



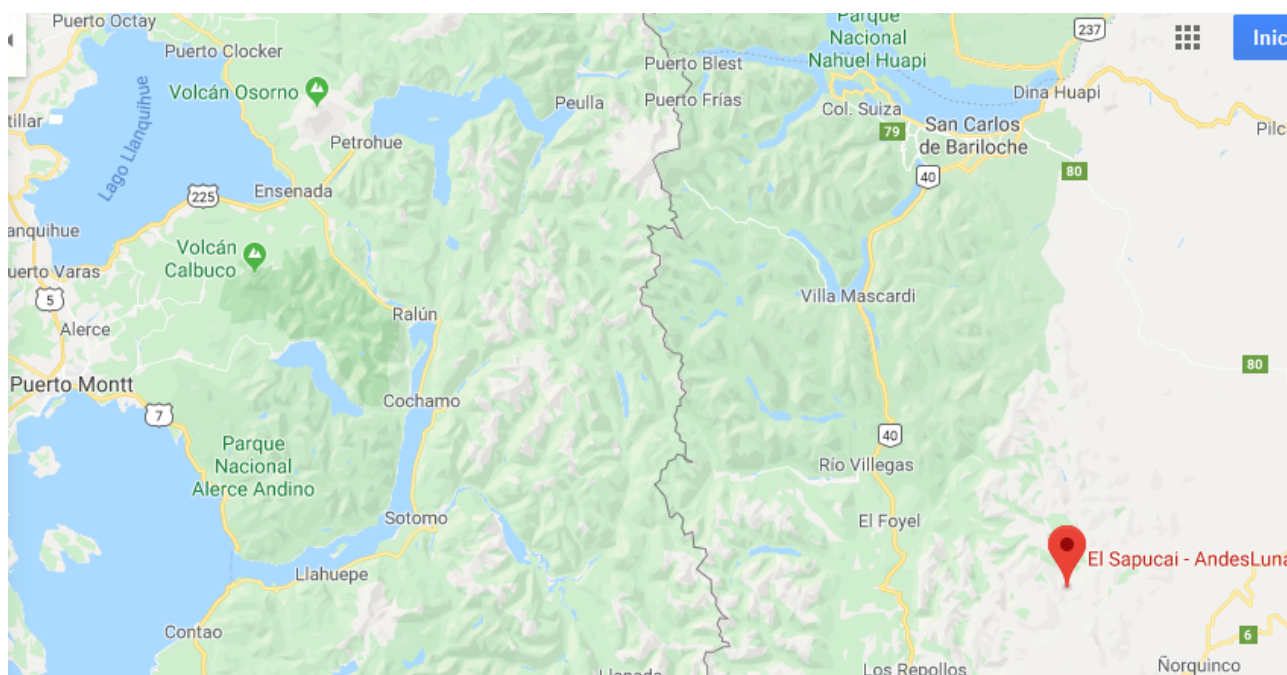
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PATAGONIA ARGENTINA

EL SAPUCAI Horses & Glamping

4 days of service
3 nights
4 days on horseback

LOCATION



The exact location is: 41°45'06.70" 71°08'25.62"

The EL SAPUCAI mountain lodge is located southeast of San Carlos de Bariloche, on the banks of the Chubut River.

We depart by private transfer from Bariloche, heading south along the famous Route 40. Our transfer takes us through the mountainous lake region of Nahuel Huapi Park, until, after about 3 ½ hours, we finally reach the EL SAPUCAI mountain lodge. In this setting between the Precordillera and the Cordillera of Argentine Patagonia, we will travel on horseback. We will discover and explore the high peaks and deep valleys with their native forests.



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ITINERARY

Day 1 – BARILOCHE / EL SAPUCAI

transfer, 1h on horseback



Around 10 am our journey begins, taking us by private transfer along Route 40, the famous route running along the foot of the Cordillera between the north and south of the country. We cross the Norpatagonia lake region, and finally, after about 3-4 hours, we arrive at “El Sapucaí,” our establishment in the Precordillera. We settle into our cozy Glamping. We assign the horses we’ll spend the next few days with. We meet our helpers and enjoy the beauty of the afternoon. Before dinner, we’ll go for a ride on horseback.

Lunch, Dinner; Overnight at EL SAPUCAI

Day 2 – EL SAPUCAI / CHUBUT RIVER / EL SAPUCAI

2nd day on horseback (3 – 5 hs)

After a quiet night without the noise of “the big city,” we begin our first ride. Today we will ride upriver, enjoying the sound of the water, and after about 2 to 3 hours we’ll enjoy a lunch we carried in our saddlebags. In the afternoon we head back toward Sapucaí. Depending on preferences, we’ll take an old, disused vehicle track, or ride along a narrower, more adventurous trail. Breakfast,

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; Overnight at EL SAPUCAI

Day 3 – EL SAPUCAI / LAGOONS / EL SAPUCAI

3rd day on horseback (6 – 7 hs)

The third day of riding takes us toward the High Peaks of the Cordillera..We’re fascinated by the horses’ skill crossing different terrain: wetlands, lenga forests, and rocky ground. Near the end of these climbs, we reach a lookout point with a 360-degree view, where we can take in the Cordillera with its eternal snow as well as the Patagonian steppe. We’ll enjoy our lunch beside an idyllic lagoon, surrounded by rocky peaks.. In the afternoon we return along another trail through forests of lenga and stunted ñire trees, following a stream back to our lodge.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; Overnight at EL SAPUCAI

Day 4 – EL SAPUCAI / OLD SCHOOL / BARILOCHE

4th day on horseback (2 – 3 hs)

Our last day together with our horses. We’ll continue along an old trail that brings us to the Arroyo Las Minas area. As we approach this spot, we’ll see a landscape typical of the Patagonian ecotone, a mix of precordillera and steppe .We head toward the former School No. 100, where our transfer takes us for about 4 hours, first toward Bolsón and then along the famous Route 40 back to BARILOCHE. End of our services

Breakfast, Lunch, Transfer

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

The program is suitable for riders of all levels, since it involves three days of riding with accommodation in Yurts (GLAMPING), and we return to our starting point every afternoon.



