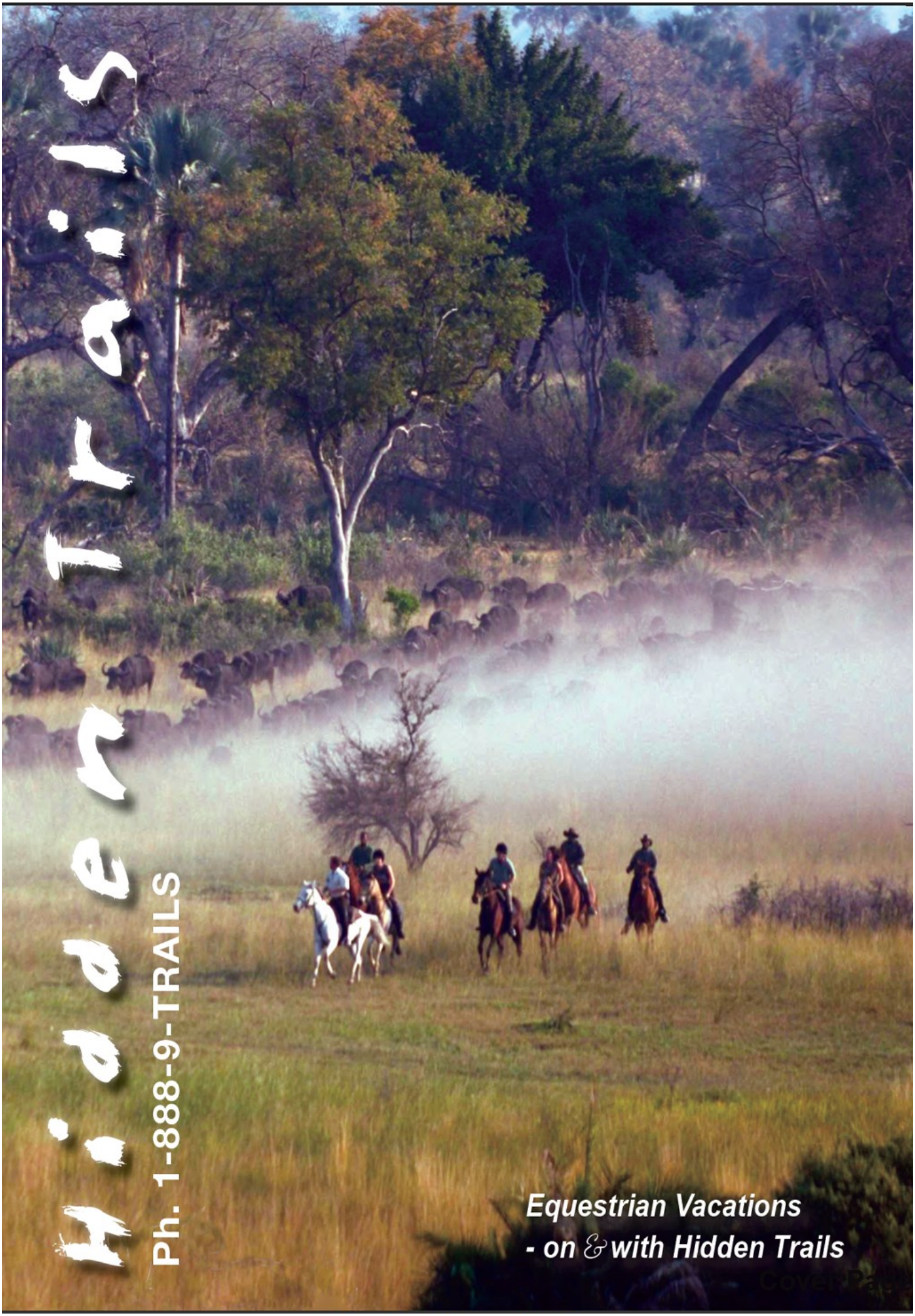
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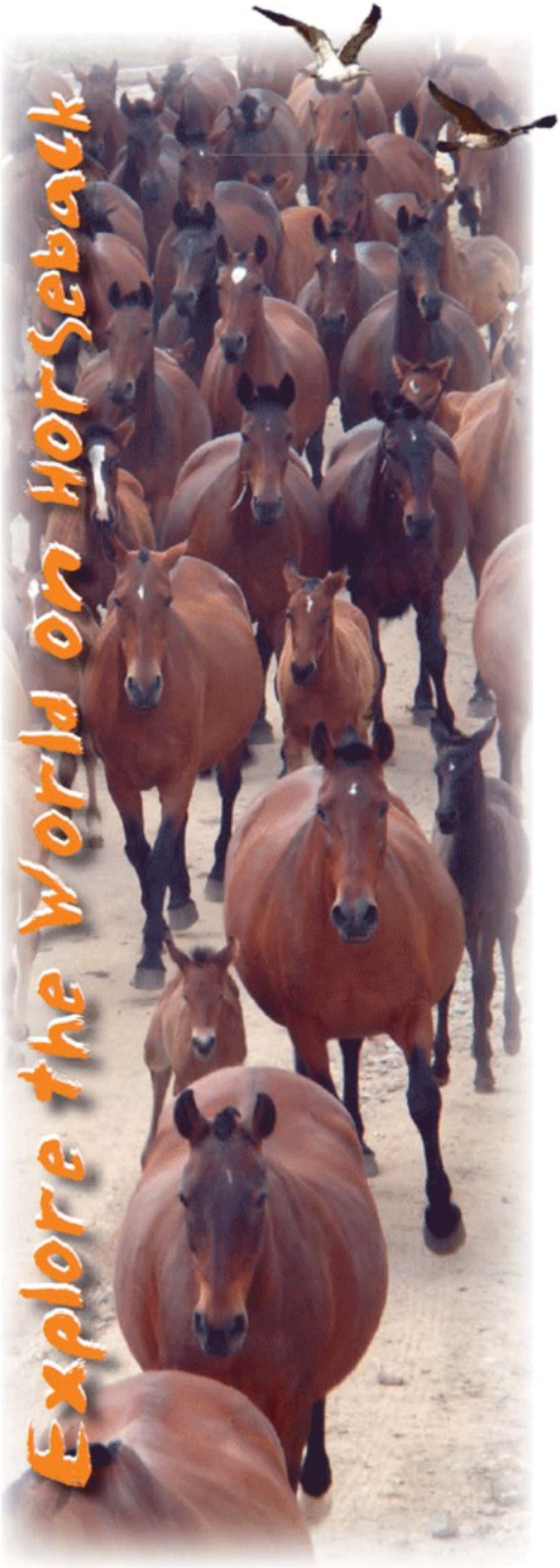
# About Hidden Trails




