

Hidden Trails

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Outdoor Vacations  
- on & with Hidden Trails



## About Hidden Trails



Explore the World on & with Hidden Trails

Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love the outdoors and adventure activities. We have been involved with outdoor vacations for over 20 years. We have collected the best outdoor vacation destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These vacations are about forging rivers, biking along canals and through forests, hiking 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 the outdoors has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends.

These trips have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special outdoor 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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# Castle Leslie Equestrian Extravaganza - Ireland, Europe

Tour Code: IT-IRSR04

6 days / 5 nights ~\$2,145.00

Dates: Available all Year

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging: ●●●

Tack: English

Horses: Connemara and Irish

Hunters

Pace: The pace is varies depending on the pa...

Walk,Trot,Canter,Jumps

Airport: Dublin /Belfast



## Introduction

Monaghan, Ireland

A secluded and private estate in Co. Monaghan nestled on 1,000 acres of undulating Irish countryside, dotted with ancient woodland and glittering lakes, Castle Leslie Estate is one of the last great Irish Castle estates still in the hands of its founding family. Since the 1660s, the distinguished and somewhat individual Leslie family have lived on the Castle Estate, welcoming everyone from politicians to poets, ambassadors to ufologists; all the time making their home into one of the finest luxury Castle hotels Ireland has to offer..

The Castle, at the heart of the Estate, offers authentic original interiors and old-style hospitality and is a complete respite from the world. It is rich in unspoiled rural splendor and breath-taking artifacts. A haven of tranquility, you won't find televisions, radios or minibars within the bedrooms. The Castle features twenty unique bedrooms and bathrooms - whether your idea of heaven is a romantic boudoir designed with relaxation and privacy in mind or flamboyant room decorated with rich deep colours, there's a room to suit your tastes.

The Lodge is the social hub of the Estate and brings locals and guests together in an atmosphere of conviviality and comfort. It offers a completely different experience to that of the castle. Complete with 29 rooms - each of which remain true to the building's original structure - and buzzing with activity, there is plenty to keep yourself occupied at the boutique, country house style Lodge. The Old Stable Mews and Village Houses are the perfect spot for groups that want the convenience of hotel living combined with private self catering.

The Castle Leslie Equestrian Center is the perfect location for a horse-riding holiday in Ireland. It is the perfect place for adventure and offers an idyllic setting for horse enthusiasts visiting Ireland. Imagine over a thousand acres of rolling hills, parkland and lakes to explore on horseback. Combine fun and thrilling cross-country riding with relaxing trail rides in the countryside and come home to luxury accommodations each day to unwind! As one of Europe's finest equestrian playgrounds, Castle Leslie Estate offers memorable horse riding holiday experiences for riding enthusiasts of all levels. So whether you're a beginner or an experienced rider, Castle Leslie Estate is the place for you.

## Accommodation



### Accommodations

This is a stationary ride so all nights are spent at the lodge or the castle.







#### Hunting Lodge

Located at the entrance of the Estate, the Hunting Lodge is the social hub of the Estate, the ideal spot to relax with family, friends or new acquaintances. The Lodge at Castle Leslie Estate, with its 29 rooms and cut-stone stable courtyard, has been lovingly restored and imaginatively decorated retaining its period features and original character. It provides cozy and charming accommodation. Each bedroom has been decorated in keeping with the building's period features and designed with comfort in mind. Our superior bedrooms are particularly spacious and offer balconies overlooking the Equestrian Centre's courtyards or a comfortable sitting area where you can relax with your favorite book. Our classic bedrooms in the original building and stables are decorated in a cozy, traditional style while the ones in the newer wings are more contemporary in style. All bedrooms contain a king-sized bed or two twins, private bath with Victorian roll top bath and separate shower, and a TV. All of our packages are confirmed in Superior rooms unless you prefer to stay in one of the classic bedrooms (very charming).

