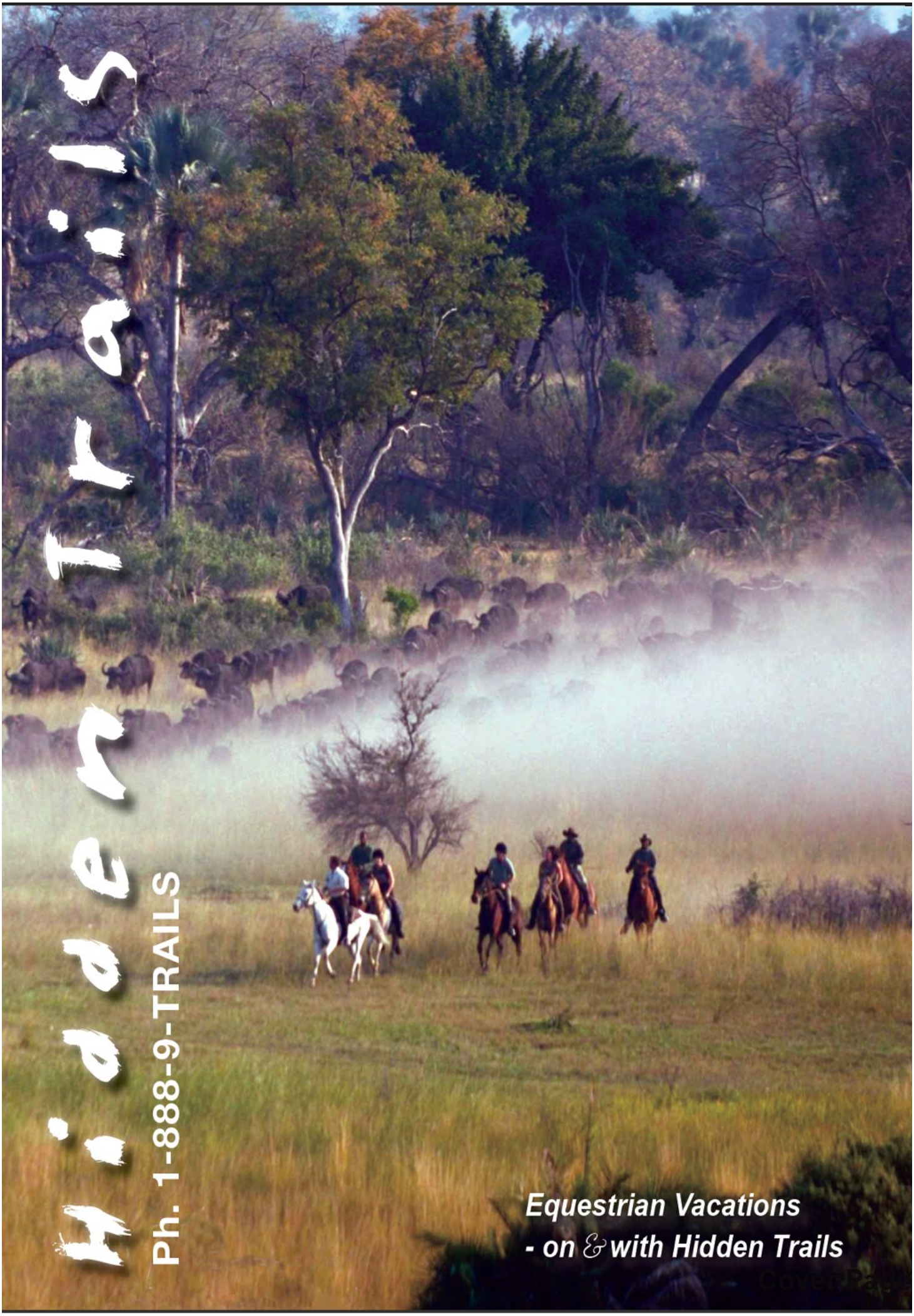

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About Hidden Trails



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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Pryor Mountains Working Ranch - USA, North America

Tour Code: WRWY02
7 days / 6 nights ~$2,500.00
Dates: May to Oct

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack: Western
Horses: Quarter horse
Pace: All paces, some long days in the saddl...

