

# ESTANCIA CHACU-SALTA

## SUPER-HIGH-VOLUME DOVE & PIGEON SHOOTING AND OPTIONAL DORADO FISHING IN ARGENTINA'S SALTA PROVINCE **\$795 per person per day**

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

**Not included:** commercial or charter air travel, Argentine gun permits or gun rental, shotgun shells, gratuities, laundry, 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. 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 with connections to Salta. Most 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 Estancia Chacu and our transfer agencies. All organizations do an outstanding job handling all incoming/outgoing transfers.

## SHOTGUN/ROD RENTAL

Good-condition Benelli and Beretta autoloaders and over/unders are available to rent in 20 and 28 gauge at \$75/gun per day. Fly rods/reels are also available for rental at \$75/rod per day.

## SHOOTING LIMITS

Bag limits in most provinces of Argentina are very liberal, and on some species that are considered “plagues” there are no limits. The dove shooting in Salta is in this category, and consequently, there are no limits. Hunters generally shoot from 1,000 to 3,000 rounds a day, sometimes more, depending on conditions and personal inclination. Pigeon hunters are limited to 200 pigeons per day.

## CATCH AND RELEASE

In the spirit of sportsmanship and preserving our world-class fishing, we encourage catch and release on all species.

## 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 the hunt cost, and we suggest \$65-\$70 per day per shooter in cash as a general guideline. This will be distributed by the outfitters to luggage handlers, pick-up boys, and lodge staff. Camouflage caps, shirts, or other shooting-related items are also appreciated by younger bird boys as an extra tip. A pair of anglers should tip \$50 total per day to their fishing guide. All tips can be paid at the end of the trip.

If you spend some time in Buenos Aires or Salta City, the standard restaurant tip is 10 to 15%.

#### 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.

#### LANGUAGE

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

#### ELECTRIC CURRENT

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

#### SEASONS/CLIMATE/CLOTHING

Dove hunting is excellent year-round in Salta Province. Pigeons are best in the cooler months of late-May through August. Golden dorado fishing is best April/May and September through November. During the colder months, lows will be 35° to 50°. Highs run 50° to 80°. During the warmer months, lows will be 50° to 60° and highs will be 80° to 90°. Generally, Salta has a mild climate.

For doves and pigeons, use dark green/brown or camo clothes with a corresponding hat. Ankle-height shoes or boots are perfectly adequate. Pants are better than shorts due to the occasional irritation from gnats or no-see-ums. Always take a raincoat to the field. Recommended fishing clothes are listed below. Evening wear will be very informal—whatever is most comfortable.

#### OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE

- Shooting safety glasses, yellow for dark days, dark for sunny days
- Thin, soft leather shooting gloves or adhesive tape to protect hands and fingers while loading
- Shell bag or vest
- Ear plugs for protection while shooting
- Shoulder pad recoil reduction device (optional)
- 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 and reading material
- Toiletry items

- Prescription drugs
- Zip-lock bag or case to protect camera
- Lip balm
- Travel alarm clock and small flashlight
- Garbage bags for dirty laundry
- Sunscreen

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DORADO FISHING

Dorado fishing at Chacu Lodge is done by wadefishing smaller rivers. Chacu has excellent fly rods and reels available for rent. Anglers will need to bring flies and these additional items:

- Several cotton or microfiber long-sleeved shirts
- Several pairs of shorts (weather permitting)
- A pair(s) of nylon/microfiber pants for fishing/wading.
- Wading boots
- Fishing hat
- Fishing pack or bag
- Amber polarized fishing glasses
- Fishing gloves (optional)
- 15-30 lb. range of tippet material
- Plastic-coated 30 lb. steel tippet material (Tyger Wire)
- Fishing pliers
- Hook sharpener
- Fly vest or fanny pack

#### FLY FISHING TACKLE

- 6- to 9-weight fly rod(s) in 9' to 10' length
- Reel for 6- to 8-weight rod
- Floating fly line for 6- to 8-weight rods
- Sink tip line for 6- to 8-weight rods

**FLIES** Large muddler/deceiver flies #1 to #3/0 in color combinations of yellow, orange, black, red, and blue with lots of flash and some with white underbellies. All flies should be three to five inches in length.

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

#### 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

Get to the airport plenty early on your day of departure. You will have spent a lot of money on the trip, so start off on the right foot. Carry some bills in small denominations for tips, airport meters, snacks, etc.

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, take a photocopy of the photo page of the passport, in case you lose the original. The copy will greatly facilitate the process of securing a new one.

Plan for rain. Always take a raincoat (in hunting colors) and always take it with you on each outing. It's amazing how many wet hunters/fishermen have a nice dry raincoat in their guestroom at the lodge. If it doesn't rain, they make an excellent outer shell for cool mornings.

Pack sensibly. Try to use soft-sided luggage and take only as much clothing as you will need. Always take your passport, airline tickets, medications, camera equipment and valuables in a carry-on such as a backpack or small valise.

Bandannas are a good idea for protecting your neck against the sun, and they work well as an emergency head-cover if you misplace your hat and need to protect your slightly balding head.

Bring two pairs of sunglasses.

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