

Estancia Los Potreros, Argentina

Itinerary

There is no set itinerary during a holiday at Estancia Los Potreros. There are many different rides to experience, and you can decide what you would like to do once you are at the estancia. Whether or not you get to experience everything outlined below will of course depend on how long you stay, the weather as well as what else is happening at the time.

On your first day, if you arrive by 16:00 then you should be in time for an introduction to the horses and gauchos, followed by a familiarisation ride. If you arrive later, then your first ride will be the following day. Thereafter the rides vary every day, according to season, your wishes and the length of your stay.

Please note that there is no riding on Sunday afternoons.



Set out on a long morning ride to the far south of the estancia. Descend into a local village to visit an unusual chapel and museum built by Guido Buffo as a memorial to his wife and daughter.

A ride over the estate may follow streams through valleys to the “top of the world”, the highest point on the estancia, which has spectacular views out over the Sierra Chicas. The trail along the ridge is perfect for condor and eagle spotting.



On one afternoon you may be introduced to the wonderful Peruvian Paso horses, which have been home-bred on the estancia. Learn about this special five gaited breed and perhaps try out their smooth paces if you are an experienced rider.



A full day ride takes you the hidden waterfall, where you can take a refreshing dip or relax in the shade. Continue on horseback as a wonderful long track takes you up to Potrero de Niz, the original home of your hosts, the Begg family. Perhaps have a picnic lunch and admire superb views over the valleys. In the afternoon, head back to the estancia via the ‘Bellstone’.

A scenic ride takes you through gorges and over the mountains to reach ‘Las Tasas’, a natural swimming hole where you can dive, swim or just relax in the sun. After a picnic lunch, perhaps help the gauchos round up the mares and foals to protect them from puma.



Informal polo is usually played around once a week at Los Potreros, so depending on the length of your stay, you may have the chance to try this fast, fun and highly addictive game.



Under guidance from the gauchos, one day you may have the chance to carry out some tasks with the herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle. Perhaps collect them and move them across the hills to the cattle station or help round them up. Later, you might try lassoing in the corrals or learn about the cattle operation.

The annual cattle branding usually takes place over two weekends in February and/or March.



The national rodeo festival is held in a town about an hour from the estancia, usually in the second week of

January, and it can usually be arranged for you to visit one evening if you would like to.

Depending on your onward arrangements, there may be time for a final morning ride. If your room is needed for arriving guests, then you will have somewhere to put your luggage and freshen up or shower before you leave.