Airport: Billings MT











Introduction

Wyoming, USA
This ranch in the Pryor Mountains is an authentic working cattle and horse ranch South of Billings, Montana. It is not a dude ranch! Hard working cowboys have taken care of this ranch since 1889 and they will ride with you on 40,000 acres of their open grassland country while taking care of 800 cows calf pairs. Montana's "Big Sky Country" takes you away from swimming pools and golf courses to a remote, quiet setting where you can hear the babbling creek at night and see breathtaking scenery no matter what direction we decide to ride in that day. The ranch also raises their own herd of trusty quarter horses. Being a cowboy has always been a secret dream of many men and women. To a cowboy, the horse is not a pet but a companion and partner with whom he works and depends on to accomplish great tasks. That is what we offer at this ranch - a beautiful country setting to befriend a great cow horse who will help you turn your first errant cow back into the herd and help you to feel what it is like to be a real cowboy in Wyoming. The ranch is located in very picturesque, peaceful, and calm countryside at the border of Montana and Wyoming. It is rolling, native grasslands with areas of pines and canyons, laying along the Eastern slope of the majestic Pryor Mountains which run East and West. Very few people have ever invaded its serene and spacious lands. As you leave the paved highway and start up the canyon along the rutted road toward the mountain, you actually feel as if you are traveling back in time.

Ranch weeks are all about a cowboys life - caring for the land (33,000 acres) is a loving stewardship. Caring for the 800 head of cows and calves after a long winter and a well earned change of focus at the ranch. Each day will include riding, working cattle and returning strays to their pastures and gathering cattle. We have branding in the spring and gathering and weaning in the fall. Some weeks include a Mini Horse Drive as well.
Come ride with our cowboys, it will change your life perspective forever! The sun rises at 4:30 right along with our cook and each morning the bell rings at 7:00 for breakfast (coffee is always on at 5:30). Do you want to share in the first best experience? The best place to experience this thrill is on the canyon rims at 6:30 each morning with your camera.
Our wranglers will take you with them (if you want to go) to bring in the horse rumuda on one of these peaceful mornings. If you want to ride, then ask Mike to put your name on the list early. This is one of the first most memorable experiences we share with our guest during their stay at the ranch.

Any ranch week may include: branding, vaccinating, roping, mini-veterinary needs, wrangling the cavvy, holding herd, salting, fencing, rotating pastures, bull gathering, weaning calves, pregnancy testing cows, weaning colts, working mare bands, occasional horse drives and rounding up strays. Each activity depends on the time of year you decide to join us. Generally, ranch weeks include several of the activities listed above.

Accomodation



Accommodations
This is a stationary ride, so all nights will be spent at the ranch.

Description
The ranch, located South of Billings (Montana), comprises about 33,000 acres, which include a canyon, the original Indian buffalo jump, and different elevations of mountains all around the canyon. During the time at the ranch you will stay in the bunkhouse or in one of the cabins. Towels are provided for the trip. The Lodge is a big meeting room where we give out the pommel bags and accessories and sign the Rider Releases. There is also a small store in the lodge with basic ranch needs, gloves, vests, Tee shirts, cowboy hats, scarves, etc. There is a cookhouse building which is the main gathering place for social things and for meals.
Limited WIFI is available at the ranch.





Bunkhouse
The bunkhouse is a remodeled old milk barn built back in the late 1800 and early 1900. It has been divided into 4 single rooms on the ground floor and 4 different size rooms upstairs, which was originally the hay loft. We have built 2 bathrooms at the end of the porch, and 2 more bathrooms at the end of the porch of the Lodge, just across the road. We have blended old and new in a western way by leaving the old log look and mixing it with hot water, heat, and electricity. The bunkhouse has an inviting front porch to sit on and enjoy a quiet moment to yourself or share cowboy stories with other guests.

Cabins
Down the canyon from the bunkhouse we have 3 cabins. The cabins are decorated with old ranch pictures decorate the walls from Montana cattle drives gone by. The cabins do have private bathrooms. If they are available, they can be reserved by paying the cabin upgrade cost.

Room Occupancy
The bunkhouse rooms can be shared between up to 4 adults.
The cabins can host a maximum of 3 adults per cabin.



