



RIDE WORLD WIDE

ARGENTINA, TIERRA DEL FUEGO

END OF THE WORLD BY JAKOTANGO 2025-2026

RIDE INFORMATION

Inspired by the traditional gaucho culture, the Jakotango team has set up these rides to showcase some of the highlights of rural Argentina, its incredible scenery, horses and people. Tierra del Fuego still conjures images of exploration, Darwin & Fitzroy and the Beagle, and the Fuegian Indians whose fires in their canoes gave the island its name. Rides are led by Marcos Villamil who speaks excellent English, has worked with Jakob's team for several years, and has a wealth of experience having spent 18 months riding the length of Argentina. Marcos is assisted by an excellent team, including an amazing chef, who provide support and also by experienced local gauchos who look after the horses. Escape, exhilaration, excitement; great horses, stunning scenery and a sense of style - these rides offer it all!



DATES

7 night rides in Tierra del Fuego are run between November and March from set dates. Please contact us to discuss dates and availability.

HORSES

The horses used are owned by Jakob and his team and are locally bred. They are mainly Argentine Criollos and Criollos crossed with Noriker, Quarter Horse, or Thoroughbred. They are strong and sensible, very sure footed and at ease on rough or steep mountain terrain but also energetic, responsive and forward going making them a real pleasure to ride. There is an excellent choice for riders of different abilities. The horses are ridden in the local style, similar to western riding. They are used to neck reining with a light contact and relaxed seat.

TACK

Argentine style in Patagonia - saddles are similar to westerns without the big pommel, topped with a comfortable sheepskin. Bridles are also local style, made from raw-hide and with shanked bits so that only a loose contact with the mouth is required. Saddle-bags are provided.

RIDING

There is riding on 7 days, usually a short ride on the afternoon of the first day, a great chance to try the horses, and then 4 to 8 hours in the saddle on most of the following days - though there is one long day of around 10 hours. On some days, riding is from estancia to estancia stopping for a long lunch and siesta on the way; on others you ride out from the night's base, stopping for lunch on the way, then return by a different route to the base. Groups are limited to a maximum of 8.

WEIGHT LIMIT

90kgs / 14st 2lbs but please contact us if your weight is close to this to check suitable horses are available (some heavier experienced riders may be taken by prior arrangement).



PACE

The pace varies with the route each day but there are plenty of open plains and several days include long canters. In some places you cross rugged terrain, sometimes climbing narrow and steep tracks, or traversing peat bogs and thick forests of southern Beech where the riding is predominantly slow. Overall it is a faster paced ride and you can move on where the ground allows.

RIDING EXPERIENCE

Suitable for intermediate riders and above, who are comfortable, relaxed and secure in the saddle at a walk, trot and fast canter and are looking for good quality, fun riding. The horses are mostly of a calm and good natured temperament and adept at covering the rough terrain - however with peat bogs and some river crossings to negotiate, you need to be relaxed and confident in the saddle with a reasonable amount of experience of this type of riding. You should also be comfortable with heights - one day in particular day you climb to a high viewpoint - there's nothing particularly vertical, but those with serious vertigo can find it alarming. There will be times when you need to get off and lead your horse up or down steep hills, so as well as riding experience you should be happy handling a horse from the ground and mounting unassisted. You will definitely enjoy the riding much more if you are riding fit and generally fit to walk up and down hills on uneven ground. If you don't ride regularly at home we strongly recommend plenty of practice before you go to get used to the hours in the saddle.

TERRAIN

The southern part of Tierra del Fuego is mountainous and covered with southern beech forest, with peat bogs in the valleys. By contrast, the north is mostly open plains of grassland, where you find herds of guanaco (the wild llamas), and broad river valleys. The ride starts in the north and you head south over the days though the transition area, ending in the mountains just north of the great Lago Fagnano which spans both Chile & Argentina. The island is split down the middle, with Argentina on the east and Chile on the west, and on some days you follow the border which is just a fence line. This is rugged unspoilt country with some challenging going for both horses and riders.

