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ARGENTINA FLY FISHING ORVIS ENDORSED LODGE

Rebuilt in 2004 and uniquely designed, every one of our 9 guest rooms face northwest with spectacular views of Lago Hess and the Andes Mountains.

Just 15 miles away towers majestic Monte Tronador located on the border with Chile. If the weather is clear, the mountain looks close enough to touch. Each of our rooms is comfortably



appointed with either King Size or two full size beds and private bath. Some are equipped with a Jacuzzi as well. Many guests sleep with their windows open to let in the crisp, cool mountain air. The lodge features a full wader room for tackle and waders, a fly tying area, a small, but well-equipped bar, and a spacious sitting area in front of our river stone fireplace. Many nights it is cool enough to enjoy the warmth and comfort of a roaring fire. We normally serve cocktails and hors d'oeuvres there each evening. Should you require assistance any time of day or night, our front desk staff is always available. The lodge has a sauna available to drive out the chill and loosen those stiff casting muscles.

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Early Season	Summer Season	Fall Season	Rate	Non-Fishing	Single Guide Supplement	Gear Rental	Fly Package	Weather
Nov to Mid-Jan	Late Jan to Mid-March	Late March to end of April	\$4,750.00 7 nights, 6 days 2 anglers per guide (\$750/nt)	\$3,100 per week \$495 per night	\$275 per day	\$50 per day	available prior to travel=100 flies for \$150	Click for Weather



Cuisine Meals are served in the main dining room and are the fitting conclusion to a day on the water or exploring the wonders of Patagonia. Our professionally trained chef will concoct delightful cuisine that reflects an international flavor made with the freshest of ingredients.

Gone are the days when traveling to Argentina meant eating meat at every meal. You're as likely to have pasta, fish or chicken as beef at our table. We serve a wide variety of dishes that reflect both the cultural diversity of the area and the worldly influence of today's culinary landscape. All our meals are served with complimentary Argentine

wines. Should you have any special dietary needs, we are more than happy to develop a special menu for you. However, we have not forgotten our roots and the local custom of the Argentine *asado*. One of the highlights of the week, this traditional Argentine grill features such items as beef, lamb and pork. An Argentine asado typically has a sequence of meats presented by the asador (the cook). First are the chorizos (sausages), morcillas (black pudding) chinchulines chitterlings), mollejas (sweetbread) and other organs, often accompanied by provoleta, a grilled cheese dish. Then costillas or (asado de tira (ribs) are served. Next comes vacío or matambre (flank steak), and possibly chicken



and chivito (baby goat). An asado also includes bread, a simple mixed salad of, for instance, lettuce, tomato and onions, or it could be accompanied with *verdurajo* (grilled vegetables), a mixture made of potatoes, corn, onion and eggplant cooked on the *parrilla* and seasoned with olive oil and salt. No matter what you try, it's all part of the adventure.

Fly fishing in the heart of Patagonia is a unique experience. Imagine casting to big, healthy trout in crystal clear water without seeing another person all day. There are miles of still and moving waters throughout Nahuel Huapi National Park with very little fishing pressure. Our waters offer a complete variety of different types of fishing, from big dry flies and weighted streamers to tiny emergers, nymphs and spinners. We fish both floating and sinking lines, dry and wet flies at different times of the season and throughout the day. When fishing the Manso River, much of your fishing will be with streamers and sinking lines.

Hatches on most of the river are sporadic and the biggest fish are best drawn out with streamer patterns. There are several sections where nymphs are especially effective, and a tiny spring creek where sight casting to cruising fish can be a delightful change of pace.



One section of the river markedly different is the channels of Lago Hess. Justly famous for their unique blend of big fish and technical fishing, the channels smooth currents provide a great dry fly challenge to any angler. Similar in nature to a big spring creek, large fish often cruise this area or setup along the banks making this a required stop for any angler. Even though the fish can be selective, for some of our guests this is their favorite section. Some of the largest fish in the watershed live in this area.

One of the jewels is Lago Fonck. This four mile long lake offers big rainbows, browns and brook trout. Depending on the time of year, we fish streamers and dry flies on the lake, often both during a typical day. Dragon flies, damselflies, and caddis flies all hatch on the lake and the trout cruise the lakeshore weed beds in search of a meal. We fish the edges from one of our Carolina skiffs, working the structure where rainbow and

brook trout lay, with the occasional brown as well. With the added bonus of spotting an Andean Condor circling overhead, and beautiful Mount Tronador in the distance, a day on Fonck is always a special day.

