

Hidden Trails

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Outdoor Vacations
- on & with Hidden Trails

About Hidden Trails



Explore the World on & with Hidden Trails

Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love the outdoors and adventure activities. We have been involved with outdoor vacations for over 20 years. We have collected the best outdoor vacation destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These vacations are about forging rivers, biking along canals and through forests, hiking 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 the outdoors has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends.

These trips have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special outdoor 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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Equestrian Lodge - USA, North America

Tour Code: GRTX01

6 days / 5 nights ~\$1,985.00

Dates: Available all Year, extra days possible

Trip Rating : ●●●●●

Difficulty : ●●●●●

Lodging : ★★

Tack: English or Western

Horses: American Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds...

Pace: level of client, walk trot, canter

Walk, Trot, Canter,

Airport: San Antonio International Airport (SAT)



Introduction

Texas, USA

Located in the heart of the beautiful Texas Hill Country near Bandera, the Equestrian Lodge offers first-class accommodations and quality horseback riding - hacking or clinics!

The lodge lies on the northeast boundary of the Hill Country State Natural Area - a 5,400 acre primitive area, which boasts two live streams and 35 plus miles of riding and hiking trails. An ideal place for horseback riders as well as a peaceful retreat for bird-watchers and nature-lovers of all types. Guests of all ages and skill levels will find the Lodge's specialized horseback riding program rewarding. Unlike many guest ranches, the Lodge's horses are not de-sensitized "dude string" horses, but rather gentle, responsive mounts. Group rides are kept small- no more than 5 riders- to allow guests to ride according to the group's skill level. Less experienced riders are tutored before and during the rides, making it a rewarding learning experience. Skilled riders will appreciate the lodge's well-trained and athletic mounts. The Equestrian Lodge features daily trail rides and specialized instructions in its equestrian facilities - offering private and group instruction to its guests, in such disciplines as Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Reining, Cutting, Dressage, and Combined Training.

Accommodation



Accommodations

This is a stationary ride where all nights are spent at the same location.

Description

You will sleep in authentic pioneer-style cabins, built of limestone and cedar, which provide guests with comfort and sanctuary from the rigors of modern-day life. Strategically nestled among the oaks in the valley, and perched among the junipers along the hillsides, each accommodation welcomes guests with oak floors, central air and heat, and abundant wood-sash windows and spacious porches from which to take in views of the surrounding countryside and wildlife.

When you're ready to take it easy, slip off to the Cowboy Cool Pool, or the Jacuzzi Under the Stars, or schedule yourself a massage, facial, or other spa service in the privacy of your accommodation. Or simply sit and watch the horses graze from the porch of your very own cabin or suite, read by your fireplace, or count the stars as you sit by a glowing campfire.

All accommodations have a fire ring and outdoor seating area, with firewood provided for evening campfires. All accommodations are non-smoking, except for the exterior front porches.

Pets are permitted only with the prior permission of the owners, and in accordance with the rules of the ranch's pet policy, available upon request.

WiFi is available at the office and dining room. Laundry is available at no extra cost.

Room Options





Suites (1 pax)

Our suites consist of a bedroom with queen bed, sunroom, kitchenette, and bathroom with tub/ shower combination. A spacious front porch is shared with the suite next door. No interior space is shared (bathrooms are private).

Cabins (2+ pax)

Each of our private cabins has 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a living/ kitchen/ dining area with floor to ceiling limestone fireplace, and a spacious front porch. The entire cabin is reserved for a single party.

Room Occupancy

No single supplement fee.



Meals

All meals are included from breakfast on Day 2 to breakfast on the last day.

Please have dinner on your way in as the kitchen is closed on Sundays.

The packages include breakfast foods, stocked in your accommodation.

Breakfast is in-room, with breakfast foods amply stocked in the fully equipped kitchen of each accommodation, for guests to enjoy at their leisure.

Meals feature fresh, home-cooked dishes mixing the casual gourmet and traditional Texas style of cuisine.

Beer and/ or wine are included with dinner but guests are also welcome to bring their own alcohol if they want.

Dietary Restrictions

If you have special dietary requests, please let us know in advance, and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

Riding

Riding Level

Guests of all ages and skill levels will find the Lodge's specialized horseback riding program rewarding. Less experienced riders are tutored before and during the rides, making it a rewarding learning experience. Skilled riders will appreciate the lodge's well-trained and athletic mounts. Each guest usually rides the same horse throughout their stay, and everyone is invited to help with grooming, feeding, and care of the horses. The Lodge's excellent horseback riding program makes equestrian activities a favorite pastime. Guests may take lessons, clinics, or private guided rides on the lodge's well-trained horses, or bring their own horses and ride at will through the hills, canyons, and streams of the ranch and the adjoining state park.

