

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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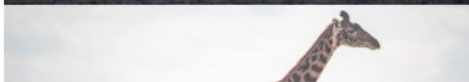
Arusha Riding Safari - Tanzania, East Africa

Tour Code: IT-TZRT02
8 days / 7 nights ~\$7,310.00
Dates: June to October

Trip Rating : ●●●●●
Difficulty : ●●●●●
Lodging : 🏠

Tack: English
Horses: Mix of local breeds and thoroughbreds
Pace: 4-6 hours in the saddle per riding day
Walk, Trot, Canter, Gallop,

Airport: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)



Introduction

Tanzania, Tanzania
A safari in Tanzania is a must for those who love Africa and horses.

Tanzania is one of Africa's main destinations for people passionate about the wild savannah. Arusha National Park, whose name derives from *Warusha* (the name of the local people of the region), offers a wide variety of flora and fauna in a pleasant setting.

Join our amazing 7-night or 3-night horse safari for an unforgettable experience.

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a wilderness wide, so nights will be spent in several camps.

Description

You will spend most nights in our comfortable mobile camps.

[Accommodation Itinerary for 8-day Safari](#) - subject to changes

Night 1: Lodge
Night 2 & 3: Camp near Mt Meru
Night 4: Camp in Masai Country
Night 5, 6 & 7: Camp

[Accommodation Itinerary for 4-day Safari](#) - subject to changes

Night 1: Lodge
Night 2 & 3: Camp near Mt Meru

Lodge

This beautiful lodge is just 30 minutes from Kilimanjaro airport. Each spacious bedroom has an en-suite bathroom and free Wi-Fi access. Guests can use the swimming pool, SPA and take yoga, polo and golf lessons upon request (extra fee).

Camps

We sleep in comfortable mobile tented camps with spacious tents equipped with mosquito nets, beds and linens. Each tent has its own bush toilet and bucket shower. The toilet is a traditional short drop style toilet with a nice wooden toilet seat over a metal box with open sides. The shower is a traditional start gazing canvas bucket.

Room Occupancy

A single supplement fee applies if we are unable to find you a roommate.





Meals

All meals are included from lunch on Day 1 to breakfast on the last day.

Meals are prepared with fresh local products. Drinks are included (soft drinks as well as local beer and wine) except during dinner on day 1 and lunch on the last day at the lodge.

Breakfast is of traditional Cowboy style, served with homemade juice and exotic African fruits.

Lunch is alfresco, enjoyed somewhere out in the wild under a nice shady tree, it may either be vehicle supported or we may carry it in our saddlebags.

Dinner is a three-course affair, with a mix of local and international cuisine, always served with newly baked bread and fresh salads and herbs.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions if given prior notice.

Riding



Riding Requirements

It is necessary to be in full control of your horse in open spaces and be in good physical condition. The local guides reserve the right to "afoot" a rider if his inexperience could jeopardize its own and/or the group's safety.

Horses

The horses are all purpose trained safari horses, with a mix of local breeds and thoroughbreds. Close to all of them are ridden in western style, with one hand. This allows you to take photos and dig into your saddlebag while out on safari. Only some of them are ridden English style, if this is the case the guide will tell you before you mount your horse. All horses are given lots of love, care and attention, therefore resulting in their nice characters and strong personalities. They all have their own heads with different temperaments, which allows us to find a perfect fit for each rider.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary: 8 days - subject to changes

Please note that the itinerary described below is to be considered indicative. There are various itineraries and to better enjoy this experience, the guides can modify it to follow the natural movement and migration of the animals, according to the seasons and rains.

Day 1: Arrival to Tanzania

Pick up from Kilimanjaro International Airport, and transfer (approx. 40 minutes) to the lodge where the first night is spent. Settle in and meet the other participants on the safari.

