



## **SOUTHERN HORSES**

## Land of Gauchos

A Horseback riding trip to Argentina is one of the most passionate experiences in the world.

"Símbolo pampeano y hombre verdadero, generoso guerrero, amor, coraje, iSalvaje!

Gaucho, por decir mejor. Ropaje suelto de viento, protagonista de un cuento vencedor".

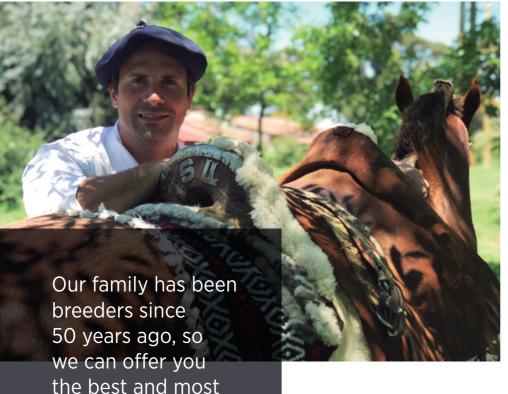
> Al hombre que pasó Ricardo Güiraldes Novelista y poeta argentino

With all types of topography and regions enclosed in the country with different climates and landscapes, Argentina offers you the perfect scenery for an unforgettable trip.

Stay at traditional and authentic Estancias where the Cattle work and the Criollo horses are part of the daily work, or ride between hundreds of wild animals in a Safari experience.

Camp beside your horse and listen to the peaceful rhythm of his breathing and hear the night-time sounds of the herd at rest. At dawn join the gaucho energy, dust and thrill of easing the herd into the morning mist of a day on the trail.

Be part of this experience. Get inside the countryside and discover the real and always surprising Land of Gauchos.





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Criollo horses.

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We are horse lovers and we specialize in customized experiences for our guests, fully committed to give the best service and personalized attention. Whether you seek a rustic experience working cattle with Gauchos on the pampas, a wild camp between mountains or a safari horseback adventure, Southern Horses has a travel package to delight you and catch the essence of Argentina in a different way.

Our operation spans three regions: La Pampa, Buenos Aires, and Patagonia. Each package will be tailored to the interests and skill level of the equestrians in the group.

# WHY COME | WITH US |

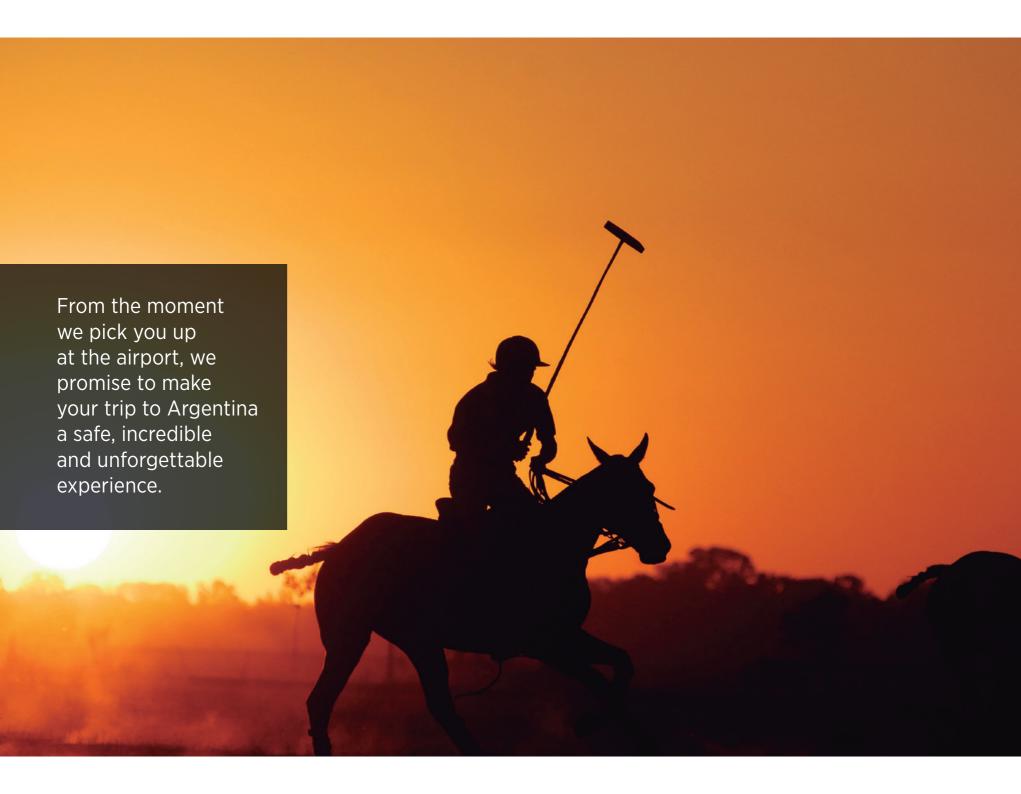
We are a family company and our main priority is to make you feel an unforgettable and authentic horseback Argentinean adventure.

