



HARAS AMPASCACHI

Criadores de Caballos Peruanos de Paso



High-End Rides



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1-GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Before beginning a ride each rider must evaluate himself in order to know his abilities and riding experience. This is the first, and most important, step before choosing a specific ride in a certain area. A certain level of riding basics know-how is required for most of the rides, as well as a minimum amount of experience riding outside the exercise ring.

The rides are classified according to the degree of riding skill needed, in function of the difficulty of the terrain and the speed at which the ride will be done. When you perform your self-evaluation we recommend you grade your riding experience and abilities conservatively, especially if you have never taken part in an organized group ride.

The Coordinator may exclude a rider from this type of activity due to a lack of experience if he considers that it may put the horse or the group at risk.

Variables regarding the level of experience necessary for a particular trail or route always exist and all of them should be taken into account before finally deciding on one trail or another. Taking into account all of this here at Haras Ampascachi we prioritize an adequate combination of rider and horse, starting with basic riding know-how by the rider, who will be evaluated and graded by our Guides according to the level of difficulties of each

route.

The grade levels we use to measure the experience necessary for each route are as follows:

- **BEGINNER:**

The rider is comfortable at a walking speed but gallops with difficulty.

Can mount and dismount without help.

Can apply the basic aids.

- **INTERMEDIATE:**

A rider with a firm seat but that does not ride regularly.

He is confident and controls the horse at all paces for a prolonged length of time.

- **ADVANCED:**

A rider that meets all the previous requirements and has an independent seat and soft hands.

It is important to point out that before the ride begins Haras Ampascachi staff will judge your riding abilities, which should meet the requested grade level for the ride you signed up for. Now is the time to ask for any and all explanations that you believe are necessary for the best handling of your horse.

You may choose the horse from our herd that best fits your personal taste (all of them are specially chosen for lengthy rides).

Our Riding Standards

Riders: 100 kg (220 lbs) maximum body weight

Only one rider per horse

Saddle: Peruvian or Chilean

Horses used: Horses and mares

We do not use intact horses (used for reproduction) in this activity.

Starting Out

For the first stretches of the trail focus on getting to know the horse you chose, how he reacts, if he seems calm or nervous, if there seems to be something that bothers him, it may be he does not understand your instructions.

Your first goal is to become a team with him, but for that to happen the horse needs clear, friendly and firm instructions with the reigns and your legs.

The person should be both physically and mentally ready and able to ride the horse, this way the ride will be pleasurable and full of unforgettable experiences.

Depending on your abilities and confidence you will enjoy the routes we have available.

Remember that a certain degree of physical fitness along with the ability to control the horse is required. Certain conditions make this even truer when the speed and distance of the trails increase or the terrain becomes more difficult.

Risk prevention and Safety

Riding is considered a medium-risk activity taking into account that a horse is a relatively calm animal but whose behavior can be changed by a particular situation. This is why the company has an introduction chat, which is mandatory for every participant, in which we

discuss handling rules and possible situations that may arise during the ride and issues such as:

- A detailed plan of the program to be done.
- Environmental awareness and information on the “Leave No Trace” international program.
- Roles and functions within the group.
- Risk identification for river crossings, slips, falls or stumbles.
- Determination of emergency roles.
- Communication protocol among the group’s riders and the signals used.
- Distance between riders.
- Departure and rest times.
- Use of satellite phones, GPS, etc. when faced with an emergency.
- Presentation and explanation of handling the “Basic safety equipment” (whistle, compass, individual strobe light, etc.).
- Recommendations for handling the horse, risks from misuse and/or abusing speed.
- Etc.

All our routes are close to an accessible roadway for fast evacuation in the case of any accident.

Every group of riders has a satellite communication system.

Aside from this, every group of riders has an emergency plan, each person with his own role, for each stretch of the routes. Our staff, the Guides as well as the Logistics personnel, is first-aid certified.

We also have a complete first-aid kit to handle such situations.

2-RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibility of the riders participating.

