



HARAS  
AMPASCACHI

Criadores de Caballos Peruanos de Paso



High-End Rides





# Trial La Candelaria by the Taruca Pampa

## FEATURES

- Discover the Peruvian Paso Horse lineage, its breed, training and ride.
- Stay in the Haras Ampascachi, a familiar “Estancia” with its own unique style, very comfortable dedicated to the breed and training of the Peruvian Paso Horse lineage.
- Discover the most amazing landscapes of the northeast of Argentina on horseback: The Pampa de Achala and the Traslasierra Valley.
- Combine the adventure of camping in nature with the comfort of the exclusive Estate.
- The Argentinean gastronomy in the “Haras Ampascachi” and the unique experience of enjoying an authentic Argentinean roast in nature.

## ITINERARY

10/9 days, 9/8 nights, 7/6 days on horsebackride.

### **Day 1: Haras Ampascachi**

We arrive to Cordoba International Airport and transfer to “Haras Ampascachi Ranch”. Once there we can enjoy the place’s facilities, rest, watch a documentary about Peruvian Paso horses (if we like so) and savor our prestigious gastronomy. At the end of the day we taste a delicious dinner to finally proceed to a refreshing rest.

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### **Day 2: Haras Ampascachi**

After breakfast and during this day we introduce the riders to the guide, we check all the necessary equipment and the paths of the trails that we are going to take; we select the horses that accompany us along the journey, looking for the best horse that complement the ride’s characteristics and personality, in order to achieve a symbiosis between the horse and the rider, once we achieve this particular symbiosis, we can enjoy Peruvian Paso Horse’s unique characteristics. Along this day we also practice and take short lessons of Peruvian Paso Horse’s riding and we take a short ride by de surroundings paths. This short ride does not form part of the seven days on horseback riding planning

During the selection, the coordinator is in charge to evaluate that the riders can execute the necessary skills, to carry this horseback riding journey out with a complete level of security. We end this day of preparation with a companionship dinner to celebrate the beginning of the equestrian experience.

### **Day 3: Haras Ampascachi - Panaholma (5 hs. on horseback ride)**

We leave in the morning from Haras Ampascachi; we go by for the town called “Nono”, where we cross the roadway towards “Los Sauces River” (The Sallows River) characterized for its sandy beaches and little depth. We continue the trail by this river until arriving to a point where our logistics wait for us with a typical Creole lunch.

After lunch we abandon “Los Sauces” river to continue riding for a soil road that lead us to the town of “Cura Brochero” (Priest Brochero) (This town was founded by Priest Brochero, who has been beatified and is about to be sanctified by the Catholic Church), crossing this interesting Town with its typical square, church and ancient cottages, we arrive to the Panaholma River, also characterized for its sandy beaches and little depth, for which, nearby we go on our trail for some kilometers, after that, we take another soil road that guide us to Panaholma Town where, in its proximities, and submerged in the open country, a delicious Creole dinner is waiting for us. After dinner we spend the night in restful shelters located along this ancient and charming little town of “Taslasierra Valley”

Duration: 5 hs. (on horseback ride)

Level of experience: Beginner.

Grounds: Diverse, mountainous, plains and pampas

Roads: Wide paths

### **Day 4: Panaholma - Cattle Hacienda Taruca Pampa (5 hs. on horseback ride)**

To dawn, our coordinator and guide wait for us with the horses ready to begin the new day; we leave from Panaholma, crossing sowed fields submerged in the “Pampa de Pocho”, and small mounts with autochthonous vegetation. We continue riding until arriving at the town of Ambul, where we stop to enjoy a refreshing lunch with homemade plates with inputs of first quality.

After the lunch we go on riding, we begin the ascent towards the hills crossing topographies

and landscapes of diverse characteristic and variety. This part of the trail used to belong to the old colonial Royal Roads, which in those times, were used to spur on cattle of those cattle producers from the mountains toward the cattle fairs located in the outskirts of what today is Cordoba Capital City.

La cueva de los Gauchos (The Gaucho's Cave) is a natural formation made of stone erosion, located in these mountains and is able to give shelter up to 15 people with their horses; the villagers say, that this cave was the same one used by the muleteers to camp and shelter when they were moving cattle along the royal roads toward Cordoba Capital City.

