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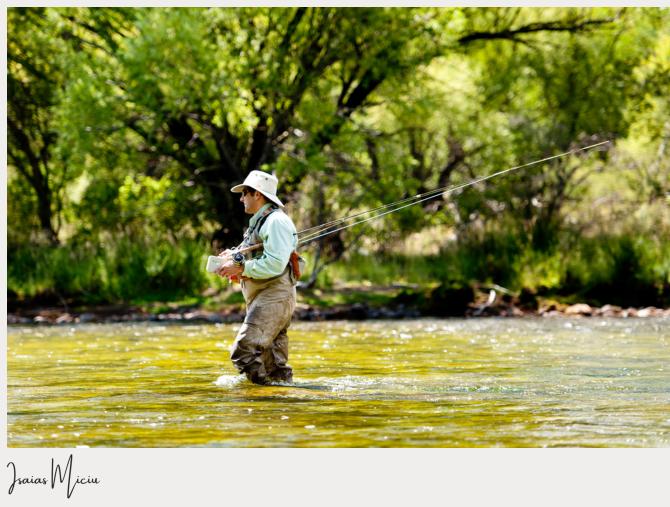
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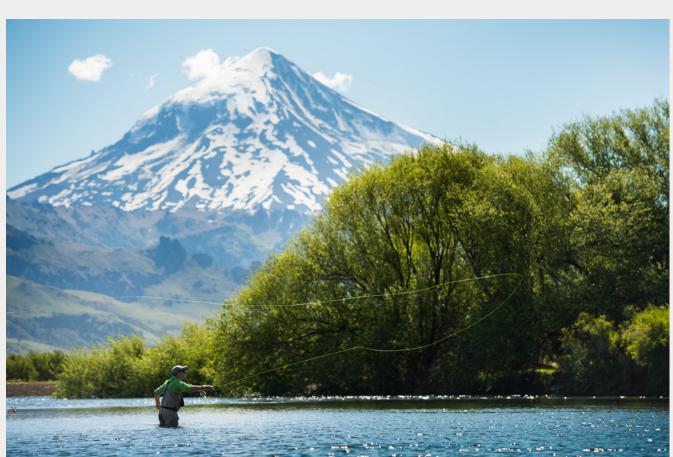
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2019 was the year where we released the "last edition" of our magazine, I am sure that we were not the only ones who suffered not being able to take advantage of 2020 to travel ... This is why we feel the need to re-invent the topic of travel and more as a human need to continue connecting with other cultures, customs and the best: nature.

After so much closure (and knowing that some countries still do not open their borders definitively) it is fair to let our imagination fly and put our next adventure in our thoughts. And we want to light that spark (or put more fire to the one you already have)

And, to connect with all the aforementioned, we have decided to reopen our digital magazine with a good subject, a good art: The Fly Fishing.

This time we move to Argentina, to a remote and fantastic place full of stories such as Patagonia. If you are a fly fishing lover and have not visited this place yet, it would be good to be encouraged for this next season that begins in November 2021.

Hopefully, all conditions are met so that we can once again enjoy traveling to enchanting places and d doing what we like the most!

Our wish is to give you a different edition, where you will discover the best places to stay in imposing Patagonia with exclusive rivers and lakes just for you, and where you will be able to take, in addition to the beautiful memory of this pristine place the warmth of its people and the pleasure of its local foods and wines.

Cheers and good reading!

THE PLEASURE OF "CATCH & RELEASE" IN PATAGONIA

Fly fishing is one of those traditional sports that has experienced a bit of a boom in recent years. For some of the practitioners it is a way to honor memories with family, for others it helps them slow down and tune in or enjoy the primal instincts that come with stalking, catching and landing fish...

In this first issue dedicated to fly fishing, we come to Patagonia Argentina. This part is about Neuquén and Río Negro, Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego.

Until recently, Patagonia was a wild frontier land that resisted man's attempts to tame it and still retains its wild soul, making it an ideal place to test your skills on the river and fish here. Patagonia's landscape is defined by the immense forces of colliding continental plates, which have transformed it into a tapestry of rugged mountains and valleys bordered by open plains. The fishing scenery here is absolutely unbeatable, with countless freshwater rivers fed by glaciers and snow high in the mountains, teeming with fish. Patagonia is often said to resemble what the wild expanses of North America, Europe and Australia would have been hundreds of years ago, before man fully colonized them.

