

Hidden Trails

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- 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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Morvan Ride - France, Europe

Tour Code: PG-MVT9

9 days / 8 nights ~\$2,060.00

Dates: June to September

Trip Rating: ●●●●●

Difficulty: ●●●●●

Lodging: ●● BASIC

Tack: English

Horses: Anglo Arab

Pace: Fast paced ride with occasional downhi...

Walk,Trot,Canter,Gallop,

Airport: Dijon



Introduction

Burgundy, France

Adventure, relaxation, strong emotions, sensations and gastronomy will make this week an unforgettable trip. This is a very fast-paced ride, quite different from the other riding tours in France.

The "Morvan" - an island in the heart of Burgundy - became a natural reserve thanks to the efforts of the community. The Morvan is a green area in the center of the Burgundy region that will astonish you due to the diversity of landscapes and the uncountable miles of unpaved country roads, perfectly suited for a riding tour. Known for its rolling hills, large forests, rivers, lakes and characteristic villages. Uncountable trails lead through this lovely landscape, revealing new views after every turn. The warm-hearted inhabitants of the villages, whose hospitality is almost indescribable, make the Morvan a unique place to rest body and soul.

Daily 30 to 40 mile journeys with long and frequent canters, abrupt down hill passages and lakes will be the joy of sporty outdoors riders. Lovers of history will not be disappointed either. This region is a green desert, far away from busy highways and, a long time ago, crossed by migrating helvets. Julius Cesar and Vercingétorix fought their war in this region. Bibracte witnessed the times of the Celt civilization in Europe. Bernard de Clervaux preached at Vézelay during his second crusade. We honor the memory of Vauban when we cross his tomb and we will remember the times when wood used to float down the rivers Cure and Yonne towards Paris.

Accommodation

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This is a progressive ride, so you will be staying in different locations during the trip.

Description

You will sleep at typical regional small basic hotels (2*) and guesthouses where we will find a comfortable bed and a warm shower to rest after our active daily journey. Most accommodations offer private bathroom but in some accommodations, bathroom will be shared.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Day 1: B&B in Sommant
Day 2: Hôtel Les Grillons
Day 3: Hôtel du Nord
Day 4: Hôtel du Morvan
Day 5: Château de Lantilly
Day 6: Hôtel du Parc
Day 7: Hôtel du Morvan
Day 8: B&B in Sommant

B&B in Sommant

This farmhouse accommodation offers guests to stay in small houses able to accommodate up to 4/5 guests each. The buildings have a rustic charm with exposed stones and provide simple accommodations with shared bathrooms.

Hôtel Les Grillons in Les Settons

This charming country hotel offers 13 tastefully decorated rooms all fitted with a private bathroom and a peaceful view of the surrounding nature. Wi-Fi access is available in the common areas.

Hôtel du Nord in Brassy en Morvan

This hotel offers basic accommodations in 8 bedrooms with private bathrooms, a TV and free Wi-Fi access.

Hôtel du Morvan in Saint-Léger-sous-Beuvray

This accommodation provides guests with 7 simply decorated rooms all equipped with private bathroom and free Wi-Fi access.

Château de Lantilly in Cervon

The castle is located on the shore of the Anguisson River in the foothills of the Morvan. It is on the list of Historical Monuments and offers 5 themed rooms, each with its own style and charm from a certain period in French history. All rooms have their own bathroom.

Hôtel du Parc in Château Chinon

This small hotel was recently refurbished and offers 23 guestrooms with air-conditioning and free Wi-Fi access.

Room Occupancy

Single rooms are available based on availability but a single supplement fee applies. The single supplement fee does not apply if we cannot find another rider to share a room with you.

Meals

All meals are included with this trip.

Evening meals and breakfasts will be taken at the hotel. Lunch will be generous, inspired by traditional country cooking, warm or cold according to the weather.

At noon, it is always a pleasure to see from far away a well-dressed table, in the middle of a field, waiting for us.

Alcoholic beverages are not included with this trip but you can purchase your own at the local restaurants.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to most dietary restrictions with prior notice.

Riding





Horses

We know that the key to a horse trip is the horses. That is why we have chosen and bred our own. They are all born in the Morvan region and they have lived all their life in the same region. They are calm, well in their heads but when need be or when requested, they are fast and generous. They are capable of anything, they will surprise you and they will allow you to experience a unique riding trip.

Pace

We will cover about 30 to 40 mile journeys every day with long and frequent canters and, at times, abrupt downhill sections.

Riding Experience

This is one of the fastest paced rides in Europe - please only advanced riders should sign up! Riders need to be confident and in control at all paces on varied terrains. They also need to be physically fit, as this is a demanding ride.



Itinerary



Sample Itinerary: 9-day tour - subject to changes

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrival

Arrival at the train station in Autun in the afternoon and transfer to Sommant.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight in Sommant



Day 2 (Sunday): Ride to Lac des Settons

We ride in the direction of "Lac des Settons" passing through the woods of Anost. We stop deep inside the forest for a romantic picnic and then continue our ride. We follow the lake until we reach our lodging for tonight. Dinner and overnight at a interesting hotel overlooking the lake.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Lac des Settons

Day 3 (Monday): Lac des Settons to Brassy en Morvan

Today our horses turn into fish while we will cross numerous creeks and rivers. In the middle of a thick forest we reach the Waterfall of Gouloux and then follow mountain creeks and wild streams to reach Dun les Places. Then our horses transform into mountain goats while we climb the mountain of Pérouse only to be welcomed with a spectacular view from the top.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Auberge in Brassy en Morvan

