

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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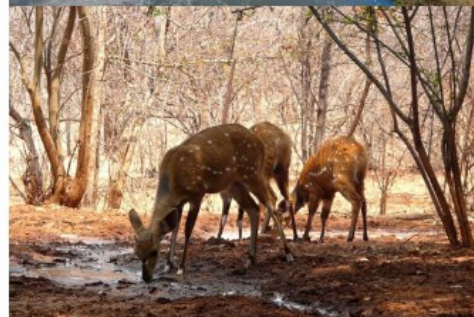
Luxury Zambezi Safari - Zimbabwe, Southern Africa

Tour Code: IT-ZMRT05
5 days / 4 nights ~\$3,920.00
Dates: Available all Year

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

Tack: Australian Stock saddles.
English on r...
Horses: Anglo Arab, Thoroughbred,
Cleveland Ba...
Pace: Moderate with trots, canters
and some ...
Walk,Trot,Canter,

Airport: Victoria Falls International
Airport (VFA)



Introduction

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Victoria Falls is one of the natural wonders of the world and needs little introduction. Victoria Falls town is surrounded by the Zambezi National Park, where wild animals roam freely, including elephant, buffalo, various antelope species, warthog, vervet monkeys and baboons. Associated predators such as leopard and hyaena are also found.

This riding safari itinerary is loosely formed so we can cater best to your requests and track game based on movement. The first and last day will include the Zambezi River area. These are your main game viewing days. Further away the rides are more about scenery and distances, however there is a chance of seeing additional wildlife.

Accommodation

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This is a progressive ride so nights are spent in different locations.

Description

You'll be staying in lodges personally selected to complement your riding safari vacation. All rooms have a private bathroom.

Laundry can be done at most accommodations. There is a small charge per load, but is useful if you are going on to ride elsewhere and would like clean riding clothes when you arrive!

Accommodation Itinerary for 5-day tour - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1 & 2: Elephant Camp

Night 3 & 4: Old Drift

Accommodation Itinerary for 7-day tour - subject to changes based on availability

Nights 1-3: Elephant Camp

Nights 4-6: Old Drift

Elephant Camp

This Camp has been rated one of the best luxury lodges in Zimbabwe. Set within the Victoria Falls National Park, The Elephant Camp overlooks the Zambezi Gorges with a magnificent view of the Victoria Falls spray in the distance.

Depending on availability, you will stay either at the main camp or at the west camp. Both offer beautiful, tented suites with AC and ceiling fans, a coffee/tea station, private facilities and free Wi-Fi.

The west camp just has 4 tented suites, which makes it more intimate than the main camp.

Old Drift

This Lodge lies a few kilometers upstream of the Victoria Falls, on the banks of the Zambezi River. The lodge boasts luxury accommodation in Zambezi National Park. It is a wild paradise frequented by elephant, buffalo, herds of sable, eland, zebra, giraffe, kudu, waterbuck and impala.

The elegant and spacious canvas en-suite rooms blend in seamlessly with the natural environment. The suites are resplendent and stylish with an indoor and outdoor shower, private plunge pool and bath with a view.

The main lodge area has 360-degree views, North facing onto the Zambezi & South facing onto a water hole.

Room Occupancy

Single supplement is mandatory if we are unable to find another rider to share.

Meals

All meals are included in your program.

Meals are simple, but tasty, with plenty of fruits, fresh vegetables, and salads.

Wine/ beer is available for purchase at both accommodations.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding





Riding Experience

This trip is suitable for strong intermediate riders. Keep in mind we ride through highly dense game areas. Clients must be fit and confident at all paces, including rising trot, and capable of trotting at a rising trot for a minimum of 15 minutes at a stretch. The more proficient and fitter you are the more you will enjoy your trip.

Riding

We spend between 4-6 hours in the saddle per day. This includes refreshment breaks and a short 10-minute walk for every 2 hours spent in the saddle (for the horses back, and your own muscles). The times given for rides are an estimate – we do not clock watch and may decide to alter and adapt the route.

Within reason, we like to tailor our trips to suit you. If you do not like what is happening let us know.

At the end of each riding day, we meet to discuss with you and amongst ourselves what we have seen, and plan our next day accordingly. We get continuous updates on game movement patterns throughout the area to ensure the best experience, so we may change a route – but only for your benefit.

Terrain

Magnificent and varied terrain, from the shady banks of the Zambezi, to rugged mopane woodland and wide ranging Kalahari sand dunes and teak forests. Riding on the banks of the Zambezi at any water level is an experience itself. All rides start here, moving away after the first morning through other varied terrain. Kalahari sand fire breaks are the best places to gallop.

The rural areas up to Gorges offer the most dramatic and beautiful scenery – rugged and starkly beautiful in the dry season, the experience of seeing black eagles soaring in the gorge below you is unforgettable.



Horses

The owner personally chooses and schools the horses herself, before they are used on safaris. She is assisted by a dedicated team of staff, who also ensures that the horses are happy and healthy.

