

Estancia Los Potreros, Argentina

Festivals and events 2009/2010

This document outlines some of the major festivals and events taking place both local to Los Potreros and in Buenos Aires over the coming year. A combination of one of these with a stay at Los Potreros would truly make a special and memorable holiday!

Kindly note that as many of these events are by external organisers, and in some cases weather dependent, dates may be subject to change or cancellation.

LOCAL EVENTS

National Rodeo and Folkloric Music Festival

When? 8th January – 17th January 2010 (to be confirmed)

Where? Jesus Maria, approximately 1 hour from Estancia Los Potreros

Description This festival combines two of the gauchos biggest loves – horses and music. The national rodeo championships are combined with the best in Argentine folklore music at this annual spectacle. Outside of the scheduled events there is a large fair outside of the arena selling all sorts of local goods. If you are staying at Los Potreros this week we take guests down one evening for supper and to watch the rodeo.

Find out more www.festival.org.ar



Folklore Music Festival

When? Last week in January (dates to be confirmed)

Where? Cosquin, Cordoba (about 2 hours from Los Potreros)

Description This normally fairly low-key town transforms for the last week in January into one of the biggest folklore music festivals in Argentina.

Find out more www.aquicosquin.org

Dia de Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria

When? 2nd February

Where? La Estancita, the local church to Los Potreros

Description This very local and rural event is a celebration to the Virgin Mary. A mass is followed by a procession, carrying a statue of the Virgin Mary, with both followers on foot and a gaucho cavalcade on horseback. As part of the local community, Estancia Los Potreros always attends this ceremonial day, arriving by horseback, and allows guests to witness a truly unique local celebration



The 'Yerra' or cattle branding

When? Usually first weekend in March, but subject to change

Where? Estancia Los Potreros

Description Estancia Los Potreros is one of the increasingly few estancias in Argentina that still carries out the annual cattle branding in traditional style. Taking place over a full weekend, this a true

community event where local gauchos gather to show-off their prowess in the corrals, lassoing the young stock for branding in preparation for the sales.

BUENOS AIRES EVENTS

Rural Exhibition – Country Fair

When? 24th July – 5th August 2009

Where? Buenos Aires

Description The ‘Rural’ is the largest agricultural show in Argentina. Lasting a week, it combines fixed exhibitors and a range of native breeds (including horses, cattle, etc) with a full programme of events and exhibitions

Find out more www.exposicionrural.com.ar

Argentine Polo Open Championships

When? 14th November – 5th December (weekends only)

Where? Buenos Aires

Description The only place to see polo played at the highest level in the world.

This extraordinary sporting event takes place over 4 weekends, with only 8 teams taking part. Each team plays once each weekend, and so any weekend ticket will guarantee that you see all of the top players in action. Not just for polo lovers, go along to people watch!

