

MILES & MILES OUTFITTERS

ARGENTINA DOVE SHOOTING

PRE-TRIP INFORMATION

Estancia La Catalina Dove Hunting

\$795 per person per day

Included: All ground transportation in the hunting areas, all meals, including beer, wine and cocktails, single-room accommodations when possible.

Not included: Commercial or charter air travel, Argentine gun permits or gun rental, hunting license, shotgun shells, gratuities, laundry, and miscellaneous purchases

Seasonal pigeon hunting is available as an option at an additional \$125/day

GUN PERMITS/ENTRY

A valid passport is required to enter Argentina. A visa is not required.

The process of taking your shotguns to Argentina is simple. Rod & Gun Resources will send you a one page “gun permit pre-registration” form—you just fill it out and have it back to us no later than 30 days prior to your departure. That’s it. We will fill out the required Argentine technical form—*ficha tecnica*—and send it (with three copies) to you, along with your other final documents.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT SOMETIMES TAKES AN HOUR OR MORE TO CLEAR GUNS AT CUSTOMS—BUT NONE OF THIS APPLIES IF YOU RENT GUNS.

If you arrive Cordoba via Santiago, Chile, upon arrival in Cordoba, you first go through Immigration, then to collect your guns and luggage, then to Customs. Immediately after Customs, the Miles & Miles representative will meet you and assist with gun clearance. The Cordoba officials only take pesos, so the Miles rep will pay your \$125 (approx.) per gun permit fees and then add that amount to your shell bill to be paid upon departure from the lodge. Please note that the gun permit fee changes, based on current exchange rates.

If you are instead traveling through Buenos Aires and then to Cordoba, upon arrival in Buenos Aires you go through Immigration, then to baggage claim to collect your luggage (and guns, if applicable). If you bring guns, airline/baggage staff will direct you to the gun clearance office (*Renar*). **There our representative will meet you.** You present the gun form and pay in cash approx. \$125 for each firearm. **Please make sure you have this amount of cash on hand in US dollars when you arrive.** Of course, our representative will provide assistance throughout.

If you depart for home from Cordoba, the Miles’ staff will assist with exit clearance of your guns. If you are flying back to BA and departing from there, you need to get the assistance of a porter to carry your gun case back over the the *Renar* office for exit clearance. All of the blue uniformed porters know where the *Renar* office is. The process only takes a few minutes. In either case of departing Cordoba or Buenos Aires, you will be provided with your cancelled gun permit. **Please be sure to keep this document with you** until you return home—you may need to show it again.

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SHELLS/LICENSES

Payment for your shells and the Argentine hunting license 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. **The current cost for shells is \$13/box for 12 and 20 gauge, and \$14/box for 28 gauge. THESE PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** The local Cordoba Province hunting license is \$65/day.

GUNS/CHOKES

Miles & Miles has excellent shotguns available to rent at \$100/ day. Models available include new Beretta and Benelli autos in 20 gauge, medium to high-grade Beretta and Rizzini over/unders in 12, 20 and 28 gauge, and various other really nice guns.

If you plan to bring guns, we recommend you bring two. For chokes, we suggest improved/modified for double guns and modified for single barrels.

Make sure your guns are in good working order before you leave—this is high-volume shooting out in the country—away from gunsmiths. Take extra parts for repair if you have them. Gun cleaning equipment is not necessary—the lodge cleans all firearms at the end of each day.

If you bring guns, keep in mind that **all firearms must be transported in lockable hard cases— the firearms must be disassembled. Also, the gun case has to be locked with two TSA-approved locks.**

We also suggest bringing a lightweight, storable soft case to carry guns into the field.

IMPORTANT

Upon your return to the U.S., the Customs authorities will require you to have proof-of-ownership of your firearms. You must register your guns with U.S. Customs (personal effects form 4457) prior to your departure from the U.S. This can be accomplished at your international departure city airport.

CLIMATE/CLOTHING

Use dark green/brown or camo clothes with a corresponding hat. Ankle-height shoes/boots are perfectly adequate. December-April highs will be 80° to 90° with cooler evenings. May-August is winter. Lows will be 40° to 45°. Highs run 50° to 70°. September-November lows will be 45° to 50° and highs 70° to 75°.