There are many places to fly fish here, Patagonia's native brown and rainbow trout can reach 15 pounds, although 4-8 pound trout are more common. It is also very possible that you will come across a "monster" that weighs up to 30 pounds! Salmon are the largest fish in all of Patagonia's rivers and can reach over 40 pounds.

The season for fly fishing in Patagonia is from October to April.

With so much fish variety in the rivers of this beautiful place and so many different types of rivers and lakes to choose from, there is something for every type of fly fisherman in Patagonia. Whether you are looking for wide, slow rivers or smaller, crystal clear streams, you will find it here. For newcomers to the sport, the fly fishing infrastructure has developed by leaps and bounds in recent years, so you're sure to find the right equipment, instructors or guides you need to get started.

We take this opportunity to introduce you to some of the best fishing spots where you can focus only on fly fishing, relax, eat and drink deliciously, and enjoy the beauty of one of the most pristine places in the world.







The place where Rinconada Lodge is located, the Huechahue Ranch, offers a charming "home away from home" experience, as well as a rich landscape full of wild nature that you will not forget.

We begin our journey along the routes that show us an incomparable landscape where nature becomes wild, sterile, and beautiful. Three great prints at the same time. We lack the view (and sometimes the time) to complete so much spectacular. In this beautiful place, the vastness is great, as is the silence that fills it, filling you with an unimaginable calm. For newcomers, this emptiness can be as awe-inspiring as the sight of Patagonia's jagged peaks, pristine rivers, and dusty backcountry oases.



Upon our arrival, we are warmly greeted by Gonzalo, the current administrator of the place, and the personable young Santiago. As they help us settle in, they show us around the lodge, a beautiful structure with all-English echoes and refined decor reminiscent of times gone by. As they lead us to our rooms Gonzalo tells us about the rich history of the place, as well as the vast terrain and the rivers that are near it, which we would soon test with the reeds.

The lodge is rustic and decorated with English touches, noticeable in every corner

The lodge is located within Estancia
Huechahue, an estancia found in Patagonia
Argentina. Four generations of the Wood
family have worked on these 6,600 acres of
the steppe to create a self-sufficient oasis
and a thriving cattle business. Jane Wood
Williams managed the stay and has been
receiving guests since 1990, and in this way,
the current management of the lodge
responsibly continues the excellence that
marked the attention given to all those who
had the opportunity to know them.

The interior of the lodge ranges from single, double, triple, and quadruple rooms, all with en-suite bathrooms and heating by radiators fed by a wood-burning boiler. They also have a cabin with three double rooms, all with ensuite bathrooms and heating.

All this around the beautiful garden where the box seats are arranged. Don't be surprised if at some point you see a deer from your window, and maybe some mischievous wild boars too!

The lodge, despite its large accommodation capacity, is all about accommodating no more than eight guests at a time (except for large groups) in order to better serve guests by focusing on their comfort, peace, and personalization of service.

Fly Fishing time

For lovers of fly fishing, the splendid place where Rinconada Lodge is located will offer experience and incomparable places for this sport.



Just a five-minute drive from the lodge and in the wild but attractive terrain where the ranch is located, you'll find eight kilometers of private access to the banks of the Collón Curá, which will be one of your possible favorites, as it's great for experienced fly fishers or beginners who want to try out their casting techniques. From the Collón Curá, you can expect not only the quantity but also the quality of trout, both rainbow and brown. From our own experience, we ventured into these waters as soon as we arrived.

The abundance of the river is such that you will have endless fun catching it just by traversing it. Many rainbow trout populate this place. One of its many attractions is that you can wade it, even without the help of guides.

Likewise, you have access to seventeen kilometers on the opposite bank of the river, a facility offered by the lodge under an agreement with the neighboring estancia, which greatly expands the fishing areas to the delight of our "Fellows Anglers".

