

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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Naxos & Santorini - Greek Island Hopping - Greece, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-HKGRSC01
8 days / 7 nights ~\$1,010.00
Dates: April to October

Trip Rating: ●●●●●
Difficulty: ●●●●●
Lodging: ●●●

Tack: --
Horses: --
Pace: Moderate day walks are interspersed with...

Airport: Athens



Introduction

Crete, Greece

Discover two of the most beautiful islands of the Cyclades in one trip: Santorini and Naxos.

Santorini feels like no other place on earth: an ancient island that endured one of the largest volcanic eruptions in history. Here everything is brighter: the whitewashed cube-shaped houses, the lapis lazuli sea and the sunsets that light up the caldera.

The steep cliffs of Santorini with layers in all colors are the result of an explosion of the Thira volcano thousands of years ago. In the flooded "caldera" of Santorini there is still volcanic activity, as you can see during your visit to the Kammeni Islands.

On Naxos you explore the highest mountain of the area: Zas. From its summit you enjoy breath-taking views of olive-orchards around you that are in sharp contrast with the deep blue Aegean Sea. Naxos is an island of contrasts: on the one hand you have the lively town and beaches of Naxos town with its excitement and on the other hand there is the countryside where life is still very traditional.

Highlights

Two beautiful islands in one trip

Visit the iconic cliff-top villages of Santorini perched high above the breath-taking caldera

Enjoy panoramic views of the Cyclades from summit of Mt. Zas (999 m)

Marvel at the Kouros statues on Naxos, 2800 years old.

Follow unique cobbled paths on ancient trails across the islands

Visit the ancient sites of Thira and Akrotiri on Santorini

Accommodation

Accommodations

All hotels of this trip are carefully selected because of their location, atmosphere and/or unique services. All rooms are en-suite.

Below you find the standard hotels of this trip. If a hotel is fully booked, we book a similar alternative for you and inform you about the alternative booked.

Accommodation Itinerary - subject to changes based on availability

Nights 1 to 3: Hotel Anixis on Naxos Island

Nights 4 to 6: Kalimera Hotel on Santorini Island

Night 7: Acropolis Hill Hotel in Athens

Hotel Anixis - Naxos

This hotel is located in the Old Town, only a few hundreds meters away from the sea. It offers simply decorated bedrooms equipped with A/C and heating, free WIFI access, ensuite facilities, satellite TV and great views. Guests can also choose to relax in the small garden.

Kalimera Hotel - Santorini

The family hotel Villa Kalimera has very friendly and helpful owners. The hotel features a lush flower garden and a small pool. The Hotel is built very close to the archaeological site of Akrotiri and offers incomparable views to the Caldera and the sea. Kalimera Hotel features 22 rooms which offer all modern comforts. The traditional Cycladic architecture prevails at all spaces, while attention has been given to the last detail. Rooms are simply furnished.

Acropolis Hill Hotel - Athens

The Acropolis Hill Hotel, which opened in 2010, is nestled in the serene green area of Philopappou, near the Acropolis. It is a contemporary comfortable accommodation near the historical center of Athens. The hotel has a small pool. Rooms are small but nicely designed and with a comfortable bath room. Wi-Fi is free and available throughout the premises.

Extra overnight:

You can book additional night(s) at any of the accommodations along the way. If your flight arrives later than 2:30 pm into Athens airport, you will need to book an extra night in Athens before your trip. In that case transfer from the airport to Athens center is not included. Instead you will be transferred from Athens center to Piraeus port the next day in the morning and you travel on the morning ferry to Naxos.

Room Occupancy:

Triple and Quadruple rooms are usually available and subject to discounts (please inquire). It is mandatory to pay a single supplement fee if travelling alone.

Riding

Trip Level & Terrain

Suitable for anyone in good physical shape. Moderate day walks are interspersed with more strenuous excursions. Average of 4-6 hours per day (excluding breaks) on hilly to mountainous areas using well-kept and sometimes stony paths.

