

ESTANCIA LOS PAMPAS

VOLUME PIGEON, DOVE, AND PERDIZ SHOOTING

\$4180 Per Hunter – 4 Nights/4 Days Hunting

Included: all meals, including beer, wine and cocktails, single-room accommodations when possible, Las Pampas Rios Province hunting license and domestic air transportation from Buenos Aires to Santa Rosa and return.

Not included: commercial air travel to Buenos Aires and return, charter air travel (if applicable), gun rental or gun permits, shotgun shells, gratuities, and miscellaneous purchases.

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. The gun rental fee is \$60/day (subject to change). 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.

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 Los Pampas and our Buenos Aires transfer agencies. All organizations do an outstanding job handling all incoming/outgoing transfers.

TRAVEL TO THE LODGE

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, guests will be transferred over to the domestic airport (AEP) for a connecting flight to the town of Santa Rosa, which is about 30 minutes from Los Pampas.

CLIMATE/CLOTHING

For perdiz, take traditional upland hunting clothes (not too bright—the perdiz will run) with well-broken-in walking boots. Snake protection is not necessary. For pigeons and doves, wear brown, dark green or camo with a similar hat. Ankle-height shoes/boots are perfectly adequate. Temperatures will range from lows of 35°-40° to highs of 60° -70°.

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.

Light rain gear (in hunting colors) is always a must.

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 10 perdiz (over dogs) and 6 giant perdiz per shooter per hunt and 8 boxes of shells per shooter per hunt for pigeons. There is 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,

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

Los Pampas has Wi-Fi and decent 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

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

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
- Field Rescue services from the point of injury or illness
- 24/7 access to board-certified physicians, clinicians and specialists from the Johns Hopkins Emergency Medicine
- Division of Special Operations

Additionally, Global Rescue and IMG have created 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. Signature Travel Insurance guarantees that a trip is covered no matter what happens, and features the following highlights:

- 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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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 8:30 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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