

## Location of Argentina

Argentina is located in the southern part of South America



## Capital City

Buenos Aires.

## Climate Patterns and Seasons

Argentina's seasons are the reverse of the Northern Hemisphere. Spring weather begins in September. The warmest summer months are January, February & March. April is considered early Fall (September in Northern Hemisphere).

The Paraná river system is in the east center and north-east of Argentina. Anglers should be prepared for warm and hot weather type of condition (subtropical) and occasionally can be wet.

## Language

Spanish

## Currency

The official Argentine currency is the Peso and it can be exchanged for in banks, hotels & airport bureaus. There are also ATMs readily available in cities and towns. ATMs are recommended because they are convenient and offer the best exchange rates.

## Credit Cards

The most commonly accepted credit cards are: American Express, VISA, and Master Card.. Just about all restaurants will accept credit cards but you may find that some accept credit for the meal but not for the gratuity, where cash is preferred.

## Electricity

220 volts, alternating current. Electrical outlets accept standard 2 round prong design, in use in Continental Europe. Most modern electrical devices like cameras, iPods, laptops, GPS and satellite telephones will accept 110 – 240 volts and output automatically to US standard 110, and for these *all you will need is a simple plug*

*adaptor*. If, however, your device does not convert to 110, it is best to bring an external converter. We suggest a dual-wattage foreign travel AC converter; it lets you use 110VAC (USA) devices on 240 VAC foreign, for motorized or heat producing devices up to 50 watts, such as radios, irons, lamps and handheld hair dryers.

## Health Services

Medical services are good, but may not meet U.S./Europe standards. Hospitals & doctors often expect immediate cash payment for health services. U.S./Europe medical insurance is not always valid outside their countries. Supplemental insurance that covers overseas medical cost is suggested. Provisions for medical evacuation are recommended.

## Potable Water

It is recommended travelers only drink bottled water while in Argentina cities. Water is reliable in most cities and hotels, anyway. In the South of Argentina, water quality is

excellent and, generally, very safe. At our Mother ship, our tap water is perfectly ok to drink, but we provide anyway bottled water if preferred by guests.

### **Food in Argentina**

Argentina is well known for exceptional beef and lamb, barbequed in the famous *asado* fashion for holidays & festivals over an open fire. With its vast coastline on two oceans, though, Argentine cuisine incorporates a wonderful variety of fresh seafood as well. Contrary to what many travelers think, Argentine cuisine is not spicy.

### **Wines and Liquors in Argentina**

Argentina's wines are among the finest in the world, and all dinners will be accompanied by one of a variety selected from the country's top vineyards. Argentina is currently the world's 5th largest producer of wine. Mendoza, with over 370,000 acres dedicated to viticulture, is the power house behind Argentina's colossal industry. Argentine malbecs in particular, but also cabernet sauvignon, merlot and bonarda are world-class.

White wines are very good, and grapes such as Torrontés are unique of Argentina, of superb quality and personality.

### **Luggage**

In case of loss (this occurs very rarely in Argentina), report it immediately to your airline representative before leaving the airport. Your lodge representative can help with this & arrange getting your bags out to the lodge.

Please pack as light as possible. We recommend carrying a travel rod & reel with you on the plane in the unlikely event that luggage is lost.

### **International Travel to and From Argentina**

All airlines flying into Argentina arrive at the Ministro Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport of Buenos Aires, 35 km from the city center and connected to it by the Teniente General Ricchieri motorway. Upon leaving the country a tax must be paid.

### **Carry-on Restrictions**

Each airline has their own specific restrictions on carry-on luggage. Please be sure and contact your airline directly with any questions you may have.

### **Immigration Requirements for Entry into Argentina**

A valid passport is required for U.S. citizens to enter Argentina. U.S. citizens do not need a visa for visits of up to 90 days for tourism or business, but U.S. citizens coming to Argentina for tourism and business travel must pay a **reciprocal entry fee of \$140.00 dollars**. Currently, the fee can be paid online, and is valid for ten years and multiple entries. It applies only to bearers of regular, tourist passports. Travellers bearing diplomatic or official passports will not be charged, nor will travellers who are transiting and not entering Argentina.

## **Customs**

Generally, foreign tourists (especially tourists carrying fly rods) are not bothered by customs officials upon entry. You are allowed to bring personal items such as clothing, footwear, toiletries, personal medications, as well as any fishing equipment needed during your stay. It is prohibited to enter the country with plants, or perishable food. You are allowed to enter Argentina with 2 liters of alcoholic drinks, 400 cigarettes and 50 cigars. Expensive camera and video equipment should be declared and brought out with you when you leave.