Buzzing with activity, there's always something going on at the Lodge. It is adjacent to the Equestrian Centre and perfectly located for those who wish to explore the countryside and parkland on horseback. It also houses the organic Victorian Treatment Rooms – the perfect place to luxuriate in a relaxing massage following an activity-filled day. Wireless internet access is available in all public areas in the Lodge. And if you just want to escape with your newspaper or book or enjoy a game of scrabble with your partner, there is an abundance of nooks and crannies and common areas in which to do so.



**Castle Leslie** - when available we are happy to reserve a room at the castle at no extra charge.

With its authentic interiors and old-style hospitality, the Castle at Castle Leslie Estate exudes old world grandeur and offers complete respite from the world. The Castle is not a typical hotel experience – you won't find televisions, radios, or minibars in the Castle bedrooms. However, we do offer all of our guests complimentary WiFi in all public areas and bedrooms in The Castle.

The unique and dramatically different bedrooms are tranquil and calm – havens for sleeping and dreaming. The Castle is filled with beautiful furniture, antiques and heirlooms. It has twenty original and uniquely decorated bedrooms and bathrooms. From romantic boudoirs designed with relaxation and privacy in mind to more flamboyant bedrooms decorated with rich deep colours, there's a room and a view to suit every taste. Each bathroom is unique and features include the first plumbed bath in Ireland, a throne toilet and a complete bathroom hidden away in a doll's house. Some baths are fabulously large, ideal for a romantic soak for two. There is no pressure to do anything except relax and indulge yourself.

Log fires crackle in the hearths and there are several elegant rooms in which you can relax in privacy or in the company of friends. You can sneak off to a special screening in the private cinema or test your skills at the full-sized Snooker table. You may prefer to relax in the magnificent Drawing Room with its grand piano and famous De La Robbia fireplace, all these features combine making Castle Leslie Estate one of the most sought after luxury escapes in Ireland.

#### Room Occupancy

Triple occupancy is available in some rooms.

Single supplement is mandatory for solo travelers.



#### Meals

Included in your package are breakfast and a 2-course dinner at the O'Connors Bar. Lunches and meals at the Brasserie or at the Castle are not included.

No matter where you eat on the Estate, you will enjoy the best of classic Irish cooking. We source regional and artisan foods locally and prepare and present them with imagination and flair. Freshness is our by-word. Our daily-baked breads and scones and homemade preserves are enough to tempt any guest.

Lunch is available at 1:00 p.m.

Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m.

Andrew Bradley, the Executive Chef at Castle Leslie Estate, combines years of Michelin experience and personal





passion with some tried and tested delicious recipes of the past. Cleverly re-inventing the Castle Leslie Estate Cook Book – a compilation of dog-eared family recipes dating back for centuries – Andrew has cleverly stamped a whole new meaning on the expression 'old meets new'. He and his team cater for all guests' needs with style and a smile! We cater for those looking for casual dining as well as those seeking a more formal, elegant and romantic experience. Guests can look forward to lazy breakfasts, light lunches or picnic lunches in the woodlands, Irish country cooking in the bar or brasserie and candlelit dinners and formal afternoon tea in the Castle. So there's little chance of anyone going hungry.

#### *Conor's Bar at the Hunting Lodge*

The social hub of the Estate, Conor's Bar is the ideal place to relax with a pint of Guinness or enjoy traditional country home cooking in a casual setting. It brings locals and guests together in an atmosphere of conviviality and comfort. Guests can unwind here after an activity filled day while enjoying relaxed conversation with friends. Or retreat to a cosy corner with the newspaper or a good book. With a variety of dishes served throughout the day, there's something to suit all guests from hungry horse-riders and starving walking-enthusiasts to health-conscious guests on a breather between treatments at the Victorian Treatment Rooms. Seasonal dining times may vary. Please check with reception.

