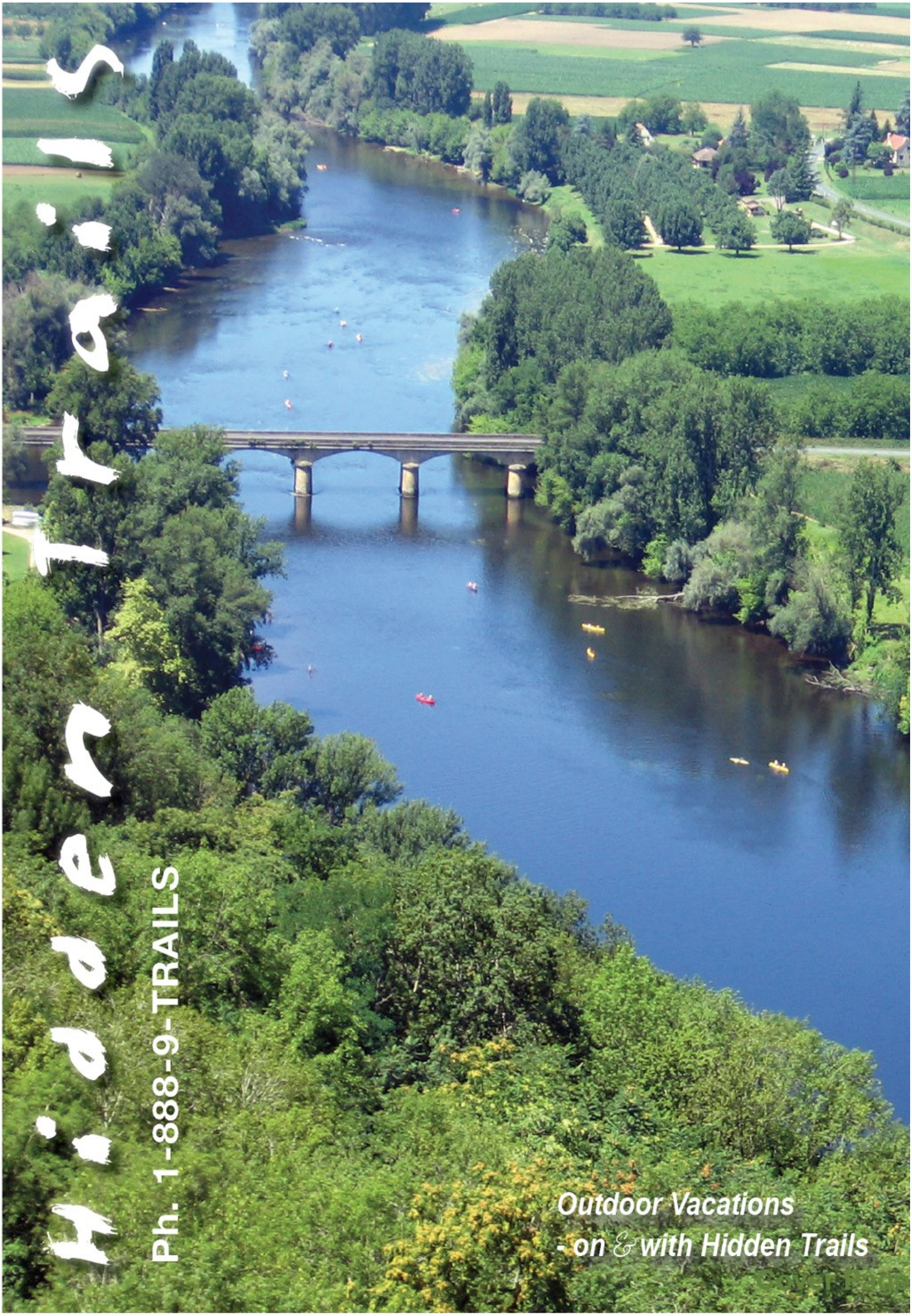
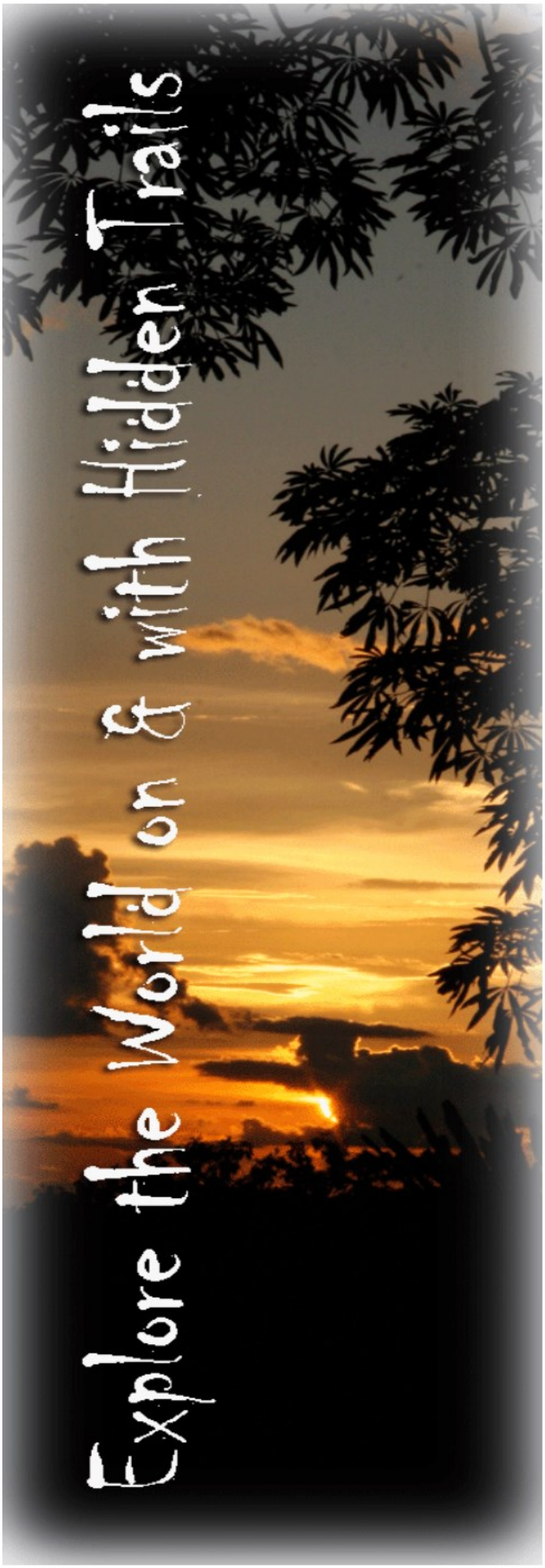