Upon arrival at the lodge and prior to fishing time, guests may request to be accompanied by one of the local guides. We had a luxury guide! Gonzalo himself, who served as our escort, told us a little about the history of the spaces we were moving through to the river. Also, the guides that the lodge provides have a vast knowledge of the rivers, flora, fauna, and history of the place, so you get a little more information while they can also accompany you to wade and/or ride in boats on the river.

For lovers of this art, depending on the time of year, floats begin at 08:30 and return to the lodge at approximately 20:30 (flexible times at the request of the fisherman).

You can also opt for a two-day float camping on the banks of the river, a highly recommended experience considering the enjoyment of the incomparable nature that surrounds it.

"We wish you to use this moment of fishing as a perfect excuse to escape in these majestic places and enjoy your fishing destination."

GONZALO GALMARINI, HOST.









The Lodge

As we mentioned in the entry for this article, you will feel right at home at the lodge, and not without reason, because Gonzalo and his wife Jessica will personally take care of you until the end of your stay.

A carefully tended garden with a stream running throughout the lodge will be an unforgettable place. In every corner, you will find an antique piece of furniture with an interesting story, in addition to the elegant living room and the cozy bar where you can refresh yourself after a great day of fishing.

A day at the lodge begins with a delicious home-cooked breakfast before setting sail for adventure. The moment of the aperitif after your arrival with a distinctive Argentine snack accompanied by an excellent local wine list or a delicious cocktail prepared by Gonzalo will be the beginning of an excellent evening.

All meals are prepared in the Rinconada kitchen, keeping the homemade touch.

You can enjoy delicacies such as venison goulash, potato pie, trout, and venison, Sorrentino with green mushroom cream, with a little touch of sophistication, but without losing their hunting quality. We cannot leave aside the pleasure of the king of Argentine gastronomy:

The Asado

The grilled meats prepared at Rinconada's "Quincho" deserve a special mention. The "Quincho" is a magical place and typical of the culture of South America. It is the ideal place to relax and taste the excellent Argentinean meats.

The Asado, this delicious gastronomic custom of these places, brings guests together in an atmosphere of familiarity and camaraderie after a great day. All this, along with a delicious representative wine from Patagonia, will remain in each of your memories of this cozy place.

Rinconada has an open bar policy where you can try different types of drinks, including gin, Aperol, vodka, tequila, rum, whiskey, cognac, Jerez, etc. Not to mention the great selection of Argentinian wines, mainly Malbec.

The lodge offers some of them free of charge to its guests, but guests have the option to choose one of the premium drinks there.

Enjoy this delicious gastronomic custom. El Asado is the moment that brings guests together in an atmosphere of familiarity and camaraderie after a great day of fishing and other outdoor activities.





Rinconada has more activities to offer during your stay in addition to the fishing experience, the lodge has with sauna, natural pool and outdoor hot tub.

Likewise, to take advantage of all the space in which it is located, other activities are offered for you to enjoy, such as horseback riding, rafting (ideal for groups consisting of anglers and those who are not), highly recommended for photographing wild animals of Patagonia, of which there are countless in the area where the ranch is located, as well as bird watching. It is also possible to visit and play some of the best golf courses in Argentina, designed by Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman "Nothing more, nothing less".

It is worth mentioning, beyond the above, the easy access to the lodge and the strategic geographical location to go to different fishing environments through paved paths, almost without circulating on dirt roads, making the transfers more pleasant for your days. Fishing and others.

RINCONADA LODGE is located at National Route 40, kilometer 2,273.5. The nearest town is Junín de Los Andes, 28 km away. San Martin de los Andes 70 km. San Carlos de Bariloche about 200 km. All are accessible by paved roads.

Chapelco airport is 40 minutes from the lodge, and Bariloche Airport an average of one and a half hours.

Sustainability by Las Balsas Relais & Châteaux

Commitment to positive impact. Integrating sustainability and the tradition of hospitality.

eing the first hotel in Latin America to be a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux membership and "Las Balsas R&C" after 25 years marks a before and after in the field of hospitality in Patagonia and throughout Latin America, and in the years to come, it sets itself the challenge of achieving a melodious integration between sustainability and luxury hotel service and making this harmony its new trademark," says Diego Meier, in charge of the Sustainability Department." We are focused on achieving a positive footprint in Patagonia and in the art of hospitality, "he adds.

