

# A great destination

RECOGNIZE TEXT TYPE / SCAN / READ FOR DETAILS

## South American ranch vacations



**Do you like animals and nature? Do you want to travel and meet people?  
Why not visit a gaucho ranch?**

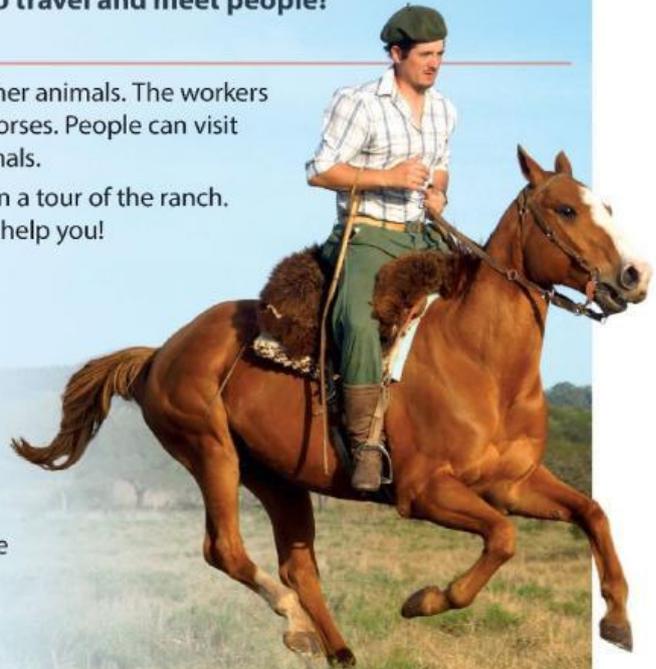
A “gaucho ranch” is a very big farm with horses and other animals. The workers there are called “gauchos.” They are really good with horses. People can visit gaucho ranches and learn about the farm and the animals.

Can you ride a horse well? The gauchos can take you on a tour of the ranch. Do you want to learn to ride a horse? The gauchos can help you!

There are gaucho ranches in South America, for example in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, and Uruguay. You can visit for a week, or you can work on a gaucho ranch for a month. Some ranches even have one-day tours.

You don't have to ride a horse every day. You can also walk around the ranch and see all the interesting plants and animals.

Maybe you don't want to go to the country, but you are interested in ranches. Some towns near ranches have gaucho museums. One gaucho museum is only 90 minutes from Buenos Aires. You can go there and learn a lot about gaucho life. Also, the museum is free! So, go to a gaucho ranch and have a great vacation!



An Argentinian gaucho on his horse

A **RECOGNIZE TEXT TYPE** Read the text. Which type of text is it?

- an email     a text message     an article     an interview

**Read the text. Answer the questions.**

1 What is a “gaucho” ranch?

2 Who are “gauchos”?

3 Where is a “gaucho” museum?

## READING

### Read for details

Read the text again. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where are some gaucho ranches in South America?
- 2 How long can you stay on a gaucho ranch?
- 3 What can you do on a gaucho ranch?
- 4 How much is a ticket to the gaucho museum?

## PREPARE TO SPEAK

### Giving advice with imperatives

Complete the advice with the imperative of the verbs in the box. Then listen and check.

go  
not drive  
not eat  
not go  
ride  
take

Ranch vacations in Argentina are great! <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from October to December or from April to June. These are good times to visit. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from January to March. It can be very hot. These ranches are usually very big, so visit for a week or two.

Some ranches are hundreds of miles from Buenos Aires. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the ranches in a car. It's very far. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a plane and then a taxi.

Is this your first time on a horse? You can have lessons on the ranch. They're not expensive. Or can you ride a horse well? Then <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to a different part of the ranch every day to see a lot of interesting things.

<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot at lunch. Dinner is a big meal, and the food is great!



Read and listen to the advice. Choose the questions the speaker answers.

- Where is it?
- When is a good time to go?
- How long do I need to stay?
- How can I get there?
- What do I have to take with me?
- What can I do and see there?
- Where can I eat there?