



Nibepo Aike

• ESTANCIAPATAGÓNICA •

RATES 2024-2025

Valid from 15th of September 2024 to 15th of May 2025

Nibepo Aike is an estancia that retains the essence of the original Patagonian estancias. It is located within “Los Glaciares” National Park on the banks of the Southern Arm of Lago Argentino. Covering an area of more than 12,000 hectares, it stretches as far as the border with Chile. The estancia was formerly devoted to sheep production, maintaining a small herd nowadays, but its chief output is breeding Hereford cattle, for which it has developed a prestigious herd. It’s proximity with El Calafate, Puerto Bandera and the glacier Perito Moreno has made Nibepo a perfect location for travelers.

Rural life at an authentic Patagonian estancia.

Dawn at Nibepo Aike the estancia wakes up with the first sunlight. The day starts with the cow milking and the sheep herding. Two sheep stay at the estancia for the daily shearing demonstration. Gauchos come and go. A new day starts...

Over 100 years ago, a Croatian pioneer found his place on earth in these lands near the borders. Nowadays, after four generations, the very same family still runs the estancia and its rural activity. Nowadays, they do not raise as many sheep as they used to, the priority is Hereford cattle. Here, rural activity with the horses and sheep never stops despite the snow or the cold weather.

Guest experience

Guests at the hostelry experience the authentic life of the Patagonic Estancias: rural activities, horse-back riding, hiking, biking, all activities with the amazing landscape of the Cordillera de los Andes. Such as the main buildings of the estancia, the hostelry is a relic of the typically Patagonian pioneer vernacular architecture. Warmth rooms, the antique wood floor, the fireplace at the living room: everything makes the visitor feel comfortable after a day in contact with nature. Meanwhile rural activity does not stop and it is common to appreciate gauchos leading horses, cows and sheep till they get lost in the horizon.

When guests arrive will have an introduction of the possible activities according to climate conditions, calendar activities with animals and availability of tracks. Guests can participate in daily life activities in contact with animals such as cattle branding, dressage or milking. Sheep shearing and herding; demonstrations of typical riding skills on criollo horses.

Different paths allow to explore the corners of the estancia and discover its flora and fauna. The valley of the Cachorro River, the shores of the Argentino Lake, the border milestone with Chile and the Cerro Cristal hillside are some of the places where guests can go on foot, on horseback or by bike. Panoramic points show the Perito Moreno Glacier and the Hidden Glaciers, the southernmost ones of the National Park.

During their free time guest would be able to use the bikes and explore by themselves our guided tracks.

HOW TO EXPERIENCE NIBEPO AIKE

Nibepo Classic: Lodging program and activities suggested by our guides and shared with the rest of the guests.

Nibepo Plus: Exclusive program of 2/3/4 nights. Activities with private guide, gourmet check in and gifts.

SERVICES & FACILITIES

The estancia's main building is a typical Patagonian construction refurbished and renovated as a country hostelry to offer guests a friendly welcoming atmosphere.

The hostelry has a total of 10 rooms. Eight (8) are Standard of which 2 can be triple, an two (2) are Superiors rooms. All rooms can be set up with king beds (180 cm) or twin beds (90 cm). The bathrooms have showers and in 5 rooms there is also a bathtub. There is one room suitable for wheelchair users. Maximum capacity of 22 people.

The common areas include a game and reading room, a dining room where breakfast and meals are served and a living room with a wood-burning stove. A few meters away, the barbecue area, with capacity up to 55 people, where barbecues and lamb roasts are offered daily, a space that is shared with visitors to the Ranch Day. Here is the boutique, with regional products, books and wines.

Other services:

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| ✓ Wifi in some areas of the main house. | ✓ Quincho for Patagonian asados [typical charcoal grill roast, especially a whole lamb], with seating for 55 people |
| ✓ Games room and Reading room | ✓ Fishing in Lago Roca (fishing permit (*) required from the National Parks authority) |
| ✓ Dining room and living room with log fire, where breakfast and meals are served. | ✓ Laundry (*) |
| ✓ Fixed phone (*) and mobile phone signal | ✓ Crib for babies |
| ✓ Electricity 220 volts – micro hydroelectric power station and solar panels. Depending on consumption and amount of sunlight, there may be times when it is not possible to use certain appliances. | (*) Services with additional cost |

DAILY SHUTTLE

El Calafate – Nibepo Aike – El Calafate

Departure / arrival time	Departure from El Calafate (*)	Arrival at Nibepo	Departure from Nibepo	Arrival at El Calafate
Morning	8:30 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Afternoon	5:00 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	Not Available	Not Available

NOTES ON TRANSFERS:

- The use of transfers for Check In/Check Out is a benefit included in the rate (if it is included) and must be confirmed at least 48 hours in advance.
- Not available for groups (maximum 6 pax).
- Schedules are estimates and will be reconfirmed the day before.
- The regular transfer service runs through the downtown hotels in El Calafate. Hotels outside the urban radius and the airport are excluded from the circuit.
- On December 24 and December 31 there is only transfer 8:30 am to Nibepo Aike and 3:00 pm to El Calafate); and on December 25 and January 1 5:00 pm to Nibepo Aike and 10:15 pm to El Calafate.
- In the months of April and May services are brought forward half an hour.

LOCATION

Nibepo's location is at the end of the Ruta Provincial N°15 inside the National Park "Los Glaciares"



Nibepo Aike	Distance	Time
El Calafate, down town	56 Km	1:15
Perito Moreno Glacier	69 Km.	1:30
Airport	78 Km.	1:30
“Puerto Bandera” port	50 Km.	1:00
El Chaltén	276 Km.	4:00

Weather

Weather in this part of Patagonia is very changeable. In summer (December, January, February) the maximum temperature varies between 20°C to 25°C during the day, although it may well feel a lot colder due to the wind chill factor, and 10°C to 15°C at night, or lower. Take into account that this is a very windy area, especially in spring and summer, decreasing in autumn (March-April). The estancia is closed to guests from end April to beginning October due to the adverse conditions in winter.

Sustainability

In Nibepo Aike we take action in helping protect and better the environment, and look for ways to take care and create less impact on nature.

Being located in the National Park Los Glaciares, looking out for the environment becomes a philosophy of life, which is implicit when developing any activity in the Estancia.

One of the most important actions we took to help look out for the environment was installing a hydroelectric plant that provides electricity at the Estancia. The hydroelectric plant generates a type of green energy, which produces a minimum environment impact using water power.

We make ecological treatment of effluents, the basics to prevent environmental pollution. The amenities that our guests use are biodegradables.

The waste is separated in organic and non-organic. The non-organics are taken to El Calafate, while the organics are used as compost for gardens.

What to pack? In order to get the most out of your stay at Nibepo Aike, we recommend you bring: small backpack / daypack/ waterproof/warm windcheater or anorak, preferably with hood/ warm sweater or fleece layers/ sturdy walking boots or trainers/ thermal underwear (including long-johns)/ gloves, warm woolly/fleece hat (preferably also covering ears), scarf or neck fleece/ Sun screen cream/protection/ Sunglasses and/or visor.