Evening wear will be very informal—whatever is most comfortable, including hunting clothes if you wish. The only need for a sportcoat is at sophisticated restaurants in Buenos Aires or Santiago. Also, no need to pack lots of clothes...the lodge happily does laundry for clients.

OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE

- Shooting safety glasses—yellow for dark days, dark for sun (either for safety is a fundamental requirement)
- Thin, 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)
- Still photo or video camera
- 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
- Toiletry items and prescription drugs
- Zip-lock bag or case to protect camera
- Reading material
- Lip balm
- Travel alarm clock and flashlight
- Garbage bags for dirty laundry

SHOOTING LIMITS/GAME TRANSPORT

Bag limits in most provinces of Argentina are very liberal—on some species that are considered “plagues” there are no limits. The dove shooting in Cordoba is in this category, and as such, there are no limits. Hunters generally shoot from 1,000 to 2,000 rounds a day, sometimes more, depending on conditions and personal inclination.

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.

AIRLINE SCHEDULING

Many excellent carriers, such as American, Delta, United Airlines, Lan Chile, Aerolineas Argentinas and Varig offer flight service to Argentina from Dallas/Fort Worth, New York, Miami, Atlanta, or Los Angeles with connections to Cordoba. Currently, several of the more efficient routings are from the U. S. through Santiago, Chile. All of the flights depart the U. S. in the evening and arrive Argentina early to late morning the next day.

Rod & Gun Resources will be happy to assist in arranging your air travel, or you are welcome to purchase tickets on your own.

We are in constant contact with Miles & Miles Outfitters and our transfer agencies. All organizations do an outstanding job handling all incoming/outgoing transfers.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

220 volts—a standard converter and European adapter for two-pronged plugs works fine.

TIME

When we are on Daylight Saving 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.

TRIP CANCELLATION & BAGGAGE INSURANCE

For travel insurance you can contact:

Kevin Martin
Martin Travel Services
(954) 748-6881 office
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(800) 627-8468 toll free
Cell – 954-558-8154

Check your homeowner's insurance for coverage of your shotguns and baggage contents while traveling.

Global Rescue provides unparalleled emergency medical services and is the only company that conducts field rescue and medical evacuation from the point of illness or injury back to your home country hospital of choice. In addition, a Global Rescue membership also includes 24/7 access to critical care paramedics, and in-house physicians backed by specialists from Johns Hopkins Medicine, the leading hospital in the US since 1990.

Before traveling with Rod & Gun Resources, we recommend you take out a Global Rescue membership. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please visit www.globalrescue.com/rodandgun or call Global Rescue at (617)459-4200.

LANGUAGE

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

GRATUITIES

Gratuities for lodge and field staff are not included in the hunt cost, and we suggest \$50/day in cash to your birdboy/shooting assistant and \$40/day total to be divided among the lodge staff (driver, guide, chef, waiter and maids).

If you have a simple airport/airport or airport/hotel transfer in Buenos Aires or Santiago, a small tip to the guide/ driver is suggested. If you have an extended tour, you might tip the guide \$50 or so (total), and \$50 for the driver (total). Restaurant tips are usually 10% to 15%.

HELPFUL HINTS

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. And, again, take a photocopy of the photo page of the passport, in case you lose the original.

Always take a raincoat (in hunting colors) and **always take it with you** on each outing.

Always take your passport, airline tickets, medications, camera equipment and valuables in a carry-on such as a backpack or small valise.

Bring a bandanna for use as a handkerchief and to cover your slightly bald head if you misplace your cap.

Bring two pairs of sunglasses.

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 (Calle Florida) 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: The restaurant environment in Buenos Aires is very diverse and dynamic. We suggest that you consult with your transfer agent or hotel concierge for 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 Argentines don't eat dinner until 10 p.m., and most restaurants do not begin serving dinner until 8:30 p.m.

IN SANTIAGO

Shopping: Most shops are open similar hours as Buenos Aires. There are two excellent choices for antiques, arts and crafts and handmade goods. The Craft Center Los Dominicos is a refurbished convent which features 200 stalls, located at Avd. Apoquindo 9085; and the Mercado Central downtown is a large market with lots of seafood cafes and local color. For higher-end shopping, Alonso de Cordoba Street has many elegant clothing and gift shops, along with wine stores and imported goods.

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