

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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Island Hopping in Scotland - Scotland, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-BKSC-H04
8 days / 7 nights ~\$0.00
Dates: April to September

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

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

[Airport:](#) Glasgow



Introduction

Scottish Islands, Scotland

This self-guided biking vacation takes you by bike around the Isles of Arran, Jura, Islay and Colonsay. Explore the whisky distilleries on Islay and the unique Island culture and hospitality which only the Islanders can provide. This Scottish Island Hopping cycle tour is ideal for couples as well as families.

You will experience fabulous quiet country lanes, remote coastal scenes, fabulous long sandy beaches (on Islay) and historic landmarks such as Brodick castle. Many restaurants, particularly on Islay, will hunt the local produce, venison, pork, beef, lamb and fish are all in abundance. You can also visit the distilleries such as Ardbeg, Bowmore, Bruichladdich, Laphroaig, Caolilla to name but a few.

Accommodation

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

Description

You will stay in 3/4 star hotels, guests houses, country inns and bed and breakfast. Occasionally we have to book a nearby village in peak times which would mean a shorter day and a long days walk the next day.

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.

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 Road bike option - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1 & 2: Accommodation in Berwick upon Tweed

Night 3 & 4: Accommodation in Kelso

Night 5 & 6: Accommodation in Melrose or Galashiels

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

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Night 3 & 4: Accommodation in Kelso

Night 5 & 6: Accommodation in Melrose or Galashiels

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.

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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

Please, note that ferry times indicated in the itineraries are subject to change. Ferry tickets MUST be booked in advance, prior to the tour start day.

Itinerary: 8-day option - subject to changes

Bike handover is on the evening of Day 1, before your ferry to Arran (usually at 5 pm).

Bike handback is on the evening of your last day, at the ferry docks in Ardrossan.

Day 1: Arrival

Arrive to Ardrossan, where we shall meet you and handover the bikes. You take the 6:00 pm ferry to Isle of Arran



which takes around 1 hour (this is the last ferry to the island). Car parking is available in Ardrossan.

Meals included: none

Overnight on Arran Island (Brodict)

Day 2: Arran Island Loop

Arran has it all, mountains, coastal cliffs, pan flat roads... That's why it is said to be Scotland in miniature. You can visit the 13th century castle and gardens or the Arran distillery.

The road south provides ever changing views. Small villages intermix the cycling viewpoints. Lamash provides the link to Holy Island, where a ferry can be caught to the monastery still occupied by Bhuddist monks. Head back across the 'String' (the link road across the centre of the island).

Distance: 54 km / 34 miles

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 3: Arran Island to Isle of Islay

A day to cycle and relax on ferries. After the climb over to Lochranza, visit the castle and then catch the ferry to Cloanaig. The cycle across the Kintyre peninsular to catch your second ferry to Port Askaig on Islay.

On arrival on Islay you will only be a few miles from your hotel.

Distance: 32-37 km / 20-23 miles

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight on Isle of Islay (Port Askaig)

Day 4: Day trip to Isle of Jura

Jura is populated by some 5000 deer and 250 people. Jura House can be visited with some wonderful walled gardens and exotic plants. The road east gradually gets smaller and smaller until eventually turning into a footpath. Here you will feel you have reached nowhere and the solitude will be something you will remember forever.

If you continue to the far end of the Island and look out to the river mouth you will see the natural wonder of this region, a huge whirlpool which is produced due to the tidal effects.

Distance: up to 80 km / up to 50 miles

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight on Isle of Islay (Port Askaig)

Day 5: Day trip to Isle of Colonsay

Catch the ferry at Port Askaig to Colonsay. Colonsay being 10 miles long will allow you to explore most of the Island. Cycle to Ornasay across the tidal causeway to visit the ancient priory. The north section of Colonsay has some of the finest beaches in the Western Isles. Catch the evening ferry back to Islay.

Distance: 32 km / 20 miles

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight on Isle of Islay (Port Askaig)

Day 6: Port Askaig to Port Ellen/Bowmore

With Islay only 30 miles long there are many choices of routes. Islay has no shortage of famous name distilleries. Many Malt Whisky brands are actually places on the Island.

Visit the Wildlife Centre, rural life museum or RSPB centre or just cycle the quiet lanes, see quaint bays & small sandy beaches. Here you may feel time has stood still.

Your destination for the day is the western port of Port Ellen or Bowmore depending on availability.

Distance: 57-68 km / 36-43 miles

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 7: Loop Ride

Today you explore the eastern shores of Islay with a chance to visit the Ardbeg distillery and continue on a remote Island to a ruined church and famous cross and a lovely remote secluded beach.

Distance: 35-54 km / 22-34 miles

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 8: Departure

First, take the 9:45 am ferry to Kennacraig (on Sundays the ferry is at 12.30). Then cycle across the Kintyre peninsul to Cloanaig and back on the ferry to Isle of Arran. Cycle around the NW coast of Arran back to Brodict. Take the 7:20 pm ferry back to Ardrossan.

Distance: 30 km / 19 miles

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Other Info

Meeting: Ardrossan

Airport: Glasgow

Train station: Ardrossan

Tack:

Horses:

Pace:

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 out of 5) Moderate

Riders: Min 2 riders

Rates and Dates 2026 - ZZ-BKSC-H04

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

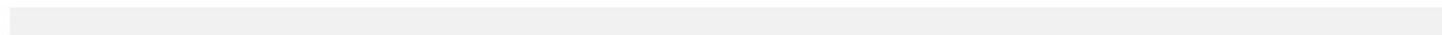
Description

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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For the shorter option daily arrival possible (except Mondays and Fridays)

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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