On arrival in the late afternoon, guests are welcomed to the lodge and invited to unwind in the serene beauty of the surroundings. Time is yours to relax—whether by the pool, on the verandah, or simply soaking in the peaceful atmosphere of the bush. As the sun dips low, your guide joins you for sundowners, sharing stories and insight into the days ahead. If a polo match is taking place, you may also have the chance to watch this elegant sport in action with a drink in hand. Dinner follows at the lodge, accompanied by a gentle safari briefing. Afterwards, you retire to your room, night sounds easing you into a restful night's sleep. For everyone including early arrivals, golf, relaxing spa treatments, or a scenic horse ride can be arranged before the safari begins—and if possible, let us know in advance so we can plan everything perfectly for you.

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Lodge

Day 2: Riding into Arusha National Park

The day begins with a refreshing wake-up and a hearty breakfast at the lodge, preparing guests for the adventure ahead. After breakfast, 1030am, there's a scenic 30-minute drive to the edge of the park where the safari horses await. Once mounted, the journey into the heart of the park begins, riding alongside buffaloes, giraffes, and other wildlife that roam freely along the narrow game trails skirting the eastern slopes of Mount Meru. The ride weaves through canopy forests and open glades, offering ever-changing views and thrilling wildlife encounters. Midway through the day, there's a pause for a relaxed lunch beneath the shade of a lone tree—an idyllic break in the wild. The afternoon ride continues deeper into the park, with the light softening and the landscape growing quieter. As evening approaches, the group arrives at the mobile camp, an exclusive and comfortable setup in the wilderness. The day ends with sundowners, followed by a delicious dinner under a canopy of stars, surrounded by the sounds of the African night.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Camp near Mt Meru

Day 3: Legendary Trails



wake up to the distinctive calls or cooing monkeys echoing through the trees. After breakfast, ride out into the scenic landscape where the classic film *Hatari!*, starring John Wayne, was shot. Follow the trails first traveled by the legendary Margaret Trappe, the Iron Lady of Africa. She spent years exploring these wilds, and her footsteps still guide many today. Ride through habitats rich with wildlife — giraffes gliding across the glades, bushbucks and waterbucks grazing in the undergrowth, and tiny dik-diks darting through the brush. Later in the morning, return to camp for a leisurely lunch and some time to relax. In the afternoon, climb into safari jeeps for an exciting drive to Lake Momella. Keep an eye out for hippos lazing in the water, flamingoes painting the shoreline pink, and a variety of water birds skimming the surface. Enjoy a beautiful sundowner by the lake before heading back to camp at dusk. After dinner, drift off to sleep with the sounds of the wilderness around you — and if you're lucky, the elusive call of a leopard in the night.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Camp near Mt Meru*

Day 4: Masai Ride

After breakfast, it's time to move on. Jump into safari cars for a drive of approximately an hour and fifteen minutes. This part of the journey isn't suited for riding, so you'll relax and absorb the Tanzanian countryside until you meet the horses at your new destination. The ride begins across the dry and harsh Masai Steppe, a land filled with new wildlife sightings. You'll hopefully encounter grant's gazelles, Thompson's gazelles, zebras, and wildebeests scattered across the open plains. As you ride, the landscape transitions into acacia shrubland and woodlands. The early hours of riding can be tough, as the ground is rocky and unsuitable for fast riding. However, by later in the morning, the terrain softens and allows for a faster pace. You'll ride through Masai country, a land that feels both timeless and wild, although the game becomes less abundant here. By midday, it's time for a lunch break under the shade to escape the heat of the day. This gives both riders and horses a much-needed recharge, a full 3 hours to relax and rest. After lunch, ride on into the cooler afternoon hours, making your way to your night stop. Your destination is a beautiful spot overlooking the magnificent mountains: Kilimanjaro, Mount Meru, and Mount Longido. A stunning view to end the day.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Camp in Masai Country*

