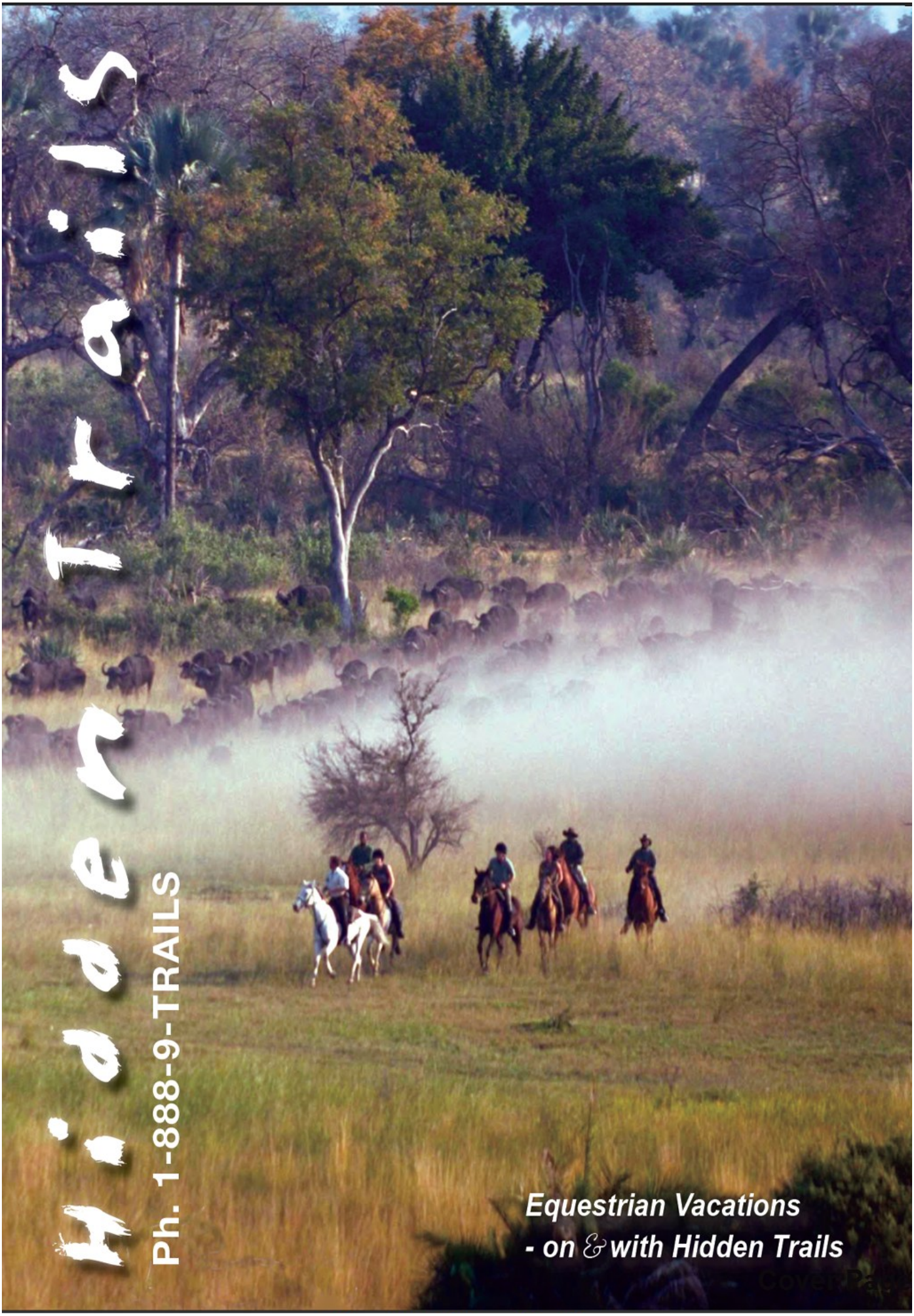

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About Hidden Trails



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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Northern Scotland - Scotland, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-HKSC-J02
10 days / 9 nights ~$0.00
Dates: September