In all our Estancias we breed and ride pure Argentinean Criollo horses. Our family has been breeders in the past 50 years ago, so we can offer you the best and most representative pure Criollo horses. Many of them have been awarded for their quality in local expositions.

The Criollo horses is an iconic Argentinean breed known for their robust, strong bodies and pleasant temperament.

Their hooves are thick and their dense double coat makes them well suited for both cold damp and hot dry weather. Thick manes, tails, and forelocks are characteristics of the horse. They do well in the steep, rugged terrain and in all working conditions. The Gaucho saddles are heavily padded both below and above the tree and have a high cantle and pommel. The soft sheepskin cover on the seat makes it very comfortable for long days of working cattle. Modern "Apero" saddles with thick sheepskins are used for all our rides. They are designed to distribute the body weight across the horse's back, thus minimizing strain on both the horse and rider. They are quite comfortable to ride. In case you want to use another type of saddle please let us know and we will be glad to prepare that for you.

"The Criollo horses are beings who possess beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity, and all the virtues of man without his vices. The horse is definitely the noblest conquest of man".



# ARGENTINA | TRAVEL |

Explore one of the world's most iconic destinations from horseback. Argentina is a country that is truly blessed with the amount of diversity in culture, nature and destinations that it offers.

"Aprendieron los caminos de las estrellas, los hábitos del aire y del pájaro, las profecías de las nubes del Sur y de la luna con un cerco".

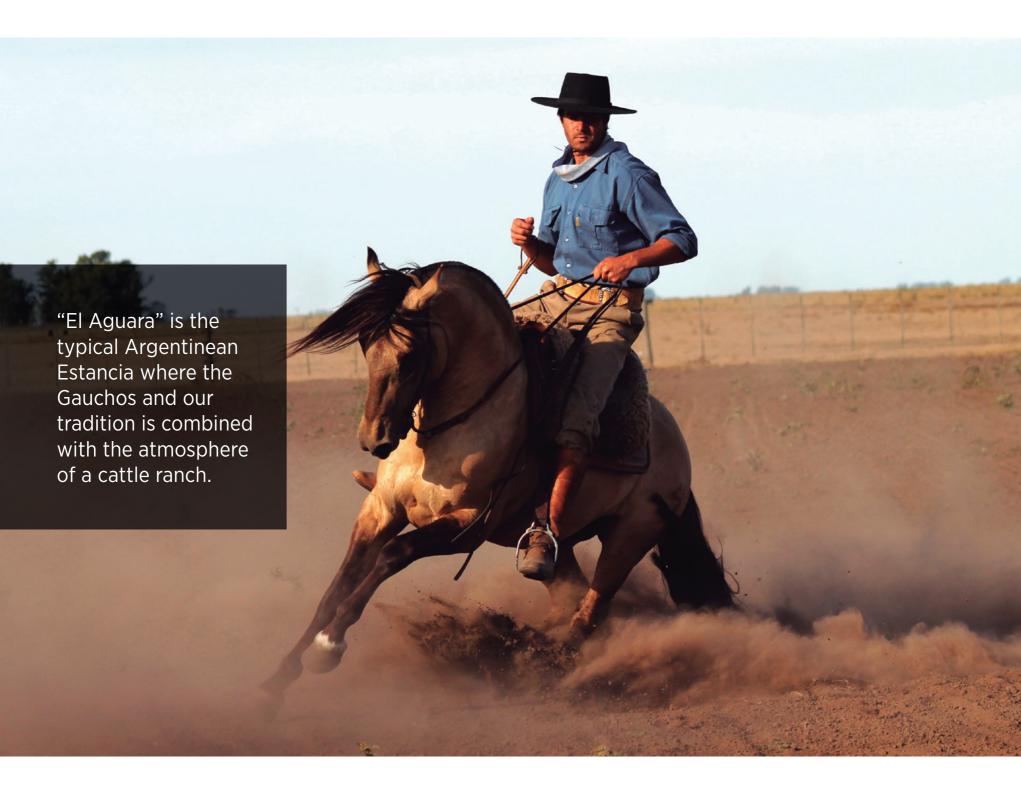
Los gauchos
Jorge Luis Borges
Poeta, ensayista y escritor argentino

