

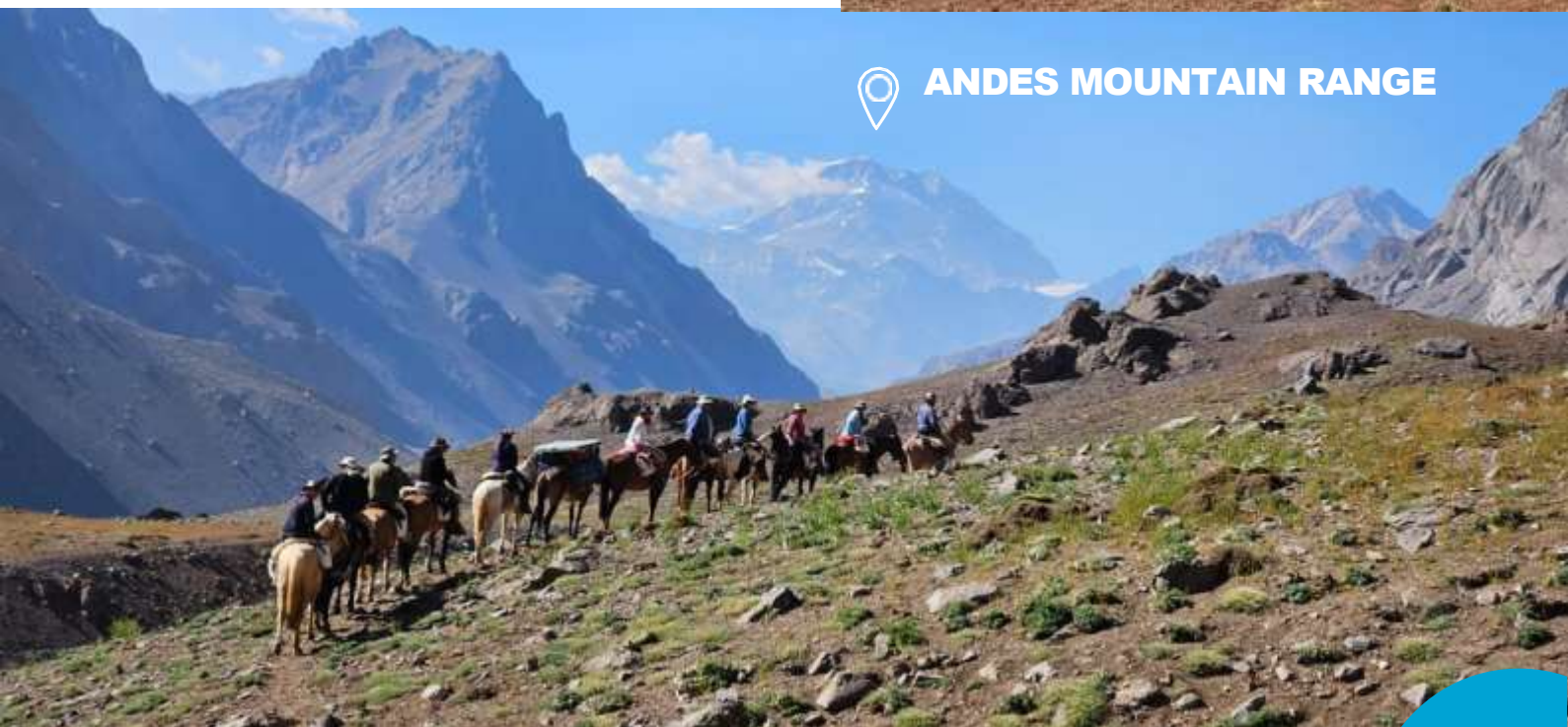


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ANDES HORSEBACK EXPEDITION

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At **EXPLORA PARQUES**, we strive for you to become a true discoverer — a seeker of meaningful experiences. We want you to connect with different cultures and live them from within. We focus on designing and offering safe programs, both for you and for the environment in which they take place. This is a fundamental part of our working philosophy.

Our itineraries provide the finest travel experiences, as they are designed by experts with genuine knowledge of the local environment, always respecting the customs and traditions of each community. Whatever adventure activity you choose, we will make it a reality. We hope to turn your journey into a truly memorable experience in your life.

Live an unforgettable experience retracing the steps of the main column of General San Martín's Army during the Liberation Campaign of 1817. Discover the ever-surprising and breathtaking Andean region of San Juan.

Enjoy a nine-day horseback expedition through some of the most spectacular landscapes of the Andes Mountain Range.

REGION

Central Arid Andes –
Republic of Argentina –
Province of San Juan.

Season: January – March.

Duration: 09 days / 08 nights.

Activity: Exploration – Horseback Expedition.

Difficulty Level: 7 - Advanced.

GROUPS

Minimum 10 passengers
Maximum 20 passengers

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Why Travel with **Explora Parques** ?

Those of us who are part of de EXPLORA PARQUES have been pioneers in this type of expedition since 1998, and we are specialized operators in Adventure Tourism in the Cuyo region of Argentina.