The walks take place mostly on unsurfaced tracks; cobbled mule-paths, footpaths, and some tarmac roads.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at Athens Airport and transfer to the port of Piraeus from where you leave per ferry in the late afternoon to Naxos. The ferry takes 5.5 hrs and you can board midday or Monday to ease your flight does not allow



Naxos. The ferry takes 5,5 hrs and you arrive around midnight on Naxos. In case your flight does not allow traveling to Naxos on the same day, you have to book an extra night in Athens and you travel to Naxos the next day in the early morning.

Meals included: none

Overnight at Hotel in Naxos

Day 2: Walk from Chalki to Melanes

You take a taxi or public bus to Chalki, located in the center of the Tragea plain. Today you explore this fertile inner land of Naxos with olive groves and rich vegetation. There are some olive trees that are over thousand years old! You walk on cobbled paths via the Venetian Fortress Ano Kastro to an ancient marble quarry where you find a 10m height statue of an unfinished Kouros from the 6th century BC! The walk ends in the nearby village Melanes from where you take a taxi or public bus back to the hotel.

Hiking: 10, 14 or 19 km (approx. 3.5 / 4.5 / 7 hours)

Elevation gain: 150m / 300m / 400m (positive) and 150m / 300m / 400m (negative)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at Hotel in Naxos

Day 3: Walk to Mt. Zas

Today's walk starts from Filoti that you reach per taxi or public bus. From this village, built at the foothills of Mt. Zas, you start your walk to the summit of this legendary mountain. You may witness the cave in which according to the legend, Zeus, the father of all the gods, was nursed by an eagle. After your descend you optionally continue the walk to Apiranthos. From Apiranthos you may walk back via the saddle of Mt. Fanari to Filoti; a beautiful walk with breathtaking views!

Hiking: 13 or 19 km

Elevation gain: 500m / 900m (positive) and 500m / 900m (negative)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at Hotel in Naxos

Day 4: From Naxos to Santorini

You travel from Naxos to Santorini. The ferry usually departs around noon and arrives 3 hours later on Santorini. In the morning you may visit the Castle in Naxos town (Chora) and visit the museum here. Or you can relax on the sandy beach of Agios Georgios. You enter the submersed crater of this old volcano by ferry boat and this is an unforgettable experience. You will be impressed by the steep colored cliffs and the whitewashed villages on top. It is said that the eruption, 3.600 years ago, ended the Minoan Civilization. Or was it the source of the legend of Atlantis?

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at Hotel in Santorini

Day 5: Walk from Perissa to Akrotiri

A transfer will take you to Perissa from where you start climbing via an old path to a windy saddle. This part is one of the very few places that exists from before the devastating volcanic outburst. You walk up to Ancient Thira: the capital of the island in Ancient and Roman times. The location is really fantastic! Then you descend via an old path to the quiet inner parts of the island. You walk through vineyards (Santorini produces top class wines!) and along picturesque villages. Through this landscape of volcanic ashes and along the black beach you walk back to Akrotiri village.

Hiking: 13 km (approx. 5.5 hours)

Elevation gain: 580m (positive) and 550m (negative)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at Hotel in Santorini

Day 6: Walk from Fira to Oia

You travel per public bus to Fira, the capital of Santorini. Here you can explore the narrow alleys of this whitewashed town, built on the top of the volcanic cliffs. It houses a couple of interesting museums, such as the museum of prehistoric Thira and the Archaeological Museum. In the afternoon you make the famous walk from Fira to Oia. This walk allows you fabulous views of the lagoon and the spectacular cliffs with its massive drops. Most of the walk is via a really nice wide mule-path. From Oia you will be picked up and get a transfer back to the hotel.

Hiking: 10.3 km (approx. 3 hours)

Elevation gain: 300m (positive) and 400m (negative)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at Hotel in Santorini

Day 7: Round walk from Akrotiri and travel from Santorini to Athens

A last free morning in Akrotiri at leisure and possibility to visit the archaeological site of Akrotiri: the Greek Pompeii that opened in spring 2012 after it had been closed for many years. Transfer to the port from where you travel comfortably per modern ferry to Piraeus. The journey last around 8 hours. Upon arrival you will have an organized transfer per taxi to your centrally located hotel in Athens.