Meals
All meals are included except for the last dinner in Billings.

Guests eat 3 meals a day with the family and cowboys in the cookhouse. Ranch home-style meals are served with hot homemade breads. Each week we serve tender angus beef steaks, top sirloin roast, healthy vegetables, fresh salads, homemade desserts and lots of chocolate chip cookies for the kid in all of us. We promote beef on our ranch from pasture to plate. One of the meals we are famous for is our Indian Tacos.

Since we are located on the Crow Indian Reservation, Government Regulations does not allow alcohol be on the land.

Dietary Restrictions
We can cater to dietary restrictions if given prior notice.

Riding



No riding on ranch departure day - Saturday. Riding is instead increased during the week (5 riding days).

Staff
We are a family owned and operated working guest ranch. We have a normal staff of eight people who live at the ranch throughout the season. We have two full-time cowboys and two seasonal working cowboys or cowgirls. The other family members help out when needed. On occasion, we have neighboring cowboys who come to ride

colts, or fill in at peak work times.

Horses
The Ranch has been raising registered American Quarter Horses for over 40 years. We gather our mares only a few times a year, and we are proud to say that our foals hit the ground in big, rough country, without human intervention. Before we ever lay hands on them, they already know how to handle themselves in rough terrain, cross water, and navigate the elements of nature.
We have cavvy horses, mares with foals, studs, yearlings, 2 year-olds we begin training, and then the riding horses the cowboys have personally or take in to ride for other people. We normally have around 150 horses on the ranch during the season.
We pick horses that will complement each guests riding ability and our cowboy crew shows each guest how to brush and prepare their horse to ride. You will saddle and bridle your own horse each day, which increases the bond of rider and horse.
During your stay, you will usually ride two or three horses per week. We usually do not ride the same horse every day. It is easier on the horses if they are given days off from being ridden. This also increases your riding ability as you learn the habits of each horse and test your ability to adapt to each horses personality.

Daily Schedule
Each day is different, and the schedule depends on the work that we need to accomplish. We have at least two days a week that are all-day rides of about 5-6 hours. The other three days are days we come back to the ranch for lunch, but we ride three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. Before and after our rides we take care of chores and other ranch-related activities that need to be done.

Bringing your own tack
You are more than welcome to bring your own western saddle if you should choose. You can bring it on the plane with you, but we recommend shipping it ahead of time. Just let us know if you plan to bring a saddle and we can plan accordingly.

Bringing your own horse
The ranch is at an altitude of 4800-5600ft with a rocky, mountainous terrain. Most horses cannot travel and work in those conditions without an adjustment period. In addition, we cannot risk the health problems that an outside horse could bring to our herd of horses who are not normally exposed to outside diseases.



Itinerary

This is an authentic working cattle and horse ranch south of Billings, Montana. Four generations of cowboys have taken care of this ranch since 1889 and you will ride with our family who owns and takes care of this working ranch since 1998.

We raise our own horses...some of which our guests ride and some we sell as young cowboy prospects. Horses work better when they have a job and cows give them great challenges in this wide, open grassland country. To a cowboy his horse is not his pet. He is a partner in the days work and the challenges of mountain country and free-range cows and a job to accomplish.
Our guests have the opportunity to ride in mountain country on a well trained cow horse who grew up walking on mountain trails and moving cows from summer pastures to fall grazing to winter rangeland. You will ride several horses during the week.

Our weeks at the ranch have a variety of activities that come around each year. Most of our weeks involve working with cattle.



Each morning begins as the cook heads for the cookhouse and our wranglers head with their horses out to gather in the cavvy. There will be several horses that each guest will ride during the week. Horses are picked by our head cowboy according to the riding abilities of each guest. They are carefully chosen to give you a challenging experience as well as a safe one. Your horse will be your favorite memory by Friday.

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Every week we have a campfire, and you will prepare your tinfoil dinner to cook on the fire. We love the conversation and friendships that happen around the fire, as we eat marshmallows and brand your chinks or clothing with our brand.
We always have something going on and whatever time of year you choose to come and ride with us we always have a real ranch atmosphere for you to experience.

