



Coastline to Condors: A Classic Cabalgata

This two week-long adventure takes us from the sands of the Atlantic Coast to summit views in the Andes. We combine two of our popular departures to South America, the Uruguay Beach Ride and the Patagonia Horse Trek to make Coastline to Condors.



The trip starts in Montevideo (MVD) and we ride the northern beaches of Uruguay to the Brazilian border, staying in small hotels and family run inns along the way (no camping). Meals at local restaurants let us enjoy the best of local cuisine and wines.

After the Beach Ride, we fly from Montevideo to Bariloche (BRC) in the foothills of the Andes. From a charming family estancia, we ride and camp out through the heart of Patagonia. Bring your fishing rod and camera, and expect rugged terrain, high peaks, soaring condors and *gaucho asados* around the campfire.

Day 1: Arrive Montevideo late afternoon, transfer to *estancia* El Charabon. Enjoy a delightful meal on the terrace before retiring.

Day 2: A morning ride around the estancia gives us a feel for this fertile coastal plain where cattle are king. In the late morning, we transfer by van to meet our horses for the beach ride. Short ride to Cabo Polonio and a beachfront restaurant for lunch. Then ride up the beach to meet our van for transfer to our hotel.

Day 3-6: Morning and afternoon rides heading north, visiting natural reserves, small towns and enjoying the variability of the coastal terrain. At one point, we have to swim the horses across a river mouth (riders transfer by rowboat with the tack).

Day 7: Return drive to Montevideo to our evening's hotel. Farewell dinner.

Day 8: Transfer to the airport for flight to Bariloche. Arrive in the afternoon in Bariloche, meet our local guide and transfer to his family *estancia*.

Day 9-13: Ride on sure-footed *Criollo* horses in the foothills of the Andes. Camp out at night.

Day 14: Transfer to hotel in Bariloche, farewell dinner.

Day 15: Fly to Buenos Aires and home.



**What's Included:**

All meals taken with the group from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 15, all hotel and tent accommodations, land transport, guides, wranglers & horses.

What's Not Included:

International and internal air flights, alcoholic beverages, visa fees, departure taxes, excess baggage fees, gratuities and items of a personal nature.

Photos: Above and standing gaucho by Heather Hafleigh Photography

Getting There and Back: The trip starts in Montevideo and ends in Buenos Aires. You will also need a connecting flight between Montevideo and Bariloche on Day 8 and a flight from Bariloche to Buenos Aires on Day 15. When planning your flights, contact our office for the recommended airline and flight numbers for the flights between Montevideo, Bariloche and Buenos Aires. As of 2009, the airfare for the local flights is \$500.00 USD. Feel free to have your travel agent contact us to coordinate your flights or call Ciretta at Montana Travel, 800-247-3538.

Visas and Departures Taxes: US citizens need only a valid passport for travel to Argentina and Uruguay, no visas are required. Other nationalities should check with the nearest consulate of Argentina and Uruguay. There is roughly \$35 USD of departure taxes that must be paid separately and is not included in your air ticket price.

Excess Luggage Charges: Travelers coming from North America are allowed two pieces of checked luggage going TO Montevideo and returning FROM Buenos Aires. However, on flights between Montevideo and Bariloche and back to Buenos Aires, the luggage allowance is ONE checked bag of no more than 20 kilos (44 lbs). The good news is that excess luggage charges aren't terrible, about \$1 USD per pound.