There isn't one best time to visit Argentina – the whole country can be visited year-round. Patagonia is most accessible during Summer, autumn and Spring (between September and May). The weather in Buenos Aires between December and March (summer) is generally hot, but a visit in the cooler, crisp months of July and August can be delightful. Over spring (September to November) all regions come alive with wildflowers and the heat of the summer in Buenos Aires hasn't arrived.

The most common way to reach Argentina is on an overnight flight landing in Buenos Aires the following morning. The arrival and departure flights - from and to the country of origin- take place at Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE) of Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital and the world capital of the "Tango".

Travelers have at their disposal many non-stop flights of different airlines to our country. Flights coming from the USA and Europe generally arrive very early in the morning and depart in the evening. From the moment we pick you up at the airport, we promise to make your trip to Argentina a safe, incredible and unforgettable experience.

Our team is an experienced and hard-working team dedicated to give our guest an absolute customer satisfaction, Southern Horses is committed to the idea that the best advertisement is by word of mouth of our satisfied clients. In our tailored made package we could also include a cosmopolitan luxury experience, a gastronomic tour of Argentina's legendary food and wine culture, fishing adventure and also Polo lessons.



# EL AGUARA | ESTANCIA |

Enjoy the magic of a horseback safari with spectacular wildlife viewing and vast plains to run across. Capture the energy of endless beautiful sunsets like no other.

La Pampa Province is located in Central Argentina, 450 miles west of Buenos Aires. Is the natural habitat for Red Stag, Puma, Blackbucks, Wild boars, Ñandu, and many other kinds of wild animals that will make each moment an uncertain and challenging moment to face where riding becomes an authentic Horse Riding Safari.

"El Aguara" is the typical Argentinean Estancia where the Gauchos and our tradition is combined with the atmosphere of a cattle ranch. It is a 36.000 acre agricultural and stockbreeding farm that combines flat areas, forests, low hills, and an incredibly challenging landscape that everybody would love to face.

El Aguara is a great choice for all levels of riders, and also offers plenty of non-equestrian activities for the whole family. There are fun, forward going horses for experienced riders but also sensible, steady schoolmasters for the less experienced. Riding hours and the pace can be varied to suit with lots of opportunities for fast going although in some areas rides are at a slower pace due to the terrain. Here is usually about 4 to 6 hours riding a day with breaks for rests and lunch, although hours are flexible and tailored to suit also during the full moon nights we organize overnight excursions. There is also plenty of cattle work at the estancia, helping gauchos round up cattle or other activities.

The lodge provides comfortable home-base where you will enjoy personalized service and delicious locally-sourced meals celebrating Argentina's unique culinary culture.

As this is a working cattle ranch dates and length of stay are flexible and offered year-round. Accommodations include 3 double rooms with a private bathroom.

