

Job offer „trainee's work on horse farm in Ecuador“

Who are we?

Since 15 years the Green Horse Ranch offers tourists the possibility to explore Ecuador on horseback. We lead 1 – 9 days riding tours in and around one of worldwide only two inhabited volcano craters, as well as in cloud forests, farm country and tropical wilderness. We offer tours hold in several languages with overnight stays in different traditional and unusual lodgings including catering. To support these rides and the everyday work on our ranch, we regularly look for horse-experienced trainees who would like to work with us for a couple of months.

We offer ...

... a foreign experience and language training of a special kind

... free of charge - a pretty though basic fully furnished house in the sleeping volcano crater of Pululahua – 40 min by car from the equator monument "Mitad del Mundo" in Quito, the capital of Ecuador. It is an approx. 60 min ride by horse from the volunteer house to the ranch (15 min by the car). In closer surroundings of the volunteer house there are 2 hostals, where you can enjoy a warm meal and a beer in the evenings, if you don't want to cook yourself

... occasionally the possibility to spend some days in Quito: either with us in Cumbayá – outside of the centre (a taxi to the centre costs about 10 dollars) or against remuneration in a private pension directly in Quito.

... furthermore daily lunch on the ranch, where our horse guard and his family are always there to help and support our trainees.

...moreover, for independently hold riding tours an additional chance to earn:

- Up to 3 people 10 USD /tour.
- as of 4 people 20 USD /tour.

Besides, the trainee can also help finding customers and earn a commission of 15% on the tour price.

We are looking for ...

... dynamic, independent people who have several years' experience with horses and can support us on the following matters:

- guiding help during the tours (either during the rides as a leader, or maybe as driver of the escort vehicle – however, bringing an international driving licence is desirable). Experience in the field "leading of riding tours" is an advantage.
- Help with daily works on the ranch (e.g., repairing fences, mend the riding trails, maintain equipment ...)

- start to ride or train young horses (e.g., hoof care, getting them used to saddle etc.)
- additional knowledge on alternative horse training is very welcome (Pat Parelli, Natural Horsemanship, horse riding without bit, ground work, work in roundpen, etc.)
- correcting problems with our horses (e.g., fear of cars, fear of the blacksmith etc.)
- we are also grateful for any help on the office work – translations, contact with potential tourists - there is always something to do ...

Conditions

- Minimum age: 20 years
- custody assurance and health insurance
- several years' experience with horses
- basic Spanish knowledge, also knowledge in other languages are appreciated
- ability to take care for yourself
- no animal allergies (we have several dogs and cats on the ranch and in our house in Quito)

If you think you fulfil our demands, if you enjoy being around and dealing with horses, if you easily interact with other people, but can also stay by yourself for some time and like being in the nature – please send your application by e-mail to ranch@gmx.net . Of course we will answer any question you might have either by e-mail or telephone.