

RIVER PLATE OUTFITTERS

“La Zona” Dorado Fishing & Dove Shooting

PRE-TRIP INFORMATION

PRICE

Whether shooting/fishing or fishing-only, the price is the same—double occupancy, plus tips and lures:

January–April 5 nights/4 days fishing is \$5180
May–December 5 nights/4 days fishing is \$4250

If shooting, you will also have a \$200 fee for gun permits/license, shells, and gun rental at around \$50/day

Included: Lodging & meals while hunting or fishing, ground transportation in the hunting/fishing areas, professionally guided hunting/fishing outings, open bar with traditional and local liquors, beer and wine.

Not included: Commercial airfare or air charter fees, lures, line/leader, shells, laundry, tips, gun rental, miscellaneous expenses at the lodges or any Buenos Aires-related expenses.

Logistics: All groups will be met and taken to the Buenos Aires domestic airport for late-afternoon flight service on LAER Airlines’ 18-passenger twin-engine Metroliner aircraft to Concordia, Argentina. There, guests are met and transferred about 20 minutes to Uruguayan Customs, then another ten minutes to the Horacio Quiroga Resort on the Uruguayan side. All groups will arrive at the resort on a Thursday night. All fishing/shooting will be Friday–Monday, with departure back to Buenos Aires on LAER Tuesday morning.

Since the LAER flight generally departs around 6 p.m., you can either rest in a day room in Buenos Aires and be transferred to the domestic airport around 4:30 p.m., or we can arrange a day of sightseeing with a private tour guide and driver, then drop you off at the domestic airport for the LAER flight.

The airport transfers, day room or sightseeing are not included in the package price.

Upon arrival at the resort, you can settle in and get a good night’s sleep before starting your full days of fishing or fishing/shooting. After the last day of activities, you overnight, then depart mid-morning on Tuesday via return flight on LAER. You might again consider sightseeing, due to the fact that you are arriving around 10 a.m. and your flight home is mid to late evening. And again, a day room can be arranged.

Of course, you also have the option of a private charter up to La Zona or for the return to Buenos Aires—this can be quoted upon request.

SHOTGUNS

Due to the logistics involved, we request that all shooters use River Plate Outfitters’ shotguns. They have a good selection of new-model Benelli, Beretta and Browning autoloaders and over/unders.

SHELLS

All shells should be purchased in Argentina. Cost of shells will be around \$12-\$14/box (subject to change). Payment for shells can be made with cash or a personal check, and will be handled as you depart. Traveler’s checks or credit cards are not accepted.

SEASONS/CLIMATE/CLOTHING

Prime season for both fishing and shooting is April–December. Those months are Argentina’s fall, mild winter and spring (the opposite of our seasons). Lows will be 40° to 60°. Highs run 60° to 90°, depending on the season.

ITEMS TO INCLUDE FOR SHOOTING

Use dark green/brown or camo clothes with a corresponding hat. Ankle-height shoes or boots are perfectly adequate. Always take a raincoat to the field. Evening wear will be very informal—whatever is most comfortable, including hunting clothes if you wish.

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CHECKLIST FOR SHOOTING

- Shooting safety glasses—yellow for dark days, dark for sun
- Thin, soft leather shooting gloves or adhesive tape to protect hands and fingers while loading and firing
- Shell bag or vest
- Ear plugs for protection while shooting
- Shoulder pad recoil reduction device (optional)
- Camera with extra battery
- Small container of bug repellent
- Light raincoat (brown, green, camo, etc.)
- Small backpack or field bag
- Copy of passport—packed separately
- Multi-tool or pocketknife
- Reading glasses and reading material
- Toiletry items
- Prescription drugs
- Zip-lock bag or case to protect camera
- Lip balm
- Travel alarm clock and small flashlight
- Garbage bags for dirty laundry

SHOOTING LIMITS

There are no limits on dove or pigeon shooting in Entre Rios Province.

It has long been legal to bring back birds for personal consumption, but since around 2007, more and more of the international airlines departing from Buenos Aires and Santiago **are refusing to allow the birds/meat to be checked onto the planes.** In the current climate, we consider it unlikely any hunters will succeed in getting birds on their flights, so we suggest clients do not make the attempt. Of course it is up to the individual.

RODS/REELS/LURES

Use of the outfitter's spinning rods/reels and baitcasting rods/reels are included in the price. Site-specific lures will be available for purchase at the fishing area, however we advise you take your own rods and reels and some of your own lures as backups—maybe around 1.5 dozen total. A list of suggestions is on the next page. **All fly fishermen will need to bring all of their own gear and flies.**

CATCH AND RELEASE

In the spirit of sportsmanship and preserving our world-class fishing, catch and release is mandatory on dorado.

CHECKLIST FOR FISHING

Depending on the season, anglers should take fishing pants or shorts, long-sleeved fishing shirts and a good hat. A raincoat is always essential. It will be cooler May-August, so bring a fleece jacket. Evening wear is totally informal.

- Camera with extra battery
- Small container of bug repellent
- Light raincoat (brown, green, camo, etc.)
- Boat bag
- Multi-tool or pocketknife
- Reading glasses and reading material
- Toiletry items
- Prescription drugs
- Zip-lock bag or case to protect camera
- Lip balm
- Travel alarm clock and small flashlight
- Garbage bags for dirty laundry
- Cotton or microfiber shirts for fishing and lodge
- T-shirts
- Cotton or microfiber shorts
- Cotton or microfiber casual pants for fishing and lodge wear
- Boat shoes
- Fishing hat
- Line clippers or scissors
- Small wire cutters
- Knife
- Hook sharpener
- Small lure boxes/fly boxes
- Amber polarized fishing glasses
- Fishing pliers
- Fishing gloves

FLIES

Large muddler/deceiver flies #3 to #5/0 in combinations of yellow, orange, black, red, and blue with lots of flash and some with white underbellies. 5" to 7" in length.

