

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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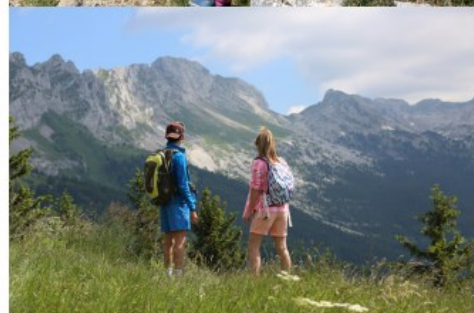
Vercors Mountains Hike - France, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-FR-Hike32
7 days / 6 nights ~\$1,110.00
Dates: May to October

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

Tack:
Horses:
Pace:

Airport: Grenoble



Introduction

Auvergne, France

A mountain idyll walking holiday in France's biggest National Park: The Vercors.

The Vercors mountain range is wedged in between the Alps and Provence. This large limestone plateau has been carved out by rivers, offering amazingly diversified wild scenery with deep gorges, white limestone, vertical cliffs & wide lush valleys.

Soak up authentic mountain village ambiance and savour local cheese & wine. This wonderful walking holiday in the pre-alps is ideal for average walkers who wish to explore and enjoy a secret corner of France.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Soak up real mountain village ambiance
- Pristine pre-alpine landscape with fantastic panorama views
- Sample delicious specialities from the Vercors: trout, ravioles & cheese

Accommodation

Accommodations

This is a progressive trip, so you will be staying in different establishments along the way.

Description

We favour small local establishments, often family-run hotels or B&Bs, that employ local people. Selected by our track finders, our accommodations are chosen based on the friendliness of the owners, the quality of the service, the charm of the establishment and, quite often, the quirkiness (of both accommodation and owners!) that makes where you sleep an integral part of your adventure.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1-2: Hotel in Lans en Vercors

Night 3-4: Hotel in Villard de Lans

Night 5-6: Hotel in Chapelle en Vercors

Hotel in Lans en Vercors

This family hotel offers 22 rooms. The rooms have recently been renovated and all feature private facilities, a TV and free Wi-Fi.

Guests can relax in the garden or go for a swim in the pool.

Hotel in Villard de Lans

This charming 3-star hotel has eighteen rooms, all equipped with an ensuite bathroom, free Wi-Fi, a safe, a TV and a phone.

The hotel also has a small outdoor pool.

Hotel in Chapelle en Vercors

This small hotel provides 11 comfortable rooms. Each room includes a TV, a phone, free Wi-Fi access and a private bathroom with hairdryer.

In the evening, you can relax in the natural outdoor pool.

Meals

All breakfasts are included in your package.

Breakfasts will be provided by the accommodations.

Lunches and dinners need to be paid extra locally.

Riding

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1: Arrival

Make your own way to Grenoble. From there, we transfer you according to your arrival time to the small mountain town of Lans en Vercors where you'll spend the first two nights.

Meals included: none

Overnight in Lans en Vercors

Day 2: Bruyant Gorges

Head north along the valley of Lans en Vercors and follow the Bruyant river up to a vast plateau from where you'll have stunning views over the Furon gorges. You won't find a better picnic place. You might see some wild orchids. The site is protected and shelters a very particular fauna and flora.

In the afternoon, relax by the pool at your hotel.

Hiking about 12 km (4 hours) / +390m/-390m

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Lans en Vercors

Day 3: From Lans to Villard de Lans

A superb plateau trail with a section of the Col de la Vache, a magnificent view of the surrounding area. The



A superb balcony trail with a section of the Goubert path, offering a magnificent view of the surrounding area. The small town of Villard de Lans is nestled at the bottom of a wide valley, dominated in the east, by the jagged peaks of Roc Cornafion, Gerbier and the Grande Moucherolle.