Day 4 (Tuesday): Brassy en Morvan to Vézelay

Today we face the longest day in the saddle - almost 50km (40 miles) are to be covered. Of course by now you are comfortable and have bonded with your horse and we will all enjoy fast to very fast canters and gallops along the Cure River, the wildest and most important river in the region. We reach the northern border of the nature park where the scenery opens up considerably with meadows and fields. The goal for today is Vézelay, which is located along the Jacob's Pilgrim Trail to Santiago the Compostella. It was here that the "Holy Bernard of Clairvaux" challenged his followers to the second crusade in the 12th century.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Relais du Morvan in Vézelay

Day 5 (Wednesday): Vézelay to Castle of Lantilly

In the morning we visit Vézelay and then continue our ride to Pierre Perthus with its world famous two stone bridges, where we enjoy our picnic. Today's shorter ride of 40km (25 miles) will be covered on a quick and fast 3 hour ride until we reach the Castle of Lantilly. Possible free time to visit Vauban's Castle Bazoches.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Castle of Lantilly

Day 6 (Thursday): Castle of Lantilly to Château Chinon

This morning we follow the Yonne River in the direction of Château Chinon. Around lunch time we reach a lake where riders and horses can go for a swim. Finally we reach Château Chinon, a medieval small town. The town is worth an evening stroll before or after dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Château Chinon

Day 7 (Friday): Château Chinon to Saint Léger sous Beuvray

We ride in direction of Bibracte following ancient forest trails that have not changed for centuries. Then we ascend to to highest point of the riding year - the 800 meter Beuvray Mountain. Here we rendezvous with the "Galls" looking at one of the most important archaeological digs in France regarding the Galls and Romans occupations. After lunch we reach our destination of the day - Saint Léger sous Beuvray.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Hotel in Saint Léger sous Beuvray

Day 8 (Saturday): Saint Léger sous Beuvray to Sommant

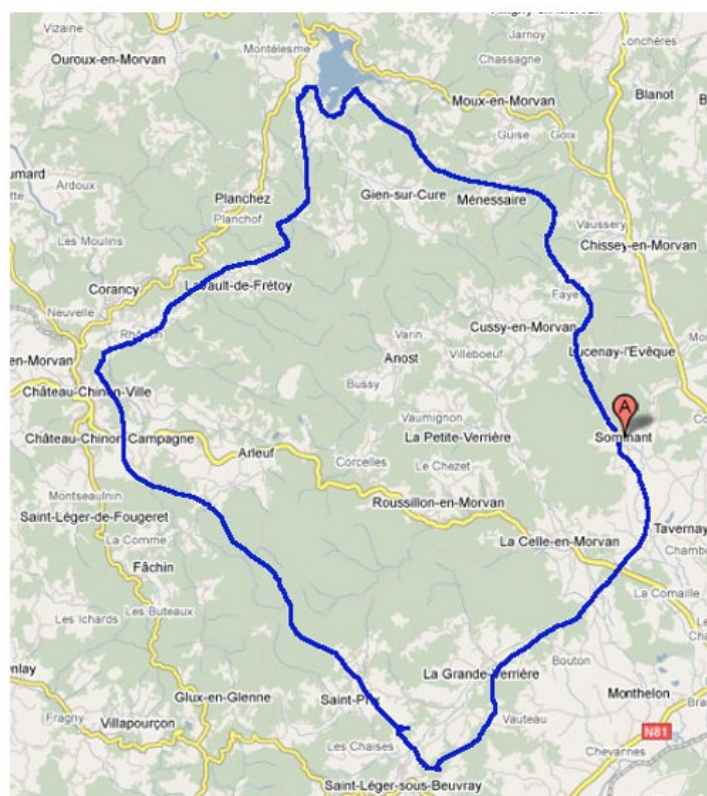
You'll come back into the higher mountains of the beginning of the trip. Past castles, through creeks and rivers - the horses know that it's going homeward so the day will finish fast paced. Farewell dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight in Sommant

Day 9 (Sunday): Departure

After breakfast departure.



Other Info

Meeting: Sommant

Airport: Dijon

Train station: Autun

Transfer: Autun train station

Transfers are included from the Autun train station. The closest airport is Dijon, from where you take the train to Autun OR take the fast speed train from Paris to Dijon and change to the local train to Autun.

Tack: English

Horses: Anglo Arab

Pace: Fast paced ride with occasional downhill canters. Fastest ride in Europe, must be advanced rider!

Walk | Trot | Canter | Gallop |

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

Weight: 195 lbs

Riders: Min 6 riders Max 12 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

If you prefer not to wear a riding helmet, you can sign a waiver form.

Rates and Dates 2024 - PG-MVT9

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals, 7 riding days, Luggage transfers, Transfer from Autun & French and English speaking guide

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	9 day trip	€1870	\$2060
	Single supplement	€360	\$395
B 2024	7 day trip	€1600	\$1760
	Single supplement	€270	\$300

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.1 and subject to currency fluctuation

Rates Note:Non-rider rates incl. lodging, breakfast and dinner

Transfer Option

Description

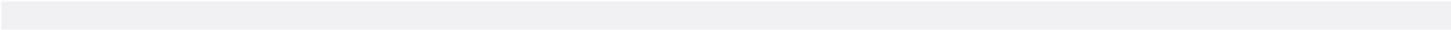
2024	Transfer from Autun train station is included on Day 1
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Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	06/15/2024 - 06/23/2024	9d / 8n	9 day trip
B 2024	07/06/2024 - 07/12/2024	7d / 6n	7 day trip
A 2024	08/24/2024 - 09/01/2024	9d / 8n	9 day trip

Min/Max: 6/12

Rates do not include:Alcoholic drinks & 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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