd heard turkeys gobbling late into the night, which we thought was unusual.

Jim's horses are good-mannered and in good shape. They're not your typical "dude ranch" horses. Jim will plan a trip to accommodate your riding experience and ability. If he sees you're an experienced rider, he'll take you on a challenging ride. If your inexperienced or would rather ride on gentle terrain, he'll make that possible.

I felt as if I had left a part of my soul out there — which means I'll have to go back again and again to find it!

Gila Wilderness

Customer review from Kathy Marie of Johnson, Texas

The Gila Wilderness is so magnificent, I just want to go right back. It is an artists' dream world. The scenery was spectacular and around each bend the beauty increased as the canyon walls rose higher. We ultimately camped on Canyon Creek then rode the Middle Fork every day. It was lush, cool, green, beautiful, magnificent, far better than I imagined. Peppermint grew lavishly along the creek and wildflowers were blooming all over. The rich, red amber bark of the Ponderosa pine trees would glow as the light reached that magic time late in the day. The soil is deep, rich, black and luscious. It was perfect sleeping weather, never too cold or too hot. In the mornings the cliffs were shrouded in mist and the trees on the top of the canyon would slowly appear out of the fog as the sun banished it for the day. We could never get enough of that ethereal blue mist as it mingled with the sun's first golden rays, nor could we capture it in photos. Perhaps a painter could come close. Birds were plentiful and I saw new ones for me including a bright-faced little Verdin. On one ride we surprised a Zone-tailed Hawk with its youngster.

We saw a bear one day while riding which was exciting. Jim has dogs that he takes with him on these trips. They are part of his family just as the horses are. Wolves are also in that area and he has encountered them before. There are mountain lions too but they are not so bold and tend to keep away from people. One day he took us to an ancient cliff dwelling that he discovered and very few people have seen.

We rode about 10 miles a day -- the horses were amazing athletes and conducted us safely. My mount was Cowboy and it turned out he was very fond of dried kiwi, as was Mr. Black, Sue's horse, so I will take more next time. One day we rode up to the canyon rim and looked down into the awesome beauty of our temporary home. What glorious sculpture! This canyon, so incomparable, alluring and grand, it even seems to create its own weather.

On each ride we went to a different part of the canyon and got to see some of its secrets. Riding out from camp the trail quickly became familiar, like an old friend. Trees, cliff faces, rock formations, river crossings and meadows that we traveled through coming and going were like family and home. Then all of a sudden we would be on a



that we traveled through coming and going were like family and home. Then all of a sudden we would be on a new trail and a whole new land of discovery would open up.

When we finally had to say goodbye to the canyon and head out it was with sadness. None of us wanted to leave. We climbed out of the canyon and landed on top, then made our way out through the high country. The best part about that was at one point, being able to look back and see the grin of this massive, awesome canyon far in the distance that we had just called home. No matter how far away, its beauty is not diminished. I couldn't take my eyes off of it.

We made it back to the trailhead safe and sound and then came the awful business of saying goodbye, packing the car and leaving it all behind.

Cowboy Cathedral, by Kathleen Marie

I have some good pictures, however, the truth is that pictures do little justice to the majesty of this area and they can't capture the admirable nature of the people I was with or express the beauty of the connection made with people and place on such a grand adventure. They can't show the vastness, depth and purity of the canyon or the smell of the air when the rain starts to fall on alluvial soil and pine duff. They can't convey the essence of the mint as the horses step on it and release its magic scent. They don't show the time and hard work that Jim must spend to prepare for a trip like this, and the definitely cannot capture the heart and soul of the animals; the horses, mules, birds, bears, dogs, lizards, insects, that make it all so beautiful, so real, they make you think deeper and purer than you are use to.



Rates and Dates 2026 - RTNM01

Rates include: Tent accommodations, All meals (from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 5) , 5 riding days & Transfers from/to Glenwood
 Guides can speak: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Catalan!
 Sleeping bags and ground mat are not included but can be supplied if necessary on request at no charge.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness	\$1625
B 2026	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Blue Wilderness	\$1625

Tax:\$ 8.69

Transfer Option

Description

2026 No transfers available; best to rent a car in Albuquerque

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
B 2026	04/12/2026 - 04/16/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Blue Wilderness
B 2026	04/26/2026 - 04/30/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Blue Wilderness
B 2026	05/03/2026 - 05/07/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Blue Wilderness
A 2026	05/10/2026 - 05/14/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	05/17/2026 - 05/21/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	05/31/2026 - 06/04/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	06/07/2026 - 06/11/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	07/05/2026 - 07/09/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	07/12/2026 - 07/16/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	07/19/2026 - 07/23/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	07/27/2026 - 07/31/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	08/09/2026 - 08/13/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	08/16/2026 - 08/20/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	08/23/2026 - 08/27/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	09/06/2026 - 09/10/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	09/13/2026 - 09/17/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness
A 2026	09/27/2026 - 10/01/2026	5d / 4n	5 day trip, 5 riding days - Gila Wilderness

Min/Max: 2/15

Rates do not include:Accommodations and meals on Day 0, Breakfast on Day 1, 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												
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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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