

Ride Beach

Argentina Brazil



vibrant Buenos Aires – estancia riding – pure breed horses – beautiful scenery
Rio de Janeiro – Paraty beaches – premium boutique hotels and lodges

A fantastic combination of beautiful cities, world-class estancia based rides and a Brazilian beach hideaway.

Spend time getting to know Buenos Aires, with your dedicated guide.

Ride across a delightful estancia near Cordoba.

Explore the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro at a relaxed pace.

Relax on a beach at the end of your travels with time at a lovely hideaway in Brazil.

This is a Pura handpicked holiday with an activity rating of *medium* and comfort rating *premium*.



Enjoy riding the finest horses.



"Your recommendations were perfect and the holiday planning faultless. Cordoba is, without doubt, the best horse riding holiday destination known to Man!" Gary B.

Holiday Itinerary

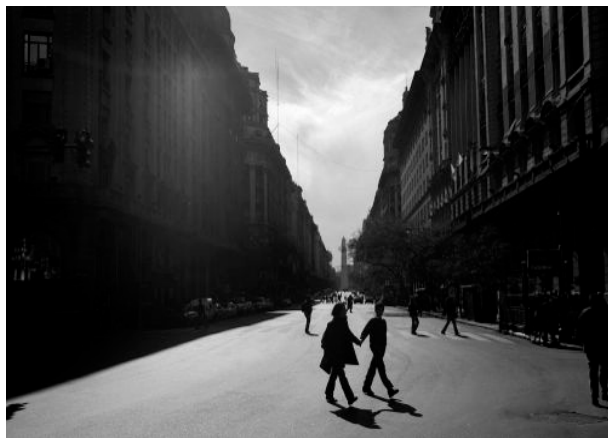
Day 01 | Buenos Aires | **travel to Argentina**

Fly to Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires.

On arrival you are collected by your guide and taken to your charming small hotel in the Las Canitas area.

Despite being close to the centre of the city, this *barrio* is quiet, leafy and green with lots of pavement cafes.

Please note that flights for this holiday are quoted separately.



Day 02 | Buenos Aires | **explore the city**

Spend this morning in the company of your own private guide who can take you on and off the beaten track in this lively and beautiful city.

Rather than follow a specific route, you basically just let them know what sorts of things you like to see and they can take you.

It could be that you want to see the main sites, or it could be that you want to stroll amongst the boutiques of Palermo or the lovely Recoleta cemetery. (b)

Day 03 | Buenos Aires | **day to relax**

Enjoy a full day to relax and explore the city.

We can arrange for you to visit one of the nearby horse breeding estancias or perhaps even see a polo match should you be interested. (b)

Day 04 | Cordoba | **day to ride**

Fly across to the city of Cordoba. On arrival you are collected for the one-hour drive up to your estancia.

For the next four nights you stay on this working farm in the rolling sierra at 1,100m.

The estancia has a riding herd of beautiful horses mostly bred on the estancia, the horses are responsive, sure-footed and willing.

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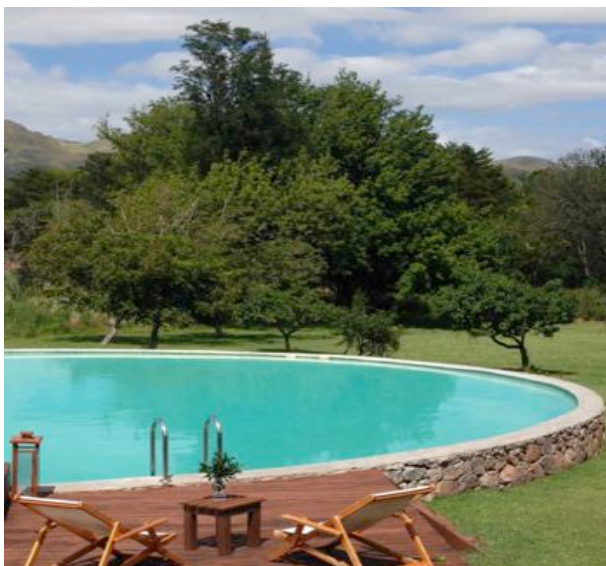
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Ride through the beautiful surroundings of Cordoba.



