

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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The Coconut Trail Ride - Brazil, South America

Tour Code: IT-BRRT15

9 days / 8 nights ~\$3,830.00

Dates: All year round

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging : ●●●

Tack: Brazilian/Australian style saddles

Horses: Mangalarga Marchador crossed breeds

Pace: You should be confident on a horse at...

Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Maceió/Zumbi dos

Palmares International Airport



Introduction

Alagoas, Brazil

If you are seeking tropical heat and amazing nature, look no further than Brazil. But when we're talking about beaches, the Northeastern State of Alagoas shines, where you will canter the endless beaches still untouched by civilization. From day one, you will understand why the ride is called The Coconut Trail Ride. Alagoas is in fact the greatest producer of coconuts in the country. From the saddle you will drink fresh coconut water and discover some of the most beautiful tropical places you have ever been.

This ride is blessed with a huge variety of landscapes. We will take you to the colored sea cliffs, crossing rivers, climbing huge sand dunes, passing mangrove swamps, riding through Atlantic rain forest, and along miles of pristine deserted beaches lined with coconut trees. Experience the perfect blend of riding and relaxation. On average you will be riding about 4 hours a day – morning rides – arriving each time around noon at the next beachfront Pousada or beach house where you will be welcomed with the national drink; a Caipirinha. The crossbreed Mangalarga Marchador horses (authentic Brazilian breed) are great forward going horses with a very comfortable pace. They are used to the tropical climate, the beach, and the water, and are just the most fun horses you can imagine. The afternoons are filled with fun in the sun. A swim in the warm body temperature waters of the Atlantic Ocean, an ice-cold beer at a barraca, (Brazilian beach bar), a stroll in a fishermen village, or simply relaxing and reading a book at the swimming pool of your pousada.

The trail ride ends in Penedo, a colonial village at the mouth of the São Francisco river (one of the biggest rivers of Brazil). The baroque-style churches, convents, and houses remind us of the Portuguese and Dutch colonization. The perfect setting for a last night in Alagoas. Welcome to the liveliest, most colorful, most coconut state of the country! This ride is the perfect getaway from the dreary weather in the northern hemisphere and brighten your day!

Accommodation

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This is a progressive ride so nights will be spent in different accommodations.

Description

Nights in authentic & comfortable Pousadas, hotels, and beach houses. Hotels & Pousadas based on double-rooms. The Beach house (2 nights) based on double and triple-rooms.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1: Hotel Porto Jatiuca

Night 2: Pousada Dunas de Marape

Night 3: Pousada Paradiseal

Night 4-7: Pousada Chez Julie

Night 8: Hotel Sao Francisco



Hotel Porto Jatiuca in Maceió

This hotel offers modern and comfortable rooms featuring air conditioning, cable TV, a safe, a phone, free Wi-Fi and a private bathroom with hairdryer. Additional amenities include an outdoor pool and a fitness center. Laundry facilities are available for an extra fee.

Pousada Dunas de Marape

This pousada is located on the shores of the Jequia River, a few meters away from the sand dunes. The simply decorated rooms come with air conditioning, a TV and a private bathroom. The pousada also has a beautiful covered terrace with amazing views of the surroundings. Free Wi-Fi is available in all areas.

Pousada Paradiseal in Pontal de Coruripe

Pousada Paradiseal is located on the coast and features 19 chalet accommodations. All chalets made out of bricks and feature a simple décor. They come equipped with a TV, air conditioning and a private bathroom.



Pousada Chez Julie in Pontal do Peba

This pousada is located near the fishing village of Pontal do Peba. It offers simple accommodations with a TV, air conditioning and private bathrooms. The property is located by the beach but guests can also decide to go for a swim in the outdoor swimming pool. Wi-Fi is free and laundry services are available for an extra charge.

Hotel Sao Francisco in Penedo

The hotel is conveniently located in Penedo's historic district. This small hotel provides simple and comfortable rooms equipped with satellite TV, air conditioning, Wi-Fi and private bathrooms. The hotel offers great views of the Sao Francisco River and a beautiful outdoor swimming pool. Laundry services are available for a small fee.

**** Please note that hotels are subject to change. Double check on hotel accommodations 2 weeks before trip start!**

Room Occupancy

Single supplement is not mandatory if you are willing to share.



Meals

Meals from breakfast on day 2 to lunch on day 9 are included in this trip.