#### *Snaffles Brasserie at the Hunting Lodge*

At our 2 AA Rosette award-winning restaurant, you can enjoy delicious meals in a relaxed setting. Set on the mezzanine floor in the Lodge, Snaffles welcomes both residents and local guests. Snaffles is a beautiful open-plan restaurant and is light and spacious with a dramatic hand-carved ceiling and robust oak beams that blend effortlessly with a striking wall of contemporary glass. Signature dishes are cooked with superb locally sourced food which is prepared and presented with imagination and flair. Full of flavour, the diverse courses available make Snaffles Restaurant one of Monaghan's top restaurants. Seasonal dining times may vary. Please check with reception.

## Riding



We welcome riders of all ability and age groups, as long as you are over 7 years old!

#### **Horses**

We have 27 horses including Irish sport horses, draught horses, thoroughbreds and ponies.

The horses range from the 'Baby-sitters' & 'Flying Armchairs' for the more novice or nervous rider, to typical spirited Irish hunters who provide more of a challenge for the experienced rider.

Our horses' welfare is of paramount importance to us. Our aim is to provide an extremely high level of care to our horses and we work with a number of key suppliers including an equine chiropractor, equine dentist, farrier and vet.

All horses will be groomed and tacked up prior to the arrival of the guests. We do try and change the horses on a daily basis, but if a guest would like to ride a particular horse, we do try to accommodate this although cannot be guaranteed.

#### **Staff**

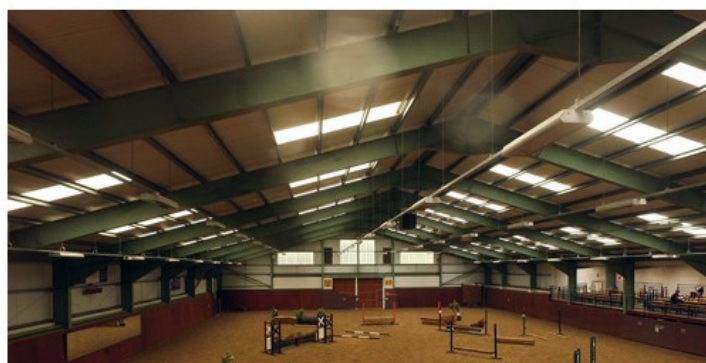
Qualified instructors up to B.H.S.I.I. lead the cross-country rides and teach all levels, making sure that everyone can make the most of their holiday with sympathetic instruction or just the right amount of encouragement for the rider who does not want 'formal tuition'.

#### **Facilities**

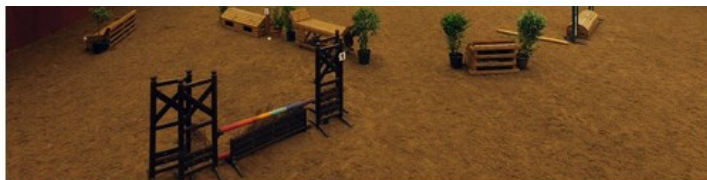
The Estate is nestled on 1,000 acres of undulating Irish countryside, dotted with ancient woodlands and glittering lakes. There are 21 miles of meandering bridleways on the Estate with natural and man-made obstacles spread over a wide area. In addition, riding on adjacent farmland and a competition course is available with a large number of fences to suit all levels.

The riding center is BHS, SJI & AIRE approved and has a mechanical horse for beginners.

Facilities include an indoor arena (50x30 meter) with indoor cross-country fences, a dressage ring (20 x 50 meter), an outdoor arena (30 x 20 meter) and a horse walker.







## Itinerary



You can choose between 3 packages:

- Horse Sport Package: this package is for experienced English riders (Good intermediate and above) and includes daily riding of approx. 3 hours. This is a daily lesson package and includes flat work/dressage, cross-country jumping, show-jumping and trail riding.
- Happy Hackers Package: like the name implies, this is a hacking (trail riding) package for low intermediate riders and above. It includes 3 hours of riding each day.
- Learn to Ride in 5 days Package: this package is designed for beginner to intermediate riders who wish to improve their riding skills. Each rider will receive a series of daily lessons (3 hours total per riding day) culminating in a 2 hour hack (trail ride) around the estate.