Day 5: Plains Ride

After breakfast, it's time to move on once again. Find your horse and set off in a northeastern direction toward the mysterious formations known as the Seven Sisters. Although elephants may have eluded you so far, this afternoon you enter prime elephant territory — you've been riding along their migration routes for days, and while nothing is guaranteed in the wild, today brings your best chance yet to encounter these majestic giants. The morning ride feels like a journey back in time, crossing dried out floodplains and passing near traditional Masai Bomas. You may even cross paths with Masai warriors moving through the landscape as they have for centuries. If luck is on your side, you might catch a glimpse of the very rare and endangered antelope called a Geerenuk — a treasured sight in these parts. Lunch is enjoyed somewhere along the route, followed by a peaceful break to escape the heat of the day. In the afternoon, ride into dried-out lakebeds, perfect terrain for exhilarating, fast-paced gallops. The land opens up into vast wilderness, and you finally reach your camp, now set in a new location under a canopy of trees, out in the open. Settle in for the evening with views that stir the soul, majestic Kilimanjaro to the north, Longido to the west, Meru to the south, and the hazy outline of Namanga in the distance.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Camp*

Day 6: Wildlife Ride

At first light, your tent steward arrives quietly, pouring hot water into your basin as birdsong begins to filter through the canvas walls. Outside, the world is waking, and the air is filled with the gentle promise of a new adventure. Enjoy a warm breakfast as the early sun spills gold across the landscape. Today's ride takes you deeper into the wilderness — a place where the chances of seeing elephants, cheetahs, and hyenas are high, and the rolling terrain invites you to pick up the pace. The wind in your face, the rhythm of the horse — it feels like flying across timeless earth. By midday, return to camp, where shade, comfort, and a freshly prepared lunch await. Indulge in a siesta as the heat of the day settles, listening to the soft whispers of nature around you. In the late afternoon, ride out, bathe in the golden light of the African sunset, and let the land speak to you in silence and shadow. As night falls, gather around the fire with a gin and tonic in hand. Then, dine under a ceiling of stars — a three-course feast shared in the heart of the wild. The air is filled with stories, laughter, and the magic of Africa — a night to be remembered forever.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Camp*

Day 7: Farewell Ride

After breakfast, you mount up once more for a morning ride through the soft light of early day. Today's journey takes you to a traditional, genuine Masai Boma — a chance to step into a culture as rich and enduring as the land it calls home. Ride through the grasslands to find the circle of mud huts, hand-shaped from earth and time. Here, you're welcomed by the Masai, known for their dignity, warmth, and brightly coloured shukas. Watch the warriors as they go about their day, and if you dare, sample the traditional mix of goat milk and blood — a rite of strength and survival. Browse handmade jewellery, each piece carrying stories woven from generations. Return to camp for a leisurely lunch and a moment of rest, knowing that the final ride still awaits. In the cool of the afternoon, saddle up for one last time. This ride isn't about distance — it's about feeling the wind in your hair, the power of the horse beneath you, and the freedom that only the wilderness can give. The land rushes past, bathed in golden light. Back at camp, the evening unfolds with a farewell feast beneath the stars. Laughter and stories are shared around the fire. And as night deepens, you tuck into bed, hoping to fall asleep to the most primal song of Africa — the low, distant roar of a lion.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Camp*

Day 8: Departure

This morning, we return to civilization and transfer (about 3 hours) to the departure lodge. Time for a shower and a last lunch (drinks not included) before the transfer to Kilimanjaro airport (the return flight must not be before 3.00 pm).

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Sample Itinerary: 4 days - subject to changes

Please note that the itinerary described below is to be considered indicative. There are various itineraries and to better enjoy this experience, the guides can modify it to follow the natural movement and migration of the animals, according to the seasons and rains.

Day 1: Arrival to Tanzania

Pick up from Kilimanjaro International Airport, and transfer (approx. 40 minutes) to the lodge where the first night is spent. Settle in and meet the other participants on the safari.

Over lunch, a briefing will take place followed by an afternoon introduction ride. This is a good opportunity for everyone to get to know their mount before heading into the National Park the following day.

