

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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Yosemite Expedition Pack Trip - USA, North America

Tour Code: RTCA07

10 days / 9 nights ~\$3,850.00

Dates: July, Aug

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

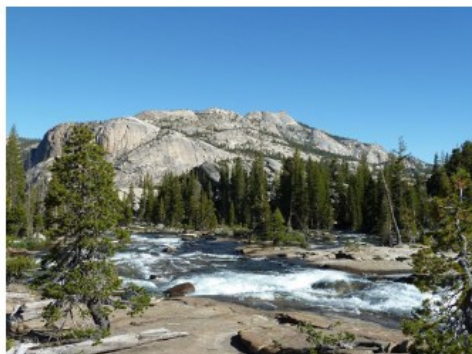
Lodging : ●● BASIC

Tack: Western

Horses: Mostly quarterhorse mix

Pace: between 2 to 6 hours per day - mostly ...
Walk,

Airport: Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH)



Introduction

California, USA

Explore over 100 miles of the John Muir-Pacific Crest Trail through wildflower-blanketed valleys, alpine lakes and forested campsites. Opportunity for Golden, Rainbow and Brook trout fishing. The wildlife, glaciers and majestic peaks over 13,000 feet made this John Muir's favorite backcountry – his "range of light". We will ride over Mono Pass and join the John Muir Trail before crossing Silver Pass. Continuing on past countless lakes, we skirt the mammoth Divide, permitting stirring views of Cascade Valley and Fish Creek, to descend to the base of the Minarets. Journey past Mt. Ritter and Mt. Banner before climbing to Donohue Pass, the entrance to Yosemite National Park. Our last camp is in the Lyell Canyon. We explore what some call the most majestic meadows in the Sierra in our last day's ride.

Accommodation



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This is a pack trip and all nights are spent camping.

Description

We have a wide variety of tents available (single, double, or family), so please let us know what type you prefer if you have not already. There is a solar shower and privy with toilet seat and tent at the campsites. There is no generator on our trips – no electrical source is available.

We do not provide ground mats or sleeping bags, so you must bring your own!

Camping Itinerary

Night 1: Third Recess and Mono Creek Camp

Night 2: Silver Pass Meadow Camp

Night 3 & 4: Horse Heaven Camp

Night 5: Deer Creek Camp

Night 6: Gladys lake Camp

Night 7: Thousand Island Lake Camp

Night 8 & 9: Lyell Fork Canyon Camp





Meals

All meals are included from breakfast on Day 1 to lunch on the last day.

Food is typically sourced from local establishments. We strive to provide a deluxe dining experience and tailor our menus to reflect the tastes of our guests.

We prepare breakfast and dinner. A hot breakfast is prepared fresh each morning. Fresh fruits, vegetables, and salads are available at lunch and dinner each day.

Lunch is a build-your-own affair, typically completed before breakfast is served. Sandwich makings, fruits, and snacks are available for you to create your own take-along meal.

Each dinner has a different entrée (beef, chicken, pork, etc).

Alcohol is not included in this trip, but guests are free to bring their own.

Dietary Restrictions

We can cater to vegetarians with prior notice.

Riding



Pace

Riding experience is considered when fitting you for a mount. There are plenty of horses and mules to choose from to fit your expertise. All trips go at a walk. Our crew will help you get comfortable before we leave the pack station. We ride as few as 2 hours or as many as 6 hours in a day.

Horses

Approximately 130 horses and mules are the backbone of the operation. Pack mules carry the provisions for trail riders, hikers, and those wishing to have their gear packed to a wilderness campsite. Mules typically carry 150-240 pounds of equipment, food and dunnage and work from June through September. During the off season, livestock graze fields in the Owens Valley.

Horses and mules come to the pack station as four to five year old green broke. After a couple of years of training they spend up to another twenty to twenty-five years working in the Sierra.