1. Go to the mandatory riding introduction.
2. Report any physical problem, handicap or special need.
3. Coordinate your horse choice with the Guide.
4. Comply with the rules given by the Guide.
5. Follow the general recommendations suggested for each type of event.
6. Do not go over the riding speed given by the Guide or “baqueano” for each stretch.
7. Do not put your own or other horses at risk spook or egg them on.
8. When crossing rivers you will do so after the “baqueano” and before the Guide.
9. When taking a rest do not leave the horse untied. Tell the “baqueano” so he can do it.
10. Care for the items Haras Ampascachi provides you for the ride. (Towels, hats, rain gear, canteens, etc.)
11. Bring appropriate clothing and equipment according to the suggested equipment list. Collaborate with the tasks during the activity by following the Guide’s instructions and avoiding risky situations.
12. Follow normal personal hygiene standards in order to respect other people and decrease the risk of illness.
13. Follow normal social behavior standards with the other people taking part in the trip and respect the traditions of the places visited.
14. Be in good health and in good physical shape.
15. Carefully read the trip program and conditions, asking about any doubt you may have regarding the activity.

16. Respect the established rules and the instructions given by the specialized Guide.

Responsibility of our Guides

The company's Head Guide is trained in issues regarding local tourism customer service and his/her functions are as follows:

1. To organize and plan the event.
2. Give the mandatory riding introduction.
3. When the horses are being chosen, he will evaluate the rider's attitude and behavior to make sure that they meet the requested level of experience.
4. Authorize river crossing and riding speed during the trip.
5. Authorize horse changes for those participating.
6. Explain the horse riding techniques for different terrains.
7. Maintain visual and auditory contact with those participating in the event.
8. Check and make sure others check the pads, tack and straps during the ride to make sure the saddle does not come loose.
9. Authorize stops and rests.
10. Evaluate first-aid needs.
11. Coordinate primary transportation and decide when to go back to the base.
12. Decide on and resolve any unusual situation that presents itself.
13. He/she has the power to impose orders or dismount a rider that is not following the rules or that, according to his/her criteria, poses a danger to himself or other participants.

Responsibility of our "Baqueanos" (local area experts)

Our "Baqueanos" are people with experience regarding pertinent tasks, skilled riders and who know every single animal in the stable. They are also trained for properly attending the needs of our visitors. Their main functions are:

1. Help saddle up the animals.
2. Help control the movement of the groups during the ride.
3. Periodically check the saddle pads and tack.
4. Let the Guide know of any unusual situation that presents itself.
5. Help cross rivers and make sure the rules given are followed.
6. Check the horseshoes.
7. Help the riders tie up the horses involved and supervise their care.
8. Help the guide in performing pace controls.

Responsibilities and Limitations of Haras Ampascachi

• We will do everything in our power to make sure you have a safe and pleasant trip. However, HARAS AMPASCACHI and its associates will not be liable for time lost or expenses incurred due to an illness or personal injury, nor for equipment damages or loss due to unforeseen events beyond company control.

• We are not responsible for airline and flight schedule problems.

• HARAS AMPASCACHI reserves the right to postpone or cancel any trip before it leaves due to inconveniences or acts of god that may put the safety of the participating riders at risk.

• We recommend that you take out a health insurance policy for your stay in Argentina. You should also take out a short-term travel insurance policy in your home country that covers your person and your equipment/luggage. We recommend you look into those insurance policies that cover evacuation costs.

• HARAS AMPASCACHI will not be held responsible for reimbursement regarding loss

or damage of personal items. It will not be held liable in the case of accidents or injury involving the participants. The participant declares that he/she is aware of and assumes the possible risks associated with the activity.

- In case of accident, injury or illness of a participant rescue (evacuation) and medical costs will be paid by such participant.
- HARAS AMPASCACHI reserves the right to publish and show photos, videos or other graphic material from the excursions and the participants.
- The trip members are responsible for understanding the conditions implied in the trip itinerary and for choosing a route that is appropriate for their interests and abilities (physical and health-wise).

Claims

Any tourist has the right to make a claim for what he/she considers abuse, inappropriate treatment from the staff or non-fulfillment by the company.

