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Estancia Los Potreros

ARGENTINA

Long **trail rides** through wonderful countryside, the chance to experience rural Argentine culture and traditions, plus non-riding activities such as bird-watching and scenic walks, are all possible on a centre-based stay at this traditional working estancia amidst the beautiful Sierra Chicas.

Ranches and Cattle Drives	**8 days / 7 riding**	**From £3,229**		Family holidays from 10 y.o	Open to non-riders


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ITINERARY

Highlights

- Relax in the comfort and elegance of a family-owned estancia
- Eat delicious, home-cooked food and sample local wines
- Enjoy rides through beautiful surrounding countryside
- Competent riders can experience the "cadillac of horses", the Peruvian Paso
- Get a taste of Argentine culture, riding alongside gauchos, help out with the cattle
- Depending on the weather conditions, try your hand at polo
- Participate in other, non-riding activities such as scenic walks, wine tasting, cooking classes, bird watching, farm drives and even golf (at an extra cost - there are three excellent golf courses nearby)

Day 1 — 1: CORDOBA - 2 hours riding

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Fly to Cordoba where you will be met by a driver and transferred to the estancia (c. 50mins drive). If you plan to arrive after 8pm, an additional transfer fee may apply.

You can check in to your room from 2pm. Guests are welcome to arrive earlier and have lunch with the team. Depending on your arrival day/time, in the afternoon you could join a group walk or head out for sunset ride to get used to the "gaucho" style of riding: long legs, deep seats and neck reining.

In the evening, enjoy dinner with your hosts Kevin and Georgia and your fellow riders. Overnight at the estancia.

IMPORTANT: The itinerary is flexible and may vary from week to week. The following is an example of some of the rides and activities on offer. You can also ride as much or as little as you'd like.

Please also note that on Sundays, there are morning rides, but no afternoon rides. There are a range of other activities available on the estancia (such as guided walks, farm drives and wine tastings).

Day 2 — 2: LOS POTREROS - 4-6 hours riding

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For your first day at Los Potreros, ride to the 'Top of the World', the highest point on the estancia, to appreciate the spectacular views out over the Sierras Chicas. The trail along the ridge is perfect for condor and eagle spotting, before returning to the estancia in time for lunch on the veranda.

In the afternoon, you may be head out on an organised group walk or be invited to a demonstration and introduction to the very special Peruvian Paso horse. You may also choose simply to relax at the estancia.

Dinner and overnight at the estancia.

Day 3 — 3: LOS POTREROS - 4-6 hours riding

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Enjoy a long morning's ride galloping alongside the gauchos, heading out to explore the hidden waterfall of the Condors, before heading back to enjoy a Los Potreros speciality of Pizza a la Parrilla. Take the rest of the afternoon to relax by the pool and in the early evening head out for a sunset ride on our Peruvian Paso's.

Dinner and overnight at the estancia.

Day 4 — 4: LOS POTREROS - 4-6 hours riding

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Cattle day! Discover your inner gaucho as you help the boys round up our herd of award-winning Aberdeen Angus, collecting them and moving them across the hills to our cattle station. Following lunch ´gaucho style´ under a shady tree, see if you can master the art of the lasso in the corrals, before some lovely long open canters along the top of the hills as you return to the estancia for tea and cake on the veranda.

Dinner and overnight at the estancia.

Day 5 — 5: LOS POTREROS - 4-6 hours riding

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The ride this morning drops down to a hidden waterfall where you can take a dip or just take a few moments to relax in the cool shade. From there a wonderful long canter takes you up to 'Potrero de Niz', the original family home of the Beggs, and a delicious picnic lunch on the porch. Perched on the top of a hill, the house has stunning views over the valleys. Be warned that once there you will never want to leave! In the afternoon you'll ride back via the 'Bellstone' which will have the geologists amongst you scratching your heads.

Tonight, the chefs open the farm kitchen doors and invite you to join them in preparing some traditional local dishes whilst sampling some more fabulous Argentine wines.

Dinner and overnight at the estancia.

Day 6 — 6: LOS POTREROS - 4-6 hours riding

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This morning head out with the gauchos to ride around a different area of the farm, look out for burrowing owls and enjoy your mid-morning coffee with panoramic views and incredible blue skies. Enjoy a traditional Argentine 'asado', sampling several different cuts of the estancia's home-reared beef, washed down with plenty of Malbec.

Take the rest of the afternoon to relax by the pool and in the evening, you are invited to an informal wine-tasting, sampling local wines of the region.

Dinner and overnight at the estancia.

