

# EL ENCUENTRO FLY FISHING

ARGENTINA – TROUT FISHING

## **7 nights/6 days fishing (double occupancy) – Saturday to Saturday - \$6300 per person**

- Included: Double accommodations, meals, house wines, liquor and beer, ground transportation to/from the Esquel airport, the use of fly rods and reels, leader and tippet.
- Not included: Commercial air travel, Buenos Aires airport transfers, flies (can be purchased at the lodge), fishing license, phone calls, tips for guides and staff (suggested 10% of package price), and miscellaneous personal or travel expenses.

### **TRAVEL/DOCUMENTS**

A valid passport is required.

### **TRAVEL LOGISTICS**

Many carriers, including American, Delta, United and Aerolineas Argentinas offer flight service to Buenos Aires from Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, New York, Miami, Atlanta, or Los Angeles with connections on Aerolineas to Esquel.

After clearing Immigration, you will collect your bags, clear Customs and be met by our ground transfer agents and transferred to the domestic airport for flight service to Esquel (two-hour flight).

Upon arrival in Esquel, you will be met and transferred by vehicle (around one hour) to El Encuentro Lodge.

You may choose to overnight in Buenos Aires to tour the city and enjoy one of the many fine hotels and restaurants. Our office can assist you with those arrangements.

Most shops in Buenos Aires are generally open until 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.

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 assistance with restaurant reservations. 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.

### **WEATHER**

Located in the southern hemisphere, Argentina's seasons are reversed (our winter is their summer). Buenos Aires' climate is warm and dry with summer temperatures ranging from lows in the 50s to highs in the 90s. Esquel's climate is cooler and can be a little windy year-round with summer temperatures ranging from the 40s to the 80s.

## **FOOD & BEVERAGES**

All meals at the lodges will be served family style. A breakfast of coffee, tea, fruit, cereal, pancakes, breads, meats and eggs to order are all standard fare. The lodge staff will prepare the fixings for your box lunch of soup, sandwiches, empanadas, fruit, desserts and wine or you may gather for a streamside barbeque. Dinners feature a menu of international and Argentine cuisine complemented with Argentine wines.

## **CURRENCY**

You may convert dollars to Argentine pesos at the Buenos Aires airport. According to the U.S. Department of State Travel website, travelers might have difficulty using U.S. \$100 bills due to concerns about counterfeit U.S. currency. Many Argentine banks, exchange houses and business may refuse to accept \$100 bills. Bring smaller bills. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are widely accepted in larger cities and towns.

## **LANGUAGE**

Spanish is spoken as the national language. Your host, guides and staff at the lodge can converse in English and other languages.

## **GRATUITIES**

For the guides and staff, we suggest a cash tip of 10% of your package price per person at the end of the week. You should give the tip to your lodge manager and it will be divided among all of the staff. U.S. dollars accepted.

## **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. Global Rescue memberships start at \$119 and feature the following benefits:

- Medical evacuation services to your home country hospital of choice
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- 24/7 access to board-certified physicians, clinicians and specialists from the Johns Hopkins Emergency Medicine
- Division of Special Operations

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- CANCEL-FOR-ANY-REASON BENEFIT
- Trip cancellation insured up to \$100,000
- Up to \$2,500 for lost luggage/baggage delay
- \$100,000 emergency medical/dental coverage

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## **ELECTRIC CURRENT**

220 volt/50 cycle

Two prong (round) plug in (European standard adaptor). Converter required for 110.

## **TIME**

Argentina is two hours ahead of U.S. Eastern time in the fishing season: December through April.

## **FISHING**

Fishing for brook, brown and rainbow trout takes place in a variety of waters, rivers, streams, and lakes. Fishing is accessed via drift boat, inflatable craft and walk and wade.

Trout fishing is excellent in the Rio Futaleufú through the season and a variety of other streams, lake inlets and outlets and spring creeks.

## **CATCH AND RELEASE**

In the spirit of sportsmanship and the preservation of world-class fishing, catch and release is mandatory.

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# TACKLE, EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING

## FLY FISHING EQUIPMENT

- Two to three 4/5 to 6/7 wt. fly rods and reels (if you can only bring one rod and reel, bring a 6 wt.)
- Floating lines for 4/5 or 5/6 wt. rods and reels
- Sink tip fly line for 5/6 or 6/7-wt rods (for stripping streamers)
- Knotless tapered leaders 9'-12', 0x to 4x
- Hook sharpener
- Small fly box
- Tape measure (optional)
- Amber polarized sunglasses
- Hemostats, line clippers
- Fingerless gloves
- Waterproof pack or gear bag
- Fly floatant or drying crystals
- Small fishing pack or vest

## FLIES:

- Royal Wulff #14 to #12
- Hoppers #6 to #2
- Chernobyl Ant #6 to #2
- Parachute Adams #16 to #12
- Elk Hair Caddis #14 to #6
- Bead Head Flashabuggers #8 to #4 in brown, olive and black
- Leach patterns #8 to #4 in brown, olive and black
- Stimulator #14 to #6
- Bead Head Hare's Ear Nymph #16 to #8
- Bead Head Pheasant Tail Nymph #16 to #8

**\*Flies and equipment can be ordered from Feather-Craft Fly Fishing [www.feather-craft.com](http://www.feather-craft.com) or 800-659-1707. Please order well in advance of your departure.**

**Our recommendation for fish replicas: Advanced Taxidermy & Wildlife Design Ltd. - Shawn Galea – 888-691-1216 or 905-838-9964 - [info@advancedtaxidermy.com](mailto:info@advancedtaxidermy.com) - [www.advancedtaxidermy.com](http://www.advancedtaxidermy.com)**

## CLOTHING & PERSONAL ITEMS

- Passport and photocopy of photo page
- Airline tickets
- Personal medications
- Long-sleeved fishing shirts
- Light polar fleece vest or down-filled vest
- Light polar fleece pullover or button jacket
- Wader under-pants
- Quality raincoat
- Casual travel clothes and shoes
- Fishing hat
- Gore-Tex waders
- Good socks and under socks
- Comfortable wading boots
- Sunscreen, lip balm
- Small bottle insect repellent
- Small flashlight
- Small backpack
- Camera
- Extra memory card and batteries
- Cash for tipping