SAFETY

Guides are first aid trained and carry a medical kit and satellite phone for emergencies. As much of the riding is in remote, at times there will be limited or delayed access to professional medical support.

ACCOMMODATION

Nights are spent in different private estancias, with one night in a simple camp. The first 2 nights and the last night are at Estancia San Jose where one of the cabins has been beautifully restored for guests. There are 4 double rooms, with proper beds made up with cotton sheets, pillows and duvets; all have en-suite bathrooms and a woodburning stove. The shearing shed has also been restored and an area sectioned off to become a dining & sitting room.



On the third day, after a long ride, you reach Rio Apen where the night is spent in converted caravans, which traditionally are used by shepherds and fencing crews in remote areas. These have all been restored and each caravan has 2 small bedrooms (sleeping bag and liner supplied), a small bathroom with shower, and a cosy kitchen area. A wonderful dining area has been created in a neighbouring barn with amazing views over the river Apen and the picturesque shearing sheds and stables.



The next 2 nights are spent at Estancia Boqueron, where you stay in the yellow family house of Ines Menedez-Behety (one of the great pioneering families of the region). There are 4 simple but comfortable rooms, and a shared bathroom. The penultimate night is spent in a more basic 'fly' camp, set up next to a mountain refuge. Here you stay in 2-man dome (igloo) tents, with camp beds, mattresses and sleeping bags provided. There are no showers in the fly camp - a little water will be heated for a morning face wash or you can have a quick dip in a cold stream - and there is a shared long drop loo. Single accommodation is not usually possible.



MEALS

All meals are included and a real effort is made with the food, which reflects local Argentine traditions. Full cooked breakfasts keep you going when camping, lunch is either a picnic out riding, often carried by pack horse and eaten 'picnic style' along the way or it might be a traditional 'asado', a big part of gaucho culture and much more than simply Spanish for BBQ..... Argentine beef is renowned for its excellence and is often served with chorizo as part of an 'asado' or sometimes there might be a whole lamb asado accompanied by salads, home-made bread, cheeses and plenty of carefully chosen Argentinian wine. Dinners in base camp are three courses, eaten at a long table in the 'quincho' or around the campfire. Although meat is the mainstay of the Argentinean diet, main courses also include fish or perhaps a traditional with a selection of salads and vegetables. Vegetarians can be well catered for but please give us prior notice of any special dietary requirements. Drinks are included - the well-known Pisco Sour, especially mixed to fortify mind and body ('courage in a bottle'..) as well as other spirits, beer and good Argentine wines. Dinner is usually eaten quite late in tune with local custom (customarily in Argentina dinner is never before 9pm and sometimes not until 11pm).

WEATHER

The season starts in November, with the arrival of spring and ends in March, late summer. Day time temperatures in the area between November and March average 10-15C but can vary and nights are generally cool, sometimes down to -2C. January and February are mid- summer and usually the warmest months but in the mountains, anything is possible and you should always be prepared for weather that is best described as capricious - unpredictable and changeable, with strong winds, rain (and snow) possible at any time with little warning. In Buenos Aires province, the summer is hot and sunny, with daytime temperatures up to about 30 C.



WHAT TO BRING

We will send you a list when you book.

ITINERARY

The following is an example of the 7 night itinerary. **Please note** it is only an example and day by day arrangements may be varied by your guides at their discretion if the weather or other local conditions require. In Terra del Fuego you can experience all 4 seasons in one day.