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About Hidden Trails



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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Deluxe Wicklow Mountains Walk - Ireland, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-HKIR-F02
6 days / 5 nights ~$1,605.00
Dates: June & September

Trip Rating :
Difficulty :
Lodging:

Tack:
Horses:
Pace: Moderate with some ascends.

Airport: Dublin













Introduction

Wicklow, Ireland
County Wicklow "The Garden of Ireland" is renowned worldwide for its charming beauty. Wicklow is a walker's paradise and is home to the Wicklow Way, Ireland's oldest waymarked walking trail.

This popular guided walking holiday takes you through Ireland's largest National Park; covering 90,000ha in central Wicklow, part of Ireland's Ancient East. Wicklow Mountains National Park manages and protects some of Europe's oldest bog lands, heather covered mountains, broad-leafed and coniferous woodlands. The Wicklow Mountains offers a vast diversity of scenery; from woodlands and rolling hills to lush green valleys, streams and lakes. The area provides habitat for native species including sika and red hybrid deer, foxes, badgers, hares and birds of prey.

Central to the area is Glendalough, the famous and globally important monastic settlement where we will walk in the footsteps of St. Kevin. The settlement grew for centuries after its foundation in the 6th century to become Ireland's earliest proto-urban development and a European hub for education. The imposing round tower overlooks a scene of exceptional natural beauty. Glendalough, meaning a valley of two lakes (Gleann Da Loch) possesses contemplative ambience and is a landscape imbued with the spirituality of its illustrious past.

