



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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Lochs & Castles of Scotland - Scotland, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-BKSC-H02
8 days / 7 nights ~\$0.00
Dates: April to September

Trip Rating : ●●●●●
Difficulty : ●●●●●
Lodging : ●●●

[Tack:](#)
[Horses:](#)
[Pace:](#)

[Airport:](#) Edinburgh



Introduction

Highlands, Scotland

The region of Perthshire is probably one of the most beautiful in Scotland. The Highland fault which was formed during the ice ages runs diagonally west-east through the region. To the north are mountains and many lakes (lochs) and to the south flat farm lands.

Accommodation

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This is a progressive tour so you will sleep in different accommodations along the trail.

Description

Our handpicked accommodations are chosen for their accessibility to the route and warmth of welcome. We try and find accommodation which is interesting, and we are sure all our providers of accommodation will show an active interest in your tour progress.

For this tour, your package includes overnights in standard accommodations (3* hotels). However, it is possible to upgrade to a higher hotel category (3/4* hotels) on request, for an extra fee.

We try and provide en-suite rooms where possible but on occasions, this may not be possible on some tours. If you insist on an en-suite room then please provide this request during the booking process.

Accommodation Itinerary for Relaxed option - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1 & 2: Accommodation in Callander
Night 3: Accommodation in Killin
Night 4: Accommodation in Aberfeldy
Night 5 & 6: Accommodation in Pitlochry

Accommodation Itinerary for Standard option - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1, 2 & 3: Accommodation in Callander
Night 4: Accommodation in Killin
Night 5: Accommodation in Aberfeldy
Night 6 & 7: Accommodation in Pitlochry

Accommodation Itinerary for Road Bike option - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1, 2 & 3: Accommodation in Callander
Night 4: Accommodation in Killin
Night 5: Accommodation in Aberfeldy
Night 6 & 7: Accommodation in Pitlochry

Room Occupancy

All our prices are based on two persons sharing a twin/double room. However, single persons are most welcome but incur a supplement.

Meals

Your package includes all breakfasts. Lunches and dinners are not included and should be paid locally.

We try and provide en-suite rooms where possible but on occasions, this may not be possible on some tours. If you insist on an en-suite room then please provide this request during the booking process.

Special diets

Riding

Insurance

It is essential that you have adequate travel insurance that you have purchased to cover cancellations, accidents, and repatriation etc. You will need to provide details (insurer, policy number and medical emergency telephone number) of the insurance you have purchased.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you have purchased covers you for your particular activity. We will not accept liability for any costs, losses or expenses which you incur as a result in not getting the correct level of cover.

Bike

If you choose to rent a bike with us, we usually use Scott Hybrid (Sub Cross 40) and E-Bikes (Sub Tour eRide) on this tour.

Bikes come with a small bag, map or smart phone carrier (1 per 2 bikes), inner tube, lock, tools, bottle carrier. We must be notified in advance if guests wish to fix own pedals or saddles to our bikes.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary: Relaxed option - subject to changes

Bike handover is usually on the evening of Day 1, at your first accommodation (or on morning of Day 2).

Day 1: Arrival

Please, make your own way to your accommodation in Callander.



meals included: none
Overnight in Callander

Day 2: Trossachs Loop

Cycling alongside Loch Venachar with the hills on either side sparkling in the loch. Make your way to Loch Katrine, a beautiful remote loch where you can take a ride on a steamer boat which was built in 1872. After your ride on the boat return back to Callander on mostly cycle trails.

Distance: 35 km
Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Callander

Day 3: Callander to Killin

Today, you follow the National Cycle Network north alongside Loch Lubnaig towards Strathyre, a nice place for a coffee break. You then continue on the cycle way north over the gentle climb of Glen Ogle before descending to Killin. The Falls of Dochart is really spectacular and many people sit on the rocks and watch the cascading waters pass by.

Distance: 35 km
Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Killin

Day 4: Killin to Aberfeldy

Cycling alongside Loch Tay (around 27km long) to Kenmore and maybe a visit to the Scottish Crannog Centre which shows life on the Loch during the bronze age. Then continue passing Castle Menzies to Aberfeldy. Just before you enter Aberfeldy you cross a famous bridge built by General Wade and part of the network of army roads built by the English in the 18th century.

Distance: 38 km
Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Aberfeldy

Day 5: Aberfeldy to Pitlochry

Today you have a shorter ride to allow time to explore Pitlochry on arrival. Before setting off today, you should visit the whisky distillery.

Then, start cycling along the River Tay valley and turn north to Pitlochry. A few short hills await you before you reach Pitlochry.

Distance: 24 km
Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Pitlochry

Day 6: Pitlochry Lopp

There is much to see and do in Pitlochry, including two whisky distilleries (one of them is the world's smallest). For those who wish to cycle it's worth the short trip to Blair Castle one of Scotland's grand castles and home of the Duke of Athol and his family. There are fabulous gardens and many walking trails available. You then cycle back towards Pitlochry where you can visit the Killiecrankie visitor centre, which shows the history behind the Jacobite raising.

Distance: 26 km
Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Pitlochry

Day 7: Departure

Make your own transfer arrangements.
Meals included: Breakfast

Sample Itinerary: Standard option - subject to changes

Note: a shorter version of this tour (6 days) is possible on request.

Day 1: Arrival

Please, make your own way to your accommodation in Callander.
Meals included: none
Overnight in Callander

Day 2: Trossachs Loop

Cycling alongside Loch Venachar with the hills on either side sparkling in the loch. Make your way to Loch Katrine, a beautiful remote loch where you can take a ride on a steamer boat which was built in 1872.