"In practice, we have created the Department of Sustainability with the function of integrating the most innovative international guidelines in the offer and operation of the hotel, through the participatory dynamics of our large team".

On the road to integrate sustainability in the tradition of hospitality, Diego defines for us the 4 pillars that guide his path and in which the main actions and projects of the R & C Balsas are embedded. "The first is to promote creativity towards Sustainable Hospitality with great initiatives in the small details for our guests" comments.

The second is "Minimize the Ecological Footprint" we have an important challenge and commitment towards a minimal impact on the environment, where we have already become a Neutral Carbon Footprint, processing more than 90% of gray water, relying on a demanding commitment to reduce our waste ". Diego details us while continuing" the third is the conservation of the Unique Biodiversity of Patagonia, we have the Las Balsas R&C Natural Reserve, an area of 20 hectares around the hotel dedicated exclusively to the conservation and protection of the Andean Patagonian forest, the Mallín Grandy wetland, and part of the coastal edge of Lake Nahuel Huapí, which protects the Patagonian forest "he maintains.

"The fourth and last great pillar of sustainability that guides us is the Local Community, where we are part of Villa La Angostura with more than 25 years of history, so we decided to be more active and strengthen this bond by being open in the experience towards sustainability, thus strengthening the tourism of local culture through the program "Hosts of Patagonia" 'that gives guests the opportunity to share experiences with the authentic inhabitants of this fantastic place," he concludes.



Las Balsas R&C is moving towards a harmonious integration between sustainability and its benchmark hospitality service, achieving a distinctive seal. The mission is to reach and leave a positive footprint in Patagonia in the art of sustainable luxury hospitality.

LUXURY TREATMENT BY

Las Balsas Relais & Châteaux

Las Balsas offers its guests to disconnect from the noise and routine of the big city to connect with nature and enjoy the flavors, comfort and relaxation of Patagonia in its exclusive and charming blue house on the lake.





A luxurious base for your Patagonia fishing trip. Enjoy Fly Fishing in the lakes of Patagonia like 90 years ago



Winding our way through the magnificent landscapes of the lakes and mountains of Villa La Angostura, we approach one of the most beautiful places in Patagonia.

Surrounded by the virgin forest of its own nature reserve, overlooking the natural expanse of the Nahuel Huapi National Park, Las Balsas offers visitors a unique scenic setting in which to live a personal experience, with the unmistakable seal of Relais & Châteaux, the first hotel in Latin America to receive the exclusive French membership and has maintained it uninterruptedly to this day.

The wooden house with its unmistakable blue façade, a trademark since its construction in 1988, and the personalized attention to detail have made Las Balsas at once an iconic postcard of Villa la Angostura and a reference of small luxury hotels.

It was originally designed as a small inn with a very warm living room whose design was based on the Patagonian style of Architect Bustillo, with a large fireplace as the center of the scene and a window overlooking the lake. With the passage of time and the related demands of the guests, the hotel grew to offer a more complete service. Thus, its restaurant and exclusive (and envious) wine cellar were expanded, more spacious and comfortable rooms and its majestic spa were integrated into the landscape.

Las Balsas offers its guests to disconnect from the noise and routine of the big city to connect with nature and enjoy the flavors, comfort, and relaxation of Patagonia in its exclusive and charming blue house on the lake. Ambassador of the philosophy of Relais & Châteaux, the collection of the most refined hotels and restaurants in the world, today Las Balsas is the ideal place to live "moments in Patagonia" that will be remembered by its visitors.

"At Las Balsas, our entire team strives to create unforgettable moments, a new connection through the art of hospitality. This is our great motivation every day"

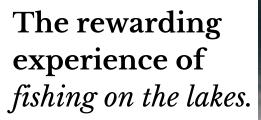
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A *Luxury Base* for your Patagonia fishing trip

Whether you're just getting into the art of fly fishing, or you're a veteran and want to start or end your Patagonia fishing trip in a fascinating place with unique attention, Las Balsas is undoubtedly the best choice for you.

With a privileged location, Las Balsas is strategically located in the heart of Los Lagos Patagonia, just 1 hour from Bariloche airport and connected to the various destinations in the region.

