

# ROD & GUN



SALTA  
HIGH-VOLUME DOVE &  
PIGEON SHOOTING  
GOLDEN DORADO  
FISHING

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## SALTA DOVE HUNTING GOLDEN DORADO FISHING OVERVIEW

*"Newest hotspot... Best in the world... Most in the world." You have heard these terms used many times in the sporting world. In the world of high-volume dove hunting, Argentina's Salta Province truly is all of those things.*

Quoting from writer Gary R. Zahn in *Shooting Sportsman* magazine:

*"Imagine hearing the subdued yet audible roar of more than a million eared doves' wingbeats as the birds erupt from late-afternoon feeding fields. Rolling in waves across harvested soybean and peanut fields, the doves accumulate in locust-like swarms, then join undulating flight lines headed for the nearby roost. Like spokes in a wheel, incoming flights approach to refill the staging and watering areas, then depart for their nighttime haunts. Words cannot do justice to such an awe-inspiring spectacle of nature."*



Salta has huge numbers of wild pigeons.

When we say the best in Argentina high-volume gunning, we mean high-volume. We have had guests shoot more than 200 boxes in a day here. 5000 shells. That is not a misprint!

Besides the amazing dove hunting, guests also have the option to shoot spot-winged and picazuro pigeons or spin or fly fish for South America's renowned golden dorado, whose reputation for hard strikes, acrobatic leaps and finger-burning runs makes them one of the world's most sought-after



Salta Province has renowned wineries/vinyards.

gamefish. Both activities are accessed from the same lodge.

Well-respected Argentine outfitter Floro Lavallo has pioneered the dove shooting and fishing in Salta province over the last decade. With Lavallo, not only will you have the sporting trip of a lifetime, you will find that the details have been attended to—from efficient airport transfers to fine dining with excellent wines to highly professional hunting and fishing guides to any and all special touches that make for a truly great trip. Lavallo's beautiful new 20,000 sq. ft. lodge, Estancia Chacu, sits in a picturesque hillside location on a 4,000 acre private ranch quite close to several huge dove roosts.

- Lavallo has a fantastic selection of high-quality shotguns available for rent, including new Benelli and Beretta autoloaders. Of course the guns are transported to and from the field for you, and cleaned after each use.
- Lavallo has private access to many of Salta Province's finest dove shooting ranches and roosting areas, and he takes particular pride in offering a variety of bird shooting styles and options. And there are no long drives to the shooting areas. Hunts can literally be as close as ten minutes travel, and very rarely do they require more than 30 minutes travel.
- Lavallo provides only high-quality shells, as is not always the case with other Argentine hunting outfitters.

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- The meals and service are truly first-class, and a staff of professional masseuses is always on hand to administer to sore shoulders.
- Rod & Gun Resources provides each guest with very detailed Salta Pre-Trip Information that is the best in the industry.
- Rod & Gun Resources offers our clients single rooms as a general policy and we make our groups private for as few as six hunters.

Rod & Gun Resources is your U.S. connection to all of South America's finest bird hunting destinations. We have sent more than 20,000 American gunners to Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia over the last 25 years.

Our knowledgeable staff will expertly arrange all aspects of your trip-of-a-lifetime, so call us at 1-800-211-4753 today for details and be one of the lucky sportsmen who experiences Salta's amazing shooting and fishing.



Waterhole gunning for eared dove

**COST:** Hunting: \$675 per day, plus shells at \$12.00/box (subject to change) and tips — single occupancy. Fishing: \$4195 for 6 nights/5 days of fishing.

**PRIME TIME:** Dove hunting is year round, pigeon season is May-September. Dorado season is April/May and September through November.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Many excellent carriers, such as American, Delta, United, Aerolineas Argentinas and Varig offer flight service to Buenos Aires, Argentina, from New York, Miami, Atlanta, or Los Angeles, with connections to Salta. You also have the option of flying to Salta via connection in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. All of the flights depart

the U. S. in the evening and arrive Argentina early to late morning the next day. A two-hour jet flight to Salta City will have guests in the field in time for an afternoon hunt. Estancia Chacu is one hour, thirty minutes from the airport.

**DETAILS:** You might also find our Salta Planning and Packing Information (PDF) helpful. Call 1-800-211-4753 or email us for a color brochure and references.