The normal path for a claim is as follows: The tourist states the claim to the Guide, who will attentively listen to what regards the situation. If no solution is available the tourist may make a formal complaint with the Haras Ampascachi Company, the tourism authority or the Secretary of Tourism of Cordoba upon return.

3-USING OUR SERVICES

Our programs may be changed/updated, which is why we recommend you confirm the information regarding your program of choice before confirming and paying for such program.

What our rides include

1- All the horses and related equipment

- Peruvian Paso horses from our own stables
- Saddles
- Reins
- Saddlebags
- Canteens
- Rain gear
- Helmets
- Gaiters

2- 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

3- 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

4- Meals

All the meals mentioned in the program are as follows:

- Lunch during the ride: local Creole meal, soft drinks or a set amount of wine
- Dinner in the camp: appetizers (cold cuts or other), main entrée and dessert. Wine and soft drinks are included.
- Traditional “mate” tea, coffee or tea

5- Equipment

With confirmation of the trip reservation an email is sent with a Recommended Equipment List, depending on the specific trip, which includes personal clothing as well as equipment.

What our rides do not include

- Warm clothing
- Personal clothing
- Personal flashlights
- Luggage/equipment insurance
- Airport taxes
- Trip cancellation insurance
- Medicine or personal items
- 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.

Reservations and Payments

For a reservation to be effectively booked a deposit of 30% of the total should be made 45 to 30 days before the programmed start date and the balance should be paid off 15 days before the programmed start date.

Forms of Payment

- 1) Bank transfer (only Argentine customers)
- 2) Credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, and American Express
- 3) Western Union wire transfer

When we receive your deposit and the Reservation Forms we will send you confirmation (via fax or email).

It is necessary that your balance be paid off 15 days before the start of the program. If it is not paid off when expected Haras Ampascachi reserves the right to cancel your reservation (see Refunds and Postponed Programs).

Because the groups are small spots are limited, which is why we recommend you make the

payment approximately two (2) months before the start of the trip.

Price Changes

We reserve the right to adjust our prices due to exceptional cost increases beyond our control.

Canceled or postponed programs

There will be no refunds for unforeseen events beyond our control. For example, if we cannot continue on with the ride due to weather conditions or those that put the group's safety at risk, we will wait the necessary amount of time, wherever we may be, for the weather conditions to improve or we will take the opportunity to leave that area, meaning the program be cut short, if it is in the group's best interest safety-wise. If problems arise that put the participants' safety at risk the Guide will decide whether or not to continue, change, postpone the trip or return back.

We recommend you take out a trip cancellation insurance policy.

Possible changes in hours, or new rules and regulations of the places we may visit may imply a change in the initial program.

Our activities will not be postponed for rain.

Any expense not specified in the program will be covered by the participants.

We invite the participants to ask about any doubts they may have regarding the program before it begins.

Refunds for cancellation of a reservation

If you decide to cancel your trip payments made to HARAS AMPASCACHI will be refunded under the following condition(s):

Days left before the trip start date

Cancellation fee

Over 30 days

The reservation deposit

is kept, which is 30% of the trip total

Less than 15 days 100% of the trip total

In every case you may:

- a) Make a date change with permission from Haras Ampascachi
- b) Propose a change in the person who will be riding.

How to confirm an Ampascachi Ride

1. You must fill out the Reservation Form online, complete it and send it back to us via email.
2. Once you are lodged at Haras you must sign a Conditions Acceptance Agreement.
3. Attend the informational chats given by our Guides.

Medical care

For these types of situations we have sufficient technology and emergency role plans in order to assure a timely response and transfer to the closest hospital center.

The trip participants are responsible for their own medications. HARAS AMPASCACHI is not responsible for those medications that the passenger may need.

You should be in good health in order to participate in a trip, both for your own safety and

that of the other participants.

If you have any illness that may lead to a complication during a ride, or any type of physical condition, we ask that you please tell us of such situation so we may perform our evaluation and arrange adequate logistics prior to the ride.

