

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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South West England - England, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-HKEN-J02

10 days / 9 nights ~\$0.00

Dates: April

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging : ●●●

[Track:](#)

[Horses:](#)

[Pace:](#)

[Airport:](#) Bristol



Introduction

Exmoor, England

Pretty Cotswold villages, Somerset Cream Teas, old English pubs, this hiking tour in the South West of England has it all! We spend a few days in the Cotswolds, before moving to the Mendip Hills near Cheddar, and then to Dunster on Exmoor National Park, ending the tour on the Cornwall / Devon border.

Tour Highlights

- Exmoor National Park
- Dartmoor National Park
- Fascinating geology of Southwest England
- A visit to Dunster Castle
- Woodlands, Moorlands, Heathlands
- Beautiful Cotswold Villages
- A visit to the Abbey Gardens at Malmesbury
- Walks on the stunning North Cornwall coast
- Lovely cream teas in typical English teashops

Accommodation

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This is a progressive tour so nights will be spent in different locations.

Description

All our accommodations have been carefully selected. We have chosen locations of outstanding natural beauty, so that you can enjoy the best of Irish rural life and scenery. You will enjoy top quality accommodation in small, family run guesthouses and hotels whilst being charmed by the hospitable and friendly hosts. We stay in small hotels, guest houses, farmhouses, B & B's and occasionally castles.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1 & 2: Accommodation in Amberley

Night 3: Accommodation in Axbridge

Night 4 & 5: Accommodation in Dunster

Night 6 to 9: Accommodation in Welcombe

Room Occupancy

All rooms are en suite twin, double or single. Singles are available on request for a small supplement.

Meals:

All meals are included in your package except for dinners on day 4 and 5.

We take packed lunches for our lunch breaks during our walks. These are provided from our accommodation or from local delis.

Our evenings are a time for reviewing the day's activities and shared experiences on the hills. Evening meals are taken either in the places where we are staying or in local restaurants. You will be pleasantly surprised at the fine quality meals you will enjoy on your tour.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1: Arrival

Shortly after setting off from Bristol we will stop to walk at the pretty Cotswold village of Castle Combe. We begin on the edge of the village and then travel through the heart of what is one of England's prettiest villages with old streets of Cotswold stone cottages and a river flowing through the main street. We then climb steadily along the banks of By Brook to open countryside and a riverside lunch break.

Afterwards we will make a slight detour on our journey to the heart of the Cotswolds to visit the Abbey Gardens in Malmesbury.

Alternative Walk Options: the full walk is 6 miles long, there is an alternative option of just 2-3 miles available.

Walking Distance 6 miles (9.7 km)

Overnight: Amberley, Cotswolds, Gloucestershire

Meals Included: Lunch and Dinner

Day 2: Cotswold

The Cotswolds in Gloucestershire are our next destination: idyllic English villages nestling in unspoilt English scenery, an unforgettable part of the country. Our expert guide will keep you enchanted with natural history and folklore.

Return to our Cotswold hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Alternative Walk Options: the full walk is 8 miles long, there is an alternative option of just relaxing and strolling from the Hotel in your own time. The hotel is located in a beautiful setting.

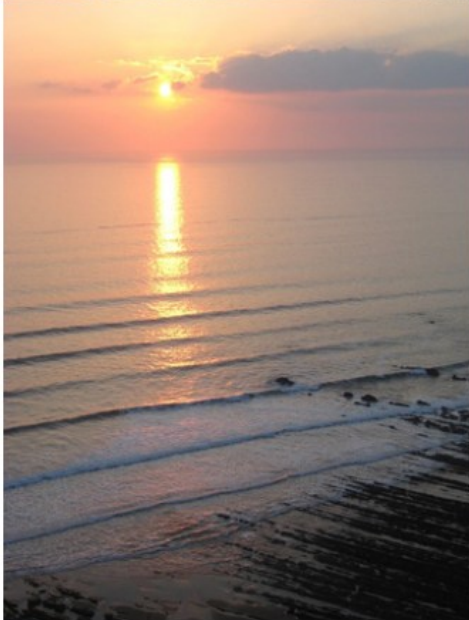
Walking Distance 8 miles (12.9 km)

Overnight: Amberley, Cotswolds, Gloucestershire

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3: Mendip Hills Hike

Our destination today is the Mendip Hills of South Somerset. We travel up through Cheddar village (yes, the cheese really is made here... traditionally it is matured in the Caves) and Cheddar Gorge. We then begin our walk at Burrington Combe where the Reverend Toplady was inspired to write the hymn "Rock of Ages". We trek up through a valley, then woodlands and fields, and eventually out on to the open moorland of the Mendip Hills.



Alternative Walk Options: the full walk is 7 miles long, there is an alternative option of just visiting Cheddar and the Caves. Cheese-making demonstrations available.