Day 7 — 7: LOS POTREROS - 4-6 hours riding

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On your final day, ride through plunging gorges and over soaring mountain tops to reach 'Las Tasas' – a gorgeous natural swimming-hole where you can dive, swim or just take a snooze in the sun. After a shady picnic lunch, help the gauchos round up the mares and foals to protect them from the elusive puma.

Tonight, enjoy some live traditional Argentine music with a glass of wine in the garden before sitting down to a fabulous farewell dinner.

Dinner and overnight at the estancia.

Day 8 — 8: DEPARTURE

After a hearty breakfast, you will be transferred back to Cordoba airport for your flight home.

Check out is at 10am. Guests with later departures are welcome to ride in the morning and stay for lunch but you must check out of your room by 10am.

DATES & PRICES

DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
21/11/2026	28/11/2026	£3,229	Full
28/11/2026	05/12/2026	£3,229	Full
05/12/2026	12/12/2026	£3,229	Full
12/12/2026	19/12/2026	£3,229	Full
19/12/2026	26/12/2026	£3,229	Full
26/12/2026	02/01/2027	£3,229	Full
02/01/2027	09/01/2027	£3,229	Full
09/01/2027	16/01/2027	£3,229	Full
16/01/2027	23/01/2027	£3,229	Guaranteed departure
23/01/2027	30/01/2027	£3,229	Guaranteed departure
30/01/2027	06/02/2027	£3,229	Full
06/02/2027	13/02/2027	£3,229	Full
13/02/2027	20/02/2027	£3,229	Full
20/02/2027	27/02/2027	£3,229	Full
27/02/2027	06/03/2027	£3,229	Full
06/03/2027	13/03/2027	£3,229	Full
13/03/2027	20/03/2027	£3,229	Full
20/03/2027	27/03/2027	£3,229	Full
27/03/2027	03/04/2027	£3,229	Full

03/04/2027	10/04/2027	£3,229	Guaranteed departure
10/04/2027	17/04/2027	£3,229	Guaranteed departure
17/04/2027	24/04/2027	£3,229	Guaranteed departure
11/09/2027	18/09/2027	£3,663	Guaranteed departure
18/09/2027	25/09/2027	£3,663	Guaranteed departure
25/09/2027	02/10/2027	£3,663	Guaranteed departure
02/10/2027	09/10/2027	£3,663	Guaranteed departure
09/10/2027	16/10/2027	£3,663	Guaranteed departure
16/10/2027	23/10/2027	£3,663	Guaranteed departure
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08/04/2028	15/04/2028	£3,663	Guaranteed departure
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Price details

- International/domestic flights are not included but can be booked on request - please contact us for rates.

- Rates are per person, based on two riders sharing a twin or double room during your stay.

- Rates listed are based on a stay of 7 nights, but you can stay for as long as you wish, please contact us to enquire about shorter or longer stays. The minimum stay is 3 nights (except between 15th December and 8th January, when it's a 5-night minimum stay). We recommend a stay of 7 nights so that you can experience all of the activities on offer (stays of 7 nights or more also benefit from a special long stay rate). The dates shown are for example purposes only. Please note the listed price includes a tax refund and is not valid for Argentinian citizens.

- You can arrive and depart on any day, except for 24th, 25th, and 31st of December, 1st of January and Easter Sunday.

- Check in is at 14:00 and check out is at 10:00. Those guests with later departures are welcome to ride in the morning and stay for lunch but must check out of their rooms by 10:00.

- Please also note that on Sundays, there are morning rides but no afternoon rides. On Sunday afternoons there are usually group walks.

- Groups are usually composed of 4-6 riders.

- Transfers to/from the airport/Cordoba City will be charged at US$100 per vehicle, per way, from 1st May 2026 and at US$120 per vehicle, per way, from 1st May 2027. As a safety precaution, it is not recommend that guests take an overnight bus.

- Single rooms come at no extra cost but are subject to availability.

- Children are welcome but must be aged 10 or more, except by prior agreement. There is a discount of 20% for children aged 10 to 16 years old. The estancia has two cottages with interconnecting rooms, ideal for families.

- The estancia can be booked on an ‘exclusive use’ basis for groups of 8 full paying adults or more. Please enquire.

- Non-riders and beginner riders are welcome at the estancia.