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack:
Horses:
Pace:

Airport: Inverness













Introduction

Northern Scotland, Scotland
This guided hiking tour of Northern Scotland takes us to the remote North Highlands. From the low country of Caithness in the north-east to the spectacular mountains of Torridon and Sutherland in the north-west. You can't wish for a more scenic Scottish hike in the most spectacular and varied scenery. There is an abundance of archaeological and historical sites and excellent hiking. We'll never be far from the coast with spectacular sea lochs, high cliffs, and rocky bays, caves and arches. Always something new to draw you on around the next corner. Scotland at it's best!

Tour Highlights
- Walk along Dunbeath Water with numerous ancient monuments and a spectacular gorge
- Camster long and round cairns, Caithness
- View across Loch Torridon
- Hike on Bealach Na Ba, Applecross
- Geology of Assynt and view from Knockan Crag
- Ruins of Ardvreck Castle, Loch Assynt
- The ever changing shape of Suilven
- Walking among the stunning scenery of Sutherland

Accomodation

Accommodations
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 & 3: Accommodation in Helmsdale
Night 4, 5 & 6: Accommodation in Achnasheen
Night 7, 8 & 9: Accommodation in Lochinver

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.

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

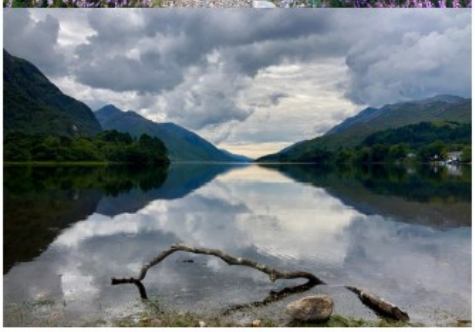
Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

Day 1: Arrival
We will meet you in Inverness and travel to our accommodation in Helmsdale where we'll stay three nights.
Overnight: Helmsdale, Sutherland
Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2: Dunbeath Strath
The first walk of our tour will be in Dunbeath Strath along Dunbeath Water. The path runs along a gorge through ancient woodland and then reaches open ground. We will see many interesting sites along the way, including an old mill built in 1850/1860, the site of a monastery, an Iron Age broch (fort), a deserted settlement from around 1800 and various chambered cairns. We will visit the Dunbeath Heritage Museum after the walk. On the way back we'll have a short walk to the remains of the Badbea clearance village, where people that were cleared from their land in the 18th century were forced to live.
Walking Distance 6 miles / Elev gain 825 ft.
Overnight: Helmsdale, Sutherland
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3: Caithness
Drive farther north into Caithness to explore the wealth of archaeological sites in this part of the north Highlands. Most of Caithness is now uninhabited, but the remains show that this area was highly populated in the past. There are a large number of Neolithic and Iron Age sites. Short walks will take us to some of them, including the Grey Cairns of Camster: two Neolithic tombs (a long cairn and a round cairn) built more than 5,000 years ago, and the Hill o'Many Stanes, consisting of about 200 small stones arranged in rows running down a low hill. They were placed about 4,000 years ago, possibly for gatherings and religious ceremonies. Large arrangements of stone rows like this are rare.
Walking Distance 5 miles / Elev gain 730 ft.
Overnight: Helmsdale, Sutherland
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner





Day 4: Loch Damh
We will leave the east coast and travel to Torridon on the west coast. Here we'll do a very scenic walk south of Loch Torridon offering stunning views across the loch to the Torridon mountains and down to the sea.The walk starts with going round a peninsula covered in Scots Pine forest. We continue inland along the river Balgy to the Falls of Balgy where the river drops down in a powerful cascade. Our route continues upstream to Loch Damh, surrounded by mountains. From here we will walk down a track back to the road.
Walking Distance 4.75 miles / Elev gain 575 ft.
Overnight: Achnasheen, Wester Ross
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5: Applecross peninsula
We drive onto Britain's most spectacular pass, the Bealach Na Ba. Weather permitting, our first hike on the peninsula will be from the highest point of the pass into the Applecross peninsula. From here we'll walk up Sgurr a' Chaorachain 2600ft/792m. Our walk starts at 2000ft/600m, so it is a nice short hill walk with spectacular views into the surrounding corries and mountains, getting better with every step. On a clear day the views are all the way to the Isles of Raasay, Skye and Rum. We will visit Applecross after the walk, another pretty village, where we'll have a number of walks to choose from, including a walk to the Coral beaches.
Walking Distance 7 miles / Elev gain 1790 ft.
Overnight: Achnasheen, Wester Ross
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6: Torridon
We have a number of options around Torridon from coastal walks to hill walks. There is a very nice coastal walk from Diabeg to the bothy at Craig or if we are up for a hill day, we could walk up Beinn Damh, offering a stunning introduction to the mountains of Torridon or we can walk into the spectacular Coire Mhic Fhearchair.
Walking Distance 5-9 miles / Elev gain 985-3215 ft.
Overnight: Achnasheen, Wester Ross
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7: Lochinver
We'll travel north to Lochinver. Our journey will take us along the scenic coastal route with spectacular mountain and coastal scenery. Suilven, the showpiece of Assynt dominates the landscape north of Ullapool. This is a hill of many shapes. From the south it is a long, drawn-out sugarloaf, with an obvious depression in the middle, from the east it can look like the Matterhorn, rising from its bedrock plinth of Lewisian Gneiss to a narrowing spire. From the north it forms a huge, rounded bastion of quartzite capped sandstone. There will be short walks along the way and since we will be in the Northwest Highlands UNESCO Global Geopark some of the walks in Assynt are geology themed, starting with the Knockan Crag interpretative geology trail on our way north.
Walking Distance 4.5 miles / Elev gain 770 ft.
Overnight: Lochinver, Assynt, Sutherland
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8: Kirkaig Falls & River Inver
Two walks today, starting with a hike up along the river of Kirkaig to some spectacular waterfalls and beyond. The first walk starts in a beautiful, wooded glen with hazel and birches. We soon leave the woodland and continue on open moorland. As height is gained mountains begin to come in view. The falls plunge 20 meters down the gorge. After having admired the falls, we continue along the glen for even better views of the Assynt mountains. Back in Lochinver we'll walk through mixed woodland beside the fast-flowing River Inver which rushes over rocks with many small waterfalls.
Walking Distance 7 miles / Elev gain 770 ft.
Overnight: Lochinver, Assynt, Sutherland
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 9: Old Man of Stoer & Clachtoll Broch
On our last day, we'll do a rough walk to the Old Man of Stoer, a spectacular sea-stack. The return walk is across the moor and a low hill with fantastic views in clear weather up the Sutherland coast backed by Foinaven mountain and inland the mountains of Assynt – Quinag, Canisp, Suilven, Cul Mor, Cul Beag and Stac Pollaidh. On our way back we will stop at Clachtoll for a short walk to the beach and the remains of Clachtoll Broch.
Walking Distance 6.5 miles / Elev gain 1300 ft.
Overnight: Lochinver, Assynt, Sutherland
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 10: Departure
After breakfast we will travel back to Inverness where the tour ends.
Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Inverness
Airport: Inverness
Transfer: Inverness Airport
On Day 1 of the program, pick up is scheduled from Inverness airport for 11:00 am.
On the last day of the program, drop-off at Inverness airport for 5:00 pm.