Tack

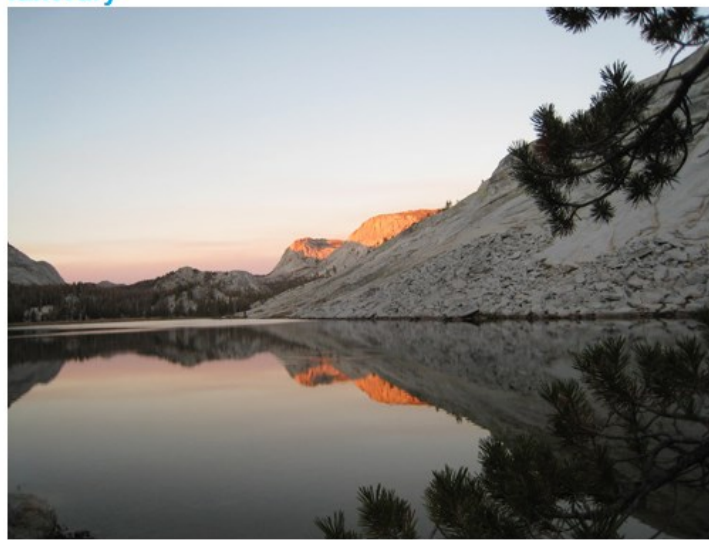
You are encouraged to bring your own saddle if you have one. However, if your tack doesn't fit our stock, or we deem it unsafe, you will not be able to use it.

Guides

Each year young men and women bring youth and enthusiasm to a crew of senior packers and cooks. Most of the crew come from ranch backgrounds and once they start packing with us, they have a hard time ever leaving. Every member of the crew carries on the traditions of the talented men and women who started the business in the 1940s. New employees learn the trails, traditions, and develop skills to serve another generation of guests. Only the most able, hard working and those with exceptional people skills succeed as staff.



Itinerary



Sample Itinerary: Rock Creek to Tuolumne Meadows - subject to changes

Day 1: Rock Creek to Third Recess and Mono Creek

Leaving the Pack Station (10,000ft.), the route follows the Mono Pass Trail, which ascends Mt. Starr to Mono Pass (12,000ft.). Enjoy the views of Little Lakes Valley framed by Mt. Morgan (13,748), Bear Creek Spire (13,601), Mt. Dade (13,601), Mt. Mills (13,468) and Mt. Abbott (13,715). After crossing the pass, enjoy unrestricted views of Pioneer and Hopkins Basins. Riders descend past Trail Lake before coming to Gold Creek. Riders go alongside Gold Creek and Mono Creek to reach camp down the canyon.

Estimated riding time: 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Camp near the confluence of Third Recess and Mono Creek

Day 2: Mono Creek to Silver Pass Meadow

Riding down canyon, riders pass through several life zones with groves of fir, Jeffrey, Juniper and Lodgepole Pines, interrupted by meadows and ridges of flowers. After several hours, turn north on the John Muir Trail (Pacific Crest Trail) to climb towards Silver Pass. The trail skirts the edge of Pocket Meadow before heading up beneath the waterfall of the North Fork of Mono Creek. Camp is in a secluded meadow with spectacular views of the mountain ranges to the south.

Estimated riding time 4.5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Camp at Silver Pass Meadow

Day 3: Silver Pass Meadow to Horse Heaven

Continue north on the Muir Trail past Silver Pass Lake to reach Silver Pass (10,900 ft.). To the south, view Seven Gables Mt. (13,075 ft.), a grand peak overlooking Bear Creek. To the northwest, see Mt. Ritter and Banner Peak and the edge of Yosemite. Descend to the head of Cascade Valley after passing the five lakes in the basin of the Lone Indian. Riders cross the Fish Creek Bridge before following the Muir Trail a short ways to Tully Hole and Horse Heaven.

Estimated riding time 4.5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Camp at Horse Heaven

Day 4: Layover

A good day to rest and fish or take a day ride up the McGee Pass Trail. Explore the lakes and streams of Upper Fish Creek beneath Red Slate Mt. (13,163 ft) and Red and White Mountain (12,850 ft.).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Camp at Horse Heaven

Day 5: Tully Hole to Deer Creek

The riders skirt the peaks of the Mammoth divide while riding north alongside the rim of Fish Creek Canyon. Lake Virginia (10,300 ft) and Purple Lake (9,900 ft) are two beautiful lakes next to the trail. After meeting the trail to Duck Lake, continue several hours more to reach a heavily forested camp on Deer Creek (9,200 ft.).