We arrive to a territory that it takes the name of a very small place that is inside it, "El Volcan" (The Volcano), and where we can find a small, but very interesting chapel. After we go by this singular chapel we cross a stream of crystalline water, afterwards we take for a print that takes us until the main palisade of one of the most important cattle hacienda of this region, called "Taruca Pampa"

The Taruca Pampa Hacienda is a territory conformed by 4000 hectares of this Hacienda, where the inexhaustible variety of landscapes, surprise us stride to stride.

At the Taruca Pampa Hacienda, we can admire the prairies where the cattle pasture. The cattle breed is the main activity of this Hacienda, and at the same time the riders can observe the "gauchos" daily work and join them in their activities such as cattle drive.

This Hacienda receives its name after an important river that crosses it: "The Taruca Pampa River" where you can fish trouts. The Taruca Pampa River has crystalline, depth and large still waters and many waterfalls that go up over 50 meters high. The whole surface of this hacienda has countless streams that feed the Taruca Pampa River

These resources of fresh water allow that the cattle have to be mobilized very little in order to drink water, in this way the producers of the hacienda can achieve a very good and healthy quality of animals.

We arrive to Taruca Pampa Hacienda before sunset, this allow us to see the end of the daily work that the "gauchos" carry out at the hacienda after that we be able to enjoy a typically beef or lamb barbecue out of the meat of the cattle that is bred in this establishment.

Then we prepare to spend the night at the hacienda posts, being able to carry out a bonfire accompanied by the music of a Creole guitar .

Duration: 5 hs. (On horseback ride)

Level of experience: Beginner.

Grounds: Diverse, mountainous, plains and pampas

Roads: Wide paths

### **Day 5: Cattle Hacienda "Taruca Pampa" - San Jerónimo (4 hs. on horseback ride)**

After having breakfast we prepare the horses we leave the Taruca Pampa Hacienda to continue our trail toward the small town of San Jerónimo, we go through rural, wild and beautiful landscapes and we be able to observe at some points, the imposing "Pampa de Pocho" that little by little is being left behind, we go through gorges, streams and crystalline rivers whose sounds of running waters along with the sounds of the autochthonous birds and the animals of this territory, create an special mixture that offer us a sensation of inexplicable peace.

We take a break at a point of this interesting territory to savor a extremely rewarding lunch prepared by our logistics, surrounded by virgin nature and submerged in the immensity of the "Sierras Grandes"

After lunch we continue the trail until we arrive to the Town of San Jerónimo around sunset.

This pictorial town located in the highest part of “Sierra de los Gigantes (The Giant´s hills), this town is the oldest one in this territory and here we be able to visit an ancient chapel founded jointly with the town

At San Jerónimo we take our dinner and afterwards we receive lodge to spend the night at those fraternally homes volunteered by the inhabitants of this beautiful small country town, they are humble but very comfortable and hygienic, with the warmth and simplicity that characterize people from this place. At these places we can take a warm bath to prepare ourselves for the next day.

Duration: 4hs. (On horseback ride)

Level of experience: Beginner.

Grounds: Diverse, mountainous, plains and pampas

Roads: Wide paths

### **Day 6: San Jerónimo - “Cruz de Caña” (5 hours on horseback riding)**

From San Jerónimo we leave toward to “La Ciénaga de Britos” where we can find the post of “Don Santos Barros” where we stop to enjoy our lunch with “empanadas” (typical Argentinean meal) and a Creole barbecue (“Asado Criollo)

After lunch we return to our mounts and we go on to the Town Of “Cruz de Caña”, at this point of the itinerary we cross through a beautiful and diverse landscapes of the Pampa called “De San Luis”. Having arrived to Cruz de Caña we prepare to spend the night there.

Duration: 5 hs. (On horseback ride)

Level of experience: Beginner.

Grounds: Diverse, mountainous, plains and pampas

Roads: Wide path

Obstacles: Accessible (We ford).

Ascents and Slopes: Accessible.

Small streams with little depth and little current.

### **Day 7: Cruz de Caña - Estancia Jesuítica “La Candelaria” - Majada de Santiago (5 hours on horseback riding)**

After a country breakfast we leave around 10 in the morning toward “La Candelaria”, where we make a stop to visit the chapel and to know the history of this Jesuit ancient Estancia, where up to this day only the Jesuit Chapel and some ruins of those times, remain . This place has been declared Patrimony of the Humanity by UNESCO

After visiting “Estancia La Candelaria” we stop to take our Lunch and then to continue the trail crossing the imposing “Pampa de San Luis” until arrive to a place named “Majada de Santiago” where there is a post that belong to a Cattle Hacienda, at this place we have dinner and spend the night received by the “gauchos” that manage the cattle of this hacienda.

