

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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Banff - Backcountry Lodge Ride - 3 days - Canada, North America

Tour Code: RTAB17-3

3 days / 2 nights ~\$1,120.00

Dates: May to Oct

Trip Rating: ●●●●●

Difficulty: ●●●●●

Lodging: ●●●●●

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter Mix

Pace: Slow, 4-6 hrs per day. All of our ride...

Walk,

Airport: Calgary International Airport (YYC)



Introduction

Alberta, Canada

Rugged mountain scenery and an abundance of wildlife.

That's what you'll find on the 3-day Sundance Explorer ride. And when the sun sets, you'll be relaxing in pure backcountry comfort. Cowboy style.

This adventure takes you along the glacier-fed waters of the Bow River, one of the best spots in Banff to spot elk, deer or even moose roaming along the shores. Follow the historic Storm pack trail, travelled by renowned explorer Erling Storm in the early 1900s, while taking in awe-evoking views of the Sundance mountain range.

At night, the cozy Sundance Lodge gives you a surprisingly comfortable spot to rest your head. Snuggle by the fire, devour gourmet backcountry cuisine and swap tales about the day's adventures with your fellow riders.

Accommodation



Accommodations

Both nights will be spent at Sundance Lodge. There are no sleeping bags or camp stoves here, you will be sipping from wine glasses, dining on food prepared by a skilled chef in a professional kitchen and sleeping in a comfortable bed. Your lodge host will cater to your every need and make you feel welcome, like you are a guest in their home.

Description

The lodge is the perfect balance of comfort and authenticity – giving you the Wild West Explorer feeling without having to rough it. Completed in 1991, Sundance Lodge now sits on the original site of the horse corral for Ten-Mile cabin, built by Canadian Pacific Railway back in the 1920's. The cabin itself remains standing and was declared a historical site in 1990. It was used as a refuge for mountain guides and packers traveling to Mount Assiniboine, whose names you can still see carved into the logs. Sundance Lodge sits alongside a gentle curve on Brewster Creek, with the Sundance mountain range as a backdrop. Built entirely with fir logs, the lodge has 10 sleeping rooms (choose your own basis), a large country kitchen, and a cozy living room area where you can curl up by the wood stove and lose yourself in a good book for the cooler nights or the porch for warmer nights. Private sleeping arrangements are possible depending upon trip size, but are not guaranteed. The lodge can hold up to 34 people.

Please, note that the lodge is off grid and has no access to electricity, meaning there will be no opportunity to charge devices or be connected to the internet.





Amenities

- 10 sleeping rooms with ~3 single beds per room
- Coat hooks, lantern, small desk, chair, beds, and bedding, in each room
- Kitchen and living room
- 2 indoor washrooms and heated shower (one shower per stay)
- Solar-powered and heated by burning wood

Room Occupancy

The single supplement fee applies if we are unable to find another rider to share.



Meals

All meals are included in this trip from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on the last day.

Backcountry cooks prepare sophisticated, hearty meals from braised beefshort ribs and Creme Brûlée Cheesecake on one night, to grilled salmon with bumbleberry pie the next.

Limited wine and beer is available for purchase.

Dietary Restrictions

Although we can cater to some specialty diets, we do not cater specifically to vegetarian diets. There are always plenty of meat-free options available. However we do not offer a "vegetarian" main course.

Riding



Riding Experience

With about 300 horses in our stables, we're able to pinpoint the absolute perfect horse for any rider. That means if you've never been riding before, we'll be sure to pair you with the most mild-mannered horse available so you can enjoy the experience. Both beginners and experienced riders are welcome to enjoy the beauty of the trails!

You will learn to "trust your horse" as these sure-footed beasts carry you safely down even the most difficult backcountry trails. Our horses are steady, responsive and can be counted on to cross any terrain, from forest paths to boulder-strewn creeks. One of the aspects of our tours that past guests rave about is the deep connection that they form with their hooved companions. At the end of the trip, you will have a new four-legged best friend.

You don't need to assist with tacking up the horse, your guide will do everything for you. If you would like to learn, please ask! Tack is western only and the horses are neck reigned.

Pace

Each of the trips includes approx. 4 - 6 hours of riding each day. We ride for approx. 2 ½ to 3 hours in the morning, stop for lunch on the trail and ride another 2 ½ to 3 hours in the afternoon. The rides are all done at a walk in order to take full advantage of the scenery and wildlife viewing and due to the rugged mountain terrain of the region!

For every 6 riders we'll have 1 guide.