#### LOCATION

La Pampa Province, in Central Argentina, 150 miles Northwest from Bahía Blanca Airport.

#### **DRIVING TIME**

2:30 minutes drive from Bahía Blanca Airport.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

3 Double Rooms, each with private bathroom.

#### **SEASON**

All year round.

#### TRIP STYLE

Family Friendly, Horse Riding Safari, Great for Non rider companion, Riding and working, Wilderness Adventures, Riding and hunting.



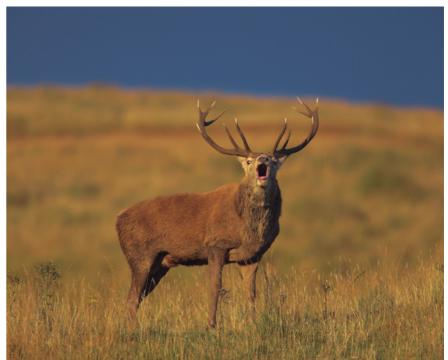




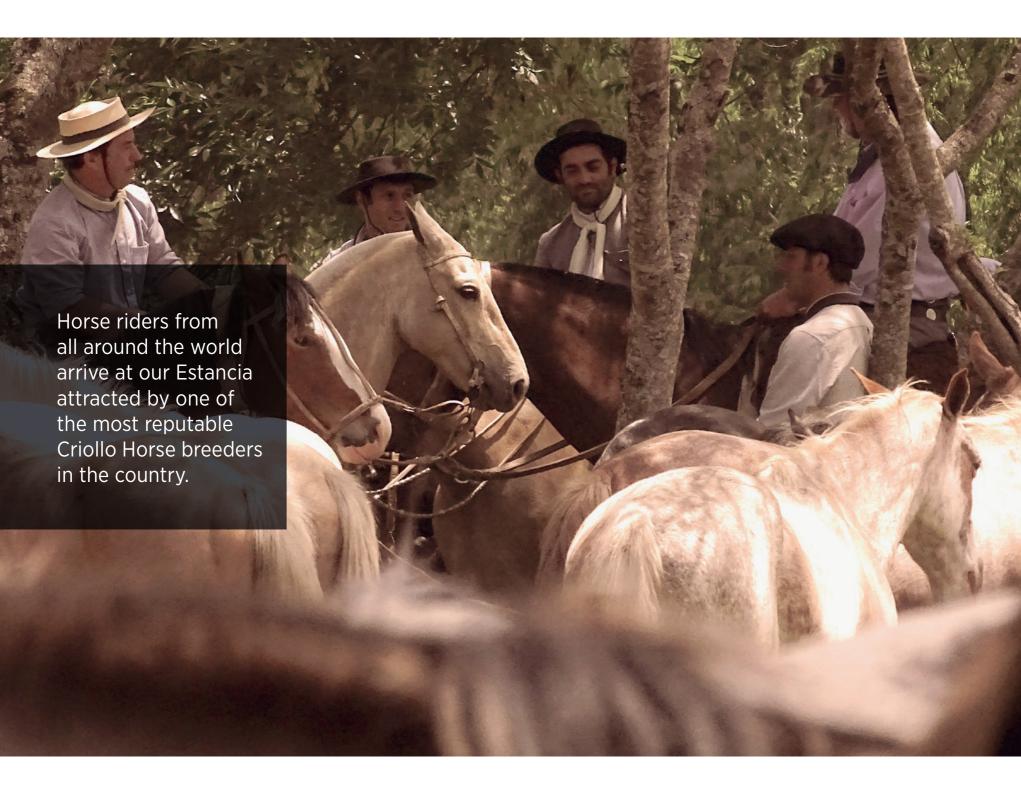


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# EL SOCORRO | ESTANCIA |

Buenos Aires Province is the perfect place if you are looking where to soak off the Argentinean culture and heritage.

This province is a country in itself. It is the biggest province of Argentina and in each town of the countryside, you breathe the tradition and the legacy of the Gaucho tradition.

