



HORSEBACK RIDING ON EASTER ISLAND 2011

INVITATION TO TRAVEL

No doubt this magical island, located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, has some mysterious and splendid spots to discover on horseback. We will visit the most important archeological sites such as Tahai, ahu Akivi, Rano Raraku, Te Pito Kura and Tongariki, as well as the impressive volcano Terevaka and the beautiful beaches of Ovahe and Anakena. The view from the crater of volcano Rano Kau is amazing! A different way to explore the island, combining sport, nature and culture.



Duration: 5 days/4 nights

Type of travel: horseback riding

Lodging: hotel

Difficulty level: mild. Average riding time: 3 h p/day.

Recommended period: all year round. April and May are the rainy months, but the precipitations are sporadic and short.

Code of the program: SN / HOR 03

ITINERARY

1st DAY: **EASTER ISLAND (IN)**

Reception at Easter Island airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, horseback excursion (5 h round trip) to the volcano Rano Kau located few minutes away from the village. From the top we have a lovely view of the crater, the ocean and the village of Hanga Roa. Hiking along a narrow path we will visit the ceremonial site and village of Orongo with 53 houses with unique design. Numerous petroglyphs can also be observed in the site. Return to the village. Overnight at hotel GOMERO (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

No meals included.

2nd DAY: **EASTER ISLAND**

Full day horseback excursion (7 h round trip) to explore the island. We start riding at the ceremonial site of "Tahai" where we find remains of the Rapa Nui culture at its height. Then we visit the cave "Ana Te Pahu",

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surrounded by green plants of banana and one of the largest caverns on the island. We continue toward the "ahu Akivi", a platform with 7 restored moai (huge stone statues) that look directly at the setting sun at the equinoxes. From here we start to ascend to the Mouna Terevaka (506 m above sea level), the youngest and highest volcano of Rapa Nui. From the top we have a spectacular view of the whole island. We descend crossing a deep forest of Eucalyptus to reach Vaitea, where we meet our driver. Transfer back to the village and overnight at hotel GOMERO (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Box-lunch.

3rd DAY: **EASTER ISLAND**

Horseback excursion (6 h round trip) to explore the island. Transfer by vehicle to Vaitea, where we left our horses on the previous day. From here we start riding along some internal roads to the volcano Rano Raraku: almost all the moai were carved in its quarries. The stone found in this area (Toba Lapillo) is unique on the island, and quite easy to carve. We access the crater, where a small lagoon is situated, and observe on the way many moais still lying unfinished or standing without having been transported anywhere. We continue our walk to "Ahu Tongariki" where 15 moai stand aligned. Each statue has different faces and bodies: some are plump, others thinner, some with coarse features or others more refined. Not far from this site we can find a group of petroglyphs, representing some typical figures of Rapa Nui, such as: "Honu" (turtle), "Ika" (fish) and "Tangata Manu" (bird man). Transfer back to the village. Overnight at hotel GOMERO (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Box-lunch.

4th DAY: **EASTER ISLAND**

Horseback excursion (7 h round trip) to explore the island. Transfer by vehicle to Poike. This is the starting point of our ride along bay La Perouse, named to the French admiral who visited the island in 1786. We arrive at the ahu "Te Pito Kura", with a huge moai of 10 m (pulled down), and continue later along the coast to the beach Ovahe, with reddish sand. This is definitely one of the best places on the island to do snorkeling! Finally we arrive at the beach Anakena, surrounded by palm-trees, where Hotu Matu`a (first king of the island) arrived with its family. At that time, the site was a social, cultural and political center. The sector is also very attractive for the 2 ahu (platforms) with some moais. Free time to enjoy a bath in the warm and crystal clear waters of the Pacific Ocean. Transfer back to the village, visiting on the way the site of "Puna Pau", where the reddish Pukao (topknots) of the moais were carved. Overnight at hotel GOMERO (3*) or of similar category according to availability.

Included meals: Breakfast / Box-lunch.

5th DAY: **EASTER ISLAND (OUT)**

Transfer to the airport to take the flight back. **END OF OUR SERVICES.**

Included meals: Breakfast

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EQUIPMENT LIST

CLOTHING:

- Sun hat
- Waterproof jacket with a hood. Suggested: Gore-Tex
- Pile lining. Jacket or sweatshirt
- T-Shirts
- Horseback riding trousers
- Trekking trousers
- Shorts
- Shorts
- Swimsuit + towel
- Underwear
- Horseback riding boots or trekking shoes with leggings
- Tennis shoes, sandals.

FOR THE JOURNEY:

- Day pack (30-40 lt)
- Sun glasses
- Sun screen: Sun cream and lip screen.
- Water bottle
- Personal First Aid Kit.
- Personal Toiletries: wet towels, soap, etc.
- Photographic equipment

ENJOY THE TRIP!



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RATES

02	PERSONS:	US\$ 1430 p/person
03	PERSONS:	US\$ 1340 p/person
04-05	PERSONS:	US\$ 1270 p/person
06-08	PERSONS:	US\$ 1230 p/person
09-10	PERSONS:	US\$ 1190 p/person
11-12	PERSONS:	US\$ 1150 p/person

Single room supplement: US\$ 210

Included in the rate:

- Accommodation at hotel Gomero (3* local standard) according to availability. (DOUBLE/TRIPLE room basis).
- Meals as mentioned in the program.
- Transfers airport-hotel and hotel-airport by private vehicle with local bilingual guide (English/ French/ Spanish speaking). Guide in other language subject to availability.
- Excursions with private local bilingual guide (English/ French/ Spanish speaking). Guide in other language subject to availability.
- Horses, saddles and reins for the excursions.
- Ester Island National Park fee.

NOT included in the rate:

- Flights and taxes
- Single room supplement
- Personal equipment
- Travel insurance
- Tips
- Services NOT mentioned in the program

The rates are valid from the 01/01/2011 until the 31/12/2011 except in case of a big variation in the USD exchange conditions in Chile (if US Dollar drops to less than 450 CLP). Thanks for reading our general sales conditions.