

Hidden Trails

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- on & with Hidden Trails*

About Hidden Trails

Explore the World on Horseback

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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On Horseback in the Land of Galilee - Israel, Middle East

Tour Code: IT-ILRT01

7 days / 6 nights ~\$2,350.00

Dates: All Year except July/Aug.

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging : ●●●●●

Tack: Western, English on request

Horses: Quarter and local Arabian mix (purebr...

Pace: Mostly walking, some trot, canter and ...

Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Tel Aviv Ben Gurion

International Airport.



Introduction

North, Israel

The unique combination of fascinating history, breathtaking scenery and sunny weather make Israel the perfect tourist destination. And there is no better way to experience Israel's magic than on horseback. Located in the north, the Land of Galilee is a fantastic and exotic horse riding vacation. Whether you are interested in culture, archeology, history or natural beauty – the Galilee has it all. Sparsely populated and with rocky terrain, there are few roads connecting the communities populating the Galilee, so naturally the best way to explore the region is from the back of a horse, the peace of being one with a horse allowing you to truly feel the full extent of foreign land you explore. The remoteness of the location has allowed distinct cultures to continue on uninterrupted for generations. There are cities, past and present, of biblical importance which call out to be discovered by you. See the Druze and Circassian villages maintaining their traditional ways of life. And there are many Arab towns who welcome visitors with their friendly smiles and special culinary delights. With a backdrop of vivid natural scenery, this land rewards adventure tourists with unparalleled opportunities for horseback riding challenges and cultural discoveries.

Horseback riding in the Land of Galilee...

This is a mounted adventure packed with intensive riding through the beautiful landscapes of the Menashe plain, Carmel mountain range and the Jezreel Valley. We will ride up majestic Mt. Tabor and Mt. Carmel, explore the ruins of Tel Meggido – the site of Armageddon, and swim with our horses in the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River. We will get to know the different ethnic groups inhabiting this area including the charming Druze and engaging Circassians. This trip also includes walking tours of Nazareth and the Old City of Jerusalem and their colorful markets.

Accommodation

Accommodations

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

Description

Accommodations are spent in rustic wooden bungalows with private hot showers and running toilets. We have carefully chosen our sleeping locations for cleanliness and comfort. All rooms have private bathrooms and WIFI. Laundry is not available for this trip.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Night 1 - 3: Country Lodge in Moshav Sharona

Night 4 - 6: Country Lodge in Kibbutz Dalia

Room Occupancy

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



Meals

All meals from dinner on Day 1 to lunch on Day 7 are included.

Our staff will prepare healthy, fresh, filling meals so no one ever rides on an empty stomach.

We know there is nothing more satisfying than a cold beer after a long ride. Some of our meals, usually dinner, include beer, wine or liquor. When dining in Arab restaurants, no alcoholic beverages are allowed.

Dietary Restrictions

We can accommodate vegetarians and other special dietary (including kosher) requests if given prior notice. No pork is served on any of our trips.

Riding





Riding Level

The overall success of a horseback holiday depends on all riders having the skills to safely perform at the pace expected. Riders with insufficient skills are a danger to themselves and to others. As a result, it is crucial that you be experienced and fit enough to ride 30 km a day.

This horseback vacation is designed for riders with good intermediate riding skills.

Horses

Our horses are mostly local Arabian horses trained in Western riding but that can easily adjust to English riders. They are well groomed, in great shape and perfectly suited for horseback vacations (many of them are trained for Endurance). We match you with a horse and tack according to the information you provide when signing up for a riding holiday. For riders with greater riding proficiency, we can provide a more spirited horse; for less experienced riders, we pair horses that are easily handled. Also, upon request, pure Arabians from our breeding program can be provided.

Tack

Quality Western tack for comfort and ease. In general, we use Western tack made in the USA. In our experience with trail riding vacations, riders who are used to English tack quickly adapt to riding Western style. Nevertheless, we can arrange for English tack if given notice ahead of time.

If you would prefer to use your own tack, this is possible only if it fits the horse we have assigned you. You are welcome to bring your own tack but we cannot guarantee you will be able to use it.

Staff

The tour is led by at least 1 licensed certified trail riding guide. All of our guides are skilled horsemen, specializing in trail riding. They combine their passion for horses with a deep knowledge and love of Israel. They all speak English.

Safety

Safety is of utmost importance on all our horseback vacations.

Before every trip, our guides make a run through to ensure the trails are safe. In addition, we always carry a first aid kit.

It can get very hot in Israel, especially in the summer and in the desert. We have strict rules regarding weather conditions, including never riding in temperatures over 90°F (32°C).

Itinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

On the first day of the trip, you have the option of being picked up at 3:30pm from your hotel in Tel Aviv or at 4:20pm from Ben Gurion International Airport. It is also possible to arrive independently at Moshav Sharona by 6:00pm. Arrival in early evening at Moshav Sharona in the lower Galilee. After introductions and explanations followed by dinner, you will enjoy an enlightening lecture on the history of Israel. We will sleep in a cozy country lodge located on the Moshav.