Accomodation



Accommodations
During this trip, all overnights are spent at the BrookLodge Hotel & Macreddin Village. This accommodation offers elegant and modern rooms with extensive facilities including an indoor-to-outdoor pool, Hammam massage center and sauna. There are 86 bedrooms in total, spanning across 3 buildings: BrookLodge, BrookHall & BrookMews. There are various types of rooms available ranging from traditional style Standard Rooms to New York style Mezzanine Suites. Many rooms feature four poster or sleigh beds and all rooms have private bathroom.
Free WiFi is available throughout.

Wells Spa:
The Wells Spa is an adult only 'Destination Spa', featuring a Hammam massage room, wet and dry flotation rooms, heated relaxation loungers, a serail mud chamber, aroma steam room, sauna, outdoor hot tub & numerous water features.















Meals
5 Full Irish Breakfasts, 4 Packed Lunches and 4 Dinners are included in the price of your trip.
The Brooklodge has award-winning restaurants.
We also organize other local restaurants for some evenings (not included).
It is useful to bring a small waterproof pad to sit on for our picnic lunches.

Special diets and dietary restrictions:
The hotel can cater to any special diet or dietary restriction. Please, remind the hotel staff at time of your arrival.

Riding

These hiking trips show you the best of Ireland, its picturesque scenery, the grandeur of its mountains, the warmth and hospitality of its people and the magic of their music. Call it an Irish walking holiday; a hiking vacation in Ireland; even a sabbatical - maybe you're researching Ireland, perhaps for a thesis or book; or perhaps you want to see the Ireland of your Irish ancestors. Call it any or all of these, but treat yourself to a tour of Erin's Isle anyway.

This holiday, guided by someone who really knows and cares for Ireland, is the best way to see this enchanting country; imagine yourself hiking (or walking) over Irish mountains, pausing by Irish lakes, drinking in Irish pubs and listening to traditional Irish music.

Ireland has a lot to offer the walker: dramatic sea cliffs, high mountain ridges, quiet green roads, butter roads, fuchsia-lined lanes, heath and moorland, sweeping expanses of beach. And then there are the sleepy villages, oak woods, sky-blue lakes, torrential waterfalls and babbling brooks.
Ireland's climate ideally suits the walker as generally it rarely gets too hot to be uncomfortable. Rain and cloud-formations are what bring the interesting light patterns and rainbows. The Western coast and islands are known for magnificent sunsets.

Don't be surprised at the very few people you will meet whilst walking, after all, the entire population of Ireland is only around four million! Ireland is a birdwatcher's paradise with many rarities such as the corncrake. It is also a great place for botanists, especially the area of the Burren, Co. Clare.

Maybe the best attraction of all is the people, you'll never find another place like it for hospitality, friendliness, warmth, generosity, humour, love of life and love of the land.

Our hiking tours of Ireland are fully escorted by experienced, professional guides. We travel through Ireland in groups of no more than twelve people. We will escort you on hikes through Ireland's most scenic trails, walk through undiscovered routes lined with extraordinary vistas. Whether you wish to hike through Connemara, walk parts of the Dingle Way, or take a ferry to the Aran Islands, sit back, relax and let us take care of your Irish hiking vacation.

Itinerary

Sample Itinerary - *subject to changes*

Day 1: Arrival
Pick-up at Dublin Airport at 1.00 pm and transfer to the BrookLodge Hotel. After settling in and light refreshments, we will take a nice walk around the village of Aughrim just to get the legs ready for the days ahead! Aughrim is known locally as "The Granite City" because of its many buildings constructed from locally quarried Wicklow Granite.
Distance: 5 km / 3 miles, Ascent: little to none.
Meals included: none
Overnight at BrookLodge Hotel & Macreddin Village

Day 2: St. Kevin's Monastic Settlement & Derrybawn Woodlands
Our first walk starts in the valley of Glendalough, in Irish, (Gleann Dá Loch, meaning "Valley of two lakes"). Our journey takes us into the 6th Century Monastic Settlement, where we will do a short tour of some of the monuments and ruined churches that exist there. From here we will continue along to explore the glacier moulded valley and its two lakes, before starting a short ascent to Pollanass Waterfall and into Derrybawn Woods. Here we will be offered stunning views down over the Glendalough Valley and surrounding countryside.
Distance: 9 km / 5. 6 miles, Ascent: 190 m / 570 ft.
Meals included: Breakfast, Packed Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at BrookLodge Hotel & Macreddin Village