Tack:

Horses:

Pace:

Level: (0 out of 5)

Riders: Min 5 riders Max 12 riders

Rates and Dates 2026 - ZZ-HKSC-J02

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals, Transfers, 9 guided walks & Entrance to museums

Packages and Options

Season	Description

Transfer Option

Description

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates

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	Beginner	Novice	Intermediate	Strong Interm.	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 # _____

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I have enclosed a check for the deposit ◯

Additional Signatures:

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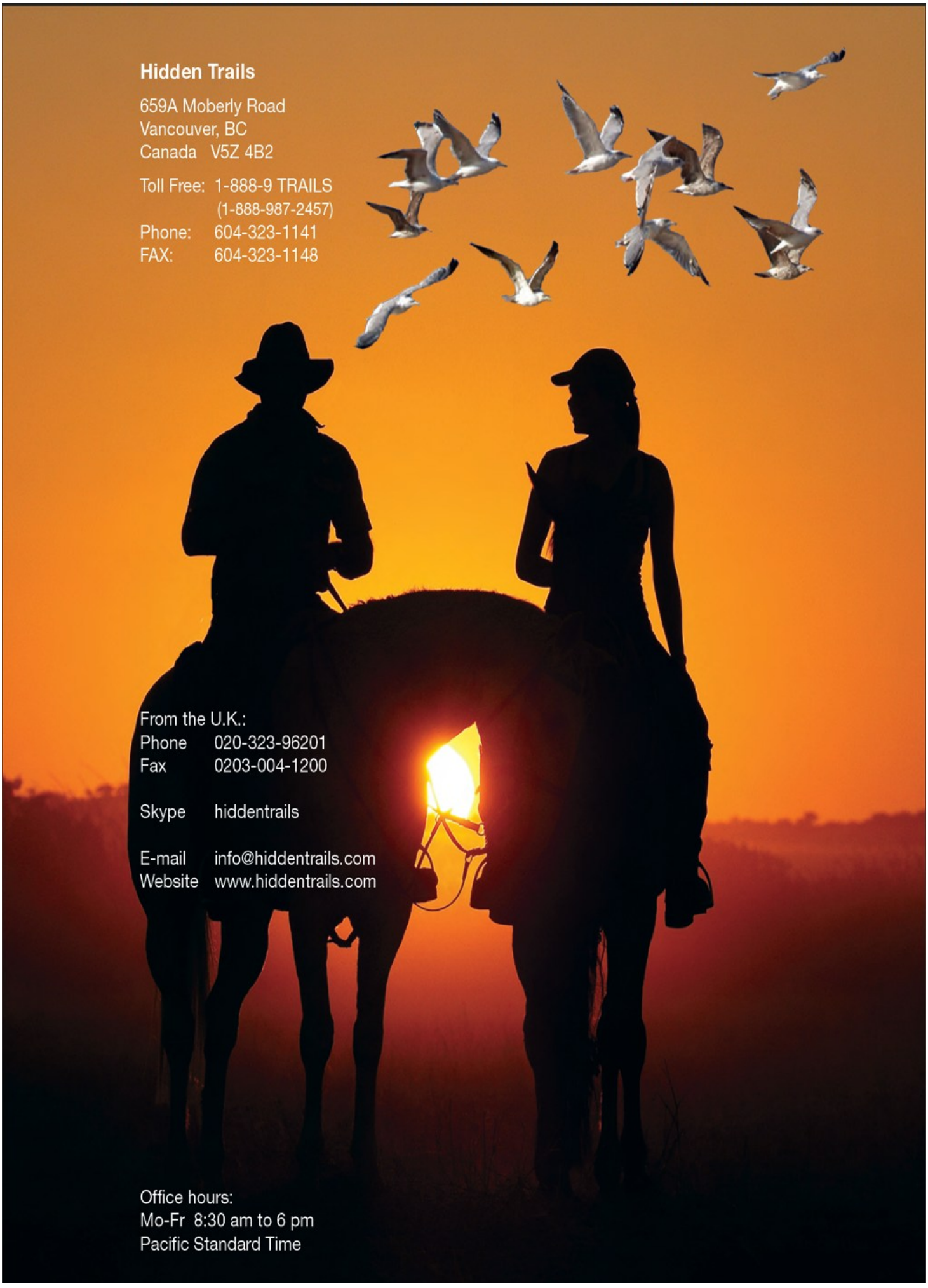
4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ◯ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ◯ initial _____

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