Our Season: The fishing season in Argentina runs from the beginning of November until the end of April. It is the exact opposite of the North American season, with our longest day of the year falling on December 21. Lodge is open for the entire season. Here's an idea of what to expect:

Early Season: Early November – Mid-January These months are often marked by high water, which gradually recedes in December. We'll start the season fishing lots of weighted streamers on sinking lines. Mayfly and caddis hatches beginning in November will intensify in December providing increasingly better dry fly fishing. Early to middle December will see dragonflies hatching on the lakes and rivers bringing up the biggest fish and providing exciting dry fly action. Dragon fly nymphs and wooly buggers are very effective at this time.

Summer Season: Late January – Mid-March Excellent evening dry fly action continues into January. The river channels near the lodge feature multiple mayfly and caddis hatches that bring the fish up, especially early and late in the day. As temps warm in February, day time fishing can slow down on both the river and in the lakes. Terrestrials play an increasingly important role in the daily diet as summer progresses.

Fall Season: Late March - End of April. 60° Days, Cold nights. As Fall approaches, water temperatures begin to cool and the fish become more active. Evening fishing is characterized by a brief flurry of activity right before dark while most daytime fishing is with streamers or large attractor dry flies. Big rubber legged dries work well in the lakes. April is when the big browns become aggressive prior to spawning season.





The Day: If you've fished with a guide, outfitter or lodge in North America, our daily schedule will feel quite familiar. Unlike most lodges, however, we are usually out on the water for 9 -10 hours. If you really like to fish, you'll love the length of our fishing day. For those who consider fishing just one part of a great Patagonia experience, we're happy to bring you in whenever you're ready. While there is no such thing as an ordinary day, we do have sort of a routine that begins most days with breakfast at 8am. After hot coffee, eggs, cereal, fresh fruit or whatever else you need to get going, you'll meet your guide in the wader room around 9am. With the exception of a trip to the Pichi Leufu, or a horse ride into Lago Los Cesares for big brookies and bigger browns, none of our waters are more than 20-25 minutes from the lodge which allows you to spend more time fishing and less time riding around. When departing for the Pichi, or Cesares, you will

have breakfast at 7:30am.

We fish until mid-day, then stop for a streamside lunch which can be either hot or cold, and might include such items as steaks, quiches, sandwiches, salads, cheese, and fresh bread. Some of our guests like to take a siesta after lunch, but we're not surprised if you want to get right back on the water!

After fishing through the afternoon, you would normally get off the water by 7-8 pm or so, and return to the lodge to clean up, take a sauna, or perhaps get a massage. We serve drinks and hors d'oeuvres before dinner in front of the fireplace. Dinner is usually served between 9 and 10 o'clock, although we've been known to eat much later if the fish are rising and you just can't tear yourself away.

We are very flexible when it comes to arranging your day. If you have a special request, just let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you and give you the best experience possible.

Fishing Tackle: Fly rods: You should bring at least two fly rods: 5-7 wts for streamer fishing and windier conditions, and a 4-5 wt for evening dry fly fishing. We strongly recommend bringing a third 5 wt as a backup. There are a limited number of rods at the lodge in the event you break one.

Fly reels: Reels should be high quality, preferably disc-drag models loaded with a minimum of 80 / 100 yards of backing. The occasional 8-10 lb fish will test your gear to the limit! You may want a backup reel or extra spools for your reel. Having two rods rigged, one with floating line and one with sinking line will maximize your fishing time.

Lines: Floating and sinking lines cover the fishing. Weight forward or double taper floating lines are fine for dry fly and small streamer fishing. We recommend that you bring a 30 ft 150-250 gram fast sink line for your reel. The fast sinking lines are especially effective in the lakes and the faster, deeper stretches of the river. Most of our lakes have abrupt drop offs along the edges and the sinking lines get the fly down to where the fish are. If you have not cast a fast sinking line before, we recommend you get a little practice in before you come. It's not difficult to learn, but it will increase your fishing success and pleasure if you already have this technique down.

Leaders: 7 ½ to 9 foot 2x-5x leaders will suffice for most fishing. We like to use fluorocarbon for tippets for its added abrasion resistance and low light reflectivity. Bring some extra spools of tippet in the 2x – 6x range. Evening fishing in the channels near the lodge can become very technical at times.