*weight limit for jumping lessons is 180 lbs

Pace

The ranch holiday package includes a leisure trail ride of 2 hours per day (not including arrival and departure days). Alternatively you can chose 1 instruction session in trade for the 2 hrs of trail (on availability only, so best to order in advance).

Multi-day Private Cutting and Roping Clinics are now available by reservation. This is a fabulous opportunity to receive private instruction, and lots of time with the cattle while enjoying a great vacation! Reservations in advance are required.

Horses

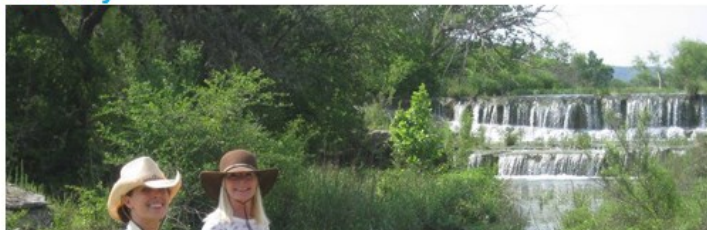
Unlike many guest ranches, the Lodge's horses are not de-sensitized "dude string" horses, but rather gentle, responsive mounts.

We're proud of our horses! And no wonder! Every individual in our herd has been selected for his or her beauty, athleticism, training, and disposition. And that makes your riding experience here one you will find no place else. From show records to pedigrees, to exceptional versatility, every one of them has something very special to offer its lucky rider. And you needn't worry that this is a "bait and switch" routine. These are the actual horses on whom our guests take their lessons or clinics and enjoy their rides

Non Riders

Non-riders are welcome on this trip and can take part in many non-riding activities such as fossil hunting, hiking or birding. In addition, many activities can be done in the area nearby such as cycling, golfing and fishing.

Itinerary





The Lodge's riding program is superior, with appropriate mounts for riders of all skill levels:

- Experienced riders will appreciate the Lodge's well-bred Quarter Horses which have been individually selected for their excellent dispositions, responsiveness, beauty, and athleticism.
- Beginners will appreciate the brief instruction given before and during each ride, so that they, too may learn to feel and connect with their horse.

Group rides are small and caringly lead by knowledgeable guides at a pace appropriate to each group. Riders experience a wide variety of terrain, and trail routes change each day.

You may take lessons, clinics, or private guided rides on the lodge's well-trained horses, or bring your own horses and ride at will through the hills, canyons, and streams of the ranch and the adjoining state park. Private lessons are always available for riders of all ages 7 and over. While we do not offer a separate children's program, families find this the perfect place to spend quality time together.

When you're ready to take it easy, slip off to the Cowboy Cool Pool, or the Jacuzzi Under the Stars, or schedule yourself a massage, facial, or other spa service in the privacy of your accommodation. Or simply sit and watch the horses graze from the porch of your very own cabin or suite, read by your fireplace, or count the stars as you sit by a glowing campfire.



Non-Riding Activities

For your hours out-of-the-saddle, hiking, biking, birding, and wildlife watching are great ways to pass the time. Feel free to hunt fossils on the ranch, or fish in its stocked watering hole. Golf is available nearby, as is swimming, tubing, and kayaking in the spring-fed waters of the Medina River. The legendary town of Bandera, which marked the beginning of the Great Western Cattle Trail in the mid-1800's, offers a historical driving tour, shopping, dining, and Western-style night life. Colorful weekly rodeos take place from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day. The historic towns of Comfort and Fredericksburg offer a glimpse into German Pioneer Culture and History, and ample antiquing within an hour's drive. San Antonio, with its famous 18th and 19th century Spanish Missions, River Walk, the Alamo, Sea World, and Fiesta Texas are also about an hour away.

Non-riding activities included in the package:

- Swimming in the non-heated pool and use of the hot tub
- Fossil hunting
- Hiking
- Birding
- Star-gazing

Non-riding activities with extra charges:

- Bike rentals
- Fishing (seasonal) for \$50 per day.
- Tubing and/ or kayaking (seasonal) for about \$25 per person for a 2 to 3 hours.
- Golfing for \$36 weekdays or \$45 weekends including a cart. Clubs are available to lend.

