



# 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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# Patagonia's Hidden Glaciers - Argentina, South America

Tour Code: ZZ-HK-ARNA01

3 days / 2 nights ~\$700.00

Dates: Jan-Apr & Nov-Dec

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

Lodging : 🏠 BASIC

[Tack:](#)

[Horses:](#)

[Pace:](#)

[Airport:](#) El Calafate - Comandante Armando Tola International Airport (FTE)



## Introduction

Southern Patagonia, Argentina

Walk through the immensity of Patagonia, making your way to the Hidden Glaciers in the valleys. Through these paths, you will witness the passage of time: dead trees, landscapes shaped by the advancement of glaciers, erratic stones, milky lake and deep blue lakes. As you walk with the guide, you will learn more about the history of these unique panoramas!

Below the milky way, you will admire the Andean forest, the crystalline lakes, the high peaks and the imposing glaciers. A pleasant walk in the footsteps of the pioneers who settled long ago in these distant lands. Today, their descendants open their doors to welcome you and share their story.

This 3-day walk through the southern arm of Lago Argentino, the slopes of Cordon de Cristales and Baguales, leads you to Lago Frias to approach the glaciers of Dickson, Grande and Gorra.

## Accommodation

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You will spend 2 nights in a rustic outpost (Puesto de la Laguna 3 de Abril).

### Description

This is a trip for adventurous people! The Estancia provides bed linen, basic bathroom amenities and towels.

We recommend that you bring your own sleeping bag (up to -5° C or 23 °F) - please, let us know if you are unable to bring your own sleeping bag.

The outpost has two rooms: one with 2 bunk beds and a single bed and another room that serves as dining room and kitchen where there are another two benches that turn into beds (total capacity - 7 people). A wood-fired stove and a brick clay oven keep the building warm. At night, the gentle light of the lantern create a cozy atmosphere. Evening meals will be prepared while tales of adventures are shared.

The toilet/bathroom (shared) is separated from the refuge and contains a shower and one extra bed. The beds are equipped with mattresses or insulation mats.

### Meals

All meals and soft drinks are included during this trip from breakfast on Day 1 to dinner on the last day.

Your guide is also your cook for barbecue and regular meals (all supplies are brought to the Outposts by vehicle).

Lunch and dinner are typical meals of the region - based on lamb, beef, chicken and vegetables (mostly from the garden).

### Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

## Riding

This hiking tour is accessible to any active and fit person (no big slopes). It is important to know that shoes may get wet at some point.

### Children's policy

Children older than 12 years old can join this program, only if they have experience on similar long walks of at least 6 hours a day.

## Itinerary

### Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Please, note that the program may vary depending on weather conditions.

#### Day 1: Puesto Cachorro and Laguna Tres de Abril

In the morning, transfer from El Calafate (departure from El Calafate at 8:30 am) to the Estancia. The guide will welcome you and explain the program. After some mates (typical drink of the country), the walk towards Puesto del Cachorro begins. As you gain altitude, Rico and southern arm, as well as Roca and Frias Lakes begin to appear in the distance.

After lunch, search for the most suitable crossing to go through the Cachorro river. The descent begins towards the fields, downstream, until reaching the bed of the river. At the edge of the lagoon, you will arrive at the end of the day at Puesto la Laguna where you will spend two nights.

Distance: 20 km – Height difference + 400 / 300

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight at Puesto de La Laguna Tres de Abril

#### Day 2: Balcony of the Glaciers

We leave after breakfast, hiking south to the Balcony of the Glaciers. The trail runs parallel to the southern arm of Lago Argentino (Argentino Lake). Shortly before arriving at the head of the lake, you will climb to an elevated point of view. From there, you will have a panoramic view of the southern arm, Laguna Corazón and of the Lago Frias, with glimpses of the Hidden Glaciers Gorra, Frias, Grande and Dickson in the distance.