The strategic location of Las Balsas R&C is ideal to include in your fishing trip to the best spots in the region. The recommendation is to spend a few days in Las Balsas to relax and swim a little in the Limay or fish a spot on Lake Nahuel Huapi, such as the classic Correntoso river and Lake Espejo.





"Join the complete fishing experience with leading local guides from the region and Latin America and take your first steps on Fly Fishing with the comfort and style that Las Balsas offers."

Sportfishing is a classic of the region, with a 90-year history. It is practiced at the mouth of rivers, streams, in pristine lakes such as Nahuel Huapi or Espejo, surrounded by mountains and deep forests.

An amazing landscape will accompany you while you enjoy the moment, in addition to the stories of the fishermen who came to these lakes year after year, since the 1920s.

Fly fishing in lakes is a classic and is an interesting and complex challenge that requires you to sharpen your observation and use different strategies.

Nowadays, the environment of Las Balsas allows a fishing experience like almost a century ago, in the same estuaries and surrounded by pure nature.

For recommended excursions, the guides recommend Lake Espejo, located 20 minutes by car from the hotel on the mythical route of the 7 lakes. Once in the mirror, go by boat for about 50 minutes to the northern end of the lake, where several rivers and streams flow.



adventure in Patagonia

Have you ever seen how a fly fisherman lives a post at the mouth of a mighty river, or floating in a boat and imagined yourself to be that person? Would you like to get into the great art of fly fishing or are you just taking your first steps in this great art?

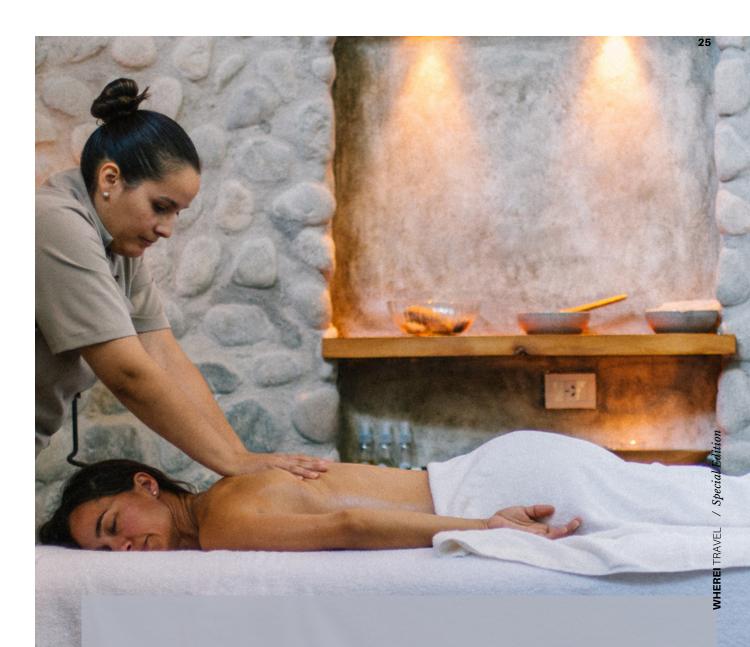
Imagine taking those first steps in Patagonia, ideally at least 3 to 4 full days in a "program", all prepared to avoid unforeseen events and concentrated on the goal of fishing, fishing, and fishing.

For this, the program will include a guide or instructor to accompany and guide you in the first steps of fishing and casting, as this is an essential key to become a good fly fisherman.

In Las Balsas, local reference fishing guides always recommend opting for an individualized program that is customized to the needs of the prospect as this is the best way to get started with fly fishing. Generally, the first approach is recommended with a casting clinic, which may be in the surrounding areas of the hotel or from the beach in a secluded location. In this way, the basic movements of casting practice are included, as well as the observation of the environment, the behavior of the trout, and their feeding.

Once confidence and practice have progressed, it is suggested to increase the level of difficulty and get into the magic of a river on the steppe. Only 45 minutes from Las Balsas, you can enjoy a wonderful day of fishing on the classic Limay River.

