

New date: On Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th of April, 2008

Parque Criollo Ricardo Güiraldes. San Antonio de Areco, Route 8, Km. 115.

2008 Open Country Carriage Exhibition: "Whip in hand, carriages harnessed and having fun"

The "Atada" in San Antonio de Areco

With the "atada" or carriage exhibition in San Antonio de Areco we intend to live our traditions once again through these historical vehicles from the XIXth and early XXth centuries. Like this, horses are harnessed (or tied, "atados") to different promenade, sports and work carriages to show their docility. There are different categories according to the number of horses pulling each carriage.

Skill, elegance, courage and a love of horses combine in an unusual spectacle that has more and more adepts.

When speaking of San Antonio de Areco, we cannot but recall the name of Ricardo Güiraldes, author of "Don Segundo Sombra".

It is a good thing then that in the district of a man as "gaucho" as he was a man of the world, there should be held an Open Country Carriage Exhibition every year: an activity which, in our country, counts every day more enthusiastic supporters.

Programme

Friday 25th, April

As from 12:00 pm. Arrival of carriages and drivers to the Parque Criollo.

09:00 pm. "Asado a pulso", gaucho barbecue for drivers and guests.

Saturday 26th, April

08:30 am. Sorting of carriages and harness into categories.

10:00 am. Promenade along the "Caminos Reales" or historical roads.

12:00 pm. Lunch. Picnic Basket Contest in "Rincón de Yeguas".

04:00 pm. Game of forfeits and obstacles race in Parque Criollo.

06:00 pm. Promenade along the streets of Old San Antonio de Areco. Drivers meet local authorities.

09:30 pm. "Fogón", traditional barbecue, music and dancing in "La Blanqueada" at the Parque Criollo.

Sunday 27th, April

08:30 am. Mass at the Parque Criollo hermitage.

10:00 am. Game of forfeits and obstacles race in Parque Criollo.

01:00 pm. Official Luncheon.

02:30 pm. Prize giving and farewell ceremony.

The proceeds of this activity will be destined to welfare societies in San Antonio de Areco.

More information

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