End of the World by Jakotango (7 nights)

*[Own arrangements to arrive and perhaps overnight in Buenos Aires, making your way to the domestic airport for an internal / domestic flight to Rio Grande. Meeting arrangements will be confirmed before you depart - the recommended flight from Buenos Aires to Rio Grande normally depart Buenos Aires AEP around 02.00/ arrives Rio Grande 07:00 but please check with us **before** booking any internal flights].*

Day 1 - Arrive Río Grande, where the team will be waiting for you. From here you will be driven about an hour and a half to Estancia San José, Jakotango's headquarters, where you spend the first two nights. Breakfast on arrival and time to discuss the schedule for the next few days. Then settle into your rooms and time for showers etc before lunch and, in true Argentinian tradition, a siesta. In the afternoon meet the horses for your first ride. This gives you the opportunity to get to know your horse and get used to the local tack and the gaucho riding style. Return to the estancia for drinks, dinner & the night. (B,L,D).



ITINERARY cont.

Day 2 - After a hearty breakfast, saddle up the horses and set off riding across the plains, through stretches of beech forest, perhaps reaching the border with Chile, before heading to the Río Grande. This river is home to the largest sea trout in the world and you will stop for a picnic, followed by a siesta on the riverbank. In the afternoon ride back to the estancia. There are some big, open plains, and you will cover long distances at a gallop. Perhaps stop for a whiskey at the historic trenches dug during the Beagle Conflict of 1978 - a border dispute between Chile and Argentina that was finally settled by the Pope (about 5-6 hours riding). Dinner and night Estancia San Jose. (B,L,D)



Day 3 - Today is the longest day of riding, covering around 60 km. There will be some long gallops across the steppes as you head closer and closer to the mountains. Stop for a picnic lunch, carried in your saddlebags, at a beautiful spot just above the Río Menendez. After a rest continue across open plains, then past a couple of estancias, one abandoned, through forest and peat bogs, eventually reaching the Apen river valley and your destination today, Estancia Río Apen. Here you will be accommodated in simple caravans with double beds and sleeping bags. There is a separate building with a fireplace where dinner is served (approx 10 hours riding). Dinner and night Estancia Río Apen. (B,L,D)



Day 4 - A relaxed breakfast and a later start as today is a shorter day. You will be changing horses, and the horses you have ridden over the last few days will be sent back by truck to San José. You will continue on horses from Estancia El Boquerón, the destination of today's ride. Following an estancia track along open valleys lined by forested hills, after about 4 hours you reach the distinctive yellow house of El Boqueron, one of the most remote farms on the island. Lunch on arrival and time for a siesta before another ride if you wish, or you can relax and enjoy a stroll through the beautiful forest. Dinner and night Estancia El Boqueron. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Breakfast and set off with a picnic lunch in your saddle bags, climbing through thick forest, passing several dams constructed by beavers, and crossing stretches of open moorland and peat bogs where wild horses are often seen. The scenery is breathtaking and as you reach the treeline and continue across the open shale at the top of the mountain you may well see condors soaring, both above and below you! At the top you stop for lunch, tying the horses to a stand of trees below the summit. After a short rest set off down the slopes, following another route through the forest, looking forward to the hot shower and the comfortable beds at El Boquerón (about 5 hours riding). Dinner and night Estancia El Boqueron. (B,L,D)



Day 6 - Breakfast and set off into the complete wilderness. Leaving your main luggage behind, you pack what is required for the night in your saddle bags, with pack horses carrying food, tents and other equipment. Heading towards the mountains you follow a broad open valley, crossing the river a couple of times. It is about 2 ½ hours to the Puesto Reública, where the night will be spent, and which can only be reached by horse (or on foot). It is very remote, there is just one small hut, built as a shepherd's camp, with a long drop loo nearby. After a short break you continue riding, heading towards the mountains. Crossing through a band of forest you enter a secret valley that has seen almost no humans since days of the Ona Indians. After a picnic stop climb slowly, through peat bogs, past a waterfall and along the hillside, eventually reaching the scree slope that takes you to a high pass, about 2 ½ hours from the puesto. There is usually snow at the top and from there, on a clear day, you can see Lake Fagnano to the south, as well as mountains and the huge wilderness that stretches between here and Ushuaia. The descent is much easier for the horses and it's less than 2 hours back to Puesto Reública. You will sleep well in dome tents, on camp beds with mattresses and sleeping bags. Dinner and night Puesto Reública. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Breakfast and set off riding downstream, heading back to El Boquerón, with some long canters along the valleys, to arrive in time for lunch. After lunch say good bye to the horses and the team at El Boqueron, then set off by vehicle driving back to Estancia San Jose. Farewell dinner & night at San Jose. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - After breakfast you will be taken to Ushuaia airport (approx. 4 hours' drive). We highly recommend staying a night in the worlds' southernmost city before onward travel! (B)