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# SALTA DOVE HUNTING GOLDEN DORADO FISHING THE SHOOTING

Just a few hours by car from the majestic Andes and southern Bolivia and framed by the picturesque, tree-covered Centinela Mountains, Salta's 620,000-acre Anta valley produces bountiful yields of soybeans, corn, peanuts and wheat. Due to its northerly location (closer to the equator) the region enjoys a delightful climate that changes little throughout the year. Progressive farming techniques, including active crop rotation

Time for a beer.



and no-till planting, ensure that tons of waste beans and corn remain available to hungry hordes of doves and pigeons. This grain production is surrounded and interspersed with the forest of the Gran Chaco, which covers northern Argentina, southern Bolivia and eastern Paraguay, providing an environment in which the populations of spot-winged and picazuro pigeons and eared doves flourish to incredible

numbers. The millions of voracious doves actually prevent the farmers from producing sunflowers and milo!

One of the great aspects of a bird hunt in Salta is the uncommon variety of shooting platforms. For example, one day hunters may be positioned in the midst of a huge roost, the next around the perimeter of a harvested grain field, the next down in the river bottom or over a waterhole and



Ambushing Argentine pigeons.

the next (and perhaps the most unusual and most productive) around the edge of a huge local feed lot. In addition, depending on the season, guests have the option of excellent pigeon hunting — pass shooting or using decoys — which in volume rivals Paraguay or anywhere else in the world.

Quoting from a recent issue of *Dove Hunter* Magazine:

*"To many who follow wingshooting trends, predictions are that Salta Province will soon overtake Cordoba Province as the dove shooting capital of the world. With only one outfitter holding the permit for the entire state, and with three times as many birds as Cordoba, Salta is the true pinnacle of dove shooting. Did I mention that there are estimated to be 100 million doves in the province?"*

*"Three hours later, over 1000 birds down and 60 boxes of shells later, I was exhausted."*

*"The numbers of doves in the Salta area greatly exceed anything I have ever witnessed elsewhere. The numbers defy any attempt to describe them. Rising like smoke and flying in virtual unbroken clouds to and from feeding areas, the scene can only be described as a plague of Biblical proportions."*

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# SALTA DOVE HUNTING GOLDEN DORADO FISHING THE FISHING

South America's golden dorado are rare trophies—few Americans have ever caught one and many have never even heard of the species. They are distant cousins of salmon and share many traits with large salmon and trout. Their legendary reputation as a fantastic game fish is well deserved. They punish lures and flies, instantly make multiple acrobatic leaps like a tarpon and make finger-burning runs. The beautiful clearwater mountain rivers of northwestern Argentina — in particular Salta Province — provide habitat to 15-25 pound adult specimens as they migrate up the rivers to spawn, and juvenile fish from

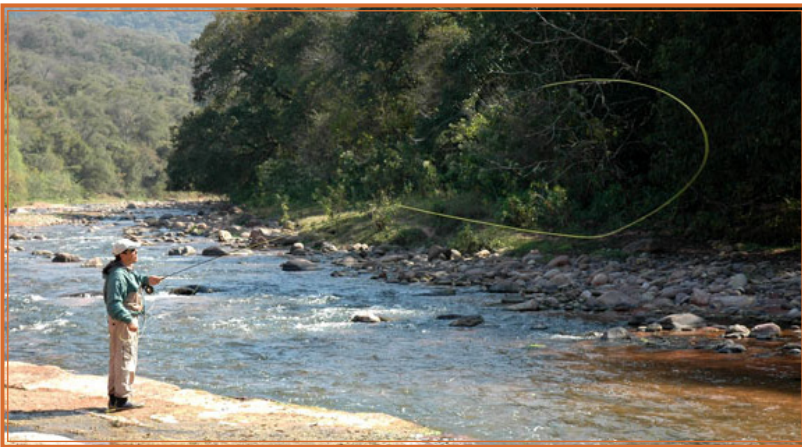
rods are recommended to cast 2" to 4" diving minnows and 1/4 oz. to 1/2 oz. silver and gold spoons and spinners.



Golden dorado are gorgeous fish.

Dorado fishing is best April/May and September through November.

Lavalle has exclusive access to huge sections of private water on the Dorado, Rio Seco and DelValle rivers. He employs excellent guides that are familiar with each section of each river, and all of the fishing is accessed from the same lodge as the bird hunting.



Many of the dorado streams resemble classic trout water.

3-15 pounds reside in the rivers year-round. On a good day here, an angler might hook five to ten fish and any fish hooked over five pounds will provide a thrilling fight.