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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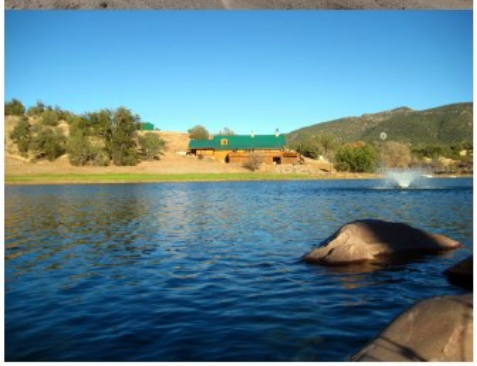
# Cattle Ranch in Pleasant Valley - USA, North America

**Tour Code: WRAZ02**
7 days / 6 nights ~$1,740.00
Dates: Available all Year

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: Western
Horses: Quarter horses, Mules
Pace: Slow with some trots and canters accor...
Walk,Trot,Canter,

Airport: Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX)



## Introduction

Arizona, USA
Set in the heart of the Tonto National Forest along the Mogollon Rim, this lodge is part of a working 55,000 acre cattle ranch that offers something for every visitor and level of rider. It is also rich in old west history and culture – located near the site of one of the gunfights of the infamous Pleasant Valley War. The war is one the most famous of the range feuds in the American West, the subject of a number of nonfiction books, as well as the source of a number novels (including one by Zane Grey) and movie plots.