When designing our programs, we take many factors into consideration.

We have extensive knowledge of each destination and work with expert guides who are certified and fully licensed in the terrain where each program takes place, because your safety is our top priority.

We provide the highest quality services and comprehensive, personalized guidance from our specialists.

We are environmentally conscious and socially responsible, constantly striving to improve and encouraging our clients to become travelers committed to environmental sustainability.

For all these reasons — and much more — we can assure you the very best travel experience.





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- We will explore the most remote areas of the Andes Mountain Range in the Province of San Juan, following the very same route taken by General Don José de San Martín.

- We will reach altitudes above 4,500 meters above sea level, where we will be able to observe wildlife in its natural habitat among the mountains.

ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrival in Barreal. Transfer to the hotel.
- Day 2:** Barreal – Los Manantiales – Río Las Leñas.
- Day 3:** Río Las Leñas - Peñón del Espinacito - Vegas de Gallardo.
- Day 4:** Vegas de Gallardo - Valle Hermoso.
- Day 5:** Valle Hermoso, Hito Internacional, Valle Hermoso.
- Day 6:** Valle Hermoso - Vegas de Gallardo.
- Day 7:** Vegas de Gallardo - Río Las Leñas.
- Day 8:** Río Las Leñas - Los Manantiales - Barreal.
- Day 9:** Barreal - Farewell after breakfast.

» Services Included

- All internal transfers specified in the itinerary.
- Full board (alcoholic beverages not included).
- Two (02) nights of accommodation in Barreal at Complejo Cabañas Doña Pipa.
- Six (06) nights of accommodation in the Andes Mountains, according to the itinerary.
- Services of driver, professional guides, cultural interpreters, local horsemen (baqueanos), and medical assistance during the expedition.
- Corresponding vehicle insurance and permits.
- Personal accident insurance.
- Satellite internet connectivity at base camps.
- Safety equipment: VHF radio communication, satellite phone, mobile phone service (where available), fully equipped first-aid kit, etc.



Services Not Included

- Airfare and airport taxes.
- Personal medical and life insurance.
- Gratuities.
- Alcoholic beverages will NOT be provided during meals.
- Meals and beverages not specified in the itinerary.
- Optional excursions.
- Services not detailed in the program.
- Expenses resulting from early departure or abandonment of the expedition.

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1

Arrival in Barreal (1,630 meters above sea level) and reception at Complejo Cabañas Doña Pipa. Afternoon briefing with the guide and welcome dinner.

Day 2. Barreal – Los Manantiales – Río Las Leñas

In the morning, after breakfast, we will gather by the 4x4 vehicles to begin the journey along dirt roads that will take us to Los Manantiales (3,182 meters above sea level), where our horses await.

After the assignment of horses or mules (according to each participant), we will enjoy a light lunch and begin our horseback expedition heading south toward Río Las Leñas, entering the majestic Andes Mountain Range.

We will stay on the banks of a small Andean river at our Los Hornitos de Arriba camp (3,226 meters above sea level), which will provide fresh water for afternoon infusions and firewood to prepare our dinner.



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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 3. Río Las Leñas – Peñón del Espinacito – Vegas de Gallardo

Early in the morning, our local horsemen (baqueanos) will light the fire for breakfast and gather the horses to continue our journey. We will ride past Trincheras de Soler (3,663 meters above sea level) toward the headwaters of Río Las Leñas, at the foot of the Espinacito mountain range.

After a light lunch, we will ascend the Espinacito ridge, just as the Liberation Army once did.

At the summit, at 4,500 meters above sea level, at Peñón del Espinacito, we will enjoy magnificent views of the Valle de Los Patos Sur and Mount Aconcagua, accompanied by fine chocolates and other treats.

After this unforgettable moment of breathtaking scenery, we will descend the western slope of the ridge toward Vegas de Gallardo (3,131 meters above sea level), where the abundant pastures will reward the horses for their effort. Our baqueanos will once again light the fire so we can enjoy afternoon refreshments and a rich, hearty dinner.

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 4. Vegas de Gallardo – Valle Hermoso

The morning dew and the smoke from freshly lit firewood will wake us for breakfast before continuing our adventure, fording rivers, crossing mountain slopes, and riding through endless Andean valleys until we reach Valle Hermoso.

There, Mount Aconcagua (6,972 meters above sea level), known in the Huarpe language as "Stone Sentinel," will watch over our rest after a restorative dinner.

Day 5. Valle Hermoso – International Border Landmark – Valle Hermoso

When Aconcagua allows the sun's rays to pass over its summit, we will begin a ride toward the international border landmark at the Valle Hermoso Pass (3,506 meters above sea level), the farthest point of our journey.

From there, we will return to Valle Hermoso, where we will enjoy a free afternoon to take in the vastness and grandeur of the Andes.



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Day 6. Valle Hermoso – Vegas de Gallardo

Our return journey begins through the Valle de Los Patos. After crossing Puente de Tierra, we will ride upstream along Arroyo Patillos to Rancho de Lata, located at the foot of the La Onda mountain slope.