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For this reason, the route and demands of each day's ride can be adapted to the group's level. Daily outings can range from 2 - 7 hours, depending on what our guests request. We have the opportunity to explore the wonders of the Precordillera and Cordillera of Patagonia on horseback and rest on the banks of the Chubut River, enjoying the silence and magic of this unique place.

INCLUDES

All private transfers to/from Bariloche

All meals AND drinks (incl. beer and wine) detailed in the itinerary.

Bilingual guides, local baqueano guides, satellite communication for emergencies

Riding horses, spare horses

EL SAPUCAI MOUNTAIN LODGE



The Patagonian lodge is located on the banks of the Chubut River, in a secluded spot within the Cordillera. The house has a warm kitchen-dining room where delicious meals are still prepared over a wood fire.

We have a wood-fired water heater, a living room with a fireplace, and a bathroom. Everything is designed to make this place a unique experience.

GLAMPING IN THE YURTS



Outside, a small stream separates the house from the three yurts, which face the Chubut River.

Each one has a wooden floor, wood heating, a private bathroom, and full beds for 2 / 3 and 4 people.

Its sturdy construction and warm interior atmosphere let you enjoy complete rest, GLAMPING style.

ACCOMMODATION



3 nights at El Sapucaí (yurts, DOUBLE/TRIPLE/QUADRUPLE base)
There is no electricity or phone signal.
We have a satellite phone available for emergencies.

GROUPS

Min 2 / max. 9 PAX

DELICATESSEN



The cuisine at EL SAPUCAÍ is a special blend of flavors and ingredients, drawing on the ethnic variety of Patagonian criollo cooking, all prepared on our traditional wood-fired stove. Traditional criollo asado may be served at several meals. It consists of delicious lamb or beef roasted over embers and wood. As the main traditional dish, it's cooked in different ways, usually accompanied by salad, potatoes, and, of course, red wine. The vegetables and fruit are excellent and very varied.

Vegetarian dishes are a delicious option, but we need to know in advance if you prefer vegetarian options when making your reservation.

SAFETY AND COMMUNICATION

Our qualified staff is equipped with safety gear. During your stay, since our lodge is almost entirely cut off from civilization, we have satellite communication in case of emergency. We carry adventure tourism insurance, although it is mandatory that you bring your own travel medical insurance.

GUIDES

ANDESLUNA believes that guides/hosts are the key to a successful and memorable trip. We use qualified staff trained in Wilderness First Responder (WFR) rescue and first aid. We only work with experienced guides who have extensive knowledge of the area. Our guides are people who are



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deeply passionate about the region we travel through. They will always stay a step ahead and provide help and assistance in any unforeseen situation. Our guides are bilingual and knowledgeable about the region, its people, and its culture, and will always be there to help you and look after your overall safety.

WEATHER AND CLOTHING

Temperatures in the Cordillera are highly variable and can even be unpredictable, so you should be prepared for anything. It can turn cold very early in the morning or at nightfall, but can reach 30 degrees Celsius at midday. It's also likely to rain at some point, although the rainy season normally begins at the end of autumn!

To deal with these temperature changes, it's a good idea to bring clothing with a layering system, which you can put on or take off as the weather changes.

Remember that several thin layers of clothing are more comfortable than one thick layer. Silk or thin thermal underwear is a good idea. Below is a clothing checklist to help with your stay:

Essential

Sunglasses
Hat or cap
High-factor sunscreen
Lip protection against wind and sun
Personal medication (enough for the whole trip) Contact lenses

Recommended

Insect repellent
Basic personal first-aid kit
Wash kit (biodegradable soap and shampoo)
Disposable tissues/wet wipes or travel wipes
Flashlight (a headlamp is ideal)
Camera and/or video camera, spare battery and memory card
Books/reading material/pencil and paper
water bottle

In general

Suitable clothing for outdoor activity
Long-sleeve shirts (protection from harsh weather: sun, wind, cold)
Short-sleeve shirt (useful if it's very hot or as a first layer when the temperature is highly variable)
Waterproof/windbreaker jacket
Scarf/bandana (there can sometimes be dust)
Long pants
Shorts or cotton pants
Fleece/Sweater
Comfortable sneakers/shoes for resting

For horseback riding

Boots/ankle boots (with a sole suitable for riding — not too thick, so you can free your foot quickly in case of a fall)
Full-length leather chaps (preferably) or half-length chaps for protection against thorny vegetation and extreme weather
Riding helmet (highly recommended),
Riding gloves

From mid-December to the end of January, an annoying but harmless insect called the “horsefly” (Tábano) appears in our south. They’re strongly attracted to dark-colored clothing such as blue or black, and less to light colors such as white or yellow. Please keep this in mind when choosing your clothing for the trip.

When the horseflies disappear, yellow jackets appear (to a lesser extent). If you are allergic to wasp stings, we suggest bringing your medication and also letting us know, so we have the opportunity to act in case of any emergency and to bring preventive medication.

TIP

In South America it is customary to leave a tip if you are satisfied with the service. This is common in restaurants, and for hotel and airport porters, etc.

The tip is not the service providers’ salary; it is a token of appreciation for the service provided. Consider bringing local currency. As a reference, we suggest approx. US\$10 per day to be shared among the guide and support team. It will be distributed at the farewell. All these amounts are estimates, depending on guests’ discretion.