The lodge is a study in rustic elegance, providing all the modern comforts, while staying true to its working cattle ranch history. Guests will enjoy the accommodations at the lodge – the spacious great hall with its fireplace and leather couches, the supremely comfortable bedrooms, the deck overlooking the lake and the patio with its fire pit. The lodge is the perfect place to relax when not out on the trail on well-trained, responsive horses, or taking advantage of the many activities around the ranch, including the roping arena, rifle range, archery course, sporting clay course, four-wheeling, fishing, hiking and more.

The family-owned lodge opened to the public in 2008 and now offers a variety of riding opportunities that accommodate every level of experience including 'cowboy skill' classes, trail rides, half-day, day-long and camping excursions to explore Indian ruins, remote line cabins, or to the sites of gun fights in the Pleasant Valley War. Experienced riders can also go out with the ranch hands to experience the cowboy life, monitoring livestock & range conditions, riding fence lines, rounding up, driving and working the livestock.

The trails wind through diverse and breathtaking terrain: Ponderosa pine forests, running streams, riparian valleys and canyons, stands of aspen, juniper, oak and chaparral, and open grass lands. Beginners will enjoy wide, slow-curving trails that wind around the hills and through the gullies around the lodge. These trails are relatively flat, mostly graded and very easy to follow. More experienced riders will want to take advantage of the more challenging trails and cross country excursions. Trails climb across ridges, gullies, valleys, mesas, hills and peaks. Some of the paths are fairly narrow, full of switchbacks and traverse steep rocky slopes, but provide some of the most spectacular views of Pleasant Valley and the wildlife hidden deep in the woods.

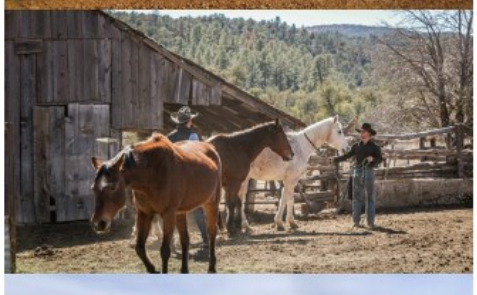
## Accomodation

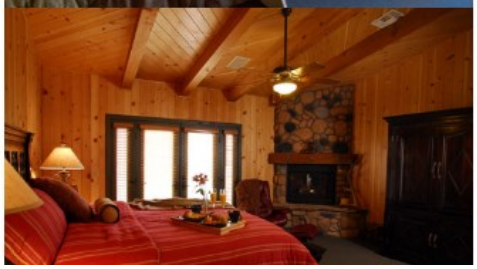
**Accommodations**
This is a stationary ride, so all nights are spent at the same location.

**Description**
Discover a hideaway with all the comforts of home in a stunning mountain setting and spectacular scenery. Personalized hospitality at its finest, a stay at our Ranch is so much more than a getaway, so much more than a vacation at a common Country Inn or Dude Ranch; it is an unforgettable experience that ensures guests leave recharged, refreshed and with endless memories of their time spent in the Tonto National Forest. All of our rooms are unique and can be configured to best suits your lodging needs. A crib and pullout bed are available for families with young children. All Guest Rooms are private, quiet, smartly appointed in décor with quality furniture, fine linens, cozy blanket throws, and fresh and fluffy bed pillows. And, all of the beds (excepting some of the bunkbeds) have top-of-the-line pillow top mattresses. To maintain the natural environment around the lodge we are solar-powered and green friendly!
Free Wi-Fi internet is available to all guests, as well as a washer and dryer.
***Note: absolutely no smoking inside! However, designated outdoor smoking areas are available.***

The Rustler's Roost, Wranglers Rack, and Bunkhouse Suite are in a separate bunkhouse building, located less than two hundred feet from the main lodge, situated closer to the horses and other livestock. Of course, all guests are encouraged to enjoy the main lodge amenities.
Rustlers Roost and Wranglers Rack are the only pet friendly rooms.