Hiking: 5.2 km (approx. 1.5 hours)

Elevation gain: 135m (positive) and 120m (negative)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at Hotel in Athens

Day 8: Athens and departure

Depending on your flight departure today, you may have time to pay a visit to the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum before you travel per metro or bus to the airport. Here you take your outbound flight.

Meals included: Breakfast

Note: Additional nights can be booked at all accommodations of this tour. This is possible because there is at least one ferry between these islands and Piraeus every day.

Other Info

Meeting: Athens airport

Airport: Athens

Transfer: Athens

Arrival at Athens Airport and transfer to the Port of Piraeus where you catch the ferry to Naxos in the late afternoon. It is a 5.5 hour ferry ride to Naxos and you will arrival there by midnight. Departure is by public transport - metro, bus or taxi back to Athens Airport.

Tack: --

Horses: --

Pace: Moderate day walks are interspersed with more strenuous excursions, 4-6 hours per day (excluding breaks) on hilly to mountainous areas using well kept, sometimes stony paths.

Level: 🐾🐾🐾🐾 (3 to 4 out of 5) Moderate+

Riders: Min 1 riders

Max 12 riders



Rates and Dates 2024 - ZZ-HKGRSC01

Rates include: Accommodations, All breakfasts, Transfers as indicated in itinerary, Ferry tickets, Detailed digital route description and maps (ActiveNav App) & 24 hr phone support

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	8 day Island Hopping (Peak)	€920	\$1010
	Triple room discount, pp	(€85)	(\$95)
	Single supplement	€490	\$540
	Group discount - please inquire	€0	\$0
	Solo traveler supplement - please inquire	€0	\$0
B 2024	8 day Island Hopping (High)	€855	\$940
	Triple room discount, pp	(€85)	(\$95)
	Single supplement	€425	\$470
	Group discount - please inquire	€0	\$0
	Solo traveler supplement - please inquire	€0	\$0
C 2024	8 day Island Hopping (Mid-High)	€810	\$890
	Triple room discount, pp	(€75)	(\$80)
	Single supplement	€425	\$470
	Group discount - please inquire	€0	\$0
	Solo traveler supplement - please inquire	€0	\$0
D 2024	8 day Island Hopping (Mid-Low)	€780	\$860
	Triple room discount, pp	(€75)	(\$80)
	Single supplement	€395	\$435
	Group discount - please inquire	€0	\$0
	Solo traveler supplement - please inquire	€0	\$0
E 2024	8 day Island Hopping (Low)	€755	\$830
	Triple room discount, pp	(€65)	(\$70)
	Single supplement	€370	\$410
	Group discount - please inquire	€0	\$0
	Solo traveler supplement - please inquire	€0	\$0

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

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Arrival in Athens airport and transfer to Piraeus port on Day 1		
2024	Additional nights - please inquire		
2024	Transfer by taxi from Athens Airport to Athens, per car (4 pax), one way	€75	\$80
2024	Transfer by taxi from Athens to Athens Airport, per car (4 pax), one way	€65	\$70
2024	Accommodation Tax	€21	\$25

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
E 2024	04/01/2024 - 04/24/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Island Hopping (Low)
D 2024	04/25/2024 - 06/09/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Island Hopping (Mid-Low)
C 2024	06/10/2024 - 06/28/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Island Hopping (Mid-High)
B 2024	06/29/2024 - 07/14/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Island Hopping (High)
A 2024	07/15/2024 - 08/31/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Island Hopping (Peak)
C 2024	09/01/2024 - 09/25/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Island Hopping (Mid-High)
D 2024	09/26/2024 - 10/26/2024	8d / 7n	8 day Island Hopping (Mid-Low)

Min/Max: 1/12
Any start date from April to October

Rates do not include:Lunches and dinners, Public transportation where used during itinerary, Travel Insurance, Admissions and Entry fees, Airport departure transfer & Tourism tax (~1-3 EUR per night per room- paid locally in cash)



