

SALTO GRANDE - URUGUAY

GOLDEN DORADO FISHING & HIGH-VOLUME DOVE SHOOTING

\$4600 per person – 5 Nights/4 Days/8 Outings
(Season November – March)

Guests have the daily option of all-day fishing, all-day shooting or splitting the day into fishing mornings and afternoon shooting.

Included: All ground transportation, single accommodations, all meals and drinks including beer, wine and liquor; fishing license, rods and reels, fishing lures, and fully guided fishing and hunting outings.

Not included: Commercial or charter air travel, Uruguay hunting permit (\$200), shells at \$16/box (subject to change), gun rental (\$50 per half-day), laundry, and tips.

AIR TRAVEL/ENTRY/TRANSFERS

A valid passport is required to enter Uruguay. Visas are not required.

American Airlines currently has limited non-stop flights from Miami to Montevideo Carrasco International Airport. COPA and United also fly from the US to Montevideo with stops in Panama City. Alternately, guests may opt to fly to Buenos Aires EZE using Delta, United, American and other carriers. Once you are finished with Immigration and Customs you will be met by outfitter staff and driven 4.5 hours to Horacio Quiroga Resort (included in the price) or you can opt for a charter flight to and drive 20 minutes to the resort.

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

MEDICAL EVACUATION/TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

From minor medical issues to life-threatening situations, Global Rescue's critical services have been there when they were needed most. Outdoorsmen have trusted Global Rescue's medical and security travel services since 2004. Additionally, Global Rescue offers one of the industry's most complete travel insurance products, integrating Global Rescue's advisory and evacuation services with the financial protection of a comprehensive travel insurance program. Rod & Gun Resources recommends a Global Rescue Membership with travel insurance for your next trip. Visit <http://www.globalrescue.com/rodandgun/> or call 617-549-4200 for more information.

CLIMATE

Temperatures will range from the mid-50s to 90s.

PHONE SERVICE/WI-FI

Horacio Quiroga Resort has Wi-Fi. Make sure your phone has international service to make calls.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

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

GRATUITIES

Gratuities for resort staff and hunting and fishing guides are not included in hunt cost, and we suggest around \$100 total per day per person as a general guideline. This will be distributed by the outfitters to luggage handlers, fishing guides, pick-up boys, and resort staff.

Gratuities to hotel staff and at restaurants in Montevideo and Buenos Aires are not included; the standard restaurant tip is 10 to 15 percent.

LANGUAGE

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

HOTEL AND CITY RESTAURANTS

Our guests usually stay at the Sofitel Hotel and Casino near Montevideo where a great breakfast buffet is included in the room price. The hotel restaurant also serves lunch, tea, and dinner.

As to restaurants, tastes vary, so consult your tour guide or outfitter for suggestions. This part of South America is known for terrific European-style cuisine, with emphasis on many types of meats and fresh baked pastries and breads. For dinner, plan to eat a bit later than you may be accustomed to in the U.S.—many Uruguayans don't eat dinner until 8-9 p.m., and most restaurants do not begin serving dinner until 7 p.m. The lunch hour is also a bit later than ours.

In Montevideo, try the picaña cut ribeye at Garcia's, one block from the Sofitel. For lunch, Manzanar is located across from the Sofitel Casino. If your schedule allows, visit the world-renowned food kiosk and restaurant area Mercado del Puerto for lunch and try Roldo's for a refreshing media-medio and small sandwich, then El Palenque for a main course of seafood or meat.

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—around a dozen total. All fly fishermen will need to bring their own gear and flies.

BAITCASTING/SPINNING TACKLE

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

Heavy 7-foot rods

Medium baitcasting/spinning reel for 65-pound line

Ten 50-pound, 12-inch 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/SPINNING LURES

Johnson Silver Minnow Spoon in ¾ to 1-1/8 oz in silver color

Abu Garcia Spoon Pike in 1½ oz. in silver color (or similar)

Rapala Saltwater X-Rap 5½ inch or larger in silver, glass ghost and bunker colors

Rebel or Rapala broken minnow 5½" to 7" inch in fish colors (or similar)

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.

FLY FISHING TACKLE

9' fly rods in 9 to 11 weights

Reels for 9- to 11-weight fly rods

Mid-sink rate fly line in 9-to 11 weight (Rio Tropical Outbound Short with clear sink tip or similar)

Fast sink tip line in 9 to 11 weight

40 to 50 pound range of leader/tippet

Plastic-coated 40-50 pound. steel tippet material

FLIES

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

CATCH AND RELEASE

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

CHECKLIST FOR FISHING

- Phone for pictures (make sure you have international service to make calls)
- Small container of insect repellent
- Light raincoat (brown, green, camo, etc.)
- Boat dry bag
- Multi-tool or pocketknife
- Personal items (toiletries, reading glasses, etc.)
- Prescription drugs
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Small flashlight
- Cotton or microfiber shirts for fishing and lodge
- Fishing gloves
- Cotton or microfiber shorts
- Cotton or microfiber casual pants for fishing and lodge wear (evening wear is informal)
- Boat shoes
- Fishing hat and bandana
- Line clippers or scissors
- Small wire cutters or fishing pliers
- Hook sharpener
- Small lure boxes/fly boxes
- Amber polarized fishing glasses

GUNS AND GUN PERMITS

The outfitter, River Plate Wingshooting, has excellent shotguns available to rent at \$50 per half-day (subject to change). Models available include Beretta and Benelli autos in 20 and 12 gauge, along with Browning and Beretta over/unders in 20 and 12 gauge. Of course, the lodge provides backups and cleans each gun after each outing. While many clients rent shotguns, **it is very easy to take your own guns to Uruguay**—a five- to ten-minute process upon your arrival in Montevideo. For clients taking their own shotguns, the gun entrance fee is approximately \$110 per gun.

If you prefer to take your own guns, the process is simple when travelling through Montevideo (not Buenos Aires). Rod & Gun Resources will send you a one page "gun permit pre-registration" form. You fill it out and return it to us, along with a copy of your passport, no later than 30 days prior to your departure. That's it. We will send all the proper travel documentation to you with your other final documents prior to your departure. Your outfitter will meet you upon arrival in Montevideo and assist with clearing your guns through Customs (they will have the original copy of the gun permits).

GUNS/CHOKES/SHELLS (if you are taking guns)

Either 12 or 20-gauge is suitable for doves. 28-gauge shells are available with advance notice. Price for the larger-gauge shells will be around \$16/box, fees for the smaller gauges will likely be higher (all are subject to change). We recommend you bring two guns. Doubles, semi-autos or pumps are fine. We suggest improved/modified for dove shooting.

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)
- Phone for pictures (make sure you have international service to make calls)
- Small container of insect repellent
- Light raincoat (brown, green, camo, etc.)
- Small backpack or field bag
- Copy of passport—packed separately
- Multi-tool or pocketknife
- Personal items (toiletries, reading glasses, etc.)
- Prescription drugs
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Small flashlight
- Garbage bags for dirty laundry

HELPFUL HINTS

- Check the expiration date on your passport to be sure it is valid for travel. Some countries require that the passport is valid for as much as one year from your date of entry. 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.
- Keep your passport, airline tickets, medications, and valuables in your carry-on luggage.
- Bring two pairs of sunglasses.

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