



Patagonía Gaucho Ride

Gateway Bariloche (BRC)

Offered just a half dozen times per year, these rides take place on a working *estancia* where our host, Martin Jones, personally guides the ride with his gaucho crew. Descendants of Welsh immigrants via the US, the Jones family is prominent in the Bariloche region. Martin raises cattle when not guiding a lucky few on a ride through his property.

From our base at *estancia Nahuel Huapai*, we ride high up in the mountains, on rugged trails aboard strong, sure-footed *Criollo* horses. We camp out, the crew cooks over wood fires and each day brings new terrain and new vistas. This is a trip for riders with good basic riding experience; it is not a place to learn to ride. Meals feature *asado*, the famous Argentine barbecue of meat, meat and meat plus local specialities whipped up by our cook. And always, there is mate.



Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive Bariloche midday. You will be met at Bariloche airport by our host Martin Jones, and transported to *estancia Nahuel Huapai National Park*.



Day 2: Meet Criollo horses and local gauchos / wranglers. Orientation to tack and "shakedown" ride.

Day 3-6: Day-long rides including wide open spaces, river crossings, rugged, steep mountain climbs, great fishing, daily lunchtime 'asados' and campfire camaraderie. Expect to see condors, armadillos, red deer, ostriches, guanacos and if you're a fisherman, try your luck in the cold streams that drain off the Andes.

Day 7: After breakfast at camp, return drive to Bariloche and check into hotel. Free time in the afternoon for shopping & sightseeing; restaurant dinner and overnight in local hotel.

Day 8: Fly to Buenos Aires and on to home.

Included in Trip Fee:

Meals beginning with dinner on Day 1 through and including breakfast on Day 8, all land transportation, hotel in Bariloche, camping gear & tents, horses & tack, wranglers and guides.

Not Included in Trip Fee:

Roundtrip airfare to/from Bariloche, local airport departure taxes, excess baggage fees, meals & beverages taken on your own. Please coordinate with our office for booking the preferred flights arriving and departing from Bariloche.

About the Riding:



We will be riding sure-footed, well-built Criollo horses. They are extremely well-adapted to the terrain and varied riding conditions. The saddles are Chilean (rather like a McClellan saddle with a sheepskin thrown over). Riders need to have a good riding background. You can expect long days in the saddle with river crossings, rides through high, open spaces as well as dense forests, rugged climbs and steep descents in mountainous terrain, and ambles through meadows and grasslands.

