

Estancia de Charme El Colibrí

Córdoba, Argentina

A relative newcomer but with pedigree behind it. In some ways the interior is overly palatial, but everything that happens outside is such great fun that you'll get over it. The family who owns it looks like a pack of Ralph Lauren models: they play polo, speak several languages



and are so tanned and polished as to be a winning hit in themselves. They clearly derive such glee from being here that it's infectious. French-born Stéphanie and Raoul Fenestraz found this sierra property at the foot of the blue-grey hills, established a polo club and created a fantastically upmarket adventure holiday spot. Play polo, zip-line through trees, feast on riverside asados (grilled meats) cooked by a fabulous chef or hunker down with tea by the fire in the clubhouse. The service is just right and you'll need at least four nights to fit everything in.

Website estanciaelcolibri.com. UK reservations Steppes Latin America (tel: 01285 885333). Rates Double, from £220, full board, including activities and transfers.

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