Duration: 5 hs. (On horseback ride)

Level of experience: Beginner.

Grounds: Diverse, mountainous, plains and pampas

Roads: Wide path

Obstacles: Accessible (We ford).

Ascents and Slopes: Accessible.

Small streams with little depth and little current.

**Day 8: Majada de Santiago - San Jerónimo (4 hours on horseback riding)**

After breakfast we mount in direction to San Jerónimo. In the middle of the road we make a stop to enjoy lunch at the riverbanks of the “San Guillermo River”, it is a river of crystalline and minerals rich waters, it is one of the typical rivers of these territories. After lunch we undertake the trail that lead us finally to San Jerónimo, where a transfer service is waiting for us to take us to Haras Ampascachi, where we enjoy our farewell dinner

Duration: 4 hs. (On horseback ride)

Level of experience: Beginner.

Grounds: Diverse, mountainous, plains and pampas

Roads: Wide path

Obstacles: Accessible (We ford).

Ascents and Slopes: Accessible.

Small streams with little depth and little current.

**Day 9: (Optional) San Jerónimo - San Jerónimo (4 hours on horseback riding)**

We start this day with typical country breakfast, after the breakfast we return to our mounts to carry out a complete day for the surroundings of San Jerónimo; we explore the northwest area of the Pampas of Achala right next to the limits with “La Sierra de Los Gigantes” (The Giant’s hills). This area combines landscapes of pampas, mounts, narrow canyons and streams, while we go crossing different cattle establishments, mainly sheep and goats; this is the central activities of this region. At the half of the journey we take a break to enjoy a Creole lunch with the logistics and the quality inputs that characterizes the service of Haras Ampascachi. After having lunch we undertake the return to San Jeronimo with our horses for roads different to those that were used before.

When we get to destination a Transfer service by van is waiting for us to move us back to Haras Ampascachi, where we enjoy the farewell dinner and afterwards a refreshing rest.

Duration: 4 hs. (on horseback ride)

Level of experience: Beginner.

Grounds: Diverse, mountains and pampas in the height.

Roads: Wide paths, non roadway, typical prints of pampas in the height.

Obstacles: Accessible (we ford).

Ascents and Slopes: Accessible.

Small streams with little depth and little current

**Day 10: Haras Ampascachi**

The program ends and we say goodbye to Haras Ampascachi with a typical country breakfast. Transfer service to Córdoba International Airport.

**DATES AND PRICES**

**2010 dates:** - please contact us -.

**La Candelaria by the Taruca Pampa Ride  
Please, ask for rates**

Note: Prices and dates may vary for different reasons. Please check when you book to make

sure.

In four occupancy rate (it does not include companion or plane ticket) for this case: 9 nights - ask for rates -.

Alternative: 8 nights - ask for rates -.

### **Included**

- All the horses and related equipment, Peruvian Paso horses from our own stables, saddles, reigns, saddlebags, canteens, rain gear, helmets, gaiters( if it is necessary).
- Camping gear: Sleeping tents, cots, sleeping bags with personal sheets, bath Kit (towels, soap, toothbrushes, razors), lights, dinner tent, complete tableware, cooking elements, bath tent, porta-potty, camp shower with hot water. We have a GPS device for geographic information.
- Services: Land transportation according to itinerary, lodging at Estancias or Mountain Hotels according to itinerary, logistics, satellite phone for emergencies, digital maps for the GPS.
- Meals: The 1st day the dinner is included, lunch is optional depending on arrival time (surcharge 40 €/person). The other days all the meals as mentioned in the program: Lunch during the rides (local creole meal, soft drinks and a set amount of wine); dinner in the mountain accommodations (appetizers, main dish, dessert, set amount of wine and soft drinks, traditional “mate” tea, coffee or tea).
- Activities in the Haras Ampascachi: Golf, swimming-pool, tennis, trekking and cooking classes.

### **Not Included**

Warm clothing, personal flashlights, luggage/equipment insurance, airport taxes, trip cancellation insurance, medicine or any additional costs due to changes in schedule or itinerary that are not responsibility of HARAS AMPASCACHI, medicine, doctor's fees, hospitalization expenses, transportation not specified in the particular program paid for any type of evacuation (air, water, land) and any other expense not specified in the program.

### **WARNING**

The route may be modified for security reasons, weather and circumstances beyond our control like natural disaster, local celebrations, strikes, etc... The local staff will do their best to find the best solutions even if it includes modifying the itinerary.



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