Day 3: Trooperstown & Paddock Hill
Today's walk takes us south through Ballard Forest, We will pass evidence of a forgotten farming community that once lived and toiled the land. We follow a local's path up the heather covered Trooperstown Hill that will lead to magnificent views in all directions including rolling hills, the Irish Sea, the Wicklow Mountains, and the Round Tower of Glendalough. Our walking trail gently descends into Trooperstown Forest, over the Avonmore River and up Paddock Hill where we will join another part of the Wicklow Way.
Distance: 17 km / 10.5 miles, Ascent: 350 m / 1050 ft.
Meals included: Breakfast, Packed Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at BrookLodge Hotel & Macreddin Village

Day 4: The Vale of Clara & Avoca
Our walking trail today takes us to the magical Vale of Clara, a nature reserve containing the largest area of natural hardwood woodlands in the country. The serenity of this ancient oak woodland is contagious and is ideally followed by lunch on the banks of the babbling Avonmore River beside the charming church of Clara (1799). We will then visit the famous Avoca Woollen Mills for an exploration of their historical and operational mill and will finish off the day with a bit of shopping and perhaps a treat.
Distance: 9 km / 5.5 miles, Ascent: 220 m / 660 ft.
Meals included: Breakfast, Packed Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at BrookLodge Hotel & Macreddin Village

Day 5: Botanic Gardens Kilmacurragh & the town of Rathdrum
The first part of our adventure today takes us to The National Botanic Gardens, Kilmacurragh, An Eighteenth-Century Arboretum. We will have a guided tour of the gardens and hear the Thomas Acton family's story that developed the estate in the nineteenth century. The guided tour lasts approximately 1 hr. Afterwards, you will have some free time to wander and explore the magnificent gardens and their surroundings.
In the afternoon we will take a short drive to the town of Rathdrum where we will do a circular walk, starting and finishing in the town.
Along the walk, we will visit an old Famine Graveyard, walk part of a mass path used in bygone days as a recognised path or track to and from church and through a Millennium Forest. Finishing with a beautiful relaxing stroll along the banks of the Avonmore River. Of course, no date would be complete without a visit to one of the fine establishments (Bars) that Rathdrum has to offer.
Distance: 8 km / 5 miles, Ascent: 80 m / 240 ft.
Meals included: Breakfast, Packed Lunch & Dinner
Overnight at BrookLodge Hotel & Macreddin Village











Overnight at BrookLodge Hotel & Macreddin Village

Day 6: Departure
Depart for Dublin Airport after our final hearty Irish breakfast, arriving at 12 noon.
Meals included: Breakfast

Other Info

Meeting: Dublin airport
Airport: Dublin
Transfer: Dublin airport
Pick-up at Dublin Airport at 1.00pm on Day 1
Depart from Dublin at 12.30pm

Tack:

Horses:

Pace: Moderate with some ascends.

Level: (2 to 2 out of 5) Moderate

Riders: Min 4 riders Max 14 riders

Rates and Dates 2024 - ZZ-HKIR-F02

Rates include: Accommodations, Most meals, Transfer from/to Dublin Airport, All transport to and from walks and evenings out & Entry fees to the National Botanic Gardens Kilmacurragh

Packages and Options

Season	Description	EUR	~US$
A 2024	6 day trip - Guided	€1460	$1605

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

Transfer Option

Description

2024	Pickup at Dublin Airport and Return to Dublin Airport at the end of your tour is included		
2024	Single supplement	€740	$815

Tour Dates

Season	Tour Dates		
A 2024	06/16/2024 - 06/21/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip - Guided
A 2024	08/25/2024 - 08/30/2024	6d / 5n	6 day trip - Guided

Min/Max: 4/14

Rates do not include:Drinks, Dinner on first day & Gratuities

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.	Fitness Level: Excellent	Good	Moderate	Poor	need to rent equipm.
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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 maling address):