On your first day, arrive early in the afternoon for an orientation ride and in time for dinner at 7.30p.m. (rooms are generally available from 6 p.m., although we will accommodate people arriving earlier if possible). The Castle asks that clients arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to their booking time.

On the first morning, you will chat over breakfast with the instructor about your riding ability, aims etc. An initial assessment of riders takes place in the indoor or outdoor schooling area on the first riding day.

Each day, morning rides start at 10:30 am & afternoon rides at 2:30 pm.

On your last day, you can enjoy a last ride in the morning before your departure.

The Equestrian Center is located around five new courtyards and tucked behind the Hunting Lodge.

It offers the following amenities:

- 1,000 acres of private estate
- 300 cross-country jumps
- 21 miles of meandering bridleways
- Mile-long all-weather gallop
- 56 stables
- Mechanical Horse
- 50x30 meter indoor arena with indoor cross-country fences
- Tiered seating for 200 plus private dining/viewing room
- Lounge and showering facilities
- 20 x 50 Dressage Arena
- 30 x 20 Outdoor Arena
- Sand Gallops
- SJI approved show jumps
- Horse walker
- Lorry & trailer parking
- BHS, SJI & AIRE Approved



## Non-Riders

The center provides a wide variety of programs to non-riders who can enjoy golf nearby or cycling in the surrounding countryside. Other activities that can be booked are the Spa, fishing, clay target shooting, hot air balloon ride, horse drawn carriage ride, boating, walking trails, games room, falconry, and archery. Please inquire for prices. There are numerous places of interest to visit within easy driving distance.

## Other Info

**Meeting:** Glaslough

**Airport:** Dublin /Belfast

**Transfer:** Dublin/Belfast

Transfers can be arranged from Dublin International Airport (DUB) or Belfast International Airport (BFS) for an extra fee. Check-in to your room: After 3:00pm. Check-out: 11:00am

**Tack:** English

**Horses:** Connemara and Irish Hunters

**Pace:** The pace is varies depending on the package chosen.

Walk | Trot | Canter | Jumps |

**Level:** 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (1 to 4 out of 5) All riding levels

**Age:** Min 7

**Weight:** 224 lbs / 100 kg

**Riders:** Min 1 riders    Max 8 riders    Max Capacity 50  
(per riding group)

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

## Castle Leslie Lodgings

The Castle promises complete respite from the world at large. Here log fires crackle in the hearths, old-style hospitality is the norm, and you enjoy fabulous dinners by candlelit. There's space for socialising, and cosy corners for solitude.

Allow us to cushion you from all intrusions of the outside world (you won't find any concession to telephones or televisions in the bedrooms here). There's nothing to interrupt this oasis of civility.

It's a vast Victorian home filled with beautiful furniture, antiques and heirlooms. Upstairs you'll find twenty unique and original bedrooms, each with a part to play in the Leslie family history. Even the en-suite bathrooms are worthy of note fitted with throne toilets, fabulously large baths and extraordinary showers.

### Castle rooms:

The Castle offers a choice of elegant rooms to relax and socialise in.

Breakfast 'til noon, then sneak off to the private Cinema, test your skills at the full-sized Billiard table, dine by candlelight in the Dining Room and Gallery or dine privately in the hand-painted Blue Room.

Or simply relax in the magnificent Drawing room with its grand piano and famous De La Robbia fireplace.

Enjoy the wonderful pleasure gardens with a picnic on the lawn, a BBQ on the terrace, take a boat out or fish for pike on the tranquil Glaslough Lake.

### Bedrooms:

The Castle offers a choice of 20 unique bedrooms. Each is full of character, with every nook and cranny steeped in a different chapter of the witty light-hearted Leslie history. Here you choose whether you rise at dawn to enjoy the Estate's many activities or sleep till noon.

