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Hotels Offering Authentic Ranch and Polo Experiences

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These hotels and lodges offer authentic ranch and polo experiences, inviting guests to try their hand at the “sport of kings.” One of the earliest team sports, Polo has long stood as the ideal activity for those seeking excitement and experiences on horseback in the great outdoors. As the sport continues to grow in popularity, some of the world’s most beloved luxury hotels offer entrée into the sport, promising unforgettable escapes.

Estancia Vik, Uruguay

Estancia Vik (pictured) is a romantic, rustic and traditional ranch situated on 4,000 acres in José Ignacio, Uruguay. Estancia Vik features 12 singular suites which pay homage to Uruguay’s nature, architecture, art and design. The Spanish style estancia boasts a rustic golf course, two grass tennis courts, a swimming pool, spa, chapel, and one of the world’s best professional private polo fields. The polo field features stunning panoramic views across the lagoon and out towards the Atlantic Ocean. The retreat also offers an array of unparalleled polo experiences for the novice, the professional, and the polo aficionados alike. Guests who want to brush up on their riding skills can spend the day riding crillo horses through the property’s horsetails. Guests enroll in polo lessons with professional polo trainers or sign up for a 5-day polo training package. Estancia Vik also plays host to some of South America’s premier polo matches, including the Polo Champagne Tour. Estancia Vik Polo matches are the social events of the season, and guests are invited to attend matches and tournaments. After a day on the field, guests can enjoy a traditional Uruguayan asado under the South American stars. Polo lessons start at \$130 per person.