- Aside from the normal trail rides, there are other activities at the estancia that can be organised with the hosts on arrival or guests can express their interest at the time of booking:

> Walking: The same trails that are used for riding make for wonderful and varied walking. Guests can either join a guided walk with one of the estancia staff, or head out on their own or with some of the estancia dogs.
> Birdwatching: The estancia has fantastic bird life all year round. The Andean Condor, Black Chested Buzzard Eagle, American Kestrel and Black Vulture are just some of the commonly seen larger birds.
> Farm drives: The estancia owners are delighted to drive guests around the estancia in a 4x4 to learn some of the history of the estancia or visit the cattle station to learn more about the life of the gaucho.
> Polo: It may be possible to book beginner/novice polo sessions upon request for a minimum of 2 guests. This has an additional cost and is subject to availability, as well as good ground and weather conditions.
> Wine tastings, chefs nights, lassoing sessions, horse/gaucho demonstrations.
> Relaxing by the pool. Please note the pool is open from October until March.

- Please note the estancia is closed in May, June and July. The month of August is reserved for group departures.
Please Note
The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.
The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

Price includes

SUPPORT TEAM

1 English speaking horse guide and a team of gauchos

LOGISTIC

1 horse equipped with saddle and bridle

ACCOMMODATION

Single, double or twin room at the estancia

MEALS

Full board from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast Day 8 (includes soft drinks, house wine and beer, local spirits)

EXTRAS

All activities on the estancia with the exception of polo.

Price doesn't include

MEALS

Personal extras

TRANSPORTS

International and domestic flights
Visa fees for those with USA, Canadian or Australian passports
Return airport transfers

EXTRA

Tips to local team

INSURANCE

Cancellation and travel insurances are not included. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend to take out an insurance policy as soon as your travel is booked in case of cancellation.

EQUESTRIAN INFO

Horses

With a riding herd of over 80 horses, there is something to suit everyone. The horses, mainly bred on the estancia, are responsive, sure-footed and willing. The varied work that they take part in, including rounding up cattle, taking out guests or playing polo, combined with the natural lifestyle they lead in an un-stabled herd environment means the horses are always fresh, interested and keen to do their jobs. The herd is a mixture of Criollos, Paso Peruanos and crossbreeds.

Guide & local team

Your hosts are estancia owner Kevin Begg and general manager Georgia. The estancia also has a team English-speaking guides alongside local gauchos. There is an English-speaking guide on all rides and activities on the farm.

Minimum riding ability

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

The estancia welcomes riders of all abilities, from complete beginners to experienced riders. Rides are split according to ability so that those who wish to only walk can do so, whilst those that prefer some trotting and cantering can move on a faster pace where appropriate.

Some activities, such as polo or cattle work, are reserved for those with riding experience.

There is weight limit of 90kg / 14,1st / 198lbs.
For polo or to ride Peruvian Paso horses, there is limit of 83kg / 13st / 182lbs.

PACE

The pace is varied and dependent on your wishes. However, the terrain is quite rocky and so fast riding is not always possible. There will be opportunities to canter during the course of the week, but this is not a fast ride.
Competent riders may get the chance to ride a Paso Peruano horse which is characterised by: the "llano de paso". This is a "running walk" where the horse exhibits alternate lateral movements - it is a smooth, graceful, fast and extremely comfortable pace.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

You are not expected to tack up your horse and this is all done for you by the team of gauchos. If you wish to assist then you may do so. You may be asked to help untack at the end of the day.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

Guests with good physical fitness will feel more comfortable on the longer riding days, but all abilities can be accommodated. No specific experience is required on this trip.

Guests can expect to be in the saddle between 4 and 6 hours per day.

Visiting a new country offers the opportunity to meet other cultures with different mentalities, therefore it is important to accept these differences and respect the local way of life.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

For trails you will ride in traditional Argentina tack - wooden saddles with many sheepskin layers on top for comfort and simple snaffle bridles. For polo you will ride in English tack.

We recommend that riders wear a helmet to the correct standard and bring your own to ensure a proper fit. A hard hat must be worn when playing polo, during gaucho games or for children.

A limited supply of hard hats and half chaps are available to borrow at the estancia.

TRAVEL INFO

COMFORT

Accommodation on the estancia is simple and traditional, but with all the creature comforts. The estancia can welcome a maximum of 12 guests. Rooms are individual and tastefully furnished in keeping with the history and style of the estancia, and have their own private bathroom, with walk-in showers in every room. Each guest bedroom also has Wifi. .

You can find antiques and books around the estancia, and crisp winter nights are warmed by wood-burning stoves and open log fires. There is a pool to rest after long rides in the summer heat (not open during the winter months). For families, the estancia also has two cottages with interconnecting rooms.