From romantic boudoirs designed for seclusion and slumber to more flamboyant bedrooms decorated with rich deep colours, there's a room and a view to suit every taste. The bathrooms are equally individual boasting the oldest bath in Ireland, throne toilets, even a complete bathroom hidden away in a dolls' house. Some baths are built for two - ideal for the romantic.

**THE RED ROOM** is blessed with the most stunning views of the lake. The four poster bed and other furniture came from Peruggia in Italy, except for the noble French 'armoire' cupboard. It is an intensely family room. The bed is a doorway in and out of this life. Born in and died in. All very peacefully. Anita Leslie King gave birth to her daughter Leonie here.

The **MAUVE ROOM** and its adjoining dressing room came to be known as The Royal Suite, having given sweet slumber and other delights to numerous royalty.

The **BLUE ROOM** acquired its marvelous deep blue from Lady Leonie Leslie, before she later moved to the Mauve Room. Sammy has faithfully copied this blue in the bathroom, once the dressing room. Later it was transformed to an 'Odeon cinema' cum TV room with suitably hideous colours and plastic seats for herself and her little sister, Camilla.

The **Eagles Nest:** As the name suggests, this room is at one of the highest points of the house and has a wonderful balcony with sweeping views of the beautiful lake and gardens.

**SHANE** (born John) was the eldest of the four Leslie boys (Norman, Seymour & Lionel). In this room, inspired by views of the lake, and many years before his granddaughter Sammy designed and installed the great gothic bath, Shane wrote many of his best books and poems. His novel about Cambridge 'The Cantab' was suppressed by the Home Secretary, by mistake! Today Shane's biographies and works are considered collectors' pieces and eagerly sort after.

..... and many more



Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-IRSR04

Rates include: Accommodations at the hunting lodge or castle, All breakfasts and Dinners at the Conor's Bar & 5 Riding days  
Helmet and boots can be provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	6 day trip, Learn to Ride in 5 Days (Lodge or Castle)	€1950	\$2145
B 2024	6 day trip, Horse Sport (Lodge or Castle)	€1950	\$2145
C 2024	6 day trip, Happy Hackers (Lodge or Castle)	€1950	\$2145

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

Transfer Option

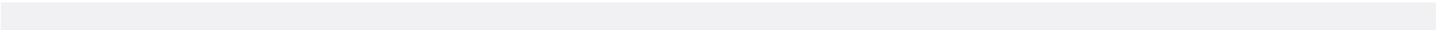
Description

2024	Transfer from Dublin or Belfast (1 pax), one way	€170	\$190
2024	Transfer from Dublin or Belfast (2 - 5 people) pp, one way	€80	\$90
2024	Transfer from Dublin or Belfast (6 + people) pp, one way	€70	\$80
2024	Single supplement	€650	\$715
2024	Discount for children 7 - 11 years old (sharing with parents only)		
2024	Non-rider rate, dbl, pp	€1290	\$1420
2024	Non-rider rate, single	€1940	\$2135
2024	Non-rider rate, child 7-11 y.o. (with adult)	€1015	\$1115

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
Available any time throughout the year. Weekends sell out early ! Longer packages available on demand	

Rates do not include:Lunches, Additional riding, Gratuities & Transfers





## Reservation Form

# Hidden Trails Outdoor 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**	Allergies	Medical Con.	Excellent	Good	Moderate	Poor	Fitness Level	Need to rent equipment
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\* If more than 200 lbs we need to reconfirm with our partners first

\*\* Details on dietary needs on separate sheet, please.

Special Diets: \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you exercise? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe your experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been on other riding tours? No ☐ Yes ☐ last trip when? \_\_\_\_\_ Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

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 8 weeks before trip starting date.

