

### Uruguay on a Horseback – “Gauchos & Estancias” Trail

Duration: 7 days and 6 nights | 5 days of horseback riding.

#### Itinerary

- Daily riding distances: Max. 25 miles / 40 kmts.
- Pace: Moderate, according to the given conditions.
- Horses: Criollo or similar.
- Tack: Western / South American.
- Riding ability: Intermediate.
- Group size: 4 to 12 riders. (Consult for smaller or bigger groups.)
- Age limits: 16 vs. 80 yrs. (depends on the rider's physical condition).
- Weight limit: 210 lbs. (Consult for exceptions.)

#### Date 17th November to 24th November 2007

During these trail rides you will get to know on horseback some of the most fascinating and traditional ranches (estancias) of Uruguay, riding across the fields and on paths only the local gauchos know. You will enjoy the unlimited pampas, which invite you to gallop, the picturesque landscapes, the almost virgin and still intact nature and the innate hospitality of our people. You may fall in love with what you see...

#### Included:

- Comfortable lodging, according to localities, double or single.
- Full board (except alcoholic drinks), also vegetarian and special diets.
- Horses and equipment.
- English speaking guide and skilled gauchos.
- Transfer bus.
- Support vehicle, reachable all the time.

Note: This itinerary is flexible. Changes may occur due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Participation is at your own risk.

### **Day 1:**

- Arrival and transfer from the port or airport of Montevideo to the Estancia hosteria EL CEIBO
- 4.00 pm: Arrival and accommodation. Familiarisation with the horses and the team, who will accompany you during the ride 5.00 pm : (optional): Exploration ride across the wide landscapes of El Ceibo ranch , recognition of the horses and saddles .
- 8.30 pm Dinner traditional barbeque and/or Criollo Cuisine .
- Overnight stay at Estancia El CEIBO

### **Day 2:**

- 8.00 am: Breakfast
- 9.00 am: Morning Ride across the fields to El Pueblo de La Cruz there and back (approx. 15.5 miles), where we visit a "Cow Hotel" have a picnic lunch and after a rest return to EL CEIBO.
- 5.00 pm: Arrive back at EL CEIBO
- 8.30 Typical dinner w/presentation of folkloric dances and music.
- Overnight stay at El Ceibo

### **Day 3:**

- 8.00 am: Breakfast
- 9.00 am Ride towards huge cattle risen lands , crossing rivers and forest , riding along the shore of an internal river , have a picnic lunch or an asado on the path .
- 5.00 Arrive back at El Ceibo
- 8.30 Typical dinner w/ presentation of Tango dancers.
- Overnight stay at El Ceibo
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### **Day 4:**

- 8.00 am Breakfast
- 9.00 am: Ride towards Estancia San Pedro de Timote, 1<sup>st</sup> part (approx. 11 miles).
- 12.00 pm: Picnic lunch, prepared on the spot
- 1.30 pm: We continue our ride towards Estancia San Pedro de Timote, 2<sup>nd</sup> part (approx. 11 miles).
- After that, we return to Estancia El Ceibo in our bus, leaving the horses with the gauchos.
- 8.30 pm: Dinner at El Ceibo and overnight stay at EL CEIBO

### **Day 5**

- 8.00 am: Breakfast
- 9.00 am: We drive with our bus to the place where we left the horses and finish our ride to Estancia San Pedro de Timote (approx. 11 miles).
- 1.30 pm: Lunch at San Pedro de Timote's fine restaurant
- 3.00 pm: Exploration ride across the estancia's pampas (2.5 hrs.)
- 8.30 pm: Dinner in San Pedro's restaurant
- Overnight stay at San Pedro de Timote

## **Day 6:**

- 8.30 am: Breakfast
- 9.30 am: Excursion on horseback across the pampas to a neighbour estancia, where we visit the quarry of black marble, which was used for John F. Kennedy's memorial grave.
- 1.00 pm: Lunch at San Pedro de Timote
- 2.30 pm: Excursion on horseback across picturesque landscapes to the neighbour Estancia "Venado Encato" of Mrs. Cecilia Gallinal, a very productive ranch w/cattle, sheep and Criollo horse breeding plus a cheese factory
- 7.30 pm: Dinner at San Pedro de Timote
- Leisure time, enjoying the estancia's facilities
- Overnight stay at San Pedro de Timote

## **Day 7:**

- 8.30 am: Breakfast
- 9.30 am: Transfer to Montevideo (hotel, harbour or airport)
- 1.00 pm (optional): Post-ride lunch in the emblematic Mercado del Puerto (not included)
- Gaucho and leather shopping in authentic stores and a traditional handicraft saddlery, if possible (optional)

### **Optional post-ride excursions:**

We can organize individual excursions and activities, for example:

Montevideo city tour  
Montevideo hotel accommodation  
Punta del Este city tour  
Rent cars

**Cost per person: \$1850.00 US PLUS AIRFARE**

**To reserve a space please send a \$500.00 non-refundable deposit and the application to:**

Ric Kessler  
110 Cone Road  
Ormond Beach, Florida 32174

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: email [rickessler@hotmail.com](mailto:rickessler@hotmail.com) or Call 386-677-3197 or 386-290-3054**

APPLICATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Health insurance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Travel insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned acknowledges that Sojourns Into Nature and El Ceibo and the operators of the trip. They require travel insurance for the trip. That all fees are non-refundable and will be paid within the schedule.

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| Initial deposit of \$500.00           | To be paid with completed application. |
| One half remaining balance (\$675.00) | September 15, 2007                     |
| Remaining balance (\$675.00)          | October 10, 2007                       |

Any and all fees for airfare we arrange will be due and payable when tickets are issued.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Sojourns Into Nature. Richard Kessler , a resident of Florida, is doing business under the name " Sojourns Into Nature", hereinafter referred "Sojourns". Other parties may act as suppliers, outfitters, carriers and the like for doing the trip.
2. Funds. All funds are quoted in U.S. Dollars and must be paid in U.S. Dollars. Paypal is an acceptable means of payment and is [rickessler@paypal.com](mailto:rickessler@paypal.com). No credit cards are accepted.
3. Trip insurance. Trip insurance is required for your protection and ours. We have a relationship with a trip insurance carrier and you may refer to the enclosed brochure and are free to choose which ever company you prefer. Our carrier can be accessed **at [www.travelexinsurance.com](http://www.travelexinsurance.com) and our supplier code is 09-0379**

4. Itinerary Changes. Circumstance beyond our control such as weather, labor disputes, equipment breakdowns, and the like, may alter or change our itinerary.

5. Release of Liability. As a condition of acceptance each participant understand and hereby agrees to all the following information and the following release of liability: Participant has carefully read all the terms and conditions of this application and related materials, schedules of activities and the Participant is aware that the tour involves the risk of personal injury, death or loss or damage to property. Participant understands and agrees on behalf of himself/herself, Participant's dependents, heirs, executors, and assigns, to release Sojourns, El Ceibo, or any of its officers, employees, guides, leaders, agents, or representatives from any and all claims, including but not limited to liability for delays, monetary damages, illness, injury death or any loss of property or damage to property.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_