



PATAGONIA RIDE (5D-4N)

Estancias & Camping
Start/End Punta Arenas

For those riders without too much time, we offer you a special departure with the option of experiencing life on a working ranch and visiting the Glacier Grey in Torres Del Paine National Park. This budget getaway is an excellent opportunity to discover Patagonia by horse!

Day 1, Dec 12 Fri

We recommend you take the early flight from Santiago to Punta Arenas (4 hours), flying over the Andes and observing incredible views of the Patagonian Ice Fields. Upon your arrival in Punta Arenas, the most southern city on the continent, a private transfer will be waiting to take you to Estancia Las Chinas. (Chile Nativo will offer a pick-up from the airport at 2:50 PM, corresponding with LAN airline, Flight # LA285, or at 02.30 PM from your hotel in town). *(Flight numbers and times subject to change)*



As we leave the airport we can see the Straits of Magellan and the mystical Tierra del Fuego. During our five hour drive, we cross open pampas passing huge ranches (estancias) and with luck we will be able to see one of the most typical animals in this area, the ñandu, (a rare South American ostrich). We pass by Puerto Natales, located on the Sound of Last Hope, a small fishing town surrounded by mountains. From there we will follow an unpaved road to Las Chinas Valley. Our final destination is Estancia Las Chinas (a typical example of an estancia in the region), with an amazing view of the famous Towers del Paine granite peaks.

(5 hours by private transfer) (D) (Night at Estancia Las Chinas)

Day 2, Dec 13 Sat

Early morning, and after a country style breakfast, we meet our baqueano (local cowboy), who is going to join us for the next days of riding. We choose our horses and start a round trip ride to the Sierra Contreras



Mountain Range. Our baqueano leads us through a typical Patagonian landscape, a vast terrain call "Pampa", at the foot of the Sierra Contreras mountain range. Here we have the chance to observe Guanaco herds, and maybe a few Rheas. Our trail becomes steep as we head to the top of the Sierra, with a magnificent view of the Las Chinas Valley with the famous Torres Del Paine granite peaks in the background. After enjoying a gourmet picnic lunch we return to our cozy ranch-house. In the evening we will gather in front of the fireplace, with a Pisco sour in hand (Chilean

brandy made from Muscatel grapes).

(5 hours slow riding, trotting and cantering) (B-BL-D) (Night at Estancia Las Chinas)

Day 3, Dec 14 Sun

Today we will ride south from Estancia Las Chinas crossing the valley. The first couple of hours will be across the Patagonian steppe, which is found on flatlands and plateaus with semi-arid, cold climates and an annual precipitation of up to 400 mm. After 5 hours riding we will reach Laguna Azul, which is located at the limit of Torres del Paine National park and with spectacular view of the Towers. From here we take a private transfer all the way to the administration of the park, where we will camp for the next days at the shore of the Serrano River, with amazing views of "Los Cuernos".



(5 hours slow riding, trotting and cantering, 45 minutes by private transfer) (B-BL-D) (Night at Camping Serrano)

Day 4, Dec 15 Mon

After a good breakfast at the campsite we will start our day by riding to Grey Lake look at point. We cross huge pampas that give us the opportunity to canter as much as we want! Once we reach the Grey River, we follow a narrow path with incredible views of the mountains; until we arrive to a splendid view of the lake Pehoe with its particular turquoise colored waters. From here we follow a rugged trail leading to a look-out point of Lake Grey, often full of icebergs, which have broken off from the Grey Glacier, part of the southern ice field which is the third largest reserve of fresh water in the world. Our lunch will be in front of this magnificent view. We come back to our camp on the same trail, enjoying the opportunity for more cantering through the pampas.



(7 hours walking, trotting and cantering) (B-BL-D) (Night at Camping Serrano)

Day 5, Dec 16 Tue

We will take a private transfer to Punta Arenas. (Clients should take the flight at 05:00 PM, from LAN airline, flight LA#996 *(Flight numbers and times subject to change)*, arriving to Santiago at 8:20 PM), if you decide to stay the night in Punta Arenas; we will drop you at your hotel.
(2 ½ hours by transfer) (B)

REGARDING THE SCHEDULE

The schedules indicated above are subject to change due to weather conditions or unexpected circumstances beyond our control, but we will try our best to keep them unaltered

<i>PRICE</i>	<i>2 riders</i>	<i>3 riders</i>	<i>4 – 5 riders</i>	<i>6 – 8 riders</i>
<i>Per person</i>	USD \$ 1.995	USD \$ 1.695	USD \$ 1.495	USD \$ 1.395

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-All the private transportation indicated in the schedule-All the horses, saddles and pack horses during the excursion-Helmets, leather chaps, leather gloves, saddle bags, dry bags-All meals indicated in the schedule (B: breakfast, BL: box lunch, D: dinner)-Two nights at Estancia Las Chinas (Cozy farm house with bunk beds and sharing bathroom) 9Private house for the group)-Entrance fee to Torres de Paine National Park-Two nights at Chile Nativo Camp (Base on twin share tents) (North Face VE 25)-Guide (English-Spanish languages), plus a baqueano (local cowboy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Flight to Santiago, Chile-Internal Flight Santiago - Punta Arenas-Any additional nights-Medical expenses-Insurance of any kind-Personal expenses-Sleeping bags and mattress-Lunch on Day 1 & 5-Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks.-Gratuities for Guide, Baqueano & driver.