4-IMPORTANT

If the trip has to be ended early or changed due to adverse weather conditions or because of the Guide's decision regarding situations that imply a risk to the group or any of its participants, this will not imply that any type of refund will be made.

If, during the trip, any of the participants need medical care, and the entire group must be evacuated, the expenses incurred for such evacuation will be paid by the participant(s) in question. This situation will not imply any refund for any of the participants. We will evaluate the possibility of offering the same trip on other dates the company has available, and at a discount.

Any expense that is not included in the program should be paid directly by the participants.

5-ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

At HARAS AMPASCACHI we are very environmentally concerned, which is why we require that our clients throw their trash in the trashcan or the trash bag meant for that. Use the bathrooms whenever you can. Follow the procedures you will be told of during our trips regarding organic garbage, garbage handling and other environmental awareness procedures.

We abide by the "Leave No Trace" (LNT) international program on our rides. <http://www.nols.edu/espanol/cursos/ndr/>

The Leave No Trace principles help us develop our own conscientious and criteria. They are not laws or regulations. They are principles that provide adequate alternatives for making the best decision in each situation and environment so as to conserve the natural areas we visit.

6-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How much riding do we do per day?

Outdoor riding is measured in hours and our daily activities are programmed to be done between 4 and 12 hours per day, with stops to rest, eat and take pictures. The Guides and "baqueanos" control the group's dynamics at every moment, adjusting the pace of the ride to it.

How should I prepare myself physically?

Many people think that you do not need to be in good physical shape to ride.

Even though it's true that you do not have to be in the same shape as if you were going hiking or on a trip on foot, it is undeniable that a good physical condition will allow you to be more comfortable on the horse and enjoy the activities to the fullest. A combination of aerobic exercise and strength training is excellent for getting in shape. These will allow you to have better cardiopulmonary performance and resistance. We make sure that our meals are varied and provide a good amount of liquid.

What is the sleeping arrangement?

- For overnight riding routes we have tents for 3-4 people, which have an area for your personal items, such as boots and saddles. You will sleep inside a sleeping bag with personal sheets, on top of cots.

There are no insects or bugs that may bother us thanks to the cold nights, the altitude and the dry weather.

- For the daytrip riding we return to Haras every afternoon, for dinner and lodging.

What sort of conveniences do we have during the rides?

Our rides are done in areas located far away from populated areas. They are virgin locations lacking infrastructure (there are no buildings or bathrooms).

We set up camp every afternoon, where we have dinner and sleep as comfortably as possible.

What documentation should I bring?

ID card, National Document or Passport (if you are a foreigner).

Should I bring a first-aid kit?

You should bring your personal medication if you are taking anything special.

We also suggest you bring moisturizer and after-sun lotion. We carry a first aid kit with us for any unforeseen situation. It is also mandatory that you take out adventure sports/activity travel insurance.

Are bathrooms available during the ride?

Our rides are done outdoors or in the mountains, which is why the comforts of the city are not available. That makes it all the more exciting to be in direct contact with nature. We carry enough water so you can clean up before and after each day. For the overnight camps we have a camp shower with a limited amount of hot water.

What clothes and equipment do I need?

In our Sierras, just as with any large mountain range, it is difficult to predict the weather.

We should be prepared for a wide range of temperatures and conditions: cold nights, warm days, wind, snow and more intense sun. We provide all the group items (cooking utensils, tableware, heaters, tents) and for each program there is a list of recommended personal equipment that each participant should bring. For each program we have a list of recommended clothing, according to the season.

What should I have in my personal equipment?

It is important to not bring extra items that are not specified in the programs.

Your clothing should be comfortable enough to allow for easy movements and synthetic materials (polar Tec) are preferable over wool or cotton. We should bring footwear that is already broken in so as to avoid unpleasant surprises such as blisters or foot pain. Each saddle has a saddlebag for carrying personal items. This way we avoid things hanging off that may make us uncomfortable and that may bother the horse.

What are the meals like? Can I request special meals?

Our meals, cooked very carefully, are simple and homemade, using local country seasoning. They are cooked outdoors and served in the best manner, always with the

season's sweetest and juiciest fruit. If you have any special requirements regarding meals please tell us of this and we will happily see how we can meet your needs.