## **Airport Transfers**

The companies Manuel Tienda León (Av. Santa Fe 790, Tel. 4315-0489) and San Martín Bus (Av. Santa Fe 1162, Tel. 011-54-11-4816-7676) offer a half-hourly bus service between its offices in Buenos Aires and Ezeiza Airport from 04.00 to 21.00 hours. The fare is \$15- \$20 and the trip takes 40 minutes. There are also taxis and chauffeur-driven rental cars, between \$35 and \$60. City taxi transfers to the airport are expensive and don't usually have the luggage space for all the baggage that groups of anglers carry. Specific information on airport transfers and city hotels will be sent to you. Remember, there are two airports in Buenos Aires, Domestic & International. The domestic airport is about 20 minutes from the downtown area, and the International is about 45 minutes. You will need at least two hours for auto transfer between the International Airport "Ezeiza" and the Domestic Airport "Jorge Newbery". Domestic airport taxis are about \$25-\$30 from your downtown hotel.

## **Reconfirming your Airline Reservations**

South American airlines are notorious for over booking flights by as much as 30%. It is critical you reconfirm all your flights, both domestic and international, at every interval during the trip. This means when you arrive in Buenos Aires, either reconfirm your domestic flight to the day before, or have the concierge do it for you.

If you miss that flight, there may not be another for 2 days, so it is very important.

## **Airport Departure Taxes: International**

Upon leaving the country of Argentina a tax of \$25.00 will be collected from each traveler. Domestic: The domestic airport departure tax ranges from \$15 to \$20 per traveler.

## **USEFUL INFORMATION, TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS**

### **EMERGENCY CELL PHONES:**

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR ANYTHING WE COULD BE HELPFUL, BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER YOUR STAY IN ARGENTINA, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

**Land TRANSFER IN y OUT:**

This land transfers are included in your rate. Depending on the exact location of the choice destination, is the time it will take to get in or out to airport.

Recommended cities to fly in and out are Corrientes and Resistencia.

If you are flying back home, the same day you are exiting the lodge, we recommend that you book flights after 18 hs . from ita ibate / yahape / itati / and empedrado, and about 6 hours from esquina which will allow for a comfortable check in at airport.

Don't hesitate to let us know any questions or help you may need.

**FACILITIES:**

PUERTO PARAISO FISHING LOGDE provides wireless internet access, laundry service, all the meals and drinks during the stay. Our bedrooms have suite bathrooms, a comfortable living/dinning room with a 42 inch LCD TV, Direct TV. Electricity is available 24 hs. a day (220 volts). IP phone is available, Local calls are not charged).

We have swimming pool, as well as great space for relaxation and savoring a nice drink or a good wine, some empanadas or charcuterie things.

**GRATUITIES:**

Tips are not included in the rates of the lodge. It is absolutely not mandatory and at total discretion of guests. The suggested tip for the lodge fishing guides and staff, goes from 8% to 15% of the rate payed, depending on the quality of the service received by guests: 8% good; 10% very good, 12 to 15% excellent.

Tips should be in cash.

**CUISINE AND DRINKS:**

In Argentina we are proud of our meat, which is internationally known for it's quality and flavour. We also take pride in the high quality of our not so well-known, though excellent, selection of "fiambres"(cold cuts), cheese and dairy products, fruits and vegetables as well as the excellence of our wines, beers, clear brandies, and regional liquors. These riches are a consequence of the wide and varied geography of our country that allows a vast range of crops and also of the inheritance of years of immigration from different countries such as Spain, Italy, France, Germany, and Russia to name a few which blended with native and national gastronomic culture forming an irresistible combination for those who are very fond of good food.

We hope to become true ambassadors of these gastronomic riches and to be able to offer to our guests, after a long fishing day, the satisfying experience of tasting many samples of these exquisite delicacies meal after meal throughout their stay.

All dishes are accompanied with wines. In the morning, at the lodge, visitors will be served an excellent and satisfying breakfast to start off the day with plenty of energy. They will be able to choose from coffee, tea, fruit juices, yogurts, milk, regional cheese,

eggs, ham, toasts, freshly baked bread, croissants, butter, local marmalades, honey, cereals, as well as dried and fresh fruits.