Spring
In late May and early June we brand calves for several weeks so we can prove ownership and work the cows and calves more easily. Our branding weeks include gathering cows and calves. Sorting cows with their calf (called a pair) out of the gathered herd and when we have 50 pairs take them to the holding pasture so we can brand them the next day. We brand at least two groups of pairs during your weeks stay, weather permitting.
This is a once a year time when guests as well as cowboys work together to give vaccination shots, notch ears, hold down beefy strong calves while they are branded, and castrate the bull calves. It takes a cowboy crew to rope by the two hind feet and drag the calf near the branding fire to be wrestled down so these markings and vaccinations can be given. Great comradery and team work bonds everyone together.
As a guest during branding you will be involved in one of the oldest of cowboy traditions, as it was done in the 19th century. You are welcome to participate in all of the get down and dirty work you would like to experience. These weeks also offers many hours of riding as you gather the herd to brand and return them to spring pastures.

Summer
Summer days are anything but lazy at the Ranch. Running a ranch is a full-time business and our cowboys and crew are devoted to the upkeep and management of the land and livestock. During the summer months on every horseback ride we find and check cattle. Stray cows and calves are sought out on neighboring ranches, sick or injured animals are roped and doctored, fences are checked and fixed after cattle are returned to our pastures, water holes and springs are looked at to make sure they are flowing.
Our cowboys devote a great deal of time to working with young horses during the summer months. Two and three year olds are becoming mature enough to begin making small rides to move cattle or just become acquainted with the outside world with a rider accompanying them. The cowboys will take several weeks teaching the young horses to be caught, led, wear a saddle, carry a rider on a cattle drive, and begin responding to “a feel”. This is a remarkable process and a wonderful opportunity to watch horsemen at work.

June is when we choose mare bands and add stallions for the breeding season. These babies give the cowboys the opportunity to break and train the horses. These weeks are also when we condut our 'mini horse drives'.
Our mini horse drives take place in the summer months when grass gets short and horses need to be moved to better pasture. Sometimes it is also necessary to remove fresh horses for riding purposes. These mini horse drives are usually slower paced than our full week horse drives. During these weeks, we can teach and move slower with our horses so guests can learn confidence and skill .
The drives will be at the ranch and we will be moving young stock from pasture to pasture, stud and mare bands out to summer grazing and small groups of the horse cavvy down to Hough Creek for vet appointments.
There will most likely also be cattle work involved during this week, as cattle need to be checked weekly.

Late July and August are weeks that cows are grazing and growing the baby calves but we still ride through them to doctor sick calves and move them to better grass when needed.

Fall
The fall weeks mean longer days and lots of riding. All our cowboys share in the gathering of 33,000 acre pastures and bringing each cows and calves to the ranch to give pre-weaning shots and again two weeks later to wean the calves. After the calves are weaned and hauled to Wyoming, we pregnancy test our cows and hope for a 100% pregnancy rate for the next year. These large gathers are a thrill few get to experience.
This is an opportunity to ride in big country somewhat alone gathering 800 or better head of cattle and moving them 6 - 8 miles back to the ranch to be worked in a large set of corrals.
This is also the time when we start gathering mares to do the registration papers on the weanling colts and trailing the cows back to Wyoming.
The guest season ends in early November.

Winter (ranch closed to guests)
During the winter the head wrangler stays at the ranch and cares for our mare band in the spring creek pasture and our guest horse cavvy and older colts in the south pasture. The creek has been frozen so he has had to pump water everyday as well as keep the ice out of the tanks. Riding in below zero temperatures creates special challenges for keeping horses on their feet and our riders safe also.
Winter also brings time to research stud and mare bloodlines so that we can put together our mare bands in the spring and create the kind of horses bloodlines that are most popular for ranch raised horses.