MEALS

Meal times are one of the highlights of a stay at the estancia -- everyone eats together and the hosts are always keen to share their insights into Argentine life. Dishes are homemade, European in style, and varied and delicious, often featuring meat, which is popular in Argentina, and local wines. Ingredients are locally sourced, and wherever possible, produced on the farm. The estancia has its own organically grown vegetables, fruit and free-range eggs.

The estancia can cater for most dietary requirements, however, please
note that in rural Argentina, the range of speciality products, particularly for gluten-free or lactose-free diets, is more limited than in many other countries. Please inform us of any specific dietary requirements in advance and prior to booking.

WATER
Each guest is provided with a personal reusable water bottle, which can be refilled and taken on all activities around the estancia. In addition, every room is provided with filtered drinking water 3 times a day.

CLIMATE

The climate of Córdoba, like most of the province, is sub-tropical with four distinct seasons. However, this part of Argentina can be visited all round and the pleasant riding weather can be experienced at all times of the year, with few extremes.

The average annual temperature is 18 ° C.

In January, the hottest month of the southern summer, temperatures range between 17 ° C and 31 ° C, with high temperature differences between day and night.

In July, the coldest month of the southern winter, average temperatures vary between 4 ° C and 19 ° C, with frequent frosts and occasional, but rare, snowfalls.

TIPS

Tipping is not expected but if you are happy with the service you receive then you may wish to leave a tip for the team. You can leave this with your guide who will ensure that it is split between all members of staff. We would recommend c. USD 10-15 per day per person.

PACKING LIST

Please pack carefully and sensibly: the following guide is here to give you an idea of what to bring.

Head
-Equus Journeys strongly recommend that you wear a riding helmet and that you take your own to ensure a correct fit. You will have to wear a riding helmet if you wish to play Polo.
-Sunhat for when not riding
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or bandana for protecting your neck and face from the sun and dust
- Warm hat if visiting during the winter months of June-August

Upper body
- Thermals in case of cold weather during the winter months of June - August
- Long sleeved shirts provide protection from the sun
- T-shirts
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Warm polar fleece or equivalent (plus a spare in case one gets wet)
- Waterproof jacket - rain can be difficult to predict and it's better to be prepared.

Legs
- Lightweight, comfortable riding trousers or jodhpurs - we recommend riding in them at home before taking them on holiday to ensure they don't rub
- Waterproof over trousers in the winter months of June - August
- Casual clothes for the evenings (jeans or walking trousers)
- Thermals in case of cold weather during the winter months of June - August

Hands and Feet
- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps but you may wish to take long chaps. We don't recommend taking your favourite long leather boots in case they get damaged
- Lightweight shoes or trainers for the evenings
- Several pairs of warm socks
- Gloves - your hands are particularly exposed to the sun, wind or rain whilst riding

Other useful items
- Swimsuit - for swimming/bathing in rivers - particularly during the summer months (Nov-Mar)
- Bumbag for carrying your camera and small items whilst riding
- Headtorch or small torch for moving around at night - bring spare batteries and bulbs
- Ear plugs (for light sleepers)
- Binoculars (for farm drives and nature walks)

Medical kit - Please ensure you bring a sufficient supply of any personal medication you may require during your stay, as access to pharmacies is limited in rural areas.
- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Insect repellent
- Any medication you regularly take
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc...
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Re-hydration sachets
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

Our Recommendations

- Backpacks cannot be worn whilst riding. We recommend a small bumbag or a coat with pockets so that you can carry small items with you during the day (camera, sunscreen, lipbalm etc)
- We recommend travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes in your hand luggage - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!
- Keep a copy of your passport and travel documents in a separate place in case you lose the originals
- Please be aware that internal flights in Argentina may have a lower luggage allowance than your international flight and you should pack according to the lowest limit.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

1. **Travel light.** It's a little known fact, but the lighter you pack, the better for the environment as heavy bags will produce higher emissions (when flying a plane or driving a car!).
2. **Reduce plastic waste.** Take your favorite reusable bottle with you. Avoid single-use bags, cups, or straws.
3. **Preserve nature.** Always take your rubbish with you during the ride and recycle them. Leave all the flowers or plants as you found them, and never get too close when observing wildlife. Make sure to use eco-friendly products such as body wash or laundry detergent (if camping) to protect both your skin and the environment.
4. **Choose your experiences carefully.** Respect animal life by not participating in any activities that abuse wild animals (shows, elephant rides, etc.).
5. **Support local populations.** Buy local handicrafts, be respectful of customs, and learn about the culture of local communities.
6. **Share!** Raise awareness among your family and friends about sustainable tourism.

For more information please see this page .