

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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Outer Hebrides and Skye Walk - Scotland, Europe

7 days / 6 nights ~\$2,930.00 Dates: March to October

Trip Rating : •••••
Difficulty : •••• Lodging: 🏚 春

Tack: Horses:

Pace: Suitable for active travelers who ae r..

Airport: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness





Introduction

Coast, Scotland

Join us on this adventure to some of the wildest bounds of Scotland - the inspiring islands of Skye, Harris and Lewis. Stand atop rugged peaks looking down upon perfect white sand beaches skirting the coast and across to the many smaller isles which dot the horizon. Your knowledgeable guide will provide fascinating insights into the rich tapestry of island life, history and geology. They can also help you spot wildlife, which may include golden eagles, white tailed sea eagles, basking sharks, whales and dolphins, as well helping you identify the rich flora of the islands found in the famous coastal 'machairs' or flower meadows. With charming accommodation and delicious food, this special trip provides a memorable insight into these wild and beautiful islands.

Highlights

- · Visit one of the most spectacular regions of Europe, indulging in the wild scenery and rich history of the
- Experience the rich ornithology of Lewis, spy red deer and golden eagles on Harris, and seek out otters on Skye
- · Enjoy exceptional Highland hospitality at our carefully selected guest houses, set in magnificent coastal

Accomodation

Accommodations

This itinerary will have you spend 2 nights on Skye followed by 4 nights on the Isle of of Harris. Both location offer rooms with private bathroom and free Wi-Fi.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability Night 1 & 2: Hotel in Uig Night 3, 4, 5 & 6: Hotel in Tarbert

Uig Hotel - Uig

The Uig Hotel is an old coaching Inn dating back to 1831. The Hotel has 9 warm and comfortable bedrooms, many with sea views. The Uig Hotel prides itself on its quality homecooked food and they work hard to source as much local produce as they can. The restaurant and bar both overlook the bay and you can sit in our sun lounge and taste the local Isle of Skye ales, Misty Isle gin or one of a range of Talisker single malts.

The Harris Hotel is a well established hotel that has been welcoming visitors for over 100 years. The family who runs the hotel pride themselves on traditional hospitality, great food and a relaxing atmosphere. Located in the village of Tarbert, the main ferry port on Harris, the village is small but a busy hub for visitors and locals alike travelling to and from the Isle of Skye and beyond.

Laundry service is available for an extra fee.

Single & Triple occupancy

Triple occupancy is not possible on this trip.

A maximum of 2 single rooms are available on this trip, the single supplement is subject to availability. Due to their remote locations, there are not always any other options nearby. Single travelers are welcome to join these trips but must be prepared to share a twin room with another group member of the same sex.



All meals are included.

Lunches are usually eaten on the trail and dinners and breakfast are provided at the accommodations The meals usually consist of traditional Scottish/British food including fresh seafood and other local produce.

Special diets and dietary restrictions

Naturally, vegetarians and other dietary requirements are willingly catered for - simply let us know at the time of booking.









Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1: Travel to Skye, Afternoon Walk in Glen Sligachan

Meeting in Inverness, we travel past Loch Ness and the stunning Eilean Donan Castle in Kintail before arriving on the Isle of Skye. We spend our first afternoon enjoying a wonderful walk in Glen Sligachan beneath the mighty peaks of the Black Cuillin and the Red Cuillin, which flank either side of the glen. Returning to our vehicle we transfer to our accommodation overlooking Uig Bay.

Distance: approx.8km / approx. 3 hours Meals included: Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Hotel in Uig

Day 2: Quirang & the Old Man of Storr

After enjoying breakfast with views out across the sea, we set out to explore the stark and unusual landscapes of the Quiraing and the Old Man of Storr on foot. We will also visit Kilt Rock and the charming village of Staffin on this relaxing day.

Distance: approx.8km / approx. 4 hours Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Hotel in Uig

Day 3: Travel to the Isle of Harris

After breakfast, we enjoy a short coastal walk before taking the afternoon ferry from Skye to the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides, looking out for seabirds and dolphins on the 90 minute crossing. Arriving on Harris, we visit the wonderful beaches of Luskentyre and Seileboist before heading to our accommodation in time to freshen up before dinner.

Distance: approx.6km / approx. 3 hours Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Hotel in Tarbert

Day 4: Glens & Beaches of North Harris

North Harris is one of the most spectacular areas of the Outer Hebrides. We will spend the day exploring the glens and beaches, perhaps visiting the white sands of Huisinis or hiking into the glens to see the massive cliffs of Sron Uladal. A wonderful day whichever route we choose!