2025 RANCH WEEKS - WORKING CATTLE AND HORSE ACTIVITIES ON RANCH
May 18 - 24 - Gather cows and calves, sort pairs, brand calves
May 25 - 31 - Gather cows and calves, sort pairs, brand calves
June 1 - 7 - Gather cows and calves, sort pairs & brand calves
June 8 - 14 - Gather cows and calves, sort pairs & brand calves
June 15 - 21 - Finish branding, gather and move cows to mountain pastures
June 22 - 28 - Riding fence, doctoring for sickness, rotating pastures
July 20 - 26 - Riding fence, doctoring for sickness, rotating pastures
July 27 - Aug. 2 - Doctoring for sickness, checking water sources, fencing

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Aug. 24 - 30 - Doctoring for sickness, checking water sources, fencing
Aug. 31 - Sep. 6 - Begin outside riding. Bringing back cattle and putting out strays.
Sep. 7 - 13 - Gathering cows to ranch for weaning. Putting out strays.
Oct. 5 - 11 - Putting cows on fall pastures and looking for unweaned calves.

2026 RANCH WEEKS - WORKING CATTLE AND HORSE ACTIVITIES ON RANCH
May 24 - 30 - Branding Week
June 7 - 13 - Gather cows and calves, sort pairs & brand calves
June 14 - 20 - Finish branding, gather and move cows to mountain pastures
June 21 - 27 - Settling cows, checking for sickness and riding fence
July 19 - 25 - Rotating pastures, doctoring for sickness, riding fence
July 26 - Aug. 1 - Doctoring for sickness, checking water sources, fencing
Aug. 23 - 29 - Doctoring for sickness, checking water sources, fencing
Aug. 30 - Sep. 5 - Begin outside riding. Bringing back cattle and putting out strays.
Sep. 6 - 12 - Gathering cows to ranch for weaning. Putting out strays.
Oct. 4 - 10 - Putting cows on fall pastures and looking for unweaned calves.

Other Info

Meeting: Billings airport
Airport: Billings MT
Transfer: Billings MT 4:00PM Sunday
Distance: 2.5 hours
Transfers available from Billings airport at 3:00 PM. If you plan on driving, meet us in Billings or Lovell first! Drop-off time is 12:00 PM on the last day.

Tack:	Western
Horses:	Quarter horse
Pace:	All paces, some long days in the saddle
Level:	(3 to 3 out of 5) Intermediate
Weight:	220 lbs / 100 kg
Riders:	Min 6 riders Max 12 riders (per riding group) Max Capacity 12

Rates and Dates 2026 - WRWY02

Rates include: Accommodation in the bunkhouse, All meals & 5 riding days

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2026	7 days Ranch Week	$2500

Gratuity:15 %

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfer from Billings airport or Clock Tower Inn at 3pm, drop-off at 12pm on the last day, pp, return	$200
2026	Upgrade to cabin with private bathroom (dbl), pp	$250
2026	Upgrade to cabin with private bathroom (single)	$500
2026	Bed tax - $30 per person per week (mandatory)	$30

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	09/06/2026 - 09/12/2026	7d / 6n	7 days Ranch Week
A 2026	10/04/2026 - 10/10/2026	7d / 6n	7 days Ranch Week

Min/Max: 6/12

Rates do not include:Gratuities, Taxes & Airport transfers
Alcoholic drinks are not allowed on this trip!

Rates and Dates 2027 - WRWY02

Rates include: Accommodation in the bunkhouse, All meals & 5 riding days

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US$
A 2027	7 days Ranch Week	$2500
B 2027	7 days Branding Week	$2500

Gratuity:15 %

Transfer Option

Description

2027	Transfer from Billings airport or Clock Tower Inn at 3pm, drop-off at 12pm on the last day, pp, return	$200
2027	Upgrade to cabin with private bathroom (dbl), pp	$250
2027	Upgrade to cabin with private bathroom (single)	$500
2027	Bed tax - $30 per person per week (mandatory)	$30

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
B 2027	06/06/2027 - 06/12/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Branding Week
B 2027	06/13/2027 - 06/19/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Branding Week
B 2027	06/20/2027 - 06/26/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Branding Week
A 2027	06/27/2027 - 07/03/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Ranch Week
A 2027	07/25/2027 - 07/31/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Ranch Week
A 2027	08/01/2027 - 08/07/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Ranch Week
A 2027	08/29/2027 - 09/04/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Ranch Week
A 2027	09/05/2027 - 09/11/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Ranch Week
A 2027	09/12/2027 - 09/18/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Ranch Week
A 2027	10/10/2027 - 10/16/2027	7d / 6n	7 days Ranch Week

