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## Ride On: 11 Hotels Made for the Year of the Horse

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In 2026, the Year of the Horse takes the reins—ushering in a season of bold movement, encouraging journeys that go beyond the beaten path. And what better way to see the world than from horseback? Across sweeping coastlines, mountainous valleys and storybook meadows, these 11 horseback riding vacations are sure to stirrup some adventure.



**Estancia Vik Jose Ignacio** | Jose Ignacio, Uruguay

In Uruguay, art and adventure share the same horizon. Horseback riding vacations at [Estancia Vik José Ignacio](#) come with a side of gaucho grit and Atlantic breeze. Set on 4,000 rolling acres just beyond José Ignacio, this isn't your typical rustic ranch—it's a haven of art, where contemporary canvases hang inside and herds of Criollo hooves drum across the pampas outside. Ride out with real-deal gauchos, canter past grazing cattle and native birdlife, or, if you're feeling bold, trade trail time for private polo lessons with top South American pros. Then swap saddle for sundowner, returning to an estancia where asados, big skies and barefoot luxury prove that style and saddle time make surprisingly perfect partners.