Take advantage of a complete fishing experience with leading local guides from the region and Latin America, to take your first steps with the comfort and style of Las Balsas.



Enjoying these wonderful moments makes Las Balsas an ideal place where comfort and service combine with the well-being offered by the spa as an obligatory place when returning from excursions, as well as the restaurant and its charm to pamper the mind, soul and body, all at once and in one place.

The spa is a unique environment, of about 300 square meters, superbly equipped and where you can enjoy all the amenities and take a soothing massage or treatment.

We recommend the water circuit before the massage.

The rooms also accompany the comfort and guarantee a pleasant rest to enjoy the destination with all the energy it demands every day. All rooms have a beautiful view of Kraft Bay, and the interesting detail is that they are all individually decorated.

None of the 10 rooms have the same decoration.



Enjoy *Signature* Cuisine

Gastronomy is another point worth highlighting that we cannot miss. Las Balsas offers creative signature cuisine, combining the tastes, flavors, and textures of Patagonia to enjoy a unique experience of excellence, sophistication, and good taste.

The perfect pairing to all these experiences is given with the cult of wine that is created in the restaurant when the door of the cellar is opened. In the cellar, every wine has its reason to be here, so jealously guarded in the hands of Dionisio that he advises us with the voice of the sommelier in charge.

We recommend Las Balsas

Either to get into the art of fly fishing or to make it part of a fly fishing trip in conjunction with some lodges in the Patagonia region Los Lagos, Las Balsas is that special, warm and cosy place to indulge in the pleasure that satisfies the soul, in a unique setting and strategically connected to the best fishing spots.



Creating unforgettable moments through the art of hospitality is what allows Las Balsas to offer an experience that allows you to combine the wilderness of fishing in Patagonia with the warmth and service of the oldest Relais & Châteaux in Latin America.

Also, we recommend you to include in your agenda for this walking for the next walking trip or for the next one that allows you to connect with the place and its people: Stroll by boat through the lake, trekking, mountain-biking, kayaking, bird watching, among others.