July is generally the busiest month, with the Stampede in Calgary.



Itinerary



3-day Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1: Backcountry ride to Sundance Lodge

Your adventure begins at 9:30am at the backcountry check-in at the large barn at the stables (please do not arrive any earlier than 9:30am). There is plenty of free parking at the stables and you are welcome to leave your vehicle here during the trip. Once you are checked in, you will meet your professional and friendly guides and get your slickers and saddlebags. Things happen on "Western Time" here so we may not leave right on the dot and you'll have time to get to know your horse and ask any questions before you set off.

Once you and your horse are ready to go, we will mount up for the 10-mile ride along the banks of the sparkling glacier-fed Bow River, Brewster and Healy Creeks. We will stop along the way for a hot lunch on the riverbanks, then late afternoon we will arrive at Sundance Lodge. This elegant and luxurious lodge offers you a chance to experience the Canadian backcountry, while relaxing in comfort. You will arrive to a hot cup of tea or coffee, a warm shower, a soft bed and the friendly greeting of your lodge host. Each host has a way of making the lodge their own, catering in your every need and cooking you delicious meals.

Riding approx. 10 miles

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Sundance lodge

Day 2: Day ride in the backcountry

Cuddled in your cozy bed at Sundance Lodge, you will wake up to the rays of the morning sun streaming in through your window. After a hearty breakfast, you can leave your belongings at the lodge and set off unencumbered for a ride deeper into the backcountry with stunning views of the surrounding mountains. On today's ride, you will catch a glimpse of the enormous Brewster Glacier and the rock faces of the Sundance Range as you ride along the footsteps of the original pioneers. We will stop for lunch along the trail and enjoy an open-air picnic in this unforgettable setting. At the end of the day, you will return to your familiar room at Sundance Lodge, where you already feel comfortable and at home. As the sun sets behind the mountains, you can sit back on the deck and relax, drink wine and share stories and photos with your fellow adventurers.

Riding approx. 6 miles

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Sundance lodge

Day 3: Return to Warner Stables

Sundance Lodge is an island of comfort and elegance in an ocean of wilderness, a place where you can admire the rugged beauty of the backcountry while wrapped in soft blankets and sipping from a mug of hot tea. It is your last morning at Sundance, which is starting to feel like home thanks to the warm hospitality of your host. Be sure to take a few last photos to capture the moment as you prepare to hit the trail again. Wave goodbye as you and your horse saunter back to Warner Stables. It is another gorgeous full day of riding through wooded hillsides and winding river trails with the soaring craggy peaks of the Rockies as a backdrop. You will refuel with a lunch stop along the banks of Healy Creek, where we will enjoy sandwiches, fresh-baked goodies and fruit. We will arrive back at approximately 4:30 pm.

Riding approx. 10 miles

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch



2-day Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1: Backcountry ride to Sundance Lodge

Your adventure begins at 9:30am at the backcountry check-in at the large barn at the stables (please do not arrive any earlier than 9:30am). There is plenty of free parking at the stables and you are welcome to leave your vehicle here during the trip. Once you are checked in, you will meet your professional and friendly guides and get your slickers and saddlebags. Things happen on "Western Time" here so we may not leave right on the dot and you'll



have time to get to know your horse and ask any questions before you set off.

Once you and your horse are ready to go, we will mount up for the 10-mile ride along the banks of the sparkling glacier-fed Bow River, Brewster and Healy Creeks. We will stop along the way for a hot lunch on the riverbanks. We will arrive at Sundance Lodge late afternoon, where your lodge host will greet you. Sundance is the ideal place for those who want to marvel at the beauty of the Banff Backcountry, while still being swaddled in comfort. There are no sleeping bags or camp stoves here, you will be sipping from wine glasses, dining on food prepared by a skilled chef in a professional kitchen and sleeping in a comfortable bed. Your lodge host will cater to your every need and make you feel welcome, like you are a guest in their home. Settle into your room and freshen up from your day on the trail, then gather around the table for a gourmet meal and an evening of conversation. By the end of this trip, you will have plenty of new friends from around the world.