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FLY FISHING TACKLE

9' to 10' fly rod for 9 to 10 weight line

Reel for 9 to 10 weight rod

Floating fly line for 9 to 10 weight rods

Fast sink tip line for 9 to 10 weight rods

40-50 lb. range of leader/tippet

Plastic-coated 40-50 lb. steel tippet material

If you wish to bring your own baitcasting or spinning rods and reels, we suggest:

BAITCASTING/SPINNING TACKLE

__ Heavy 7 foot rods

__ Medium baitcasting/spinning reel for 65 lb. line

__ 40-50 lb. 12" plastic coated wire leaders with strong swivels in "dun-lock" or "coast-lock" style.

__ Braided lines such as Spectra, Spiderwire and Super Braid in 65 pound test.

BAITCASTING OR SPINNING LURES

Topwater—a mixture of around 8 total lures

__ Amazon Ripper, 5.5", all colors

__ Peacock Special, 5.5" - 6.5", all colors

__ Heddon Super Spook & One Knocker Spook, 4.5" - 5", all colors

Spoons & Jigs—a mixture of 12 total lures

__ Johnson Silver Minnow, 3/4 oz., silver and gold

__ Buck Tail Jigs, 1/2 oz., 4/0 hook, all colors

Diving Minnows—a mixture of around 12 total lures

__ Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnow, 1 oz., 5", all colors

__ Rapala XRap 30, 6.25", fish colors

__ Rapala Jointed Minnow, 5.25", fish colors

__ Rapala XRap 20, 5.5", fish colors

Keep in mind that some of the diving lures need to be medium diver (medium lip) and some will need to be deep diver (big/long lip), due to the fluctuations of the water levels downstream from the dam.

1.5 dozen will suffice.

****For spinning and bait-casting tackle and lures, contact Rhonda at Fish Freak Online—www.fishfreakonline.com or (866) 630-7320.**

IMMIGRATION FEE

As of December 20, 2009, Argentine Immigration authorities began charging an Immigration "reciprocity fee" from travelers whose countries charge Argentine citizens a visa fee. U.S. citizens must now pay around \$140 to enter Argentina. The fee is good for multiple entries over a ten year period and is collected at the airport upon arrival.

CURRENCY

The official currency of Argentina is the peso. The exchange rate is roughly 3.5 pesos to the dollar. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are widely accepted in larger cities.

TRIP CANCELLATION & BAGGAGE INSURANCE

You can contact *Travel Insured International* 800-243-3174 or *Sportsman's Travel Insurance* 866-877-3241. Check your homeowner's insurance for coverage of your shotguns and baggage contents while traveling.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

220 volts; a standard converter and European adapter for two-pronged plugs should work fine.

GRATUITIES

Shooting: We suggest \$75 per day per angler/shooter in cash as a general guideline. This will be distributed by the outfitters to fishing guides, luggage handlers, pick-up boys, and lodge staff.

TIME

When we are on Daylight Savings Time here in the U.S., Argentina is Eastern Time plus one hour (it's later in Argentina). The remainder of the year they are Eastern Time plus two hours.

LANGUAGE

Spanish is the national language, although English is spoken in most shops and restaurants.

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TAXIDERMY

For excellent fishing taxidermy contact: Ron Kelly with Artistic Wildlife Gallery at www.fishcreations.com 214-663-5299

IN BUENOS AIRES

Shopping: Most shops are generally open all day to 7 p.m. on weekdays and until 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Florida Street is for pedestrians only and is lined with many attractive shops. One example is Mundo del Cuero (World of Leather) which houses two dozen leather goods merchants.

Restaurants: In the stylish Puerto Madero area near the downtown Yacht Club, we suggest Cabana Las Lilas for steaks and mixed-grill. In the Recoleta (the most upscale downtown area with good shopping and sidewalk cafes), we suggest Lola for Mediterranean or Las Nazarenas for steaks and mixed-grill.

Keep in mind that Buenos Aires is a dynamic dining environment—even with these recommendations, it is still wise to ask your transfer agent or hotel concierge to make recommendations or assist with reservations for any restaurant. You should plan on eating a little later than you may be used to in the U. S.—many restaurants do not begin serving dinner until 8 p.m.

HELPFUL HINTS

Get to the airport plenty early on your day of departure. Carry some bills in small denominations for tips, airport meters, snacks, etc.

Check the expiration date on your passport. Some countries require that the passport is valid for as much as one year from your date of entry. Take a photocopy of the photo page of the passport, in case you lose the original. The copy will greatly facilitate the process of securing a new one.

Plan for rain. Always take a raincoat (drab colors are best) and **always take it with you** on each outing. If it doesn't rain, they make an excellent windbreaker.

Pack sensibly. Try to use soft-sided luggage and take only as much clothing as you will need. Always take your passport, airline tickets, medications, camera equipment and valuables in a carry-on such as a backpack or small valise.

Bandanas are a good idea for protecting your neck against the sun, and they work well as an emergency headcover if you misplace your hat and need to protect your slightly balding head.

Bring two pairs of sunglasses.

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