Wrangler Package Rooms





*60 Caliber Room - Lodge Room*
With two luxurious queen beds, a shared bathroom with tub/shower combination and French doors leading to the patio with outdoor furniture, it is a perfect place to relax and unwind. The room shares a bathroom with the Queen Anne Room.

*Queen Anne Room - Lodge Room*
Dream of the next day's activities on a luxurious queen bed in our Queen Anne room. With French doors leading to a comfortable and shaded patio with outdoor furniture, direct access to campfire patio and outside dining area and a spacious closet, it is an ideal retreat. It shares a bathroom with the 60 Caliber Room.

*Rustlers Roost - Bunk House Accommodations*
Located in the bunkhouse apart from the main lodge, this room features a king size bed, private bathroom, an exterior entrance. This room is perfect for mom and dad, with access to the kid's bunkhouse commons.

*Wranglers Rack - Bunk House Accommodations*
This room comes complete with your choice of two comfortable queen beds, or, upon request, up to three bunk-bed sets, as well as private bath and porch.

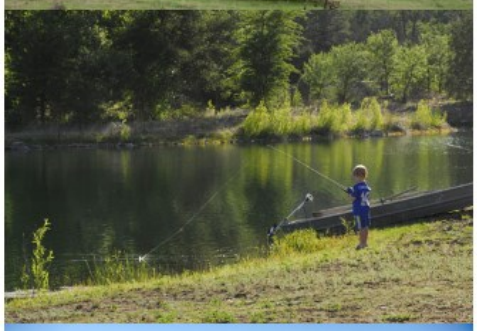
Cow Boss Package Rooms

*Ambush Hill Loft - Lodge Room*
The loft provides a direct view from a private balcony on to the infamous Ambush Hill. It features a comfortable king bed, a private bath, and a private balcony. A separate anteroom off the main bedroom contains two additional twin beds.

*Lake View Retreat - Lodge Room*
This room offers a relaxing escape with two luxurious queen beds, an en suite bathroom with tub/shower combination, a spacious closet, and private exterior entrance with patio furniture leading straight to the Lake Sharon.

Owner's Hideaway Package Rooms

*Deluxe Hideaway - Lodge Suite*
This luxurious room is the most spacious at the lodge and is outfitted with everything that will truly make you feel like the owners. The room features a king size bed, French double doors out to a private redwood deck, stone



fireplace, plasma screen TV, and a private bathroom. After a long day riding the trails, sit down and relax in the large soaking tub or oversized shower.

Buckaroo Package Rooms

*Bunkhouse Commons - Bunk House Accommodations*
The bunkhouse commons is the perfect room for your kids! Apart from the main lodge, this room comes complete with a full bed and twin bunk-bed set, as well as an additional two twin bunk-bed sets with trundles. This suite also offers a private bath a kitchenette, and a private porch., with one bathroom to share. These quarters are not of the same luxury standard as the lodge rooms, but still very clean and comfortable.

Room Occupancy
Single rooms are possible based on availability.
Triple occupancy might be possible based on availability. Please inquire.

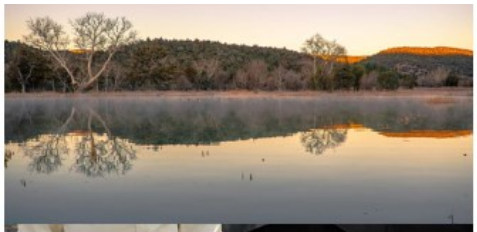
**Meals**
All meals are included from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on your last day.
We serve delicious hearty country breakfast, western lunch, and dinner daily. All meals are served family style and prepared with love. Our weekly cowboy cookout is special – it includes a grilled to order 16oz Prime Rib Steak cooked to perfection and served with all the trimmings. We always finish with something sweet from our kitchen!