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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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* 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. _____

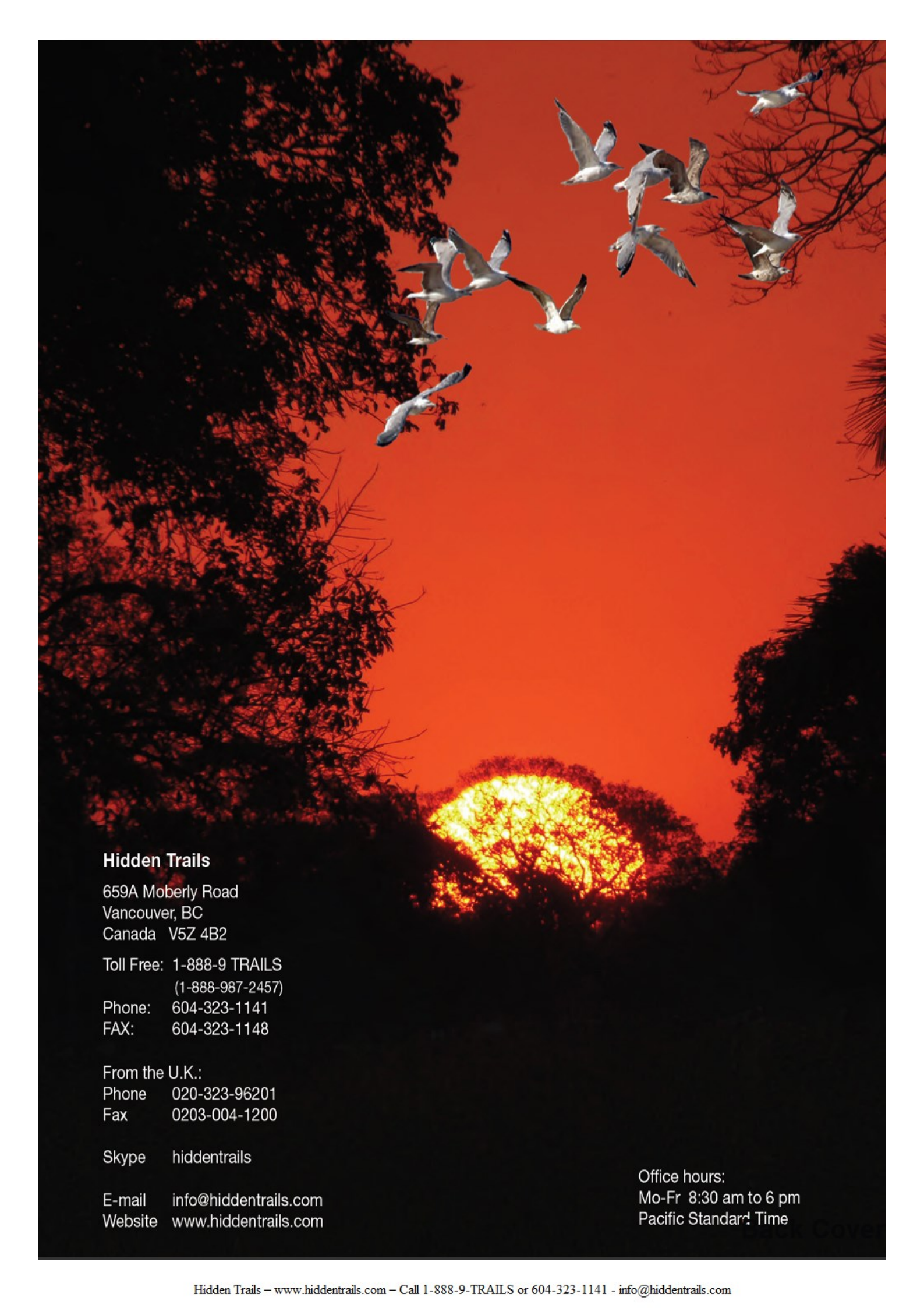
4. _____

Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial _____

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