Meals included: Dinner

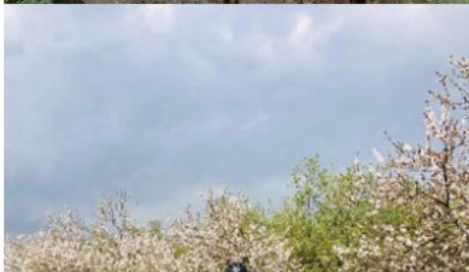
Overnight at Moshav Sharona

Day 2 (Sunday): Ride along Tabor Stream & Nazareth Walking Tour

Today, we will set off for our first day of trail riding in the Galilee's beautiful natural landscape. After matching horses and tack with riders, we leave the stables in Shedmoat Devora to ride along the tributaries of the Tabor Stream, going past Kfar Keesh. We will eventually come to the Tabor Stream and visit Tel Rechesh where, according to some sources, part of King Solomon's legendary stables were located. Afterwards, we will canter in almond orchards and fields, returning to Shedmoat Devora.

Following a short break, we will drive to Mt. Tabor to visit the Church of Transfiguration. Afterwards, we will continue on to Nazareth for a walking tour of the holy sites and markets. You will enjoy the unique sights, aromas, and tastes of this intriguing city. A delicious dinner will be served in an authentic Bedouin village. We will return to Sharona for the night.

Riding approx. 18 km / 11 miles



*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Moshav Sharona*

Day 3 (Monday): Sirin Heights Ride

Our day will begin with a ride in the remarkable Sirin Heights to enjoy the stunning natural scenery along its streams and around its springs. We will ride to the lookout point of Mitzpe Ayloot for a breathtaking view of the Jordan Valley.

We will then head west and explore Ulem and Sirin springs, before arriving to our stables in Kfar Kish.

Then, we will drive by car to the Jordan valley where we will swim in the holy waters of the Jordan (without the horses) and then drive to Kibbutz Degania. Kibbutz Degania was the world's first kibbutz. There, we will learn all about this unique way of life. We will sleep in the lodge on Sharona.

Riding approx. 25 km/ 15.5 miles

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Moshav Sharona*

Day 4 (Tuesday): Jesus Trail Ride & Carmel Visit

Today's horseback riding adventure will have us explore the area of Hitin horns and Arbel stream. Actually, we will ride today on the Jesus Trail which is one of the most famous historical trails. This trail connects Nazareth and Capernaum. After our ride, we will drive to Carmel and visit El-Muharrakah, the site where the Prophet Elijah supposedly slaughtered the prophets of Baal. The views are as amazing as the biblical stories. After touring the Carmelite Monastery located, we will have a traditional meal in the nearby Druze village of Osafia.

Tonight, we sleep in the cozy country lodge of Kibbutz Dalia.

Riding approx. 15 km/ 9 miles

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Kibbutz Dalia*

Day 5 (Wednesday): Forests & Streams

In the morning, we will leave our stables at Ramot Menashe (changing horse today) and then we will ride west toward the beautiful Mediterranean forest of Mt. Horshan. We will explore the trails of this all year green area, then we will be heading south toward Tzabarim spring which was the water source for Caesarea during Roman times. We will cross the village of Amikam and canter east along Taninim (crocodile) stream back to our stables.

After the ride we will visit the archeological site of Tel Megido (Armageddon).

Riding approx. 18 km/ 11 miles

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Kibbutz Dalia*

Day 6 (Thursday): Carmel Ride

The majestic Carmel region is the location of this day full of adventure. We will start our ride by exploring the prehistoric archeological site of Nahal Mearot. Then, we ride towards the Mediterranean Beach. There, we will canter across this amazing beach toward Habonim National Park where we have the chance to go for a swim in the Mediterranean Sea before continuing to ride along the Beach, crossing the fisherman village of Jeser el Zarka.

We will finish our beach adventure in Caesarea beach.

Riding approx. 25 km/ 15.5 miles

*Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at Kibbutz Dalia*

Day 7 (Friday): Jerusalem Visit (no riding)

This day is dedicated to Jerusalem. We will travel by car from Kibbutz Dalia to Jerusalem. We will drive to the Old City to follow the Via Dolorosa, the path that Jesus walked on his way to crucifixion. Along the way, we will visit the holy sites of the three monotheistic religions. Being Friday, we will experience the special atmosphere of the Holy City getting ready for the Sabbath. Jerusalem on Friday evening is the perfect time to end your Israeli experience. End of program around 5:00pm. We will drop you off at Tel Aviv airport around 6:00 pm (drop off also possible in Tel Aviv city center).

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch



Non-Riders

Non-riders can join this trips by riding in the escort car. We must know ahead of time if non-riders will be joining.

Other Info

Meeting: Moshav Sharona

Airport: Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport.

Transfer: Tel Aviv

Pick-up/ drop-off is possible from hotels in Tel Aviv for 3:30pm or Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) for 4:20pm. On the last day of the riding tour, we will drop participants off in Tel Aviv or at Ben Gurion International Airport around 5:00pm.

Tack: Western, English on request

Horses: Quarter and local Arabian mix (purebred Arabian horses on request)

Pace: Mostly walking, some trot, canter and gallop. 5 to 8 riding hours per day



Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 3.5 out of 5) Intermediate

Age: Min 14

Weight: 230 lbs / 105 kg

Riders: Min 4 riders

Max 12 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-ILRT01

Rates include: Accommodations, All meals & 5 riding days.

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	7 day trip	\$2350

Rates Note:
Single supplement is applicable to solo riders until we find a roommate for the tour

Transfer Option

Description		
2024	Single supplement	\$280
2024	Transfer from/ to TLV or Ben Gurion airport, pp, roundtrip	\$80
2024	Non-rider rate - please inquire	

Tour Dates			
Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	05/25/2024 - 05/31/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	09/21/2024 - 09/27/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip

Min/Max: 4/12

Other dates possible by request except July & August.
Best months for this trip are October to May

Rates do not include:Airport transfers & 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 Inter.	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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