

## **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.

#### **Hidden Trails**

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# Beach & Mountain Getaway - Israel, Middle East

4 days / 3 nights ~\$1,900.00 Dates: All year round

Trip Rating : ••••
Difficulty : •••• Lodging: ♣♠♠

Tack: Western, English on request Horses: Quarter and local Arabian

Pace: Moderate with trot and. 5 to 6 riding

Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport





### Introduction

North, Israel

The Carmel Seaside and Caesarea

We have created four challenging days of horseback riding which include climbing Mt. Carmel, enjoying Druze hospitality, gallops along Mediterranean beaches and a visit to the ancient city of Caesarea. This trip is designed for horse lovers who are coming to Israel to sightsee and would like to experience Israel in a different and

A most enjoyable horseback riding vacation.

#### Accomodation

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This is a stationary ride, so all nights are in the same location.

We have carefully chosen our sleeping location for cleanliness and comfort. Amenities in the lodge always include hot showers and running toilets. WIFI is available. Laundry is not available. On this ride, you are accommodated at a Country Lodge in Kibbutz Dalia

Room Occupancy
Triple occupancy possible.

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



All meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 4 are included.

Our staff prepares 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.

<u>Dietary Restrictions</u>
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 Leve

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).

#### ltinerary



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

### Day 1: Arrival / Ride through Ramot Menashe National Park

Pick-up from the airport/ hotel.

Arrival by 12 pm (noon) at Kibbutz Dahlia in the stunning Ramot Menashe region for introductions and a brief explanation. Immediately after, we will drive to the Ranch and after matching horses and tack with riders, we will set off for an introductory ride in the Riding Adventure Park in Kibbutz HaZorea. This will give us an opportunity to bond as a group and to get to know the horses. Then we will head out for our first trail ride to HaZorea Stream and Shalom Valley – giving you your first taste of Israel's beautiful natural landscape. We will sleep in a cozy country lodge located on Kibbutz Dahlia.

Riding approx. 10 km/ 6.2 miles Meals included: Lunch & Dinner



#### Day 2: Ride across Carmel Region

The majestic Carmel region is the location of this day full of adventure. A ride up Mt. Carmel will bring us to 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 there, we will continue to the Druze village Daliyat al-Karmel. Daliyat al-Karmel is a vivacious town whose main street is lined with colorful stores selling local handicrafts. There we will learn about the unique culture and traditions of the Druze, a sect of Islam. Leaving, we will ride toward Maarote Stream through areas of the Carmel Forest and through Maharal Valley. Following the stream, we will come to caves Neanderthals inhabited 60 thousand years ago. Interesting paleoanthropological discoveries have proven that this area was continuously populated from the Neanderthals until ten thousand years ago. After a short tour of the site, we will head west towards the Mediterranean Sea. Riding on beautiful beaches at sunset, we will arrive at our camp site where we will spend the night.

Riding approx. 27 km/ 16.7 miles Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Kibbutz Dalia

#### Day 3: Beach Ride & Taninim Stream Visit

Beach, beach, beach! Today we will open our day by riding, swimming and bathing in the Mediterranean Sea. Experienced riders will have the exhilarating opportunity for long, fast gallops on the beach. In the spring and fall, flocks of migratory birds fly over Israel in the thousands. If your tour is during the migratory season, you will get to see this impressive ornithological event. Towards midday, we will visit Taninim Stream and the site of an amazing water project from Herod's time. In the afternoon, we will ride to the ruins of Caesarea where we will set up our tents and conduct a walking tour of the ancient ruins. At sunset, we will take a ride on a speedboat to explore the ancient port of Caesarea, one of the largest ports in the area during Roman times.

Riding approx. 18 km/11 miles Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Overnight at Kibbutz Dalia

#### Day 4: Ride to Kibbutz HaZorea

We will leave Caesarea for the pastoral vineyards of the beautiful Alona Valley. Near Moshav Amikam, we will visit an ancient water project. Crawling and swimming in underground tunnels, we will explore the 2000 year old water system which still has water flowing through it. We will then ride through the chalk plains of Dahlia Stream. In the winter and spring, these plains bloom with wildflowers. In the afternoon, we will reach Kibbutz HaZorea and the end of our trip. The tour officially ends at 4 pm. We can drop participants off in Tel Aviv or at the airport.

Riding approx. 27 km/16.7 miles 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: Kibbutz Dahlia

Airport: Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport.

Train station: --

Transfer: Tel Aviv hotel or airport

Distance: 130km

Pick up on Day 1 at 10 am from a hotel in Tel Aviv or at 10:45 am from Ben Gurion International

Airport. On the last we will drop you off in Tel Aviv or at the airport at around 4 pm

Tack: Western, English on request

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

Pace: Moderate with trot and. 5 to 6 riding hours per day

Walk | Trot | Canter |

Level: (3 to 4 out of 5) Intermediate

Age: Min 14

Weight: 230 lbs / 105 kg

Riders: Min 6 riders Max 12 riders

## Rates and Dates 2024 - IT-ILRT03

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals & 4 riding days

## **Packages and Options**

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	4 day trip	\$1900

#### Rates Note:

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

## **Transfer Option**

#### Description

2024	Single supplement	\$220
2024	Transfer from/ to TLV or Ben Gurion airport, pp, roundtrip	\$70
2024	Non-rider rate - please inquire	

#### Tour Dates

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A 2024	01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	4d / 3n	4 day trip

#### Min/Max: 6/12

Best months for this trip are from March to May and from September to November

Rates do not include: Airport transfers & Gratuities

# **Reservation Form**

Tour:	Code #:	from: to :						
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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 ri	iding 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	f contact:							
Attention: Please, if there is more than one p	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)								
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