



Horseback riding at Peuma Hue



Peuma Hue has several riding options, according to the level of expertise and interest. The rides can be as long as you prefer, from a short ride within the property to half or a full day if we have availability. We have excellent horses that suit all levels and an expert guide that will assist you throughout your rides.

Stunning views and different levels of expertise for riders are offered within 500 acres of the Nahuel Huapi National Park. Peuma Hue, a beautiful eco-resort in North Patagonia and close to the town of Bariloche, is located within the National Park, at the



foot of south Cathedral range and on 2 miles of lakeshore. We cover flat terrain within the valley, mountain terrain up the surrounding slopes, forest; and our horses – incredibly trained by a horsewhisperer, Chris Barrett – even swim in the lake with our guests, marveled by the opportunity of living such wonderful experiences with an animal friend.



Our rides start at our stables, where our guide picks up the suitable horse for each guest; saddles them and provides the necessary equipment (helmet and half chaps) for each

guest. After checking expertise and providing instructions, rides set off into different directions according to the level of expertise and previous rides. We adapt to different ages and levels of expertise - from beginners to experts – with different riding trails.



Chris Barrett, our horse-whisperer guide and head of the group of our guides, grew up among horses, riding and learning from them. But not being that enough, she devoted her life to understand them better, to become one of the best of their leaders. She's locally the one who has set the basic procedures for the safety issues in horseback riding in the region, is one of the best trainers in the area and is renowned for her horse skills.

Many of our guests – who had been owning horses and riding throughout their lives – commented they had learned more in a single day at Peuma Hue than throughout their lives breeding or riding horses. Chris, and her crew, are in absolute charge of every single aspect of our horses; feeding, taking care of their health, shoeing them and training them in her very unique and loving way, deeply communicating with them. She has trained our horses in a way that they meet all types of expertise, from novices to real experts and chooses the one who suits each of our guest's personalities. Used to different terrain, they thrive galloping on the plains and beaches, climbing steep stuff, swimming in the lake, wading creeks, wandering through the forest in horse treks. She picks up different itineraries suited for different kinds of expertise, ranging from 1 hour to 4 or 5 hour rides and covering completely different terrain that this magical and varied land offers.



We take groups up to 8 guests per ride, due to safety reasons. Horses roam freely around the Lodge, and guests are thrilled not only to ride them but to walk over to pet them, feed them some apples and share some time among them. On beautiful sunny summer days, our guests indulge riding and swimming with our wonderfully trained horses in our lake!

- **Introductory ride: Lakefront, Bridle trail and forest through the slide**

Approximate time: 1 ½ hours

Level of difficulty: easy

Setting off from the stables, the ride will take you through completely different terrain, enjoying the spectacular variety that Peuma Hue offers. Starting through the forest you will go through a massive slide, experiencing the force of Nature. The ride will then take you to the lakefront and bay at the foot of the D'Agostini peak. You will border the lake following our fence and half way you will encounter a new rock slide occurred during the winter 2012. Once in the forest, you will start going up,



following our Bridle loop. Turning left again on the trail parallel to the lake, where you will be able to watch our trail leading to the first waterfall by a cave, at the foot of the massive D'Agostini Peak and Falls. The trail enters again into the forest, where you will experience once again the variety of terrain and listen to the songs of our large variety of bird life.

- **Riding to the Continental Divide Hilltop and Mascardi Viewpoint**

Approximate time: 2 ½ hours

Level of difficulty: moderate

Setting off from the stables, you will head towards the Estancia's entrance gate. After following the entrance road for a bit, you will start riding up a trail into the forest and up a slope. This trail will eventually border the canyon where the big slide came down and forked into the 2 branches of river of rocks where the "Resilient tree" was left standing. The trail keeps going up, until it levels at a small valley above. You will then turn left and follow that trail along the valley and wonderful forest until you cross a beautiful dry lagoon in the midst of the valley between the hill that you will climb (to your left) and



the South slope of Mt Catedral (to your right). After crossing the second lagoon, the trail will fork to your left and up the hill. You will keep going up to the top where you will indulge yourself in this majestic 360° view over both lakes, the facing older mountain fold and to the huge bowl of south Mt Catedral – part of the Andes. The views are amazing! You will

return the same way you towards Peuma Hue.



- **Swimming with the horses**

Approximate time: 1 hour

Level of difficulty: moderate

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- **Up Mt Pontoneros Slope**

Approximate time: 3 hours

Level of difficulty: moderate



Enjoy wonderful views from an older mountain fold. Setting off from our stables, the trail crosses the plains towards the facing older mountain fold and starts up a steep

slope. It reaches amazing views over our lake, over Peuma Hue, over the Andes range, Mt Catedral and surrounding lakes. Anybody who feels comfortable on a horse can do it, although some stretches are steep.

- **Riding around the lake to Muñoz and option to the Frey Valley**

Approximate time to Muñoz: 2 hours

Level of difficulty: moderate to hard

A half day to the Muñoz Bay and a full horseback riding day to Frey, this is a ride for experts, crossing streams and up rocky steep trails. It borders the Gutiérrez Lake and then starts up the Van Titter Creek Valley to the Frey Valley. Here, the Mt Catedral needles,



sought by rock climbers from all over the world for their ascents, will fill you with awe. Shorter options are available half way up the Van Titter Valley to the Piedritas Shelter.