**Last Name and First Name (The Traveler)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal/Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (wk)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(hm)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature (mandatory)** 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum \$ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before starting 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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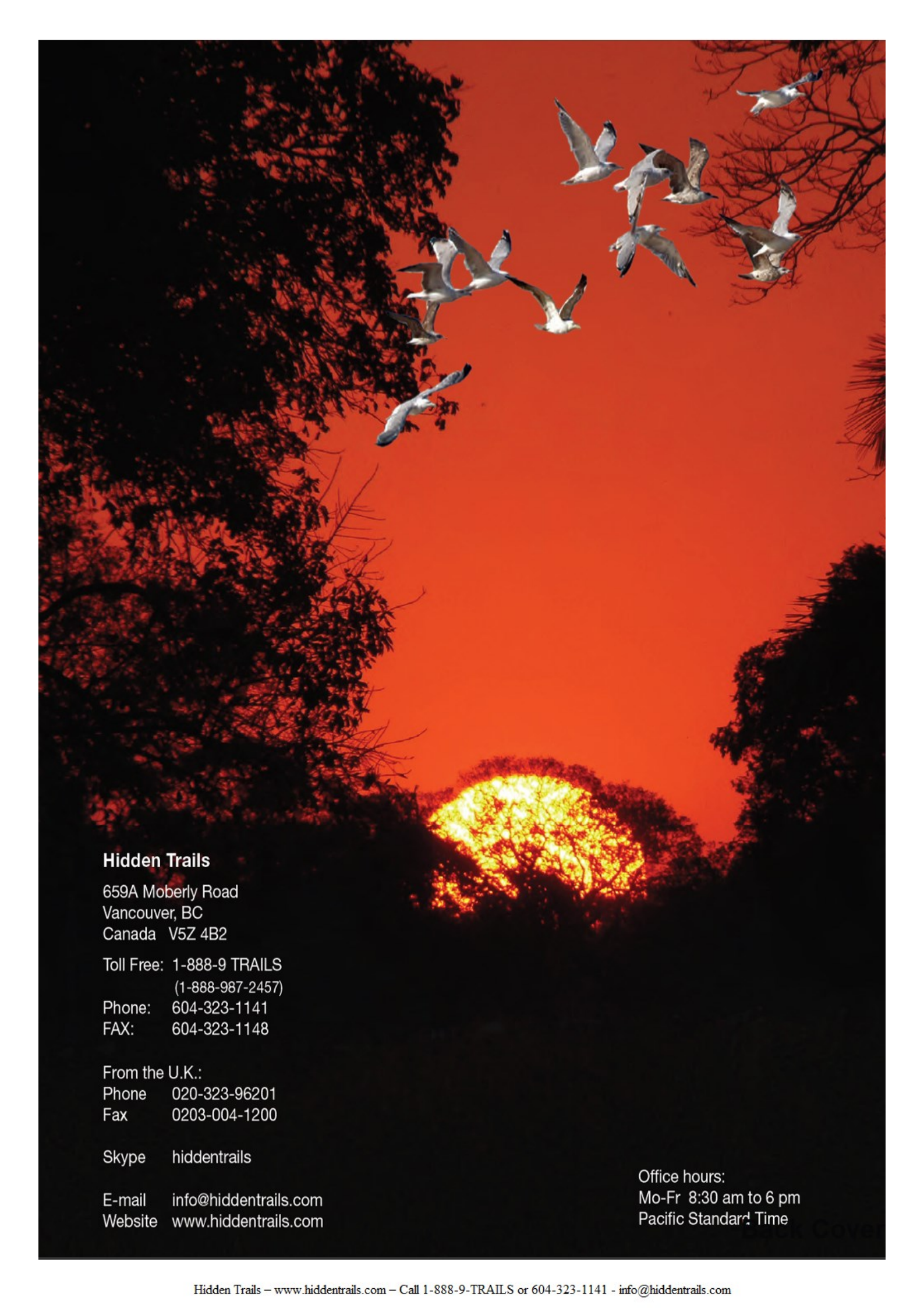
**Travel Cancellation Insurance** Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial \_\_\_\_\_

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial \_\_\_\_\_

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