Distance: approx.12km / approx. 5 hours Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Hotel in Tarbert

Day 5: Walking Circuit of Scalpay

This tiny island is located off the east coast of Harris and is now connected to Harris by a bridge, which opened in 1997, with the first person to cross being 103-year-old Mrs Kirsty Morrison. We'll enjoy a circumnavigation of the island, exploring its wonderful coastline and visiting the remote lighthouse at Rubh an Eorna. Back in Tarbert, we'll visit the first legal distillery ever to be built on Harris.

Distance: approx. 10 km / approx. 5 hours Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Hotel in Tarbert

Day 6: Machair of Harris and the Golden Road

Today we walk on the 'machair' of Harris, the Gaelic name for the coastal hinterland which in summer is a carpet of wildflowers. We climb Toe Head (365m), high above the beach of Traigh Scarasta, from where St. Kilda can sometimes be seen jutting out of the Atlantic horizon. We then complete a circuit of southern Harris as we drive back north via the 'Golden Road', stopping at 15th century Rodel Church and other places along the way.

Distance: approx.6 km / approx. 3 hours Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Hotel in Tarbert

Day 7: Callanish Standing Stones; & Return to Inverness

After breakfast, we journey north to Lewis, where we visit the 5000 year old Callanish Standing Stones, which date back to 3000BC. Set high on a moor with a backdrop of sea and mountains, this is a moving experience for many and a wonderful place to end this island odyssey. Leaving the stones behind, we continue to Stornoway where we take the ferry back to the mainland and transfer back to Inverness.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

PLEASE NOTE - The itinerary may be subject to change at the discretion of the guide having regard to weather conditions and other factors.

This walking holiday is suitable for active travelers who are reasonably fit and enjoy moderate hikes. We walk at a comfortable pace and you can expect to be out for 5-6 hours a day. The terrain will be mostly good paths and hill trails but these can still be muddy and rough in places. Some hikes may involve an ascent up to a max of approx 1,500 feet / 450m. Distances will be typically 8-10km but there may be the odd slightly longer day. Daily hike details are available in the itinerary.

Other Info

Meeting: Inverness

Airport: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness Train station: Inverness train station

Transfer: From Glasgow or Endinburgh to Inverness by train (not included).



 $\mbox{\it weeting}$: you will be met by your guide in the waiting room at the inverness $\mbox{\it i}$ rain Station at 10:30 am on Day 1.

Departure: At the end of the holiday, we will return to Inverness, arriving there by 6 PM

Tack: Horses:

Pace: Suitable for active travelers who ae reaosnable fit and enjoy moderate hikes. 5-6 hours

hiking per day.

Level: (2 to 3 out of 5) Easy - Moderate

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 8 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - ZZ-HK-WS01

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, All transport throughout the trip (starting and finishing in Inverness), All private boat and ferry transfers & Services of an experienced walking guide and driver throughout your trip.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	GBP	~US\$
A 2024	7 day trip	£2345	\$2930
B 2024	7 day trip - Women Only Week	£2345	\$2930

The US Dollar Rate is based on a GBP Exchange Rate of 1.25 and subject to currency fluctuation

Rates Note: We do not charge single person supplements to people booking on their own. However you will be expected to share a room with another person of the same sex. Please note that on this trip there are no single rooms available.

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Transfer from Inverness train station at 10:30 am on day one		
2024	Single supplement (if requested, pending availability)	£550	\$690

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Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	03/23/2024 - 03/29/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	04/06/2024 - 04/12/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	04/20/2024 - 04/26/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	05/11/2024 - 05/17/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	05/25/2024 - 05/31/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	06/08/2024 - 06/14/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	06/22/2024 - 06/28/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
B 2024	07/06/2024 - 07/12/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip - Women Only Week
A 2024	07/13/2024 - 07/19/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	08/03/2024 - 08/09/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	08/17/2024 - 08/23/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	08/31/2024 - 09/06/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	09/21/2024 - 09/27/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	10/05/2024 - 10/11/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 2/8

Rates do not include:Transport to and from the holiday start/end point & Incidental personal expenditure e.g. alcoholic drinks, laundry, etc.

Reservation Form

Tour:	Code #:	from:	to :
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If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from the loc	al airport/station: I wou	ld like the transfer	to be included: YES NO
In an emergency, name and phone number of	f contact:		_
Attention: Please, if there is more than one p	participant, all have to si	gn the reservation	form - make copies if needed
I made all participants aware of the risk involuding with the Hidden Trails Booking Conditions and brochure or as listed on the Internet. I (we) will sign and forward the Recreational Actual Name and First Name (The Traveler)	d the Hidden Trails Recr Activity Release and Inde	eational Activity Re	elease and Indemnity Agreement in this
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I have enclosed a check for the deposit (provide our own initial

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