

Travel

Argentina's best family-run estancias



Los Potreros

Cordoba

An excellent choice for a family riding holiday, Estancia Los Potreros sits in the mountains overlooking the Punilla Valley in the spectacular Cordoba region. Dating from 1574, it was originally used to breed mules for the Bolivian silver mines. It has been in the Anglo-Argentine Begg family for four generations and they have been taking paying guests since 1945. Today it is run as an organic farm, breeding Aberdeen Angus cattle and Paso Peruano horses, and has seven bedrooms in the main house and a separate three-bedroom house ideal for families. Most guests come here to ride – with more than 6,500 acres of land to explore, you can really get off the beaten track, and all levels of experience are welcome. There are day-long riding tours or you can stay out overnight in tents or village houses. There is also excellent hiking, polo, golf, birdwatching and wine-tasting. Best of all, there are hammocks by the pool and home-cooked organic food.

- Last Frontiers offers seven nights at Estancia Los Potreros from £2,395 pp based on two adults sharing (children of 11 and younger riding, £1,899; six and under non-riding, £1,495) including flights and transfers (01296-653000; lastfrontiers.com).