The horses are mostly thoroughbred, some mixed, some Anglo Arabs. Between 14 – 16.2hh. They vary from gentle hacks to top polocrosse ponies.

As the stables are in a world heritage site and surrounded by National Park, everything the horses eat is brought in, ensuring that each horse has an excellent and closely monitored diet.

Guiding

Qualified, licensed guides lead all rides, and are accompanied by a back up rider. Both are dedicated, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. A keen interest is taken in the environment as well as the flora and fauna of the area. You will also learn many of the traditional uses of plants and trees, basic principles of tracking, and aspects of traditional village life.

All guides and back up riders are trained in first aid procedures and emergency situations. Each ride starts with a safety talk, and you will be reminded of details should circumstances require.

Weight Limit

We have a weight limit of 85 kg. This is your weight in your riding clothes and should include anything else you wish to carry. Our guides will carry your water for you. To avoid embarrassment be warned that you may be required to step on the scales!

An extra charge of 50% is required for riders above our weight limit if allowed to ride. Please note this is at the discretion of the company and subject to individual experience and circumstances. Allowances may be made only for very experienced riders, or for those who are tall and fit.

Children

We do accept children but they must be strong competent riders. Please inquire. There is no adjustment in price for children.

Insurance

You will need to be covered by your own full Medical/Travel Insurance, of which we ask you provide us with details prior to the start of your ride. Please check whether your insurance covers you for riding without a helmet, should you wish to do so.

Wildlife

Birds and other wildlife abound, of all colours, shapes and sizes. Lilac-breasted rollers, white-fronted bee-eaters and trumpeter hornbills are common, and if you are lucky you may glimpse the brilliant green and bright scarlet colours of the elusive Schalow's Turaco, which is found along the riverine forest.

Depending on the season you may see elephant, buffalo, kudu, impala, bushbuck, waterbuck, banded mongoose and warthog. Along the river can be found hippo and crocodile, and occasionally cape clawless otters may also be spotted. There are several resident leopard and hyena are also present in the area, but rarely

spotted, and even wild dog are sometimes seen during the rains. But remember, no game is guaranteed!

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary: 5-day program - subject to changes

A longer program is available on request.

Note: Weather and game movement patterns may cause us to amend the itinerary – possibly riding in different areas. We may choose to vary the order and type of camps used, most especially to take advantage of game movement.

This will always be in the guests best interests and calculated to increase the value of the safari.

Riding safaris are not timed by the clock; instead it depends on what we see, and how long we want to ride for.

Day 1: Arrival

A representative from your lodge will meet you at Victoria Falls Airport and transfer you to Elephant Camp, where you will spend your first night.

You will be picked up by your horse guide mid-afternoon for your pre trip briefing and introductory ride - this will be your first introduction to this area and a chance to see if you are happy with your horse, your saddle and so on. Your ride will end with cocktails and canapés on the edge of the Gorge.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at Elephant camp

Day 2: Morning Ride & Victoria Falls

We start the day early with a pick up from camp for your first morning safari ride. Picnic breakfast is carried with us.

This afternoon, you can choose to sign up for optional activities (to be paid extra): Helicopter flight or Canopy tour or both..

At 3pm, we will go visit the Fall, followed by sunset ride ending at the Elephant Camp!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Elephant camp

Day 3: Morning Ride & Game Watching

Early morning ride – starting and ending where we choose depending on game movement patterns. Then, transfer to Old Drift lodge .

You might go for an evening game drive or a river safari.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Old Drift

Day 4: Morning Ride & Activities

You start the day with another long morning ride.

During the rest of the day, choose your activity among the following options (activities to be paid extra - please inquire): game drive, river safari, riverside spa treatment or just chill on your private deck.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Old Drift

Day 5: Departure

This will be your last ride – a fabulous morning – returning in time to refresh and change before your airport transfer.

Meals included: Breakfast

Non-Riders

Talk to us about a custom itinerary for you while your partner is out on horseback. Activities could include a walking safari, canopy tour, village tour, beauty spa, etc.

Other Info

Meeting: Victoria Falls

Airport: Victoria Falls International Airport (VFA)

Train station: --

Transfer: Victoria Falls

Distance: 22km

Pick-up/ drop-off from Victoria Falls International airport (VFA).

Tack: Australian Stock saddles. English on request. All horses go in snaffle bridles.

Horses: Anglo Arab, Thoroughbred, Cleveland Bay , Thoroughbred cross and Warm bloods
Between 14-16.2hh.