Walking Distance 7 miles (11.3 km)

Overnight: Axbridge, Somerset

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4: Quantock Hills

A typical Quantock walk of open heath, moorland and deep combs (valleys), with views out across Bridgwater Bay to Wales and the coast of Somerset. Beginning at Holford and walking through some beautiful beech and oak woodlands, we then take a couple of long climbs with fine views to reward us at the top. If the timing is right, we will round off this lovely day with a steam railway journey from Williton to Dunster. Our next two nights are spent in a hotel built in the 15th century in the beautiful village of Dunster on the edge of the Exmoor National Park.

Alternative Walk Options: the full walk is 7 miles long, there is an alternative option of just 2-3 miles available.

Walking Distance 7 miles (11.3 km)

Overnight: Dunster, Exmoor, South Somerset

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5: Porlock to Bossington

Coast, woodland, streams, chocolate-box villages, moor and heathland. We begin at the 'Lorna Doone' village of Porlock and continue out to a pebble beach at Bossington. The roads through this village wind between ancient thatched cottages and lead us on to the next village of Allerford. We pass through the National Trust hamlet of Selworthy and ultimately climb up through the woods to the viewpoint at Selworthy Beacon. We eventually make our way down to the Southwest Coast Path at Hurlstone Point.

Alternative Walk Options: the full walk is 9 miles long, there is an alternative option of just 2-3 miles available.

Walking Distance 9 miles (14.5 km)

Overnight: Dunster, Exmoor, South Somerset

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6: Lyne Gorge to Watersmeet

We will set off today for the Devon / Cornwall border. En route we stop at the Exmoor Village of Lynmouth. The walk along the River Lyn is outstanding and unforgettable. We follow the river for the first half of the walk, then we can take a break and perhaps a "Somerset Cream Tea" at the cafe at Watersmeet where the River Hoarok meets the River Lyn. We climb steadily to reach the high moor with magnificent sea views, then winding our way back down again to Lynmouth. We then travel off to the Devon / Cornwall border where we spend the next three nights at Home Farm in the hamlet of Welcombe.

Alternative Walk Options: the full walk is 8 miles long, there is an alternative option of just 2-3 miles available.

Walking Distance 8 miles (12.9 km)

Overnight: Welcombe, Devon / Cornwall Border

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7: Welcombe to Morwenstow

Welcombe farm is located in 500 acres of conservation land and there are rare species of flora and fauna to be found. We can enjoy fantastic coastal views and woodland throughout the walk. We then reach Morwenstow, the home of Robert Stephen Hawker: a famous 18th century poet. We can visit the magnificent church dating back to 16th century. It's a pretty village with tea rooms, and traditional thatched pub reputed to be haunted! The walk back takes us via woodland filled with some of the more unusual varieties of orchids and wild flowers. We may also see rare butterflies and dragonflies.

Walking Distance 7 miles (11.3 km)

Overnight: Welcombe, Devon / Cornwall Border

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8: Clovelly Fishing Village

Clovelly is something a little different: a beautiful little 13th century fishing village, we walk into it via the main estate grounds which are a stunning setting (rather like something from Jane Austen) with views of and stunning coastal vistas. When we arrive at the village it's a walk down the cobbled stoned streets into the heart of the village which is another chocolate-box setting: fishing cottages and a little community set against the backdrop of the coast and harbour. The walk back is through the estate grounds and woodlands, lots of local wildlife as we go through a pheasant reserve.

Walking Distance 7 miles (11.3 km)

Overnight: Welcombe, Devon / Cornwall Border

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 9: Welcombe to Hartland

Today we walk from Welcombe to Hartland taking in the Hartland Quay Shipwreck Museum, Hartland Abbey and St Nectan's Church.

Alternative Walk Options: the full walk is 7 miles, there is an option of just walking 2-3 miles.

Walking Distance 7 miles (11.3 km)

Overnight: Welcombe, Devon / Cornwall Border

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 10: Departure

This morning we will return to Bristol to end our journey of England's beautiful West Country.

Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Bristol

Airport: Bristol

Transfer: Bristol

On Day 1 of the program, pick up is scheduled from Bristol for 9:30 am.

On the last day of the program, drop-off at Bristol for 1:00 pm.

Tack:

Horses:

Pace:

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (0 out of 5)

Riders: Min 5 riders Max 12 riders



Rates and Dates 2026 - ZZ-HKEN-J02

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals, Transfers, 9 guided walks & Entrance fees for all National Parks, Entrance to Abbey Gardens, Admission on West Somerset Railway & Admission to Dunster Castle

Packages and Options

Season	Description
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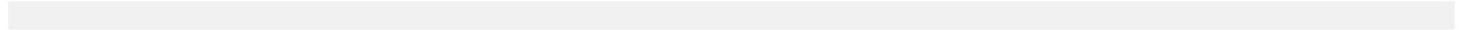
Transfer Option

Description

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Rates do not include: Dinners on Day 4 & 5



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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