An estimated 60-80 meters will be the next destination. The estimated time of the walk from the



An erratic stone or more than 20 meters will be the next destination. The colossal size of the rock shows the strength of the glaciers, which advance and retreat over the centuries. The footpath starts to run alongside the lower Frías River. Here, we will find traces of the area's livestock rearing past, a hanging bridge over 100 years old, destroyed by the great flooding of Lago Argentino in 1937. Our track passes through dense woodland getting as far as discovering Corazón Lagoon, with crystal clear waters where the deep blue contrasts with the green reflection of the woods. The water is so crystal clear that it is possible to watch the trout swimming between the rocks.

We pause for lunch. In the late afternoon, return to the Puesto Laguna 3 de Abril, where you will find a warm wood fire and enjoy meal.

*Distance: 10 km – Height difference + 500 / 500*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

*Overnight at Puesto de la Laguna Tres de Abril*

### Day 3: Hidden Glaciers

In the morning, hike about 1 km to reach a sandy beach to meet Glaciar Sur and start an expedition (combination of boat tour and trekking) to reach a unique spot between mountains and glaciers.

You will go on a short boat tour to the other shore and begin your walk from there. After a slight climb through the native forest, you will reach a beautiful viewpoint of Frías lake, named after the glacier, that once covered the whole area. Descend to the shore to embark in a zodiac and sail to the other shore where begins the second walk of about 7 km to Grande, Cubo, Dickson and Frías glaciers.

It's time to admire and photograph this natural amphitheatre. After having lunch surrounding by this spectacular and unexplored landscape, we navigate back to the estancia, just in time to taste a roasted lamb. After dinner, transfer to El Calafate (departure from estancia at 10:15 pm). You should arrive in El Calafate for about 11:30 pm.

*Distance: 16 km – Height Difference + 100 / 100*

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

### Other Info

**Meeting:** El Calafate

**Airport:** El Calafate - Comandante Armando Tola International Airport (FTE)

**Train station:** --

**Transfer:** El Calafate - Avenida del Libertador 1532 (local 2)

**Distance:** 56km

Pick-up from El Calafate at 8:30am on your starting day. Drop-off to El Calafate departs at 10:15 pm on your last day.

**Tack:**

**Horses:**

**Pace:**

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2 out of 5) Easy to Moderate

**Age:** Min 12

**Riders:** Min 2 riders Max 8 riders Max Capacity 22  
(per riding group)

## Rates and Dates 2026 - ZZ-HK-ARNA01

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals with non-alcoholic drinks, Transfers from/to El Calafate at set times, hiking with bilingual guide, Hidden Glaciers boat & trek and Taxes

## Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	3 day trip	\$700

Rates Note: Please, provide your passport information at time of booking

## Transfer Option

### Description

2026	Transfer included from/to El Calafate at set times
2026	Private transfer from/to El Calafate - inquire for rates
2026	Extra night at estancia - please inquire

### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	11/03/2026 - 11/05/2026	3d / 2n	3 day trip
A 2026	12/16/2026 - 12/18/2026	3d / 2n	3 day trip

Min/Max: 2/8

Rates do not include: Alcoholic drinks at the estancia, Gratuities & Transfers outside of scheduled times.  
We recommend that you bring your own sleeping bag - please, let us know if you are unable to bring your own sleeping bag.

## Rates and Dates 2027 - ZZ-HK-ARNA01

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals with non-alcoholic drinks, Transfers from/to El Calafate at set times, hiking with bilingual guide, Hidden Glaciers boat & trek and Taxes

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A 2027	3 day trip	\$700

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#### Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2027	01/13/2027 - 01/15/2027	3d / 2n	3 day trip
A 2027	02/17/2027 - 02/19/2027	3d / 2n	3 day trip
A 2027	03/10/2027 - 03/12/2027	3d / 2n	3 day trip

Min/Max: 2/8

Rates do not include: Alcoholic drinks at the estancia, Gratuities & Transfers outside of scheduled times.  
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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												
						Special diets	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Intern.	Advanced	ride English	ride Western	mostly arena	mostly hacking			
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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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