The afternoon ride takes place on a wildlife estate, home to plenty of plains game like zebras, wildebeests, elands and if lucky there is a good chance of seeing one of the shyest and rarest antelopes in Africa, the Gerenuk (also known as giraffe antelope).

Back to the lodge in time for showers and sundowners before dinner is served.

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner



*Meals included: Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Lodge*

Day 2: Riding into Arusha National Park

Wake up call with tea and coffee. After breakfast, we drive for about 30 minutes to Arusha National Park gate. Here, the horses will be waiting, ready to be mounted. As we ride into the park, the vegetation will change dramatically, from open grassland to rainforest. We have good chances of seeing elephants, buffaloes, plains game, leopards and rare species such as Suni, Red Duiker, the magnificent Hartlaub's turaco and so much more. The feeling is magical as you enter into the big canopy forests.

Lunch will be set on route, with time for a small siesta. After lunch the ride continues through leopard country and as we head towards our night stop. On our way, we will pass by Margarete Trappe's old house. The legendary lady known and remembered as the Iron lady from the first world war. Our riding safari follows Margarete's old riding paths through the holy forests of the park.

Our camp is located at the foot of Mt Meru.
*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Camp near Mt Meru*

Day 3: Fig Tree Arch Ride

This morning, you will hopefully wake up to the very talkative Colobus monkeys. Breakfast is served and shortly thereafter we ride towards the area where the film Hatari was filmed, starring John Wayne. Halfway into the morning ride, we start the climb (on horseback) to the best viewpoint of the park. Here, we will leave the horses and continue by 4X4. We will pass through the famous "fig tree arch" and then proceed to stop for lunch near a waterfall, located 2000 meters above the sea level. After lunch, we go back to the horses, riding back to camp.

Once back at our camp, there will be an option to jump into the vehicles and go visit the Momella lakes, hoping to see some hippos and beautiful water birds.

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Camp near Mt Meru*

Day 4: Departure

After breakfast, we enjoy a last morning ride in this magical place. Late morning, we will get back to the Arusha National park gate where we dismount and say farewell to our four legged friends.

We then drive to the lodge for lunch, before a transfer back to the airport.

It is possible to add extra nights at the lodge and play polo.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Other Info

Meeting: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)

Airport: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)

Transfer: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)

Distance: 29 km

Transfers included from/to Kilimanjaro Airport

Tack: English

Horses: Mix of local breeds and thoroughbreds

Pace: 4-6 hours in the saddle per riding day

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (4 to 5 out of 5) Strong Intermediate

Age: Min 14

Weight: 187 lbs / 85 kg

Riders: Min 4 riders Max 10 riders



Rates and Dates 2026 - IT-TZRT02

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, Park entrance fees, Riding and activities as described in itinerary & Transfers

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2026	8 day safari	\$7310
	Single supplement	\$630

Transfer Option

Description

2026	Transfers included from/to Kilimanjaro Airport
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Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2026	06/03/2026 - 06/10/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	06/13/2026 - 06/20/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	06/24/2026 - 07/01/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	07/04/2026 - 07/11/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	07/15/2026 - 07/22/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	07/25/2026 - 08/01/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	08/08/2026 - 08/15/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	08/19/2026 - 08/26/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	08/29/2026 - 09/05/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	09/09/2026 - 09/16/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	09/19/2026 - 09/26/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari
A 2026	10/07/2026 - 10/14/2026	8d / 7n	8 day safari

Min/Max: 4/10

Additional departure dates on request throughout the year with a minimum of 4 participants (except for the months of April and May)

Rates do not include: Gratuities & Registration fee (mandatory)

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 <small>MM/DD/YY</small>	Height	Weight*	Fitness Level							
						Special Diets**	Allergies	Medical Con.	Excellent	Good	Moderate	Poor	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. _____