In the heart of the Buenos Aires region lies "El Socorro", an 1890 Estancia surrounded by a great view and the immensity and stunning "Pampa Humeda".

This is a stockbreeding and stud farm located in the South-East of Buenos Aires Province, two hours and a half by car from Ezeiza Airport. It is located in one of the most remarkable cattle regions in Argentina with excellent quality of them. Horse riders from all around the world arrive at our Estancia attracted by one of the most reputable Criollo Horse breeders in the country.

There are many programs and activities to do at the Estancia. Riders will enjoy the pursuit of work with the cattle and the horse training every day, having the chance to work with a horse in their first steps to the breaking. We develop a special clinic to those who want to improve their ability to understand and influence horse behavior.

El Socorro provides luxury accommodations with outstanding food, wine, and service. Every aspect of our estancia offers the highest level of comfort while still maintaining a comfortable and familiar atmosphere. We can accommodate up to 8 people at the same time in comfortable suites. Relax in the living room or in the library with a cozy fireplace or unwind on the gallery with a glass of wine enjoying the majestic sunsets.

#### LOCATION

Buenos Aires Province, 80 miles from Buenos Aires International

#### **DRIVING TIME**

2:30 minutes drive from Ezeiza International

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

6 Double rooms.

#### HORSE DETAIL

Pure Criollo Horse, Apero saddle.

#### **SEASON**

All year round.

#### TRIP STYLE

Family Friendly, Great for Non rider companion, riding and working, Horsemanship skill -building, Riding and Fly fishing, Point to point riding vacations.









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# PATAGONIA | ESTANCIA |

Relax and enjoy the peace and quiet wilderness of Argentine Patagonia, undoubtedly one of the best riding areas for the lovers of the adventure and the wild trips.

Our already famous program is "La Veranada". Drive a thousand head of Angus cattle from the sheltered plains of the pre-cordillera Pampas to their summer pastures in the Andes of Patagonia. Take a soak in remote mountain streams where the hot springs emerge. Try freshly grilled mountain stream trout prepared the Patagonian way. Camp beside your horse and listen to the peaceful rhythm of his breathing and hear the night-time sounds of the herd at rest. At dawn join the gaucho energy, dust and thrill of easing the herd into the morning mist of a day on the trail.

Our Estancia in Patagonia, a 40.000 acre Ranch in Neuquén Province, has earned much deserved reputation as one of the best Estancias for anyone wishing to ride. It is situated in one of the most scenically beautiful parts of the Patagonia.

The terrain is exceptionally varied with high mountains, steep rivers, cascades, and plains. Usually one can ride all day without seeing other human beings.

The lodge is located in the base of the mountains. With a wonderfully cozy atmosphere it offers a comfortable living room with its inviting fireplace as a centerpiece. Our Chef prepares local Argentinean cuisine tailored to the tastes of our guests. Venison and lamb, or fresh trout from our rivers, can be enjoyed with a glass of top Malbec Wine. In the morning enjoy homemade scons and fresh bread with a breath-taking view and good coffee. There are many experiences for the entire family you can enjoy at our Estancia.

Dates or lengths of stay can be arranged and we can tailor an experience to suit your request. During a week long stay it is possible to arrange a 3 day pack trip with 2 nights spent camping out.

At this program, you will experience the best of an epic horse riding experience and the best of our gaucho and Tehuelche Indian culture on the same trip. Definitely, this will be an unforgettable experience.

#### LOCATION

Neuquén Province,

### **DRIVING TIME**

5 hours drive from

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

4 Double rooms at the lodge, or up to 10 riders for la Veranada program.

### **HORSE DETAIL**

Pure Criollo Horse and criollo cross. Apero saddle.