We recommend non-riders to rent a car so that they can go explore the area. There is a second beautiful state park 25 miles from the ranch which also has ample hiking, in addition to the one next door to the ranch.

Other Info

Meeting: Ranch near Bandera

Airport: San Antonio International Airport (SAT)

Train station: --

Transfer: --

Distance: 96.5 km / 60 miles

If you are driving in, Check in is between 2 and 7 pm.

For transfers from/to San Antonio, please contact Raymond Robles (phone#1-210-887-5809)

Tack: English or Western

Horses: American Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Appaloosas & Paints

Pace: level of client, walk trot, canter
2 hours riding per riding day

Walk | Trot | Canter |



View | Hot | Cancel |

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (1 to 5 out of 5) All riding levels

Age: Min 5 Max 75

Weight: 225 lbs / 100 kg

Riders: Min 1 riders Max 4 riders Max Capacity 20
(per riding group)

Spa Services

Treat yourself to the de-stressing benefits of our spa services in the privacy of your cabin or suite. it's the perfect way to spend a quiet afternoon, or to end an active day. (Spa services must be booked 24 hours in advance.)

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

\$65 (50 minutes), \$90 (80 minutes)

Uses a variety of advanced techniques to relieve tension in problem areas, and to promote relaxation throughout the body.

SWEDISH BODY MASSAGE

\$60 (50 minutes), \$90 (80 minutes)

Traditional Swedish techniques promote relaxation for the body and mind.

HOT STONE THERAPY

\$100 (80 minutes)

Warm river stones relax muscles to allow the deepest therapeutic massage benefits, while energy work balances the chakras.

RAINDROP TECHNIQUE

\$75 (50 minutes)

This powerful, non-invasive technique integrates essential oils and light massage, dispensed like drops of rain along the vertebrae. The effects may last for days after treatment.

HYDRATING ANTI-STRESS FACIAL

\$65 (50 minutes)

This stimulating facial provides important nutrients that restore vitality to stressed skin.

PROFESSIONAL DEEP CLEANING FACIAL

\$65 (50 minutes)

Effectively but gently cleanses skin impurities without drying the skin. The regenerating effects leave the skin smooth, balanced, and refreshed

Please cancel 24 hours prior to the scheduled service to avoid a 50% cancellation charge. Cancellations without adequate notice will result in a charge for the full service.

Rates and Dates 2024 - GRTX01

Rates include: Lodging, Most meals & 4 riding days
Non Riding Activities: Fossil hunting, Hiking, Birding & Star gazing

Packages and Options

Season	Description	~US\$
A 2024	6 days Ranch	\$1985

Tax:\$ 96

Transfer Option

Description

2024Single supplement - free if available	
2024Child rate (5 - 17 y.o) - please inquire	\$1330
2024Children 4 and younger stays FREE, can ride for \$48 per hour	
2024Additional day, per adult	\$435
2024Additional day, per children (5-7 years old)	\$300
2024Adult non-rider rate, dbl, pp	\$1455
2024Child (5-7 years old) non-rider rate, dbl, pp	\$1155
2024Transfer service by Raymod Robles from San Antonio airport, each way, per car ~\$150 + 20% gratuity, payable in cash	\$180

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	02/04/2024 - 02/09/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	02/18/2024 - 02/23/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	04/07/2024 - 04/12/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	04/21/2024 - 04/26/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	05/12/2024 - 05/17/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	07/14/2024 - 07/19/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	07/28/2024 - 08/02/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	09/15/2024 - 09/20/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	10/13/2024 - 10/18/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	10/27/2024 - 11/01/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	11/17/2024 - 11/22/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch
A 2024	12/08/2024 - 12/13/2024	6d / 5n	6 days Ranch

Min/Max: 1/4
Arrival can be any day of the week

Rates do not include:Meals on Sunday (kitchen is closed), Alcoholic Drinks, Transfers, Gratuities & Taxes
Non Riding Activities: Bike rental, Fishing, Tubing/kayaking & Golfing

Reservation Form

Hidden Trails Outdoor 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**	Allergies	Medical Con.	Excellent	Good	Moderate	Poor	Fitness Level	Need to rent equipment
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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4.		<input type="checkbox"/>	___/___/___			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

* If more than 200 lbs we need to reconfirm with our partners first

** Details on dietary needs on separate sheet, please.

Special Diets: _____

How often do you exercise? _____ Describe your experience: _____

Have you been on other riding tours? No ☐ Yes ☐ last trip when? _____ Trip: _____

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 8 weeks before trip starting date.