Brazil has a rich cuisine. The country is a mixture of European, Indian, African, and Asian cultures and is reflected in the way the Brazilians cook. Italian and African cuisines have great influence on Brazilian cuisine. Well before Europe spoke about fusion cuisine, Brazil was combining ingredients found from different continents to a new, typical Brazilian cuisine. They also often serve dishes from different countries on one table.

The Brazilian cuisine is very good, varied, and serves many naturally made dishes. The main dishes are mostly rice and beans (Feijão) and sauces, with lots of meat or fish and salads. From region to region one has its own traditional dishes. Along the coast you will find more fish and shrimp dishes. Very popular is the Churrasco (Brazilian BBQ).

Drinks are not included in this trip but guests are welcome to bring their own if they wish.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to all dietary restrictions with prior notice.



Riding

Horses

Mangalarga Marchador crossbreed. Beautiful and responsive horses, easy to ride. They have a comfortable pace and are used to the tropical climate, beach, and water. Average height: 1.60m

Riding

On average 4 hours per day in the morning. Suitable for intermediate to experienced riders. You should be confident on a horse at all paces. The pace is varied to include walk, trot and canter.

Itinerary





Sample Itinerary: Regular Program - subject to changes

Note: We will do everything possible to follow the indicated itinerary, although spot changes can occur due to unforeseen circumstances. Rides are subject to change depending on weather, location and difficulty of terrain. In the unlikely event that this happens on your trip, we ask you flexibility and understanding. This is a sporty and adventurous vacation!

Day 1 (Friday): Arrival in Maceió

Late afternoon Meet & Greet at the hotel in Maceió to brief the riding group about the coming days.

Meals included: none

Overnight at Hotel in Maceió

Day 2 (Saturday): Maceió to Jequiá Beach

After a delicious breakfast, we leave early to meet the horses at the paradisiacal beach of Jequiá. We will choose horses, make adjustments to the stirrups and take off for the ride.

We immediately start on one of the deserted beaches, dotted with cliffs of multicolored sands and coconut trees. Our destination today is breathtaking! The Marapé Dunes are lying between the river and the sea. Lunch at Jequiá (Dunes of Marapé). In the middle of preserved mangroves we will leave the horses to delight ourselves with a boat trip along the mangroves. We have the option to take a refreshing bath in the river and the sea. The Sunset here is stunning.

Riding distance: 7 km (approx. 2 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, coffee, lunch, snack and dinner

Overnight at Pousada Dunas de Marapé

Day 3 (Sunday): Jequiá Beach to Pontal do Coruripe

We will wake up with great disposition and an incredible view to the natural beauty of this place. Our horses are saddled and ready to take us for another day full of beautiful scenery and pristine nature. We will ride along deserted beaches lined with coconut trees and appreciate the lush vegetation of the Atlantic forest. Barrier reefs are visible from the saddle. Our destination is the Pontal do Coruripe beach with its omnipresent lighthouse. The warm sea water is just perfect for a swim.

Riding distance: 12 km (approx. 3 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, coffee, lunch, snack and dinner

Overnight at Pousada Pontal do Coruripe

Day 4 (Monday): Pontal do Coruripe to Pontal do Peba

We will depart on the beach, heading south in direction of Feliz Deserto (Happy Desert). Shortly after taking the trail to the sea, we will find the mouth of the river Coruripe. We will cross the river with the horses. Soon after the river crossing, we will stop to refresh ourselves in the sea and meet our back up team waiting for us with coconut water and tropical fruits. We then continue riding along deserted beaches, crossing beach villages and fishermen along the way.

Just before we reach our overnight spot, we find the Swiss Cargo shipwreck "The Stockholm".

Riding distance: 25 km (approx. 5 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, snack and dinner

Overnight at Posada near Pontal do Peba

Day 5 (Tuesday): Dunes Ride

After a good breakfast, we mount the horses and ride inland, away from the beach, towards the dune complex. This protected area has a unique ecosystem with fantastic views from the top of the dunes. We continue the ride through coconut plantations and a tiny village until we reach the beach again. We end today's ride with a gallop on the beach.

Riding distance: 20 km (approx. 4 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, coffee, lunch, snack and dinner

Overnight at Posada near Pontal do Peba

Day 6 (Wednesday): Sugar Cane Plantations

Today we will have time to enjoy the best of the region: deserted beaches, sugar cane plantations, coconut trees and a small fishing village. We will also have time to bathe in the sea and enjoy the local cuisine with excellent fresh seafood.