I'm a vegetarian. Will there be any problems with that?

You just have to let us know and we'll take care to provide you with an adequate menu.

Are there any age limits?

For the overnight rides you have to be at least 18 years old.

For the trips leaving and returning the very same day the minimum age is 16 years old.

Can I sign up by myself?

Of course you can. A lot of people come by themselves and it is an excellent opportunity to meet new people and friends. The time on the mountain brings the people in the group together. Many of the participants are traveling alone, which is why we have set departure dates so we make sure we meet the minimum number of people required for the overnight routes (which is 4 people).

If that minimum number is not met we will let you know of the additional costs involved for the ride to leave with fewer participants.

Who will be part of our group?

Our groups are made up of people who are generally between 18 and 70, having all sorts of occupations and nationalities, brought together by their spirit of adventure and deep respect for nature.

How safe will we be?

There are inherent risks to any outdoor activity. In order for these to be minimized we must work with trained staff, which is certified mountain guides with experience in the activity.

We are proud of our guides and "baqueanos". Besides being excellent mountaineers, they all have a vast knowledge of and love for the work they do.

Thanks to them our safety record is excellent.

Who will be our guides?

You will be accompanied by, on all our programs, professional "baqueanos" and guides who will constantly be looking out for your safety and satisfaction during your adventure.

What will happen in case of an accident?

The best cure is prevention and awareness so as not to act irresponsibly during the program. If an unforeseen event does occur, we know every exit trail and the first-aid kit is available. Thanks to the satellite phone we are able to communicate any situation and we have a contingency plan for each route with the corresponding evacuation roles.

Are we communicated in any way?

The guides can communicate with the base and the logistics team at any moment by radio and telephone.

Can I return early from an overnight ride?

Upon leaving you should be completely sure about your situation because once the ride

starts out no one can decide to return just at any moment, since this would hinder the group and put the other participants at risk because guides, baqueanos and meals would need to be split up. If the return is due to a medical situation or one of enough personal seriousness that warrants suspending the trip, our guide will make the best decisions regarding where and how the trip will be terminated, always prioritizing the safety of the group that will continue as well as that of the person returning, making sure that he has all the guarantees that both parties will arrive safely at the destination.

If such termination means hiring third parties or services, the expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the person leaving and that person will not have the right to any type of claim or refund.

In any situation of this type our staff will give their all so as to make the best decision and solve the problem.

Do I need to make a reservation?

Yes! It is mandatory that you have a prior a reservation. The closing dates for reservations are: 3 days before for those programs based at our facilities and 15 days for the overnight routes.

Do I have to pay anything extra?

No

Are air and bus transportation included?

No, they are not part of the rate

Is it possible for me to set up a "tailor-made" program with excursions and transportation?

Yes. We can happily set up a tailor-made vacation program that includes our rides and/or other activities. We can recommend a good number of alternatives, such as tourist areas, restaurants, etc. If you require an estimate specially drawn up for your group, we will happily be able to do that once you tell us what you need.

How do we get to the departure point?

Depending on where you are coming in from to get to Haras Ampascachi we will tell you which is the most convenient way of getting to our facilities and what transportation means are available. Our facilities are the common departure point for all our riding programs.

Can the prices change?

We take all reasonable steps to make sure the prices shown are the true ones. However, occasionally the prices may change. This is why we recommend you check current prices when you make your reservation.

Should I leave tips?

There is no obligation to tip the guides and baqueanos. This is entirely up to you.

What is the weather like?

Summer in Cordoba is an excellent time for doing our activities. The hotter months are December and January. November, February and March have somewhat variable temperatures and some snow may fall on the mountains during those months. During June, July and August the overnight rides are suspended since the weather becomes very

unpredictable with very low temperatures that will not allow us to enjoy the proposed adventure.

Does it rain a lot?

Not usually. The weather is very dry and if there are storms, they are usually over quickly. It is very rare that we have storms lasting two or three days. In any case, we have rain gear for each person in case it does rain.



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