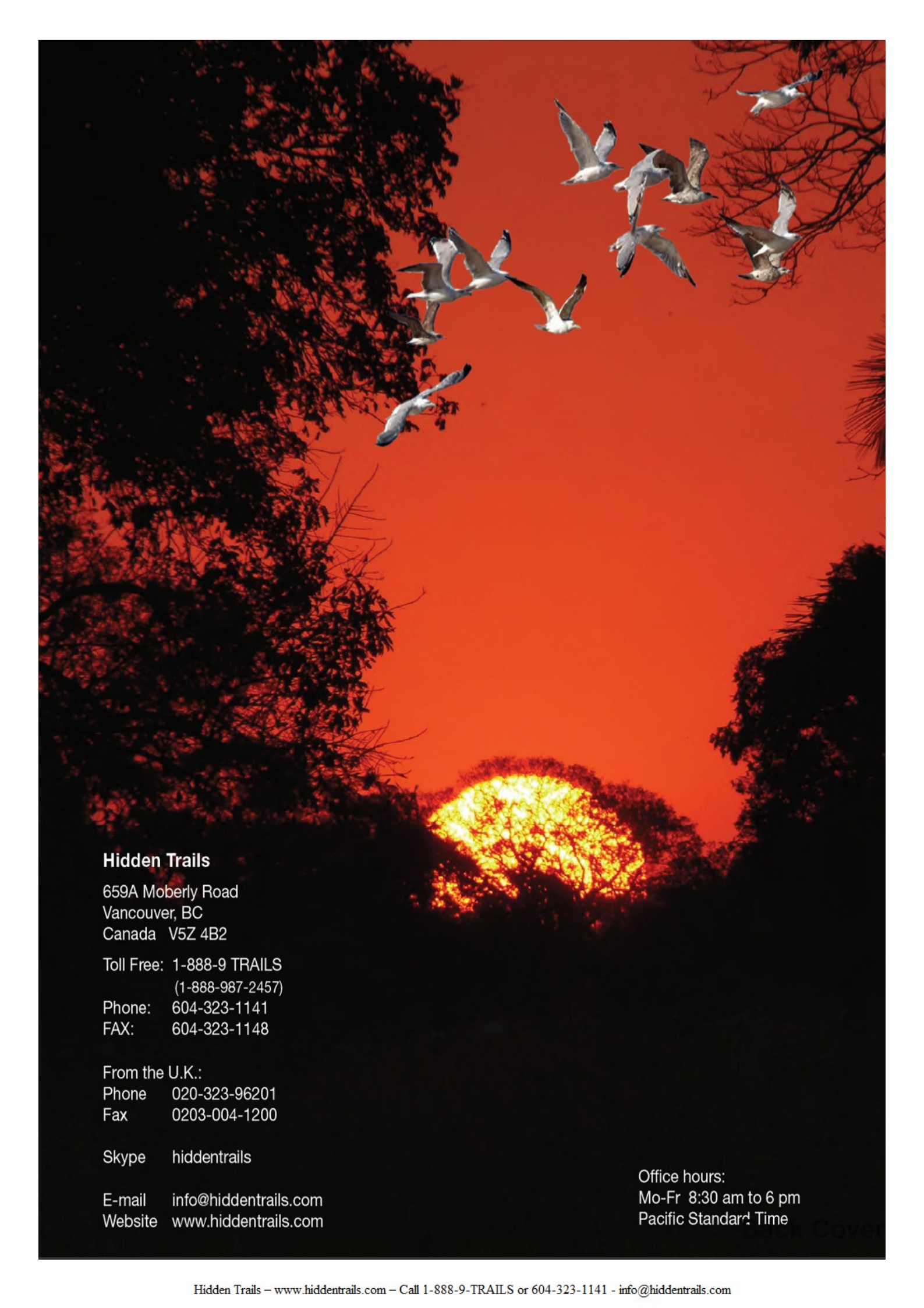
4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up initial _____

No, we will provide our own initial _____

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