A six to eight-weight fly rod is recommended with floating and sink tip lines. Deceiver, clouser or muddler patterns on 1/0 and 2/0 hooks with combinations of black, blue, brown or red with white underbodies, tied with deer hair or bunny fur work well. Spin/baitcasting fast-action



Rio Seco dorado on the fly

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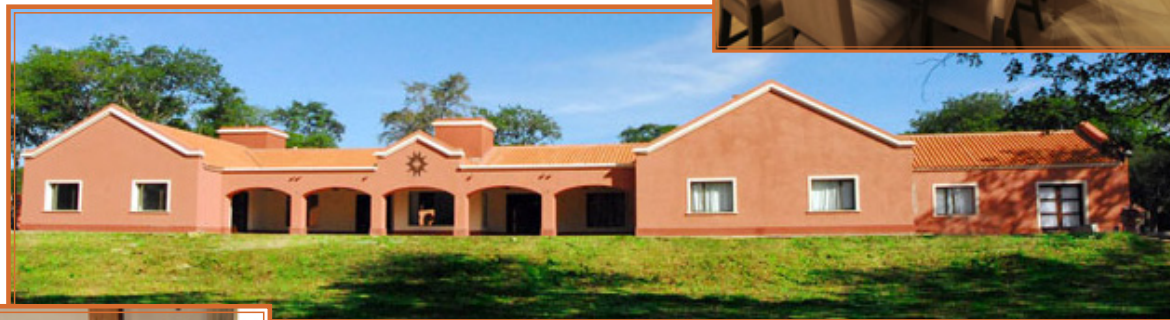
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# SALTA DOVE HUNTING GOLDEN DORADO FISHING LODGING



It's not all about the shooting... our outfitter Floro Lavelle is well-known for his beautiful lodges, fine wines, creative Argentine cuisine, and attentive service.

His opulent new 20,000 sq. ft lodge, Estancia Chacu, offers nine bedrooms, lovely dining and cocktail areas, shaded patios, gardens, fountains and all of the charm of a European country manor, but with modern comfort and

convenience. The lodge sits in a lovely hillside location on a 4,000 acre private ranch. Chacu (hunting place in the local Indian dialect) was designed in the style of a private home, and

as such has a comfortable, familiar feeling not found in many hunting lodges.

Dining is uniformly terrific, featuring famed Argentine beef, Italian and German dishes and local game specialties. Delightful, robust Argentine Malbecs and Cabernets are presented with each meal and a full bar is also available. Professional massage therapists are available every evening to relax and reinvigorate exhausted limbs and sore shoulders.

Drive times to the shooting areas range from 20 minutes to 1.2 hours depending on bird movements and if hunters are shooting pigeons (the longer drives). Drives to the fishing areas range from 10 minutes to 40 minutes, depending on where anglers are accommodated and which river is being accessed. Fishing-only groups will stay at Chacu or another lovely estancia the arrival night, then transfer over to the San Fernando lodge, which is located very close to much of the fishing.



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# SALTA DOVE HUNTING GOLDEN DORADO FISHING ACTIVITIES

Salta Province is one of Argentina's most visited areas. The city of Salta, capital of the province, was founded on April 16th, 1582 by Hernando de Lerma, governor of Tucumán on the orders of Spanish officials in Perú, placing it in such a beautiful and fertile valley that to this day the city is called "the beauty." Outside of the city several regions feature traces of pre-Columbian



Salta has many Spanish colonial sites.



Southern and northern Salta have amazing geologic sites.

cultures, mingled with ruins of indigenous villages, together with forts and buildings dating back to the time of the Conquest and Colonization.

The area is also a mecca for adventure travelers and those with interests in wineries and vineyards.

## CAFAYATE

The wine producing town/area of Cafayate is flanked by rivers and inside a belt of vineyards and wineries that are open to visitors. Here you can learn of Argentina cultivation methods and taste spectacular wines, many unique in the world. Artisan exhibitions are often held and guests can enjoy peñas and boliches (folk enjoyment,

usually at night), along with bike and horse renting. Five km upwards towards San Isidro, you can see caves with ancient cave paintings.

## TRAIN TO THE CLOUDS

The journey on the Tren a las Nubes starts at Salta. It is one of the three highest railway services in the world, and provides an amazing experience. Aboard the train you are transported directly into the clouds at altitudes that reach 12,600 feet.

Besides the spectacular scenic landscape, the trip takes you through 19 tunnels, over 29 bridges, 13 viaducts, 9 sheds, two loops formed by the railway and several big sewer systems. The railway is considered by many to be a true work of art, delivered by engineer Richard Fontaine Maury, whose greatest desire was to create a way to cross the Andes Mountain range using the potentials of train engineering.

Salta also offers whitewater rafting, horseback riding, casinos, resorts, beaches, museums, shopping, visits to Indian villages, hot springs, spas and many other activities.

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