Please note that due to constantly fluctuating exchange rates, ride rates are now quoted in USD. The sterling price will be the equivalent sterling rate using the USD/sterling exchange rate in force when you book/pay. (Rates valid to March 2026)

**Tierra del Fuego - End of the World:
7 nights - USD 5600 per person**

2025-2026 Dates Exclusive to Ride World Wide

17th to 24th February 2026

Other dates sometimes available on request for private groups

Rate **INCLUDES** twin / double accommodation, all riding, guiding and back up, meals (lunch first day to breakfast last day), local drinks, camping equipment (including sleeping bags for fly camps), laundry service and all road / boat transfers within itinerary.

Note - A service charge of USD 175 per week will be added to your invoice to cover staff tips.

Rate **EXCLUDES** International and domestic flights and taxes, any accommodation in Buenos Aires or outside ride itinerary, personal medical / travel insurance (which you must have with cover to ride), any visa fees, optional activities such as fishing & fishing licences, clay pigeon shooting etc, personal items such as telephone calls.

Single Accommodation Rates assume twin share but no supplement is charged for single travellers as long as they are willing to share with another guest of the same sex if necessary. Accommodation is limited and unfortunately single accommodation cannot be guaranteed though we will do our best to accommodate preferences.



FLIGHTS & TRAVEL INFORMATION

British Airways currently have daily flights from London to Buenos Aires (touching down in Rio de Janeiro), usually leaving London Heathrow at about 22.00 arriving Buenos Aires at about 11.00 the next day. Iberia and Aerolineas Argentinas also have daily flights from London to Buenos Aires with a change in Madrid. Other options include LATAM, Air France and Lufthansa, or via the USA. Fares start at about £900 per person economy return London to Buenos Aires although this will vary depending on the carrier, date required, availability and how long in advance you book. Please call us for more flight information or if you would like a fare quote. We would be happy to book flights for you (our ATOL number for flight sales is 6213).

Domestic flights are best booked in conjunction with international tickets. For the domestic flights Buenos Aires to Rio Grande & Ushuaia to Buenos Aires budget around \$600 USD return although you always need to confirm on booking. Meeting in Rio Grande is usually arranged to combine with the following Aerolineas Argentinas flight:

AR 1868 Depart Buenos Aires 02:45 / arrives Rio Grande RGA 06:15

NB Aerolineas change timings quite regularly

After the ride we recommend a night in Ushuaia (you will arrive Ushuaia on the afternoon of day 8) If you plan to fly out that day it should not be until after 16.00.

IMPORTANT Please check with us before booking domestic flights as we try to co-ordinate so that everyone is on the same flight.



GENERAL VISA & HEALTH INFORMATION

NB this is a brief outline - further information will be sent to you if you make a confirmed booking)

Visas If you hold a full British Passport and are visiting Argentina for less than 3 months, you do not need to arrange a visa in advance although visa requirements are always subject to change and you should always check up to date requirements before you travel

Health No jabs are required as a condition of entry into Argentina from the UK and Europe. The TravelHealthPro website (NaTHNaC) recommends you ensure you are up to date with Tetanus. For some travelers (normally if traveling around or longer stay), inoculation against Typhoid, Hepatitis A and B and perhaps Rabies can be suggested. You should visit your GP or a travel clinic for advice about 4 weeks before departure.

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