

Canyons and Waterfalls, Brazil

Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary may change depending on the weather at the time and other local conditions.

Day One

Transfer from Porto Alegre to the start of the ride in the canyons area (a journey of c. 4-5 hours). Your ride starts in a remote corner in the south of Brazil, near to some of the most beautiful canyons in the world.



The following is an example itinerary. Due to unforeseen circumstances it may be necessary to alter the riding route and accommodation, but any changes are made with your best interests in mind.

On arrival at the fazenda, meet your local guide and settle in to your room. Later, there will be a ride briefing. Learn more about the region, whilst sampling a local drink (made with cachaça and fruits).



Dinner and overnight at Pousada Fazenda Monte Negro.

Day Two

After breakfast, set off on horseback along the escarpments of the Aparados de Serra. Ride into the Campos de Cima da Serra. In this Atlantic rainforest you might see beautiful bromeliads, ferns and lilies growing in the rich soil.



This entire area was formed by intense volcanic activity millions of years ago. There are numerous canyons in this region – some are very impressive.

Lunch will be a picnic out on the trail.

Later, you may see the 'viracão', a mysterious fog that sometimes drifts in during the late afternoon. Return to the fazenda by a different route.



Approximately 5 hours of riding.

Dinner and overnight at Pousada Fazenda Monte Negro.

Day Three

After breakfast, set off on horseback. Today's route takes you to the peak of Monte Negro, at 1,403 metres it is the highest point on the ride. Return to the fazenda for lunch.



In the afternoon, the ride goes into the “peirais of the Aparados”, where you will discover more canyons and cliffs.

Approximately 5 hours of riding.

If there is time on returning to the fazenda, visit the Lopes family who live nearby, (a car journey of around 10km). This gaucho family work and live the same way as they have done for more than 100 years, working hard to raise cattle and horses. The family also produces the famous Serrano cheese.



Dinner and overnight at Pousada Fazenda Monte Negro.

Day Four

Set off after breakfast on the journey to Fazenda Potreirinho. On today’s route you will negotiate many rolling hills and there may be the chance for some stretches of canter.

You will come across some beautiful waterfalls. Lunch will be a picnic on the banks of a river, while the horses rest in a shady spot nearby.



Pass by the small village of Silveiras and perhaps stop at a traditional bar for a cold beer. Afterwards, pass by a ranch belonging Leonardo – breeder of your Criollo horses and Franqueiro cattle. As you make your way across Leonardo’s land you may see this Brazilian breed of long-horn cattle.



Approximately 5-6 hours of riding.

Dinner and overnight at Fazenda Potreirinho.

Day Five

Today’s ride takes you past Cachoeirão, the biggest waterfall in the area. There will be plenty of time for taking photographs before continuing your ride.



The hilly landscape today means there are fantastic panoramas to enjoy along the way. Further up into the

mountains, stop at another waterfall where there is the chance for a refreshing dip.



Return to Fazenda Potreirinho for a late lunch. In the late afternoon, be transferred to your overnight stop, a journey of c. 2 hours.

Approximately 5 hours of riding.

Dinner and overnight at Fazenda Santana.

Day Six

After breakfast, meet your new horses and begin riding through fields and forests. During today's ride you will see two beautiful waterfalls. There will be a chance to swim at one of them, followed by a picnic lunch.



In the afternoon, continue riding through the typical scenery of Campos de Cima da Serra. There may be the chance to help Alencar (your local horseman) to round up cattle.



Return to the fazenda by a different route, perhaps seeing the mysterious fog called 'viracão' drift in as you ride.

It is a journey of c. 30 minutes to your final accommodation.

Approximately 5 hours of riding.

Dinner in Cambara do Sol and overnight at Fazenda Baio Ruano.

Day Seven

After breakfast, set off to Porto Alegre, (a journey of c. 3 hours).