I have enclosed a check for the deposit ☐

Additional Signatures:

2. _____

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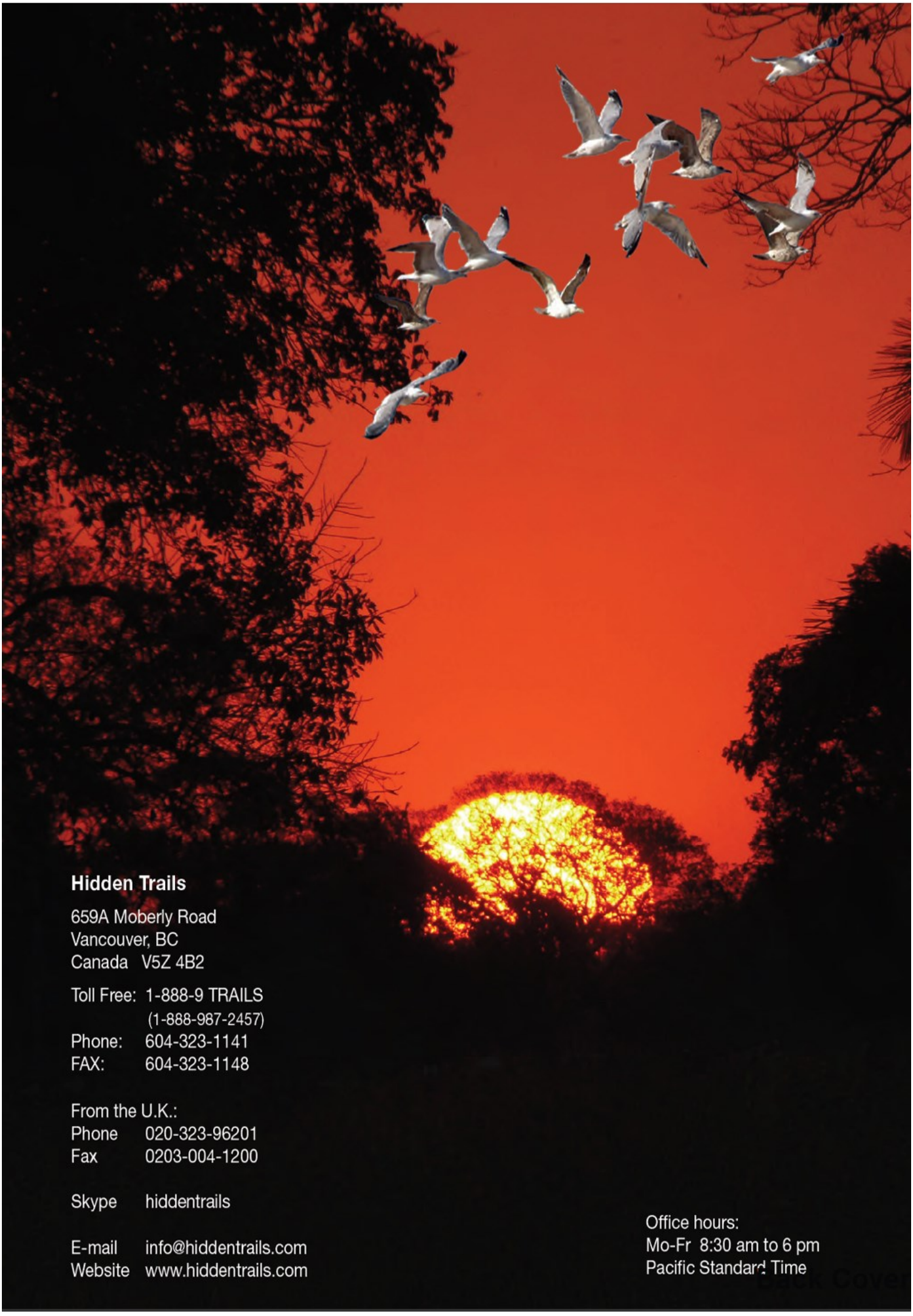
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Travel Cancellation Insurance Credit Card required

Sign me (us) up ☐ initial _____

No, we will provide our own ☐ initial _____

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