Hiking about 13 km (4.5 hours) / +600m/-600m

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Villard de Lans

Day 4: Col Vert

A well marked trail leads you above the village, through hamlets, open fields and forest. You quickly find yourself high above Villard de Lans on a path remaining level along the slope, through pine forests and prairies, with wide-sweeping views of the village and valleys below. A last effort leads you up to the Col Vert pass, complete with its bench fixed onto the rockface, where you've earned a well-deserved break facing an awe-inspiring panorama – the entire chain of the Alps – serrated teeth soaring into the sky and dotted with glaciers.

Though the Vercors mountains are not the highest, they are far removed from the other chains, ensuring breathtaking views from all angles. Now you're ready for the descent, through prairies and passing mountain huts, dreaming of the fondue dinner you can share in the heart of the village.

Hiking about 15 km (5 hours) / +900m/-900m OR 13 km (4 hours) / +600m/-600m

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Villard de Lans

Day 5: Herbouilly

Warning: this route is not recommended for people prone to vertigo

Wide and easy farming tracks lead you through dense forest – among labyrinth of paths, rocks, spruce, fir, beech, and mosses. There are many tempting spots for a picnic along the way. You reach the Herbouilly clearing, set in the heart of the forest, in its centre a set of ruins that served as a refuge for the resistance movement during WWII. You then leave the plateau and descend towards St. Martin, including some light scrambling along the way.

You'll be transferred from Saint Martin to the next village where you'll spend the next two nights.

Hiking about 16 km (5 hours) / +550m/-850m

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Chapelle en Vercors

Day 6: Belvedere de Revoulat

Today's hike leads you through the woods to a viewpoint on the edge of the vertiginous cliffs of the Grands Goulets. You might spot chamois before returning via the hamlet of Les Revoux back to the village for your final night.

Hiking about 17 km (5.5 hours) / +700m/-700m

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Chapelle en Vercors

Day 7: End of trip

After breakfast transfer to Villard de Lans, bye bye the Vercors mountains!

Onward travel: we can book a taxi for you (upon request - to be paid extra) directly to Grenoble.

Other Info

Meeting: Lans en Vercors

Airport: Grenoble

Train station: Grenoble

Transfer: Grenoble

A pick up transfer is provided from Grenoble on Day 1 of the tour.

Tack:

Horses:

Pace:

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (0 out of 5)

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 6 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - ZZ-FR-Hike32

Rates include: Accommodations, All breakfasts, Local transfers described in the itinerary, Emergency phone number & Road Book

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	7 day Self guided walking tour (High)	€1010	\$1110
	Group discount (4-6 pax), pp	(€75)	(\$80)
	Single supplement	€540	\$595
	Solo hiker supplement	€890	\$980
B 2024	7 day Self guided walking tour (Mid)	€990	\$1090
	Group discount (4-6 pax), pp	(€75)	(\$80)
	Single supplement	€510	\$560
	Solo hiker supplement	€840	\$925
C 2024	7 day Self guided walking tour (Low)	€975	\$1070
	Group discount (4-6 pax), pp	(€75)	(\$80)
	Single supplement	€490	\$540
	Solo hiker supplement	€840	\$925

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.1 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Transfer from Grenoble to Lans en Vercors included on Day 1
2024	Transfer from Chapelle en Vercors to Villard de Lans included on last day

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
C 2024	05/01/2024 - 05/05/2024	7d / 6n	7 day Self guided walking tour (Low)
B 2024	05/06/2024 - 05/25/2024	7d / 6n	7 day Self guided walking tour (Mid)
C 2024	05/26/2024 - 06/30/2024	7d / 6n	7 day Self guided walking tour (Low)
A 2024	07/01/2024 - 08/31/2024	7d / 6n	7 day Self guided walking tour (High)
C 2024	09/01/2024 - 10/20/2024	7d / 6n	7 day Self guided walking tour (Low)

Min/Max: 2/6

Rates do not include:All lunches and dinners, Drinks, Transfers not mentionned in the itinerary & Entrance fees



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													
						Special diets	Beginner	NoVICE	Intermediate	Strong Intern.	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 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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