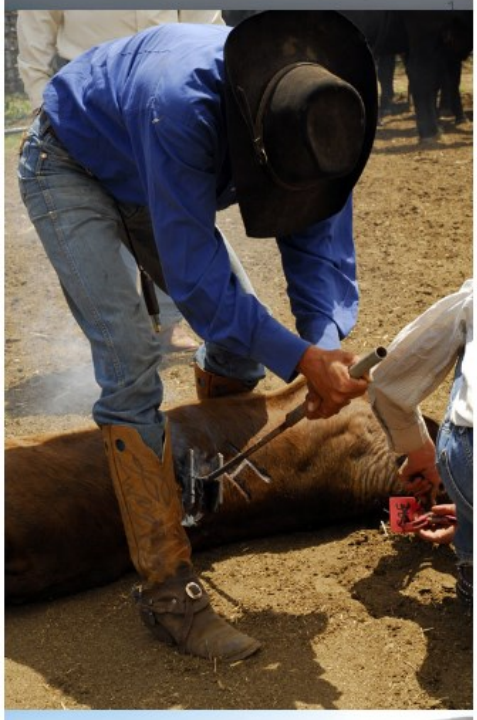
*Sample lunches*
- Hamburgers: grilled out back and served with salad.
- Chili dogs: These are not your typical hotdog. These giant dogs (1 pound) are grilled out back and topped with chili, cheese and onions.
- Pulled pork sandwich with slaw on homemade buns.
- Sliced brisket of beef sandwich on homemade buns and served with salad or slaw.
- Asian Chicken Salad: Grilled chicken breasts with fresh greens, fruits and nuts served with a ginger soy dressing.

Some of our adventurous guests need to take their lunch out on the trail – be it a horseback ride, jeep tour, or nature hike! Usually it would consist of something similar to: Shaved ham or turkey sandwich on homemade bread with all the trimmings, homemade potato salad or coleslaw, fresh veggies and brownies for dessert. Water and house beverages.

*Sample dinners*
- Grass Fed Beef from the Ranch (when available): Ask the Chef about availability and the particular cuts of beef that are available.
- Chicken Piccata: Chicken breast sautéed in butter with lemon and capers and served over angel hair pasta. Served with a fresh green salad, freshly baked French bread and dessert.
- Cherry Creek Chicken and Dumplings: Our version is a thick and creamy chicken stew served under a latticework of puff pastry. A mixed green salad with berries and goat cheese and dessert are included.

Dietary Restrictions
We can cater to special diets with prior notice.





## Riding

Our program is very flexible -- make sure you talk to our ranch manager about what you would like to do during your stay!

**Riding level**
Experienced riders and beginners alike will find everything they need to enjoy and take advantage of the lodge's miles of trails, beautiful horses and professional equipment. Our staff will help find the horse just right for you!

**Riding Terrain**
There are over 100 miles of trail on 55,000 acres of land around the lodge. This a variety allows us to keep guests entertained for days exploring the beautiful country around the lodge.
Some trails are gentle and wide enough for wheeled vehicles, while others are steep, winding paths that cut through the hills on their climb to the top. Some trails require crossing running water, and include relatively steep slopes.

**Bringing your own horse**
Guests are welcome to bring their own horses. If you do decide to bring your own horse, please inquire for more details.

**Animals and Wildlife**
Kids, in particular, love our ranch animals. They are friendly and gentle, even most of our chickens. The goats love to be fed and petted. Our horses love to be brushed, fed and petted. Come and gather fresh eggs daily from our chickens, be sure to feed them too. Our cattle are visible most anywhere on the ranch. And then there is the local wildlife, – elk, mule deer, Coues deer, turkey, bobcat, coyotes, bear, javelina, mountain lion, coati, hawks and eagles. We don't pet those.

## Itinerary

From horseback riding and UTV excursions to hiking, fishing, archery, shooting and so much more, there is no end to the memorable experiences to be found at the Ranch. Buried deep within the Tonto National Forest, guests are able to experience the full natural beauty of the Arizona highlands on the 40,000+ acre property.
A stay at our Ranch is an authentic American Cowboy Ranch experience!