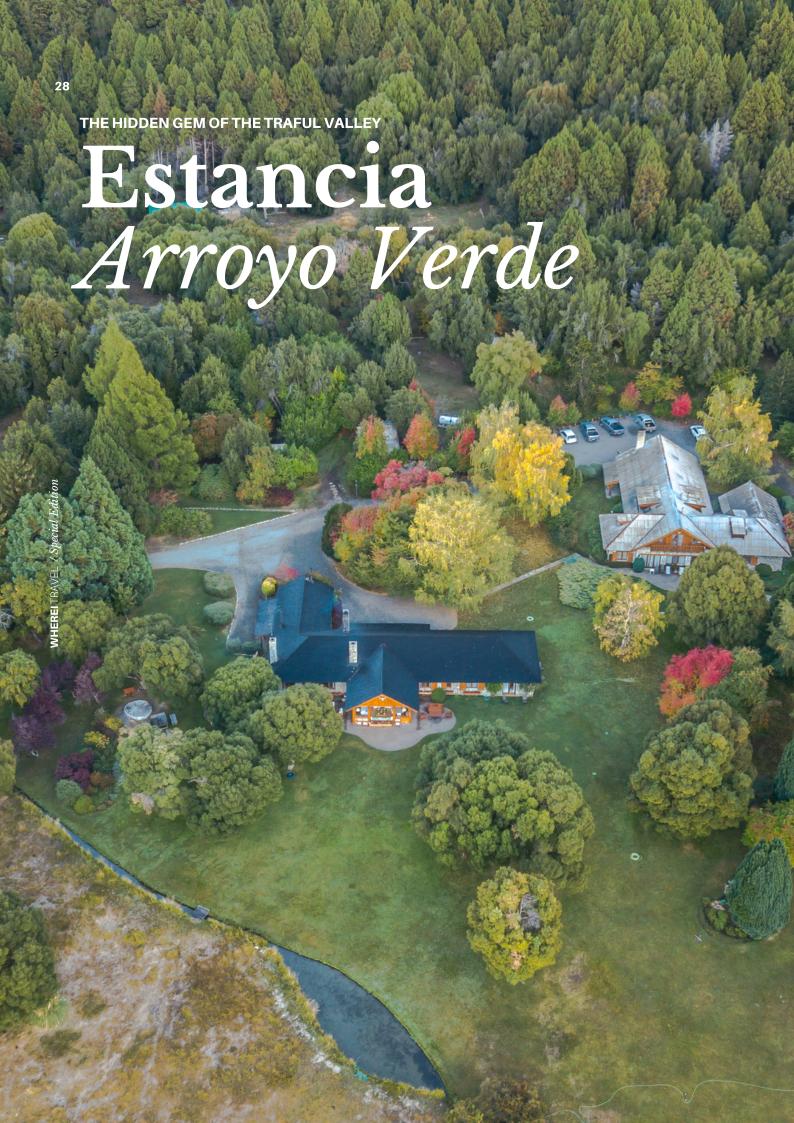


"Being in a relatively central and strategic location in the heart of Los Lagos Patagonia, there are very accessible connections with the different destinations, the Bariloche airport, and Chile. Wherever you arrive, the arrival at Las Balsas is one of the nicest to go around."

We arrive at Las Balsas from Bariloche, its airport is 80 km with landscapes from the steppe and of lush forest, always traveling along Route 40 on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi.

From San Martín de Los Andes (108 km) or Junín de Los Andes (149 km), you will enter the magic of the landscape of the mythical Route of the 7 Lakes (R40). These routes always add beauty to the adventure that one seeks From Traful (58 km) travel a small route inside the forest and then connect to the part of Route 7 of the Lakes.

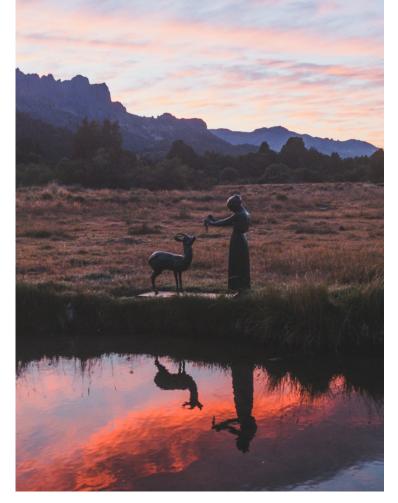
From Chile, you will have to go through the Cardenal Samoré pass, one of the most scenic crossings of the Andes and normally open all year round. Osorno, the first city is 162 km. (Puerto Montt 264 km).



If we talk about "Hidden Gems" Estancia Arroyo Verde is surely one of the best kept in Northern Argentine Patagonia.

Located in the incredibly beautiful valley of the Traful River, at the foot of the Andes Mountains within the Nahuel Huapi National Park, surrounded by mountains and immaculate nature and, after traveling from its main entrance about 12 kilometers winding with the vegetation, the fauna of the place and beautiful streams of crystalline waters, we discover this fantastic place that automatically invokes peace and reconnection.

Upon arrival we were greeted with a warm welcome from one of its owners, Marina Larivière and the estancia manager Katrena Gibb-Stuart who, after going to our elegant room, delicately decorated and with an unparalleled view of the ranch garden, they lead us almost immediately to a beautiful terrace integrated in with all the spectacular landscape of the valley where it is located. There waiting for us and receiving us with the same cordiality Mrs. Meme (owner of the estancia) and Maria Luisa Larivière and also our assigned guide, Andrés.



The estancia is surrounded by mountains and pristine nature that snake through with the vegetation, the fauna of the place and beautiful streams of crystal clear waters.





One of the colorful autumn landscapes captured from a large window in the living room.

Between the tentempié and the delicious and delicately presented lunch, celebrated under a leafy tree in the garden and, before embarking on a new fishing adventure, we wanted to know a little more about the history of this beautiful estancia. Meme Larivière, entrepreneur and pioneer in the subject of stay tourism, assists us in our curiosity and tells us that "the family has been in the Traful valley for more than 80 years. Felipe Larivière along with his wife Luisa and his son Maurice would arrive at the place in January 1932. The original ranch was called La Primavera and belonged to Sir Henry Bell, it was dedicated to raising cattle, sheep and also received fishermen. Felipe Larivière, fascinated with the place, reserved it for his family and friends for two consecutive seasons and, already in 1934 on a trip to England he met Sir Henry Bell from whom he bought the property"

The Cabin

The cabin on the cliff is one of the many dreamed places of the Estancia. With magnificent views from the Deck (and any window) to enjoy the sunset ...