A tarmac private cycle way also runs alongside the loch giving spectacular views across the loch and the mountains.

Distance: 32, 53 or 74 km
Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Callander

Day 3: Doune Castle

Cycling southwards to the ancient village of Doune with its famous Castle. The hit USA Series Outlander was filmed here at Doune Castle. Doune Castle is a medieval tower castle.

Distance: 32 km
Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Callander

Day 4: Callander to Killin

Today, you follow the National Cycle Network north alongside Loch Lubnaig towards Balquhider where you will find a small church where Rob Roy McGregor is buried. From here, continue over the gentle climb of Glen Ogle before descending to Killin. The Falls of Dochart here is really spectacular and many people sit on the rocks and watch the cascading waters pass by.

Distance: 40 or 56 km
Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Killin

Day 5: Killin to Aberfeldy

Cycling alongside Loch Tay (around 27 km long) to Kenmore and maybe a visit to the Scottish Crannog Centre which shows life on the Loch during the bronze age. Then continue onto Fortingall a conservation village dating back hundreds of years. Europe's oldest living thing can be found here in the form of a Yew Tree! After your visit, carry along the valley to Aberfeldy passing famous Castle Menzies

Distance: 49 or 67 km
Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Aberfeldy

Day 6: Aberfeldy to Pitlochry

Today you have a short and longer option. Before setting off visit the whisky distillery. Both routes start along the River Tay. The longer route first heads south to the historic village of Dunkeld dating back to the 1700's. After

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The short option goes straight to Pitlochry, skipping Dunkeld.

Distance: 24 or 51 km

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Pitlochry

Day 7: Pitlochry Lopp

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For those who wish to cycle it's worth the short trip to Blair Castle one of Scotland's grand castles and home of the Duke of Athol and his family. Then you can cycle a wonderful loop through Perthshire countryside via Loch Tummel with maybe a visit to the Killiecrankie visitor centre.

Distance: 25, 43 or 64 km

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Pitlochry

Day 8: Departure

Make your own transfer arrangements.

Meals included: Breakfast

Sample Itinerary: Road Bike option - subject to changes

Note: a shorter version of this tour (6 days) is possible on request.

Day 1: Arrival

Please, make your own way to your accommodation in Callander.

Meals included: none

Overnight in Callander

Day 2: Loch Katrine Loop

A wonderful first day, cycling alongside Loch Venachar to Loch Katrine with great views across the Loch. At Loch Katrine you take the private road alongside the loch, a fabulous secluded road with breathtaking views.

Once at the far end of the Loch to head south via a few lochs to Aberfoyle in the heart of the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park. Your final climb then begins to bring you back to Callander.

Distance: 77 km

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Callander

Day 3: Stirling Castle & Doune Castle Loop

Today, you cycle off towards Aberfoyle before taking the minor roads towards Drymen. Then, head east over the Campsie Hills before descending into Stirling the former capital of Scotland.

Time permitting, visit the Castle before heading north through Bridge of Allen and onto Doune to visit the medieval castle. Finally, cycle north along the country lanes back to Callander.

Distance: 100 km

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Callander

Day 4: Callander to Killin

Using mainly cycle trails and quiet roads you will cycle passed further stunning lochs (Loch Lubnaig and Oich) before having the chance to see Rob Roy's grave. Then, you cycle around Loch Earn before the gentle climb over the Glen Ogle pass to Killin and the chance to sit and watch the Falls of Dochart.

Distance: 65-83 km

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Killin

Day 5: Killin to Aberfeldy

Various options allow you to either cycle the undulating lane around Loch Tay and visit the Scottish Crannog Centre or cycle over the mountain range to the next Glen before descending what is said to be Scotland's longest enclosed Glen, Glen Lyon. Fortingall is famous for having the world's oldest Yew tree sitting within the tiny historic village.

Distance: 67 km

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Aberfeldy

Day 6: Aberfeldy to Pitlochry

Just outside Aberfeldy is Menzies castle which is well worth a visit plus a Whisky distillery. Aberfeldy also has a famous bridge across the Tay River built for General Wades network of military roads. En route you will visit Dunkeld a renovated conservation village of the 18th century with its stunning church. Once you have explored Dunkeld you cycle east to Blairgowrie, the entrance to the Cairngorm Mountains, before heading on the wonderful remote valley to Pitlochry.

Distance: 89 km

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Pitlochry

Day 7: Pitlochry Loop

Today you cycle north and visit the Killiecrankie visitor centre, the centre point of the Jacobite risings. Further north a few miles is Blair Athol with Scotland's most visited Castle, Blair Castle home of the Athol family. Then you head off towards Kinloch Rannoch before your climb over Schiehallion and the picturesque route around Loch Tummel which will provide some breath-taking scenery.

Distance: 75-104 km

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Pitlochry

Day 8: Departure

Make your own transfer arrangements.

Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Callander

Airport: Edinburgh

Tack:

Horses:

Pace:

Level:  (3 out of 5) Moderate

Age: Min 6

Rates and Dates 2026 - ZZ-BKSC-H02

Rates include: Accommodations, All breakfasts, Luggage transfers & Navigation by Smart Phone App (Access code for App emailed around 3 weeks before departure)

Packages and Options

Season	Description
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Transfer Option

Description

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Rates do not include: Transfers before and after the tour, Lunches, Dinners & Travel insurance (mandatory)



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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