Visit, interact, pet and feed our friendly horses, goats and chickens. Help collect fresh eggs daily from our chickens. Pick vegetables from our garden. Enjoy the tire swing, swim, or go bird watching on Lake Sharon, our private 3 acre lake. Walk and meditate in our Labyrinth. Enjoy stargazing most every night from anywhere on the ranch. Children love to catch and release our HUGE Bull frogs and toads, they love to catch crayfish and help turn them into a delicious meal. Nature walks on the seamlessly never ending grounds refresh the soul.
The ranch is also a great place to bring your own mountain bikes, ATV's, Razor's, Rangers, dirt bikes and all your riding toys.

Of course, some people will like to simply relax, enjoying the scenery from the wrap around deck, or the fire-pit on the patio.

Activities that require to work with cattle (cattle drive, round-up and sorting) are not always available, depending on the time of the year you visit the ranch. Please, inquire for more information about these activities.

Our package offers 1 activity per day. This includes horse riding, UTV tours, shooting, and/ or fishing. Extra activities can be booked for an additional fee.

**Riding**
Step into your jeans and cowboy boots and hop into the saddle on one of our beautiful horses to take in the Arizona wilderness like never before. Experts and beginners alike will find everything they need to enjoy and take advantage of the lodge's beautiful horses and professional equipment, miles of trails, and arena.

*Lessons*
A typical class is 1-2 hours long and will involve feeding and grooming the horses, proper saddling and riding techniques. When riders are comfortable, the ranch hands will have the guests ride in our pens or arena and begin taking them out on the smoother trails around the lodge.

*Trails*
The wide variety of trails will keep guests entertained for days exploring the beautiful country around the lodge. Some trails are gentle and wide enough for wheeled vehicles. Others are steep, winding paths that cut through the hills on their climb to the top. Riders will need to have a moderate level of experience before tackling the steeper trails.
On our longer trails, lunch is packed to allow us to explore even further into the wilderness. We also offer an overnight trail (extra fee) where you ride through spectacular scenery and geological formations to a camp where you enjoy a campfire dinner and tent accommodations.
Shorter trails are 2-3 hours long, while extended trails are 5-8 hours.

*Cattle Drive/ Round Up - experienced riders only*
Be a real cowboy for half a day or full day. Driving the cattle says it all. This is fun yet hard work. Work side by side with our experienced ranch hands. Riding, sorting and moving cattle from one pasture or place to another.

*Cowboy for a Day - experienced riders only*
The working the cattle often includes roundups, branding, sorting, weaning, vaccinating, castrating, moving to new pastures. For advanced riders, this is the ultimate experience. Be prepared for the possibility of long days and less guidance than other activities. Riders will be instructed on the activities and guided on how to participate. Then they can either sit back and watch the action or jump right on in and help. Playing an active role in working the livestock in particular will expose the rider to a variety of terrains, some of which may be relatively rugged, wooded and/or rocky, and may require riding at a fast canter or gallop. Once the cattle have been rounded up, riders will sometimes have the opportunity to also take part in the cattle drive, and ultimately branding and other activities. It's an experience not soon forgotten. This activity usually lasts from 5 to 8 hours.

*Cowboy Clinics*
Learn Cowboy skills from one of our experienced ranch hands – choose one or more subjects for a 1 to 2 hour class, including: western riding techniques, horse care and grooming, use and maintenance of western tack, and roping

*Cowboy Skills Package (requires min. 3 days)*
Learn a variety of cowboy skills from one of our experienced ranch hands – caring for horses, saddles and tack, saddling a horse, shoeing, roping, branding, Western riding, barrel & pole workouts in the arena, cattle management & care.

*Team Penning / Sorting (extra fee)*
Test your riding skills and "cow sense" in our arena. In penning teams of two, riders separate particular cows from a herd and move them into a penning area. Time is of the essence here. Penning and Sorting offer participants the opportunity to incorporate all of their working cow horse skills in a fast-paced, fun, team-oriented competition that embraces the roots of the western lifestyle.

**Fishing**
Take advantage of the beautiful three-acre Lake Sharon – stocked with bass, and Georgia giant perch and

crappie – only a stone's throw from the Ranch. As to the monster fish we've been catching – pictures speak more loudly than words. Catch and release.

