

## CHILE, Patagonia El Patagon and Endurance Ride



### Experience the awe inspiring land of Patagonia, Chile on horseback!

Ride alongside the famous gauchos of South America as you compete in an international day's ride, (45 or 20km) a grand finale to the end of a comfortable yet physical four day horse trail from estancia to estancia.



### QUICK FACTS

**Riding ability:** Intermediate-Advanced

**Duration:** 6 days/6 nights including 1 day endurance ride, total 5 days riding, 1 day drive in Torres del Paine National Park

**Dates:** 28/04/08 - 03/05/08 (07-11/4/2008 excluding the Endurance Ride)\*

**Accommodation:** Hotel, estancia, mountain lodge

**Group size:** 2-8 riders

**Meeting place:** Punta Arenas, Chile

**Cost:** £1269 pp plus extra for first night £114 pp for 4-8 riders + £175 pp for 2-3 riders. Single supplement £218

**Deposit** 25%.

**Flight guide cost:** £1000

**Includes:** Return transfer by bus from Punta Arenas Airport, accommodation, meals, bilingual guide, transportation, park entrance fees

**Excludes:** Flights, airport taxes, airport transfers, transfer from Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales, tips, bottled/canned drinks, dinner on your arrival to Puerto Natales. Transfer can be arranged from the airport/ hotel in Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales in advance and costs \$200 (one way) which may be split between the group.

\* These dates are available for this ride but excluding the Endurance Day. Cost £890, + £123 for 2-3 riders, single supplement £167

## **TRIP INFORMATION**

### **Climate**

Four seasons in one day! Be prepared for any type of weather by packing layers and long underwear and reliable waterproof gear. Torres del Paine has a milder and drier microclimate than the surrounding areas of Patagonia because of some unique geological features but for the same reason it can be windy.

### **Riding**

Opportunities for many trots and canters across the pampas. Slower pace as we cross rivers and hills.

### **Horses**

Pure bred Criollo or Criollo cross, between 14.2 – 16 hands high. They are responsive, forward moving and surefooted.

### **Tack**

Chilean or Argentinian saddles (similar to Western), usually covered by a sheepskin. Western style bridles.

### **Description of the ride**

Canter across windswept pampas, watch the incredible condor soar overhead, realize the immensity of towering glaciers as you stand at their base, and marvel at the untamed beauty that lies in this rare and not often visited part of the world. Each day after an exhilarating ride cross varied terrain, relax by the fire at a working estancia. Learn something of the natural and political history of the area, as well as its interesting myths and legends as your guides relate the stories that unfolded here long ago.

The endurance ride on the final day is an exciting and unique opportunity to join local and international riders in a prestigious day of thrills.