Flies: Much of our fishing during the day is with streamers or large attractor pattern dry flies. See the separate [fly list](#) for complete recommendations. We do carry a full assortment of productive patterns at the lodge.

Waders: Breathable waders are the best way to maximize your fishing experience. You can layer poly-pro or fleece underneath in cold conditions and turn them down during hot weather.

Wading shoes: Sturdy shoes with rubber soles. While the footing is good, has many stretches of fast water with strong currents. Please be sure your waders and wading shoes are clean and dry before visiting to prevent the spread of invasive species like whirling disease, zebra mussels or didymo. We recommend the new rubber soled wading shoes and waders.

Clothing and Gear: The climate in our part of Patagonia is very similar to the northern United States. You can expect temperatures to range from the mid 40's early in the season, to the 80's during the summer months of January through March.



Clothing: Layering is the mantra when fishing. Light cotton sweaters, short and long sleeve shirts and trousers, long underwear, heavy wool sweater, windbreaker, wool socks, swim suit, gloves and heavy wool sweater (for November and April only) We recommend neutral colors. Big temperature changes can occur in a matter of hours in the mountains, so make sure you are prepared.

Rain Jacket: Gore Tex or similar. 100% Rain proof, seam sealed and breathable, with hood.

Other Items:

- Small day pack or tackle bag
- Fishing Hat
- Polarized Sunglasses
- Digital Camera
- Sun screen and Chapstick
- Insect repellent - Buzz Off clothing is very effective



2017 – 2018 HOSTED TRIPS

Many people enjoy the comfort and convenience of a hosted trip. Our host has been traveling to Argentina for 12 years. He hosts two trips a year to the lodge during peak fishing times. He'll help with everything from tackle selection to making sure you have the right flies to travel advice. Each group has a maximum of 8 anglers.

Hosted Trip Dates:

- December 3 – 10, 2017 **SOLD OUT**

AVAILABLE DATES

- April 8 – 15, 2018 and April 15 - 22, 2018

Travel: Outbound on Saturday: American Airlines departs Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) 7:35 PM arrives Buenos Aires International (EZE) Airport 7:55AM next day (approx.. Economy Super Saver fare approx. \$1,658 r/t) at the International Airport where we use a service called Manuel Tienda Leon who will escort you to the domestic airport (AEP) (4 hours' time recommended). Domestic air travel on LAN Airlines (Economy travel: approximately \$655 r/t). Depart Domestic airport (AEP) on LAN at 3:45 PM flight to San Carlos Bariloche (BRC) at 6:10 PM. Met by employee of the Lodge. Drive 1 ½ hours to the lodge arriving at the lodge at approximately 8:00 PM on Sunday. Return on Sunday. Depart San Carlos Bariloche (BRC) on LAN flight at 12:30 PM arrive Buenos Aires domestic airport (AEP) at 2:49 PM and transfer (allow 4 hours) using the service of Manuel Tienda Leon to the International Airport. Depart Buenos Aires (EZE) @ 9:10 PM. Arrive DFW at 6:00 AM on Monday.



Documents Entry/Exit Requirements: Argentina requires a valid passport with at least six months beyond your intended stay. U.S. citizens do not need a visa for visits of up to 90-days for tourism or business; however,

Included: The above rates include airport transfers to and from Bariloche area, lodging, all meals and snacks, all beverages including wine and alcohol, laundry, internet, guided fishing (1 guide for every 2 anglers), fishing license, and non-fishing guided activities.

Not Included: Personal fishing gear, gratuities for staff and guide, long distance telephone calls, massages (available upon request), Manuel Tienda Leon (approximately \$50 r/t) Tips for guide (recommended \$50-\$70per day per person) and lodge staff (recommended \$25-\$40 per person per day).

Reservations & Payments Confirmation will be upon receipt of a 50% non-refundable deposit to hold the fishing dates. Balance to be paid 60 days before the trip. In case of cancellation, deposit is not refundable unless otherwise stated. Deposits are transferable to another fisherman up to 30 days prior to departure. Outfitter reserves the option to reschedule the dates of your trip only if he knows that rain days will consume your booked dates. You must also read, understand and accept by signing the [Terms and Conditions](#), [Release of Liability](#) and the [Contract](#).





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