

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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Herzegovina Nature Ride - Bosnia, Europe

Tour Code: IT-BHSR01
8 days / 7 nights ~\$1,265.00
Dates: April to October

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

Tack: English
Horses: Arab (Bosnian breed of Arabians and mi...
Pace: 3-5 hours in the saddle per day
Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Mostar or Split



Introduction

Herzegovina, Bosnia
Herzegovina's breath-taking landscapes will make you want to stay with us forever!

This unique horseback riding adventure gives you the opportunity to discover the beautiful wilderness of Herzegovina, with your friends or loved ones. During your week with us, you will experience the joy of riding on beautiful trails surrounded by nature, all while discovering what the region has to offer. Amongst many other things, you will visit Lake Krenica, ride the old trade route of Herceg Stjepan, ride along River Matica and explore the Ravlića cave and necropolis of ancient Roman tombstones known as "Stečak".

This adventure will leave you with life-long memories and lasting friendships thanks to our team of dedicated staff.

Accommodation

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This is stationary ride so all nights are spent at the ranch.

Description

The ranch is located in a peaceful area of Herzegovina. The estate is surrounded by nature, far away from city noise and traffic jams. Spending time in this beautiful nature will give you spiritual peace and relaxation.



Guests will be accommodated in a guesthouse near the ranch. There are 3 double bedrooms with private facilities as well as a shared living room. There is Wi-Fi access at the guesthouse. Guests are welcome to swim in the outdoor heated swimming pool.

Room Occupancy

If you are a solo traveler willing to share, there is no single supplement fee. However, if you request to have your own room, a single supplement will apply.



Meals

All meals are included from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on last day.



Meals will be a mix of traditional and international dishes, mainly made with local products.

Breakfast is usually taken guests usually taken at the guesthouse, where the fridge is regularly provisioned with food.

Lunch is either served at the ranch or taken picnic style in the countryside.

Dinner is always served at the ranch.

Dietary Restrictions

We are able to cater to special diets and allergies, as long as we are notified at the time of booking.

Riding



Horses

Our horses are well-trained, very obedient, calm and each has its own wonderful character. We have horses for all riding levels. Most of our horses are Arabian horses that have been bred by us. This means that they are well adapted to the riding environment and easy to ride and control as they have been part of the family since they were born.

In order to ensure a safe and fun active vacation for our guests, the horses are regularly schooled and immunized, their health condition is analyzed so they could be as prepared for their work as possible.

Riding Level

This riding holiday caters to intermediate to advanced riders, who feel comfortable at all paces. Participants also need to be in good physical condition to take part in this ride.

Riders with less experience might be able to join with a slight modification of the program (please inquire).

Lessons

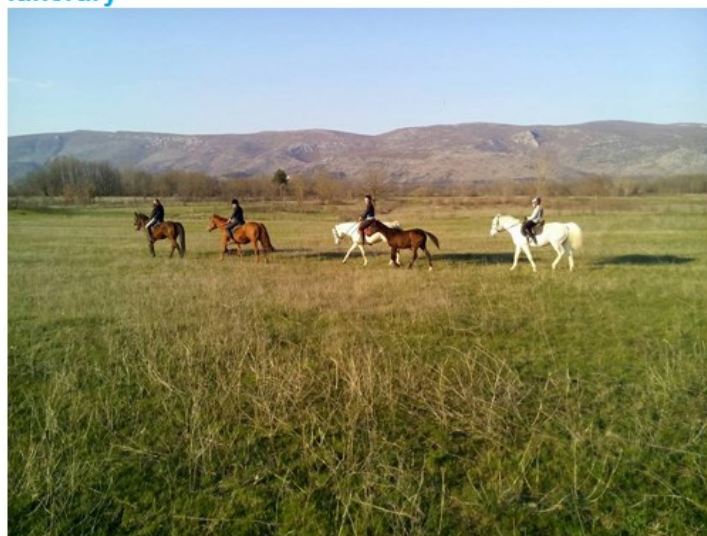
Besides trail riding, we also offer riding lessons in our outdoor arena (20x40 m) with one of our coaches. Lessons can be taken instead of a trail ride at no extra cost. It is also possible to request a lesson in addition to the usual riding program, but in that case, there will be an extra charge.

Staff

Your hosts and guides for the week are Melani and Marija, two sisters that have spent their childhood in the area where you will be riding. Both are accomplished riders who participated in many competitions in various disciplines. For instance, Melani won the National Championship in 2010 and Marija finished 2nd at the Junior National Championship in 2011. They also both finished on the podium (Melani 1st and Marija 3rd) at the Balkan Lique Endurance Race in 2012.

In addition, one of their horse, Mercedes, has been recognized as the most successful showjumping horse in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2018.