Min/Max: 6/12

Rates do not include:Gratuities, Taxes & Airport transfers
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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 # _____

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Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than maling address):

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I have enclosed a check for the deposit ◯

Additional Signatures:

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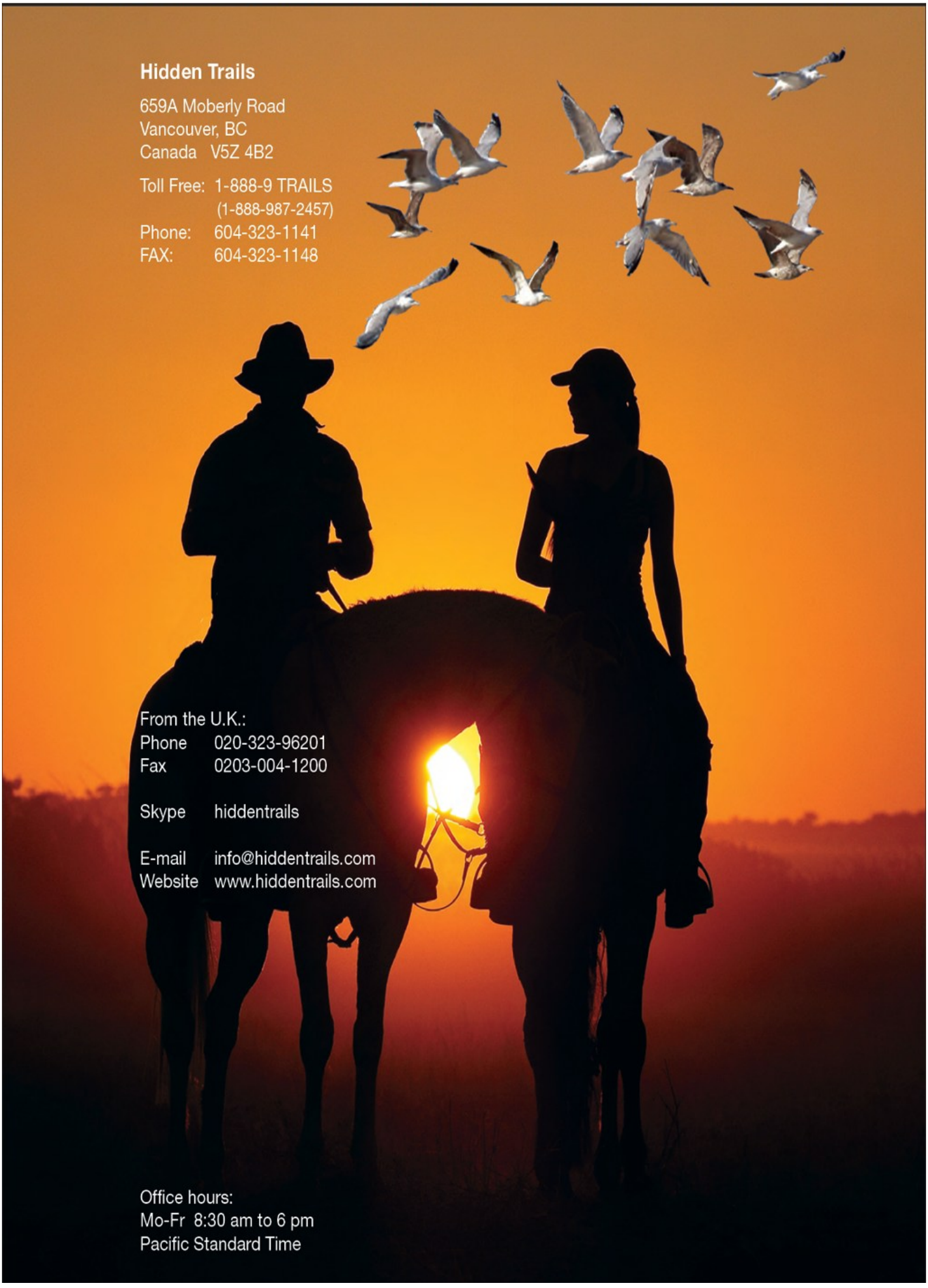
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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