Day 7. Vegas de Gallardo – Río Las Leñas

After breakfast, we will tackle the ascent of La Onda Pass at 4,369 meters above sea level. At its summit, we will bid farewell to the Valle de Los Patos and begin our descent toward Río Las Leñas, where we will spend the night. This will be our final camp in the majestic Andes Mountain Range.

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 8. Río Las Leñas – Los Manantiales – Barreal

After a well-deserved rest, we will descend along Río Las Leñas, which will lead us back to Los Manantiales, where the 4x4 vehicles will be waiting to transfer us to Barreal.

Once settled into our accommodations, riders will have a free afternoon, followed by a group dinner where we will begin sharing stories of what may well have been the journey of a lifetime.

Day 9. Barreal – Farewell


After breakfast, we will say goodbye to Barreal. End of our services.



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If you are considering taking part in this **aventura**, please note the following:

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT

- Sleeping bag – preferably down or Thinsulate rated to -15°C.
- Wide-brim hat, preferably fabric or felt.
- Sunglasses.
- Sunscreen suitable for your skin type, plus moisturizing cream.
- Sturdy and comfortable boots and sneakers.
- Several pairs of socks.
- Neck scarf or bandana.
- Shirts and sweaters.
- Loose-fitting pants.
- Wet wipes.
- T-shirt or base layer.
- Warm jacket (preferably waterproof).
- Windbreaker jacket.
- Warm gloves and/or riding/work gloves.
- Scarf or neck warmer.
- Disposable wet wipes.
- Thermal underwear or leggings.
- Balaclava or wool hat.
- Personal hygiene items. Personal first-aid kit.
- Flashlight and canteen.
- National ID or Passport.

REQUIREMENTS

- **Participants must be 18 years of age or older, or have parental authorization; minors from 14 years old may participate when accompanied by their parents.**
- **Participants must not suffer from heart conditions or blood pressure problems. Any other medical condition must be reported in advance.**





CATERING

A diet specifically designed for the activity is provided, consisting of trail meals (assorted sandwiches, cold cuts, fruits, etc.) and hearty camp dinners (pasta, stews, traditional country-style soups, Argentine barbecue, lentils, etc.). Special meals for vegetarians and gluten-free participants are also available upon prior notice.

WATER AND BEVERAGES

During the expedition, water from mountain streams is consumed (pure and drinkable). Juices and other non-alcoholic beverages are also provided.

CAMPS

We spend the nights in high-mountain tents. Our camps are set up in advance, so participants are not required to assemble tents. Weather permitting, there is also the option to sleep outdoors, enjoying the open sky beneath one of the clearest skies on the continent, gazing at the stars.

CLIMATE

In general, the weather during this season is usually quite stable, with sunny and warm days and cool, clear nights. Short storms are common, with the possibility of hail or light, isolated snowfall. However, more intense storms and heavier snowfall with strong winds and a drop in temperature cannot be ruled out.

» DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

This level of difficulty includes the characteristics described for **MODERATE** and **ADVANCED** programs, with emphasis on moderate activities and some advanced stages.

No prior knowledge or horseback riding experience is required. We use calm, well-trained animals accustomed to this type of activity, and before the expedition begins, guides will provide the necessary instructions for proper handling and control of the horse.

A good physical condition is required. Completion of a medical form is mandatory, where participants must indicate whether they suffer from any illness or condition (asthma, heart disease, diabetes, joint problems, vision issues, etc.).

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RISKS

The expedition takes place in rugged terrain, where there is an inherent level of risk associated with both the activity and the environment. Various measures are implemented to minimize these risks, including qualified personnel trained in first aid, satellite communication, intercom systems, and horseback riding safety equipment, among others.

However, the possibility of an accident cannot be completely ruled out. Therefore, **EXPLORA PARQUES** shall not be held responsible for any injury or damage that participants or their belongings may suffer.

Prior to the start of the expedition, participants must sign a document acknowledging the inherent risks of the activity and releasing the company from any liability.

EXPEDITION WITHDRAWAL

In the event that a participant withdraws from the expedition due to personal reasons, medical issues, or force majeure, the company will not refund the amount paid under any circumstances. The participant will be responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of the withdrawal.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

It is mandatory to carry a National ID card or passport to present at National Gendarmerie control checkpoints if required.

ACTIVE TOURISM TRIPS

The Company reserves the right to modify the itinerary or suspend any of the activities whenever weather conditions or any other circumstance so require, in the interest of the safety of the group members.



APPLICATION

Participants must request the following forms via email at info@exploraparques.com and return them signed by the same means in order to be accepted for the expedition:

- **Personal Information Form (completed and signed by the participant)**
- **Medical Information Form (completed and signed by the participant)**
- **Assumption of Responsibility and Risk Form (completed and signed by the participant)**

DEPOSIT

The trip is reserved with a 50% deposit.

TRIP PAYMENT

The full payment of the trip must be completed prior to departure.