Pace: Moderate with trots, canters and some gallops, 4-5 hours daily.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

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

Age: Min 12

Weight: 185 lbs

Riders: Min 2 riders

Max 6 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-ZMRT05

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, Riding days according to program & Transfers
Limited range of half chaps, jodhpurs trousers and shirts available for loan

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	5 day trip (High)	\$3920
	Single supplement	\$240
B 2024	5 day trip (Mid)	\$3800
	Single supplement	\$240
C 2024	5 day trip (Low)	\$3180
	Single supplement	\$240
D 2024	7 day trip - please inquire	\$0

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Transfer from/to Victoria Falls on first & last day is included	
2024	Extra nights - please inquire	
2024	Conservation & Park Fees, pp (mandatory - subject to change without notice)	\$210

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
C 2024	01/11/2024 - 03/31/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip (Low)
B 2024	04/01/2024 - 06/30/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip (Mid)
A 2024	07/01/2024 - 10/31/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip (High)
C 2024	11/01/2024 - 12/19/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip (Low)
A 2024	12/20/2024 - 12/31/2024	5d / 4n	5 day trip (High)

Min/Max: 2/6

Rates do not include:Park fees and Conservation Fee (mandatory), Entry Visa (please bring cash for this), Gratuities & Medical and travel insurance (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 MM/DD/YY	Height	Weight*	Special diets**	Allergies	Medical Con.	Excellent	Good	Moderate	Poor	Fitness Level	Need to rent equipment
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	_/_/_			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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. _____

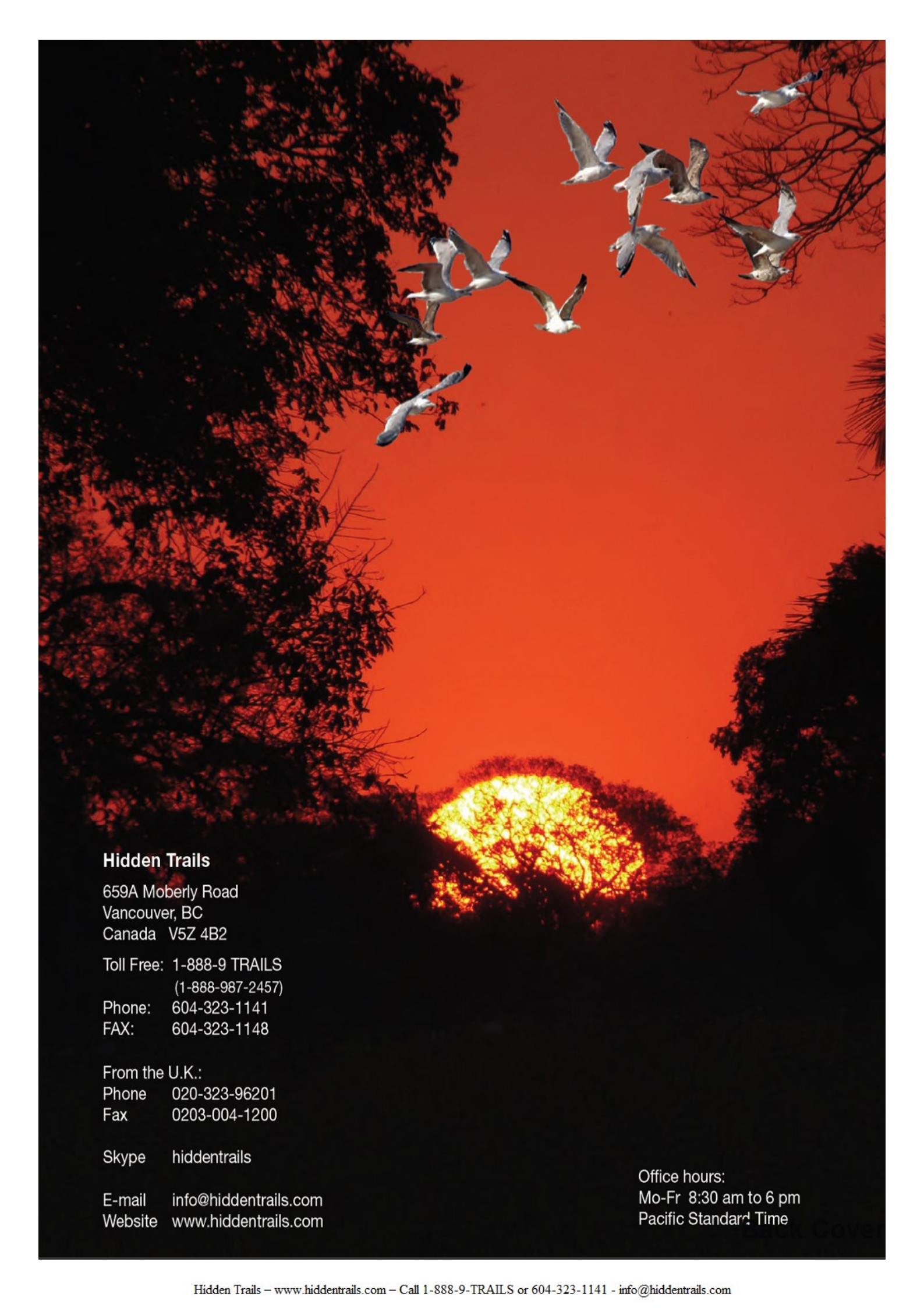
4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial _____

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