Riding distance: 20 km (approx. 3.5 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, snack and dinner

Overnight at Posada near Pontal do Peba

Day 7 (Thursday): Pontal do Peba to Potengi

The Fisherman's Village of Pontal do Peba with its bars and restaurants specialized in seafood is the starting point of today's ride. From the saddle, we explore an area of dunes and environmental preservation. Between coconut groves and dunes some tropical birds, reptiles, and mammals can be spotted. Our goal for today is a traditional coconut farm of the region. Riders will be transferred back to the Pousada in Pontal do Peba for the overnight.

Riding distance: 15 km (approx. 5 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, coffee, lunch, snack and dinner

Overnight at Posada near Pontal do Peba

Day 8 (Friday): Ride to Mouth of São Francisco River

After a good breakfast and a short transfer to the coconut farm, we mount our horses to start our last riding day. We ride through a coconut forest until we find the huge dune complex. We cross the dunes and before reaching the mouth of the São Francisco River, we will ride along the quilombola community of Pixaim (a quilombo is a town of escaped slaves). In Foz, we will enjoy river swim to refresh ourselves. We will drink from a fresh coconut and eat some snacks. We will leave the horses behind and hop on a boat to sail the mighty river until we arrive at the banks of the river where we will have lunch. Typical seafood of the region will be served in the shade. We will



the banks of the river where we will have lunch. Typical seafood of the region will be served in the shade. We will arrive at the end of the afternoon at the colonial town of Penedo.

Riding distance: 20 km (approx. 4 hours)

Meals included: Breakfast, coffee, lunch and snack

Overnight at Hotel in Penedo

Day 9 (Sunday): Departure

No hurry to get out of bed today. After a nice breakfast we will walk around town and see the beautiful baroque-style churches, old houses, theater, and convent and all other Penedo's architectural jewels. We will have lunch at a traditional restaurant overlooking the river. After lunch we depart to Maceió. End of the itinerary.

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch



Other Info

Meeting: Maceió

Airport: Maceió/Zumbi dos Palmares International Airport

Train station: --

Transfer: --

Distance: 20km

Pick-up transfer not included. Please make your own way to the hotel in Maceio for the first night. Check-in after 2:00pm. On the last day, you will be dropped off at the Maceio airport. Please, book flights leaving Maceio airport after 8:00pm.

Tack: Brazilian/Australian style saddles

Horses: Mangalarga Marchador crossed breeds

Pace: You should be confident on a horse at all paces. The pace is varied to include walk, trot and canter. ~4 hours per day in the saddle.

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 4 out of 5) Intermediate

Weight: 220 lbs / 100 kg

Riders: Min 7 riders

Max 14 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-BRRT15

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals, 7 riding days & Transfer to Maceio on Day 9.
Backup vehicle brings your personal luggage to the daily overnight place/fazenda
Saddle bags are provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	9 day trip	\$3830

Rates Note:Prices are linked to the Brazilian Real, in case of strong exchange rate fluctuations, the price can be adjusted up to 3 weeks before departure.

Transfer Option

Description

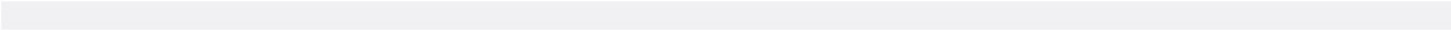
2024 Only drop-off transfer to Maceio airport is included. Please make you own way to the hotel for the first night.	
2024 No single supplement if willing to share	
2024 Single supplement if not willing to share (possible for 6 nights)	\$600
2024 Alcoholic drinks package, pp	\$150
2024 Soft drinks package, pp	\$100

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	02/25/2024 - 03/04/2024	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2024	04/07/2024 - 04/15/2024	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2024	10/03/2024 - 10/11/2024	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2024	11/17/2024 - 11/25/2024	9d / 8n	9 day trip
A 2024	12/01/2024 - 12/09/2024	9d / 8n	9 day trip

Min/Max: 7/14
Custom dates possible year round depending on availability

Rates do not include:Insurance (mandatory), Alcoholic beverages, 2 dinners (Day 1 and 8), Transfer to Maceio on Day 1 & Gratuities



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 Intern.	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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