Stay in comfort at your estancia.



Relax in the lovely surroundings of the estancia.

The herd is a mixture of Criollos, Paso Peruanos, polo ponies and some crossbreeds.

While you are here, you will be encouraged to get involved with all of the horse activities on the farm, whether that is watching the horse-breaker at work or rounding up the foals to protect them from pumas.

Since your flight arrives early today, you should get a good ride this afternoon.

The estancia is great for exploring on horse back or on foot. For either, you will find a variety of routes available in the surrounding countryside from excursions of an hour or two to full day trips, there is plenty to keep you occupied here.

Stay in simple though very comfortable rooms with all the creature comforts. Rooms are tastefully furnished, each with their own private bathroom.

Meals are delicious and freshly prepared using much of the farm's own vegetables and fruit. (b,l,d)

Day 05 | Cordoba | **day to ride**

The Cordoba hills are famous for their healthy climate and wonderful scenery.

The higher land is bare of trees and covered in long straw-like grass called 'paja brava' which the animals eat in the winter months.

There is an interesting variety of bird species from vultures and eagles down to the most brightly coloured humming birds, whilst condors have also returned to the hills. (b,l,d)

Day 06 | Cordoba | **day to ride**

As a working estancia and horse-breeding farm, there is always something happening.

Guests are welcome to spend the morning in the corrals watching the horse-breaker working with the young horses or try your hand at lassoing.

There are generally between four and six hours' of riding per day split into morning and afternoon rides. (b,l,d)

Day 07 | Cordoba | **day to ride**

For less energetic moments there is a pool with a view as well as hammocks on the verandahs.

You can expect daytime temperatures of around 30c in December/January. (b,l,d)

Day 08 | Rio | **travel to Brazil**

Very early transfer to the airport for your flight up to Rio de Janeiro with one stop en route.

Leaving at 05:35, you arrive at 10:00 so have the full day to relax and enjoy Rio.

Please note, this is not a daily flight so timing of this holiday varies according to the schedule.

This afternoon you have a half-day tour of the city to get your bearings and to head up to the statue of Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado mountain.

Day 09 | Rio | **explore Rio**

Spend today on the beach or exploring the city at your own pace.

The cable-car trip up to the top of Sugar Loaf mountain is well worth the effort. (b)

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Looking out over Rio.



The pool area of your hotel at Picinguaba.



Simple but very comfortable rooms at Picinguaba.



Day 10 | Paraty | to the beach

Travel the four hours by road towards the beautiful stretch of coastline near the colonial town of Paraty. Stay in a charming and informal small hotel set in a national park on a beautiful stretch of coastline.

The hotel has 10 rooms, tropical gardens overlooking the sea with a spring-fed swimming pool and a restaurant serving delicious freshly cooked food. (b,d)

Day 11 | Paraty | at the beach

The hotel offers a full range of excursions in the area or you can choose to just relax and swim.

The hotel owner, Emmanuel has his own schooner for sea trips, and Paraty is about 45 minutes away if you want to arrange a visit to this beautiful colonial town.

Excursions are not included but are booked once at hotel. Scuba trips can also be arranged.

Conditions for marine life are not fantastic but there is some wonderful wreck diving around Portuguese galleons near Paraty. (b,d)

Day 12 | Paraty | relax and explore

Full day to explore and relax.

The pousada is set in an extraordinarily rich natural environment which combines beaches, forests and mountains. (b,d)

Day 13 | Paraty | relax and explore

Full day to explore and relax.

You won't need a car to get around as most places of interest are close to the village and the hotel, which can be reached on foot, by kayak or by boat.

The village itself is a tiny fishing community full of character, nesting on the shore of a secluded bay.