**UTV Tours**
Sit back and enjoy UTV rides over the ridges hills and mountains to see spectacular scenery, geological formations and, on occasion, wildlife. Or, see ancient Native American sites and sites of the infamous Pleasant Valley War.

**Hiking**
Enjoy the spectacular scenery and geological formations hiking the numerous trails around the Ranch.

**Archery/ Shooting (extra fee)**
Archery, rifle, pistol, and sporting clay shotgun ranges are available to our guests. Beginners can learn the proper way to shoot a bow or fire a gun and experts can brush up on their aim before a hunt. All guests are required to take a brief course on gun safety before entering the shooting arena.

## Other Info

**Meeting:** Young
**Airport:** Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX)
**Transfer:** Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX)
**Distance:** 240 km / 150 miles
Pick-up/ drop-off for this trip is from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) at any time.
Check in between 3 & 6 pm - Check out by 11 am
If you decide to drive in - please note that it is partially on dirt roads and a 4x4 or SUV is recommended - especially during winter months.

**Tack:** Western

**Horses:** Quarter horses, Mules

**Pace:** Slow with some trots and canters according to riding level. Working cattle may require fas

canter and occasional gallop. Trail rides are in mountainous trails.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

**Level:** (2 to 4 out of 5) All riding levels

**Age:** Min 8

**Weight:** 250 lbs

**Riders:** Min 2 riders Max 12 riders

## Rates and Dates 2024 - WRAZ02

**Rates include:** Accommodation, All meals with 1 soft drink per meal & 1 activity for each riding day

## Packages and Options

| Season | Description | ~US$ |
|---|---|---|
| A 2024 | 7 day Ranch - The Wrangler | $1740 |
| | Daily rate, single | $320 |
| | Daily rate, double | $290 |
| | Single supplement | $180 |
| B 2024 | 7 day Ranch - The Owner's Hideaway | $2550 |
| | Daily rate, single | $520 |
| | Daily rate, double | $425 |
| | Single supplement | $570 |
| C 2024 | 7 day Ranch - The Cow Boss | $1920 |
| | Single supplement | $390 |
| | Daily rate, single | $385 |
| | Daily rate, double | $320 |
| D 2024 | 7 day Ranch - The Buckaroo (min 4 pax) | $1170 |
| | Single supplement | $3510 |
| | Daily rate, single | $780 |
| | Daily rate, double, pp | $390 |
| | Daily rate, triple, pp | $260 |
| | Daily rate, (min 4 pax), pp | $195 |

**Gratuity:**15 %
**Tax:**$ 6.6
**Rates Note:**
**Shorter stays possible with minimum of 3 days 2 nights**

## Transfer Option

**Description**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2024 | Transfer from/to Phoenix pp return (cash only) | $500 |
| 2024 | Cowboy add-on package- no added fee | |
| 2024 | Group half-day cattle drive add-on package, pp | $140 |
| 2024 | Child 6-12 yrs = $100 per night (with two adults in double, or one single with supplement) | $100 |
| 2024 | Child 5 and under are FREE | |
| 2024 | Individual half-day cattle drive add-on package -- please inquire | |
| 2024 | Each additional adult in the room = $200 per person per night | $200 |

**Tour Dates**

| Season | Tour Dates | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A 2024 | 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 | 7d / 6n | 7 day Ranch - The Wrangler |
| B 2024 | 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 | 7d / 6n | 7 day Ranch - The Owner's Hideaway |
| C 2024 | 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 | 7d / 6n | 7 day Ranch - The Cow Boss |
| D 2024 | 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 | 7d / 6n | 7 day Ranch - The Buckaroo (min 4 pax) |

**Min/Max:** 2/12

**Arrival can be any day of the week - open all year.**
It's best to come between April to October as there's chances of snow and bad weather between November to March.