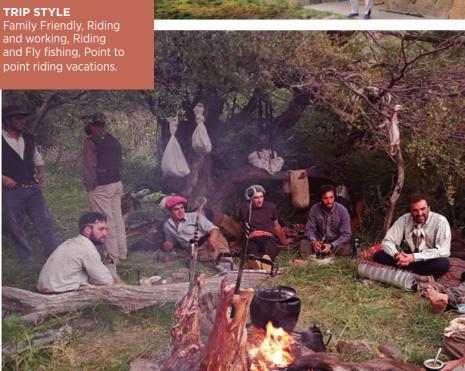
#### **SEASON**

October to March.

Family Friendly, Riding and working, Riding and Fly fishing, Point to point riding vacations.









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# **SOUTHERN EXPEDITIONS**

# TRAVEL

Is our tourism division committed to customize wildlife, culture, and special interest tours for individuals and small groups to Argentina.

#### We are fully committed to:

- Contributing to the preservation of Argentina's natural areas and local communities through the economic activity of selective tourism;
- Creating the most exciting ways to know Argentina and getting around;
- Educating our people to care for, enjoy and value the importance of preserving our flora and fauna;

We are prepared to satisfy the demands of travelers with a definitive cultural interest in wildlife and natural history;

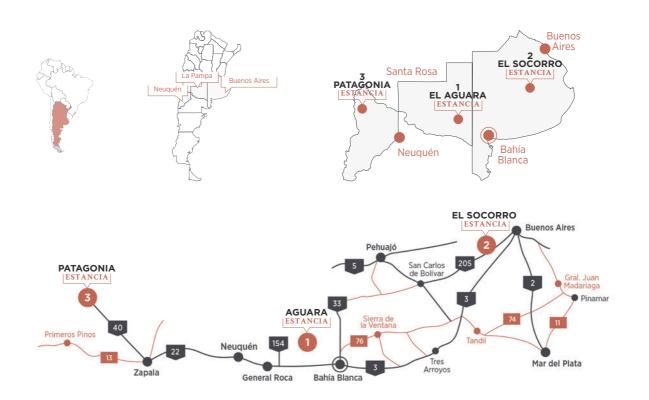
#### We offer:

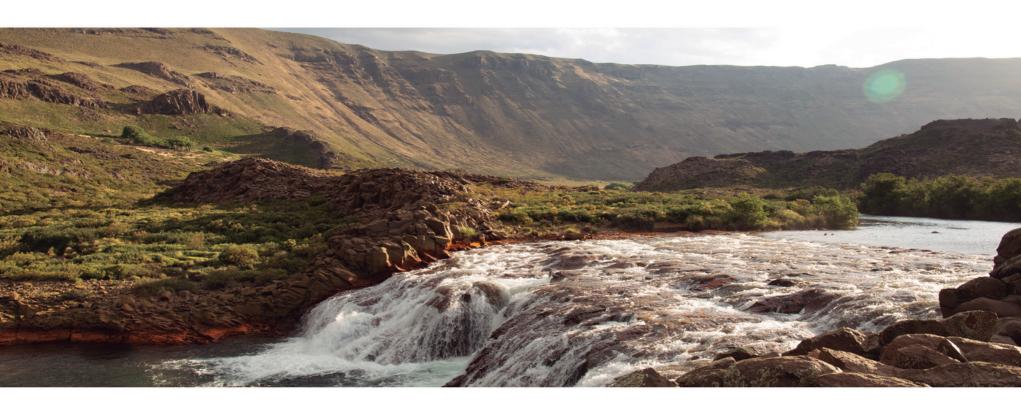
Tailor made trips for small groups and FITs (Fully Independent Travelers) to traditional and non-traditional destinations. Our range of excellent professional guides around the country allows us to customize trips according to our visitor's preferences and abilities designing high quality programs.

We invite you to discover the different flavors of our country. You will be able to appreciate the flavors that make Argentina famous all around the world: Hunting and Fishing, Wilderness, Estancias, Polo, meat, golf, football, tango, gastronomy, and wines, beyond others. Every province has a history to learn. You just need to find yours.



We set our operation in three different provinces, Buenos Aires, La Pampa, and Neuquén. Explore this majestic country from the sea to the Andes through the most beautiful Estancias.





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