Estimate riding time: 6 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Camp at Deer Creek

Day 6: Deer Creek to Gladys Lake

Riders make good time descending into Red's Meadow (7,500 ft.). Ride through Devil's Postpile National Monument. These cliffs of crystallized columns of basalt are right next to the middle fork of the San Joaquin River. After crossing the river, the trail ascends alongside Minaret Creek to Johnston Lake (8,150 ft.). We ride another hour and a half through forests, ponds and meadowy country to Gladys lake (9,600 ft.).

Estimated riding time: 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Camp at Gladys Lake

Day 7: Gladys Lake to Thousand Island Lake

Riders pass Rosalie Lake, Shadow and Garnet Lake on this ride beneath the Minarets. This is the most spectacular part of the Ansel Adams beneath Ritter, Banner and The Minarets. We make camp on the northwest side of Thousand Island Lake (9,850 ft.).

Estimated riding time: 4 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Camp at Thousand Island Lake

Day 8: Thousand Island Lake to Lyell Fork Canyon

Riders head north over Island Pass to the Rush Creek drainage and exit the eastern side of the Sierra with a climb to Donohue Pass (11,152 ft.). This marks the entrance to Yosemite National Park. The views of Mt. Lyell and its glacier are in view as we descend to expansive meadows in Lyell Fork Canyon.

Estimated riding time: 5 hours

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Camp at Lyell Fork Canyon

Day 9: Layover in Lyell Fork Canyon

The day ride will go up to explore the Vogelsand area of Yosemite. Lake Ireland, Evelyn Lake and the Vogelsand

The day has him go up to explore the choices riders have in exploring this alpine area. Or, wander through the meadows and enjoy a day of leisure before heading home.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Camp at Lyell Fork Canyon

Day 10: Lyell Fork Canyon to Tuolumne Meadows

We ride north through large meadows to end the trip at one of the most spectacular large meadows in the Sierra.
Estimated riding time: 3.5 hours
Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch



Sample Itinerary: Virginia Lakes to Twin Lakes - subject to changes

Ride the Pacific Crest Trail on this eight-day trip going from Virginia Lakes to Twin Lakes. This trip is designed for those who enjoy a lot of riding. Expect some rough terrain and beautiful sceneries.

Day 1: Ride to Virginia Canyon
Day 2: Layover day with a day-ride to McCabe Lake
Day 3: Ride to Matterhorn Canyon
Day 4: Layover day with day-ride opportunity to Burro Pass
Day 5: Ride to Benson Lake with its sandy shore
Day 6: Layover day at the lake
Day 7: Ride up to Upper Kerrick Meadow
Day 8: Finish the ride and exit at Twin Lakes

Note: This tour is operating under permit with the USDA Forest Service through Special Use Permit on the Inyo National Forest.

Other Info

Meeting: Pack station

Airport: Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH)

Transfer: --

Distance: 37 km / 23 miles

Transfers are not available for this trip. It is best to rent a car and drive. We will meet on Day 1 at 7:00am at the pack station.

Tack: Western

Horses: Mostly quarterhorse mix

Pace: between 2 to 6 hours per day - mostly at a walk
Walk |

Level: 🐎🐎🐎🐎🐎 (2 to 2 out of 5) Intermediate

Age: Min 6

Weight: 240 lbs

Riders: Min 2 riders Max 12 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - RTCA07

Rates include: Tent accommodations, All meals & 10 guided riding days
Saddle bag are provided

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	10 day pack trip - Rock Reek to Tuolumne Meadows	\$3850

Tax:\$ 2
Rates Note:2% charge for USFS fee 8% charge for regulatory taxes \$15 Wilderness Permit Fee (mandatory)

Transfer Option

Description

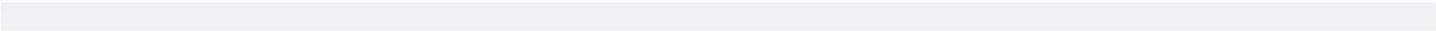
2024	Meet at 7:00am on Day 1 at the pack station	
2024	Wilderness Permit Fee (mandatory)	\$15

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	07/28/2024 - 08/06/2024	10d / 9n	10 day pack trip - Rock Reek to Tuolumne Meadows

Min/Max: 2/12

Rates do not include:Sleeping bag and mat, Alcoholic drinks, Transfers, 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	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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