Rates do not include:Gratuities, Drinks, Overnight excursions, Team penning / Sorting, Additional riding, Sporting clays & Archery course, Half-day cattle drive add-on, Transfers
Taxes

# 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 | Beginner | Novice | Intermediate | Strong Interm. | 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 maling address):

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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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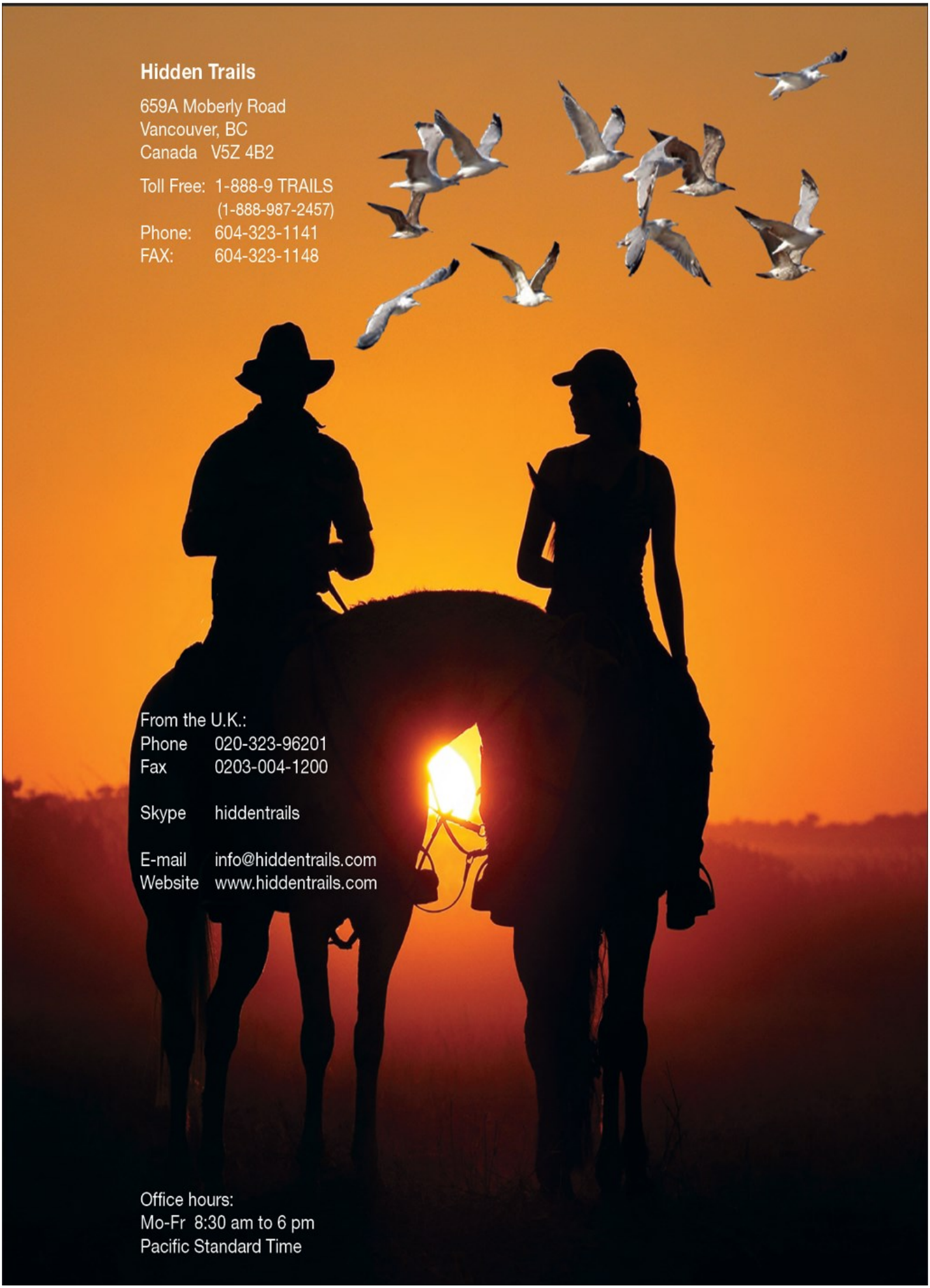
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