

ESTANCIA LA CATALINA

SUPER-HIGH-VOLUME DOVE SHOOTING IN ARGENTINA'S CORDOBA PROVINCE

\$695 per person per day

Included: ground transportation from/to the Cordoba airport, all meals, including beer, wine and cocktails, single-room accommodations when possible, Cordoba Province hunting license.

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

Seasonal pigeon hunting is available as an option - \$795/night (dove/pigeon combo)

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, Rizzini, Browning). 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 must 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, and Aerolineas Argentinas offer flight service to Argentina from Dallas/Fort Worth, New York, Miami, Atlanta, or Los Angeles with connections to Cordoba. Currently, several of the more efficient routings are from the U. S. through Santiago, Chile. 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 Miles & Miles Outfitters and our transfer agencies. All organizations do an outstanding job handling all incoming/outgoing transfers.

CLIMATE/CLOTHING

Use dark green/brown or camo clothes with a corresponding hat. Ankle-height shoes/boots are perfectly adequate. December-April highs will be 80° to 90° with cooler evenings. May-August is winter. Lows will be 30° to 45°. Highs run 50° to 70°. September-November lows will be 45° to 50° and highs 70° to 75°. Evening wear will be very informal—whatever is most comfortable, including hunting clothes if you wish. The only need for a sportscoat is at sophisticated restaurants in Buenos Aires or Santiago. Also, no need to pack lots of clothes...the lodge does laundry for a small fee.

OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE

- Shooting safety glasses—yellow for dark days, dark for sun (either for safety is a fundamental requirement)
- Thin, 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)
- Still photo or video camera
- 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

SHOOTING LIMITS/GAME TRANSPORT

Bag limits in most provinces of Argentina are very liberal—on some species that are considered “plagues” there are no limits. The dove shooting in Cordoba is in this category, and as such, there are no limits. Hunters generally shoot from 1,000 to 2,000 rounds a day, sometimes more, depending on conditions and personal inclination.

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 and Santiago are refusing 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.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

220 volts—a standard converter and European adapter for two-pronged plugs works fine.

TIME

When we are on Daylight Saving 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.

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

Rod & Gun Resources recommends a Global Rescue Membership with Signature Travel Insurance for your next trip. Visit <http://www.globalrescue.com/rodandgun/> or call 617-549-4200 for more information.

LANGUAGE

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

GRATUITIES

Gratuities for lodge and field staff are not included in the hunt cost, and we suggest \$50/day in cash to your birdboy/shooting assistant and \$40/day total to be divided among the lodge staff (driver, guide, chef, waiter and maids).

If you have a simple airport/airport or airport/hotel transfer in Buenos Aires or Santiago, a small tip to the guide/ driver is suggested. If you have an extended tour, you might tip the guide \$50 or so (total), and \$50 for the driver (total). Restaurant tips are usually 10% to 15%.

HELPFUL HINTS

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, 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.

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.

IN SANTIAGO

Shopping: Most shops are open similar hours as Buenos Aires. There are two excellent choices for antiques, arts and crafts and handmade goods. The Craft Center Los Dominicos is a refurbished convent which features 200 stalls, located at Avd. Apoquindo 9085; and the Mercado Central downtown is a large market with lots of seafood cafes and local color. For higher-end shopping, Alonso de Cordoba Street has many elegant clothing and gift shops, along with wine stores and imported goods.

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