

EL RINCON—SANTA ROSA

VOLUME DOVE, DUCK AND PERDIZ SHOOTING

\$1290 per person per day

Included: all ground transportation, all meals, including beer, wine and cocktails, single-room accommodations when possible, Entre Rios Province hunting license.

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

Please note: The program at Santa Rosa/Rincon is either perdiz or duck hunting each morning and dove hunting each afternoon. If you opt to shoot perdiz in the afternoon, there will be an extra charge of \$180. If you opt for ducks in the afternoon the surcharge is \$315.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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

TAKING GUNS

The process for taking shotguns to Argentina has become more difficult and **we strongly suggest** hunters plan to use one of the lodge's very fine semi-automatics (Beretta and Benelli) or over/unders (Beretta). Of course the lodge provides backups and cleans all guns after each outing. Hunters taking guns will encounter lengthy delays at Customs in Argentina and will have to secure Consular permits (for semi-autos) from regional Argentine Consulates in the U.S., which can be a time-consuming process.

SHELLS/GUN RENTAL

Payment for your 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. The current cost for shells is \$14/box. THESE PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

AIRLINE SCHEDULING

Many excellent carriers, such as American, Delta, United Airlines, LATAM, Chile and Aerolineas Argentinas offer flight service to Argentina from Dallas/Fort Worth, New York, Miami, Atlanta, or Los Angeles. Most flights depart the U. S. in the evening and arrive Argentina early to late morning the next day. Please note: on the way home, if your flight is one of the few that departs BA in the afternoon, you will have difficulty managing a hunt on your departure morning if your flight home from BA is prior to 5 p.m.

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 both Estancia El Rincon and Estancia Santa Rosa (25 minutes apart) and our Buenos Aires transfer agencies. All organizations do an outstanding job handling all incoming/outgoing transfers.

CLIMATE/CLOTHING

Drab-colored apparel is important for duck hunts---camo, khaki with greens/browns. A nice touch at both lodges is they provide good-quality boot-foot waders in various sizes, so you don't have to hassle with transporting them. Light rain gear (camo or brown) is always a must.

For perdiz, take well-broken-in hunting boots, along with traditional upland hunting clothes. Don't take clothes that are super bright, like blaze orange. The perdiz will run more. Just take a bright hat, so your hunting partner is sure to see you. Snake protection is not necessary.

For doves, use dark green/brown or camo clothes with a corresponding hat. Ankle-height shoes/boots are perfectly adequate.

Temperatures are usually quite mild, ranging from colder days of 30-50 degrees up to fall-like days of 50s to 70s. Dressing in layers is best.

Evening wear in all areas will be very informal---whatever is most comfortable, including hunting clothes if you wish. The only need for coat and tie is at sophisticated restaurants in Buenos Aires.

OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE

- 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 or video 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
- 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

BAG LIMITS/GAME TRANSPORT

Bag limits in most provinces of Argentina are very liberal, and on some species that are considered “plagues” there are no limits. Doves are in that category. All other species have some sort of limit. We want you to enjoy your hunt but also consider that these resources need to be preserved for generations to come. River Plate has a limit of 125 shells per shooter/per hunt on ducks, a limit of 10 perdiz per shooter/per hunt and no limit on doves. 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 refuse 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.

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.

PHONE SERVICE/WI-FI

Both El Rincon and Santa Rosa have Wi-Fi and good cell phone service. Guests can also call home using calling cards via the international operator of their long-distance carrier.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

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

COCKTAILS

Both lodges provide a good quality, but limited bar, along with good beer and wine. Guests are welcome to bring their own favorite brand of liquor.

TRIP CANCELLATION & BAGGAGE INSURANCE

For travel insurance, you can contact: Kevin Martin, Martin Travel Services, (954) 748-6881 office (954) 748-6855 fax, (800) 627-8468 toll free. 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. 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.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities for hotel and field staff are not included in hunt cost, and we suggest around \$60-\$65 total per day per shooter as a general guideline. This will be distributed by the outfitters to luggage handlers, pick-up boys, and lodge or hotel staff. Camouflage caps, shirts, or other shooting-related items are also appreciated by younger bird boys as an extra tip.

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

LANGUAGE

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

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 8:00 p.m.

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. 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.

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