



Great American Horse Drive Application

Please complete the information below and return it to our office via email. Applications will be reviewed carefully, and selected participants will be chosen for the Great American Horse Drive.

Personal Contact Details and Information: Please note, your information will not be used for solicitation purposes. This information is requested solely to assist us in selecting appropriate horses for riders and help provide any necessary tack or equipment.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Please circle one: **Male** or **Female**

Age Range: **15-25, 25-35, 35-45, 45-55, 55 and above** Height: _____

Weight Range: **less than 100lbs 100-150lbs 150-175lbs 175-200lbs 200lbs and above**

Jacket Size: *these are in men's sizes **XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL**

QUESTIONNAIRE:

How did you hear about the Sombrero Ranches Inc Great American Horse Drive? _____

Why do you feel this adventure would be a good fit for you? _____

What outdoor or physical activities do you enjoy? _____

My ideal vacation is: **action packed and adventurous / relaxed and quiet.**

RIDING ABILITY:

Based on the descriptions below, how would you rate your horseback riding experience? _____

BEGINNER: A rider with little or no experience. **NOVICE:** A rider who is comfortable and in control at a walk and/or trot but has limited experience at an extended trot and/or canter. **INTERMEDIATE:** A rider who is confident and in control in all gaits, including a posting trot, canter and gallop, but does not ride regularly. **STRONG INTERMEDIATE:** An intermediate rider who is currently riding regularly, can post a long trot for an extended time period, and is comfortable riding cross-country terrain for at least 6 hours per day. **ADVANCED:** All the above, plus the ability to handle a spirited horse on the open range.

The Great American Horse Drive is NOT designed for beginner riders or individuals with health issues that may limit their ability to participate safely. Experienced riders with cross-country riding backgrounds are generally better prepared physically and mentally for this adventure.

Do you have or own horses that you ride frequently? _____

Do you have experience riding a variety of different horses? _____

Have you ever participated in an endurance horseback ride before? **Yes / No.** If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ridden a horse over 15 miles in one day? **Yes / No** If yes, please explain: _____ + _____

Have you ever worked cattle or moved horses in a herd setting? **Yes / No.** If yes, please explain: _____

While riding, are you able to maintain a controlled gait (walk, trot,) for at least 30 minutes at a time? **Yes / No**

Are you comfortable (and under control) while loping a horse in a circle, either to the left or right, in an open field? **Yes / No**

Are you familiar with saddling and riding with western tack? **Yes / No** _____
_____ I understand that western gear is what will be used for the event, no English Australian or treeless saddles will be used

Physical Fitness and Riding Considerations: This event requires

- Upper body control and balance
- Leg strength and endurance
- The ability to maintain proper riding position for extended periods
- The ability to safely control a horse across varying terrain and conditions at different speeds.

Riders who are unable to maintain adequate body control may be at increased risk of injury to themselves or the horse.

Do you have any health or physical issues that may inhibit your ability to ride long distances? (Examples may include heart conditions, back or knee injuries or recent major surgeries.) _____

Are you currently taking any medications that may be important for us to know about in case of emergency? (Examples may include blood thinners or other critical medications.) _____

Please initial below:

_____ I acknowledge that this event takes place in a variety of weather conditions

_____ I acknowledge that this event requires physical fitness and endurance to complete

_____ I acknowledge that should I choose the complimentary housing provided by the ranch, accommodation will be a bunkhouse-style setting where rooms are shared with one or more guests.

_____ I acknowledge that this event is scheduled from Tuesday through Monday morning, early arrivals are not permitted, I will arrive after 3 pm on Tuesday

_____ I acknowledge that I have read and I am familiar with the website information on the horse drive at www.sombrerohorses.com, including the refund policy. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

_____ A 50% deposit of \$2,350 is due upon application approval to hold your spot on our team.

2027 Great American Horse Drive total price is \$4,700, payment in full is due February 1, 2027.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us at
(303) 442-0258 or by email at Freda@sombrero.com.