In the evening, the traditional Argentinian Meals “Comida Criolla”, self service, right after our guests have returned from their fishing adventures and have made themselves comfortable. In a friendly atmosphere, visitors will be able to enjoy as a starter with “picadas(charcuterie things y empanadas”. For desserts, we will prepare different classical of different desserts. After dinner, coffee, tea, will be served and will be available at the the lodge’s comfortable living room so that our guests can end their fishing day in a very relaxing way in a cozy atmosphere where they can rejoice by looking at the pictures taken during the day, or they can just relax and share the day’s great fishing experience with other guest fishermen, so as to start savouring next day catches.

### **TACKLE SUGGESTIONS:**

**Important Note:** We feel that properly outfitted and prepared anglers have the best chance of having a trip of a lifetime. Our main concern is that you have a great trip. This is a guideline to help anglers assemble a successful collection of flies and equipment. It's not necessary you have everything listed in this pamphlet, just a good cross section. One thing that we’ve all learned from years of fishing the Paraná River system, is that it is almost impossible to tell what kind of lines and flies are going to be most successful on the river at a given time. Conditions can change without warning and we must be able to adapt to conditions at hand.

Guides normally have a selection of flies or lures on hand in case you don't have the right lure for the situation, and flies are for sale at the Lodge. If you have any questions concerning tackle and equipment recommendations, please feel free to contact us at any time.

#### **Rods:**

For PUERTO PARAISO FISHING LODGE we suggest strong powerful rods capable of handling big flies and with enough backbone to land hard fighting fish. We recommend fast action 9/10 ft. rods, for 8/9 weight lines.

When fishing for species such as Chafalote, Pira Pita and Pacu, we suggest 8/9 ft. rods for #6/7 weight lines.

30/40 lbs test wire shock leaders are used for the last 5/6 inches of the total length of the leader, usually of 7,5 to 9 ft., as most fish at Paraná river and it’s large system tend to have very sharp teeth.

#### **Reels:**

We suggest large arbour reels, with good backing capacity (50/75 yards is plenty) and excellent breaking quality.

#### **Lines and tippets for fly:**

Our guides suggest guests to bring all floating, intermediate, and sink tip lines for all the rods guest will use during their stay.

We also recommend to bring lines known as “shooting lines”, models such as RIO OUTBOND SHORT, AIRFLO 40 PLUS or SNIPER, ROYAL WULFF AMBUSH, or SCIENTIFIC ANGLERS DISTANCE This type of lines allow anglers to cast further and

with less effort, turning a big fly easily. Tropical/warm water type of lines are preferred for late spring/summer months.

#### **Flies:**

It is very important that flies are tied with the best quality hooks possible.

Big saltwater type streamers, as well as Deceivers in its different forms and colour combinations are preferred (green/white, red/white, red/black, chartreuse/red/white, chartreuse, red, yellow, among favorite ones).

Flies need to have a good profile with the minimum wind resistance to cast easier and swim better at the same time.

Dry flies such as Titanics and Pole Dancers can work excellent in the right conditions, as well as big poppers that “move” a lot of water.

For more information, please ask for our complete fly list.

**Note: Remember that Posada Puerto Paraiso provides you with all the necessary equipment to fish in the modalities of spinning, baitcasting or trolling, as well as lures and live bait**

#### **Clothing:**

Similar clothing to warm water saltwater fishing is suggested. Clear colours are better. It is very important to protect yourself from the sun, so long sleeve shirts and pants are recommended. Mosquito repellent

Remember, in the southern hemisphere the seasons are opposite those in the northern hemisphere.

**No Waders are needed! Always good to have a light raincoat/jacket in your day pack, in case of rain.**

**Small Day Pack:** This can be an important article to include while packing. We like a waterproof, top-loader day pack that can hold extra gear, clothes, flies, camera, snacks, etc.

**Fishing Hat:** Look for a hat that is comfortable, relatively waterproof, and that has a good size brim to shade your eyes and face.

**Line clippers, Pliers, Hemostats, & Hook File: Essential to any fisherman and should not be left behind.**

**Polaroid Sunglasses:** Good quality polarized sunglasses are a must. Polarized sunglasses not only let you spot fish more effectively, but protect your eyes from the intense sunlight experienced in Patagonia, as well as hooks. It is advised to bring two pair, as sunglasses tend to break, get lost, or fall into the river more often than other items of gear.

**Sun Protection:** Ultra-violet rays of the sun in this part of the world are very intense and will burn even the most sun-seasoned anglers. Brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, and frequent use of a strong sun block (SPF 40/50+) are highly recommended.

#### **Global Rescue**

**When travelling to remote locations in search of some of the best fishing on earth, it's important to have reliable medical services and evacuation insurance.**