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Guests will have time to meet each other's and set in the house. Before the dinner hosts will have a short introduction and briefing about rides, horses and other things important to know. Dinner will be served with homemade food specialties. Snack before dinner in case of early arrivals.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 2 (Sunday): Introduction

Each morning starts with cup of tea/coffee and breakfast at 7 am. After breakfast, guests will meet the horses

and, after tacking up, we will go on an introductory ride. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know your riding companion and make sure you are comfortable with the tack. Then, we will enjoy a delicious lunch followed by some time to rest. In the afternoon, we will go on another ride and come back in time for dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 3 (Monday): Ride to Blaževiči village & Krenica Lake

After breakfast, everyone helps grooming and getting the horses ready. The guide will be saddling and checking each horse. Any needed help will be provided by a volunteer and a final check will be provided by the guide.

This morning, we ride uphill to Blaževiči village, where we pass the local church of St. Luke, the patron saint of horses and animals. We go back to the ranch for lunch.

In the afternoon, we go on horseback to Lake Krenica. The lake is well known by locals thanks to a regional legend. Its deepest point reaches 47 meters below water. During the summer months, we might ride bareback so that we can swim in the lake and create great memories. The route that leads to Krenica Lake goes through hay fields and offers amazing views of the surroundings. We might get lucky and see some local wildlife such as rabbits, wild ducks, pheasants or other kinds of birds. Dinner will be served at the ranch with traditional food and drinks.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 4 (Tuesday): Ride through Artemisia fields

After breakfast, we start our ride from the ranch and cross some rivers in order to reach open fields of Artemisia. Cantering through this beautiful aromatic vegetation is a great experience! Lunch will be served in the middle of nature, so we can all enjoy a rest in the shade of the trees. During the afternoon, we make our way back to the ranch, riding along rivers and passing wine yards on our way. We might see a herd of sheep in the fields. Once back at the ranch, everyone helps taking care of the horses.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 5 (Wednesday): Ride to Omerovac Valley

After breakfast, we hop in the saddle and start our ride passing through wine yards, orchards and fields of corn, potatoes and wheat (depending on the time of the year). We then make our way uphill, crossing over Svetigora hill. Today's destination is a peaceful valley called „Omerovac“ and surrounded by 4 hills (Svetigora, Krstina, Ograda & Orlov Kuk). We have a lot of fun riding uphill and downhill and stop for a lovely lunch break in the shade of oak trees. We take our lunch with a local family, owner of the land we just rode through.

Before getting back on the horses, we can play a game of soccer or take part in other activities such as traditional Herzegovina games. On the ride back to the ranch, we will stop to visit a necropolis of ancient Roman tombstones. This is very interesting because some of the stones still have carved symbols.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 6 (Thursday): Matica River Ride

In the morning, after breakfast, you will get ready for yet another trail. Today's trail goes along the Matica River. This is a very special riding day as the route we follow was used during Bosnia and Herzegovina's National Endurance Championship in 2010. The river goes through many villages before throwing itself in the Adriatic Sea. We take our lunch in a beautiful spot by the river and take some time to rest.

Dinner will be served back at the ranch, after making our way back home, on horseback.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 7 (Friday): Lake Nuga Ride

Today will be without doubt the highlight of your holiday. After breakfast, we get ready to go on a beautiful ride around Lake Nuga. We will be climbing the hill to get to the entrance of the famous cave called „Ravlića pećina“. After visiting the cave, we make our way to the spring of the Matica River. The area is renowned for its old watermills that were used to flour grain for bread in the past centuries. Nowadays, some of them are open to visitors. Picnic lunch will be served by the river, and then we go for a short visit to the „Peć Mlini“ Park. Finally, we will mount up and ride back to Nuga Lake. From there we will follow a different route that leads to the ranch.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at the Ranch

Day 8 (Saturday): Departure

Departure is scheduled after breakfast.

Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Sovići

Airport: Mostar or Split

Train station: Mostar or Split

Transfer: Mostar or Split

Distance: 60 km / 110 km

Transfer available from/to Mostar & Split Airports or train stations for an extra fee. Please, note that transfers will be grouped with other guests so you might have to wait at the airport. In case you do not wish to wait and want to be transferred directly when you land, transfer cost is doubled.

Tack: English

Horses: Arab (Bosnian breed of Arabians and mixed breeds)

Pace: 3-5 hours in the saddle per day

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 5 out of 5) Intermediate to Advanced

Age: Min 18

Weight: 210 lbs / 95 kg

Riders: Min 1 riders Max 6 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-BHSR01

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals & 6 riding days with English speaking guide

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	8 day trip	€1150	\$1265

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/to Mostar or Split Airport, one way, per car (up to 3 pax)	€100	\$110
2024	Transfer from/to Mostar or Split Airport, one way, per minivan (4+ pax)	€130	\$145
2024	45-min Riding Lesson	€25	\$30
2024	Single supplement	€250	\$275

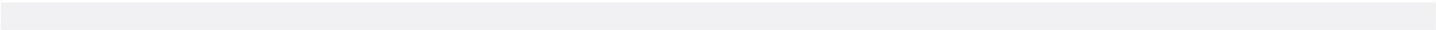
Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	04/13/2024 - 10/25/2024	8d / 7n	8 day trip

Min/Max: 1/6

Sold Out Dates (as of 3/27/23): July 10 to August 25

Rates do not include:Drinks, Transfers, Gratuities & optional Riding Lessons



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													
						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 # _____

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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