

CABALLADAS PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA

Natural habitat 50,000 acres of glorious fields, forests and snow-capped volcanoes, all of which have been in the hands of one of Argentina's oldest families, the Lagos Mármols, for more than a century.

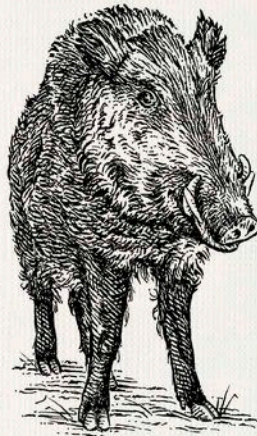
Nocturnal activity The 10-bedroom Casa Grande still feels like a (terrifically smart) family home: open fires, hot baths and soft beds.

Grrr factor Wild boar, red deer and puma (although you might only see their paw prints).

Distinctive markings The space – where else can you hack for 10 hours in one direction without leaving home turf?

Grazing Cook Alicia has been feeding the family for 20 years. Expect cut-with-a-spoon steak and homemade bread and endless supplies of that Argentinian essential, malbec.

Leader of the pack Days are spent sinking into sheepskin-topped saddles on one of the 60 horses, galloping across the Patagonian wilderness and pretending, just for a few days, to be a wild-haired Argentinian.



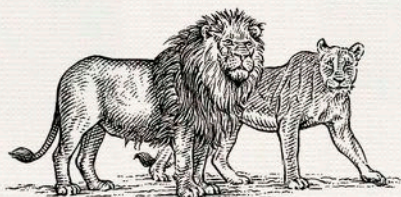
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RICHARD'S RIVER CAMP MASAI MARA, KENYA



Natural habitat Owner and Mara royalty Richard Roberts used to camp in this location as a boy, so he knows it's the absolute tip-top spot for posh fly-camping: seven canvas tents overlooking a soporific hippo pool.

Nocturnal activity The accommodation is kitted out by Richard's wife Liz with bits and bobs from their travels: Indian block-print cottons, silver-fringed Moroccan throws and intricately carved woodwork.

Grrr factor Watch out for the resident lion pride that hunts right in front of the camp and can be heard roaring long into the night.

Distinctive markings If you're lucky, Richard might take you up in his Cessna, zooming over the galloping herds of the great migration. All that's missing is a wistful-looking Robert Redford...

Grazing Everything comes fresh from a charcoal oven – you'll dream about the juicy Florentine steak for months.

Leader of the pack Top up day and night game drives with bush walks and visits to the nearby Masai village.

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