The population is mainly of Caiçara culture, a blend of Portuguese immigrants, slaves and original Indians, going back to the 17th and 18th centuries.

For a long time, access to this remote spot was very limited so the people relied on the sea for subsistence.

Much of the fishing activity remains and the village has managed to retain its own personality and local traditions. (b,d)

Day 14 | flight | travel home

Transfer back to the airport in Sao Paulo for your flight back to the UK. (b)

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Day 15 | home | arrive back

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Pura Handpicked

While this holiday is delivered by our partners on the ground in Argentina and Brazil, it was designed by Pura Aventura.

This itinerary is exclusive to Pura and has been designed to show the amazing variety of this part of South America.

We have chosen small, locally owned and run properties which are closely integrated with their communities.



How active?

The active part of this holiday is horse riding.

Since you are based in one place, this trip is suitable for any level of rider from beginner upwards.

For more experienced riders there are almost limitless possibilities for riding.

Nb you must bring your own riding hat.

The balance of your holiday can be as active or relaxed as you like, you set the pace.

How comfortable?

Stay in very comfortable first class hotels throughout this holiday.

The estancia is a different style of accommodation but is of a high standard.

Sample accommodation:

Buenos Aires, Hotel las Canitas

Cordoba, Estancia dos Lunas

Rio, Hotel Mama Ruisa

Paraty, Picinguaba

How independent?

Guided excursions in Buenos Aires and Rio. Fully guided/led activities on the Estancia.

Otherwise independent with help on hand should you need it.

How responsible?

Pura Aventura is passionate about the places it visits. To help preserve the integrity of these destinations we:

- Keep groups small to minimise environmental impact.
- Work directly with local businesses and organisations to directly benefit local economies. We use small, locally owned hotels and restaurants. We know the owners except in the large cities.
- Work with local guides so that our holidays are more interesting for clients and more beneficial locally.
- Make payment to suppliers before our clients arrive.
- **Not based in the UK?**
- We are very happy to discuss your requirements if you are not travelling to and from the UK.
- Please call us on **+44 1273 676712** between 9am and 6.30pm weekdays.
- **Not quite right?**
- If this holiday's not quite right for you, call us to discuss your ideas or consider:

- **Ride Chile Argentina: Cross the Andes.** A spectacular and challenging ride from San Martin on the Argentine side to Pucon on the Chilean side of the Andes mountains.
- **Walk Self Drive: Argentina.** Explore the beautiful northern areas of Argentina, notably Salta, at a pace to suit you while staying in some delightful small hotels.
- **Walk Beach: Argentina Brazil** From Buenos Aires to the beautiful landscapes of Salta and Iguassu, travel through northern Argentina to end on the beautiful beaches near Paraty in Brazil.

How do I book?

As a tailor made holiday we need to check availability and prices before taking your booking. If you would like us to prepare you a detailed proposal then simply email info@pura-aventura.com or call 01273 676 712 with your preferred dates plus any other changes you would like us to make.

Once you have the proposal and decide you would like to go ahead then please call in with the following:

- Full names
- Address
- Contact telephone numbers & email
- Deposit of 15%

Deposits can be paid by card, cheque or bank transfer, whichever suits you best (the balance of your holiday is due 60 days prior to travel).

We send you a confirmation email detailing all of the services agreed between us. We ask you to check through all of this carefully and sign off on the holiday.

Prices & Departures

2012	Daily £2,998pp guide price <i>Please call us for a definitive quote based on your departure dates.</i>
Flights	Transatlantic flights are quoted separately. Fly into Buenos Aires and out of Sao Paolo We can arrange these for you or you can arrange your own. Guide price £700 - £900 though in peak season prices can be higher.
Prices include	All accommodation; Flights within South America; Excursions and activities as above; Riding excursions and activities at the ranch; Breakfasts in Buenos Aires and Rio, all meals on the estancia, half board at Picinguaba; Transport and transfers as above.
Not included	Transatlantic flights; personal expenses; tips.

Prices are per person based on two sharing.

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