Last Name and First Name (The Traveler) _____

Street _____ **e-mail** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Postal/Zip Code** _____

Phone (wk) _____ **(hm)** _____ **Fax** _____

Date _____

Signature (mandatory) 1. _____

Please, charge a 25% deposit (minimum \$ 350 per person) now and full payment 10 weeks before starting 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. _____

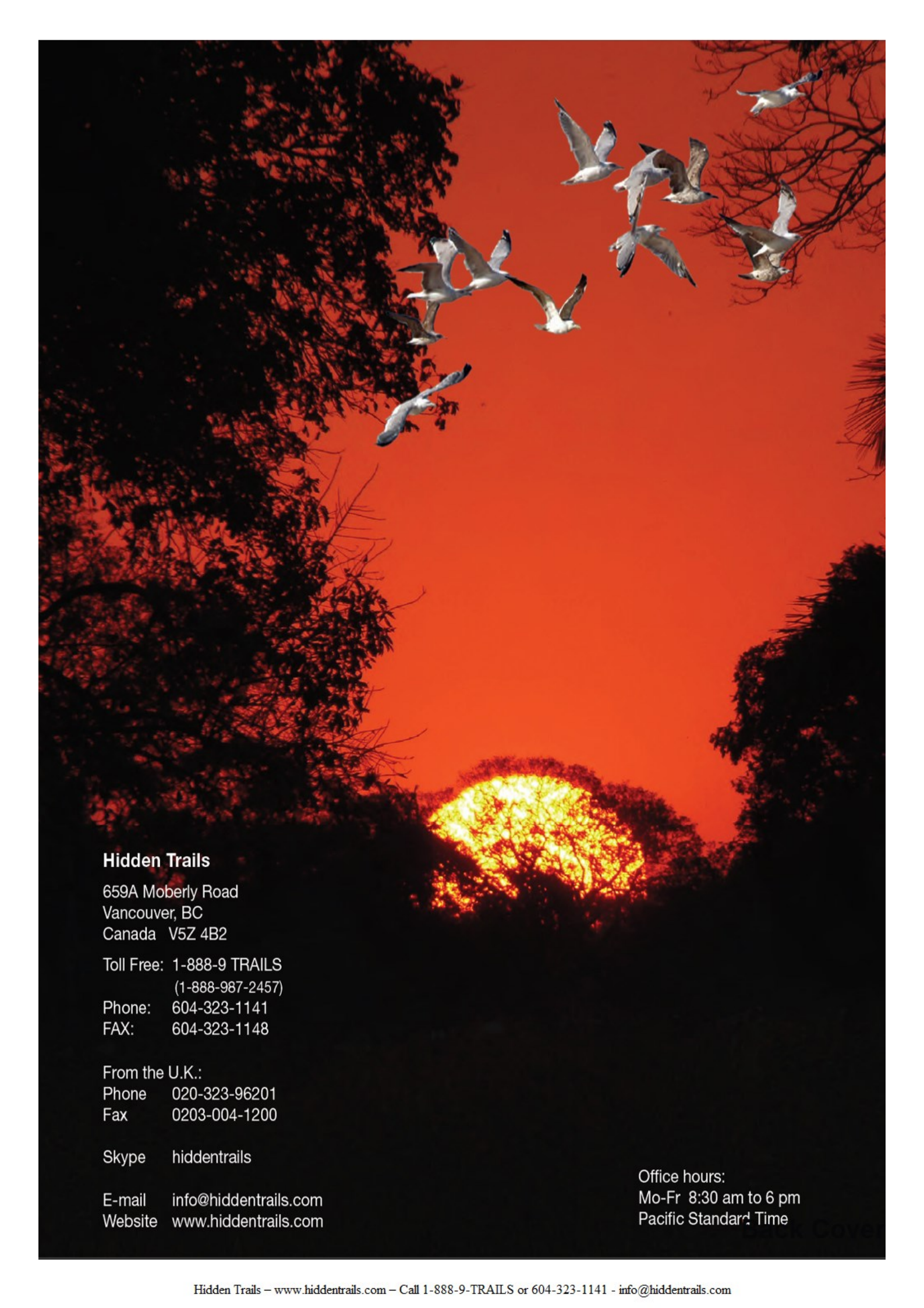
4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial _____

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