Riding approx. 10 miles

Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at Sundance lodge

Day 2: Return to Warner Stables

After a deep and restful sleep in the peaceful quiet of the backcountry, you will awake to a hearty breakfast and a steaming mug of coffee. You will have the entire morning to wake up slowly and savor your time at this picturesque lodge. Sundance was built in 1991, near the original Ten Mile Cabin built in 1923 where the trail riders used to stop and rest on their way to Mount Assiniboine. (Ten Mile Cabin is still there and Sundance Lodge sits where the corral would have been.) With no emails to answer or errands to run, your time is your own. You can sit on the deck, get lost in the pages of a good book, have a chat with your horse or get to know your fellow adventurers. We will begin our ride back to Banff in the late morning. You will bring along handmade sandwiches for the journey, as well as fresh-baked goodies and fruit. You will return to the stables at approximately 4:30 pm, with plenty of stories to tell about your adventure in the backcountry.

Riding approx. 10 miles

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Other Info

Meeting: Stables in Banff for 9:30am

Airport: Calgary International Airport (YYC)

Train station: Banff Bus Station

Transfer: --

Distance: 145km

We recommend you overnight in Banff the night before the ride in order to be at the meeting point in town on Day 1 at 9:30 AM

Tack: Western

Horses: Quarter Mix

Pace: Slow, 4-6 hrs per day. All of our rides travel at a walk and in single file. This is to ensure everyone's safety on these shared trails.

Walk |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (2 to 2 out of 5) Novice

Age: Min 9

Weight: 230 lbs / 105 kg

Riders: Min 1 riders

Max 14 riders

Riding helmets are mandatory for this ride.

Rates and Dates 2025 - RTAB17-3

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on last day & 3 or 2 riding days according to program
Saddle bags can be requested ahead of time for free
Helmets are provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description
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Transfer Option

Description

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates
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Rates do not include:Transfers, Travel/medical insurance (mandatory), Gratuities & Taxes

Rates and Dates 2024 - RTAB17-3

Rates include: Accommodation, All meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on last day & 3 or 2 riding days according to program
Saddle bags can be requested ahead of time for free
Helmets are provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	Can\$	~US\$
A 2024	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)	Can\$1400	\$1120
	Single supplement	Can\$205	\$165
	Discount for 3rd pax in same room, pp	(Can\$50)	(\$40)
B 2024	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)	Can\$850	\$680
	Single supplement	Can\$100	\$80
	Discount for 3rd pax in same room, pp	(Can\$25)	(\$20)

The US Dollar Rate is based on a Can\$ Exchange Rate of 0.8 and subject to currency fluctuation

Transfer Option

Description

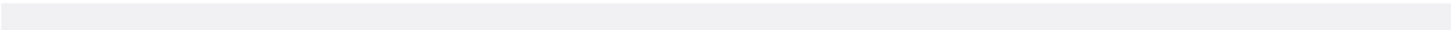
2024	Meet at the stables for 9:30am on Day 1		
2024	Gluten-free menu, per person, per day	Can\$20	\$15

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
B 2024	05/18/2024 - 05/19/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	05/20/2024 - 05/22/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	05/25/2024 - 05/26/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	05/27/2024 - 05/29/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	06/01/2024 - 06/02/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	06/03/2024 - 06/05/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	06/08/2024 - 06/09/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	06/10/2024 - 06/12/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	06/15/2024 - 06/16/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	06/17/2024 - 06/19/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	06/22/2024 - 06/23/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	06/24/2024 - 06/26/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	06/29/2024 - 06/30/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	07/01/2024 - 07/03/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	07/06/2024 - 07/07/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	07/08/2024 - 07/10/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	07/13/2024 - 07/14/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	07/15/2024 - 07/17/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	07/20/2024 - 07/21/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	07/22/2024 - 07/24/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	07/27/2024 - 07/28/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	07/29/2024 - 07/31/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	08/03/2024 - 08/04/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	08/05/2024 - 08/07/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	08/10/2024 - 08/11/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	08/12/2024 - 08/14/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	08/17/2024 - 08/18/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	08/19/2024 - 08/21/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	08/24/2024 - 08/25/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	08/26/2024 - 08/28/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	08/31/2024 - 09/01/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	09/02/2024 - 09/04/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	09/07/2024 - 09/08/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	09/09/2024 - 09/11/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	09/14/2024 - 09/15/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	09/16/2024 - 09/18/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	09/21/2024 - 09/22/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	09/23/2024 - 09/25/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	09/28/2024 - 09/29/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)
A 2024	09/30/2024 - 10/02/2024	3d / 2n	3 day lodge ride (3 riding days)
B 2024	10/05/2024 - 10/06/2024	2d / 1n	2 day lodge ride (2 riding days)

Min/Max: 1/14

Rates do not include:Transfers, Travel/medical insurance (mandatory), Gratuities & Taxes



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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