Arroyo Verde was one of the first estancias to start receiving guests and one of the few that are still being affably cared for by their relatives. Through the years the estancia hosted world personalities such as former president of the United States,





Views from one of the terraces in the garden

1975, La Primavera was divided between her two sons using the Traful river as a boundary. The northern portion was inherited by Maurice who named it Arroyo Verde and converted it as a summer holiday destination.

The surroundings of the estancia have innumerable places to fish or to enjoy any outdoor activity, whether to sign up for a day of adventure or to visit with one of his experienced guides.

Dwight Eisenhower, King Leopold of Belgium, Infanta Cristina of Spain, and famous fishermen such as Joe Brooks, Mel Krieger, and Ernest Schwiebert, among others.

After the death of Felipe Larivière, on April

Fly Fishing time

Estancia Arroyo Verde, due to its privileged location, is famous for its fly fishing. In its rapid mountain waters, the legendary river Traful shelters the enclosed salmon, a trophy to which the most demanding fishermen aspire.



Along more than 16 kilometers that cross powerful rapids and endless streams, the pools that form in the river also offer splendid rainbow and brown trout.

At the end of our lunch, we prepare to go out to one of these pools that line the grounds of the place. Andrés, our assigned guide, takes us in his truck while he tells us a little more about the history of these roads and about the fishing we would find.

When we got to the place we went up to a small cliff to see the trout and salmon and what a surprise, there they are! The almost transparent waters of the river show us a group waiting. It is important to know that, although they are in sight, the capture will not be easy, but in itself, the emotion that some of them are dazzled at the moment of presenting our fly is enough. For sure, it will be quite challenging!

The Traful is an ideal river for wading. It has thirty-three pools and each one is easily accessible by car from the estancia, which which means that you can set your fishing schedule.

Fishing for trout and salmon will put all your techniques to the test to attract the attention of a possible prize, while doing so, the sumptuous landscape and the infinite silence of this place will connect all your senses until the euphoria of the expected catch occurs.

Fishing report

Estancia Arroyo Verde is located in the heart of the most productive area in terms of fishing in northern Patagonia. Nearby, you can float the magnificent Limay River, the mother vein of northern Patagonia, filled with wild rainbow and brown trout throughout the season.

For those who like good fishing and a truly Patagonian experience that includes horseback riding, the estancia has two small lakes in the foothills of the Andes called "Las Mellizas", where the sky and the water form one. The Green and Blue Lakes have one of the highest trout populations in the area and are a dream to fish.

The combination of wade the Traful river and floating with the estancia own boats on the Limay river, as well as an incredible horseback ride to the twin lagoons, will surely give you a great fishing experience surrounded, obviously, by an impressive landscape.

Traful River (wade)

Early season:

November - mid-January.

After spawning, several trout and salmon remain in the estancia river with a high level and good water temperature.

Streamers and dries are recommended.

Midseason:

late January - early March.

Most of the trout have migrated to the great lakes. It is time for the resident trout, where the smart old ones stay in the river, and for the clever fishermen, it is time to showcase all their skills. Dries and nymphs are the best options.

Late season:

mid-March - May.

The fish return to the rivers for the spawning period, first the salmon, then the brown and rainbow trout last. Streamers, nymphs & dries are a must in your fly box.







Fish in one of the many pools of the Traful river.

34 Limay River (Wade)

This river, due to its depth and flow rate, has a very stable fishing option throughout the season. The use of streamers and big fast water dries is recommended.

Las Mellizas - Twin Lakes Green and Blue Lakes-(horseback riding)

Few fishermen have had the pleasure of diving into these hidden lakes where success is almost guaranteed. Dare on one of your visits! The adventure will last all day and includes delicious snacks. Great dry and nymph fishing is the best option.

Estancia Arroyo Verde is a worthy place to spend more than just a couple of days. The place integrates a special program for lovers of fly fishing that includes full board and activities within the estancia, in case

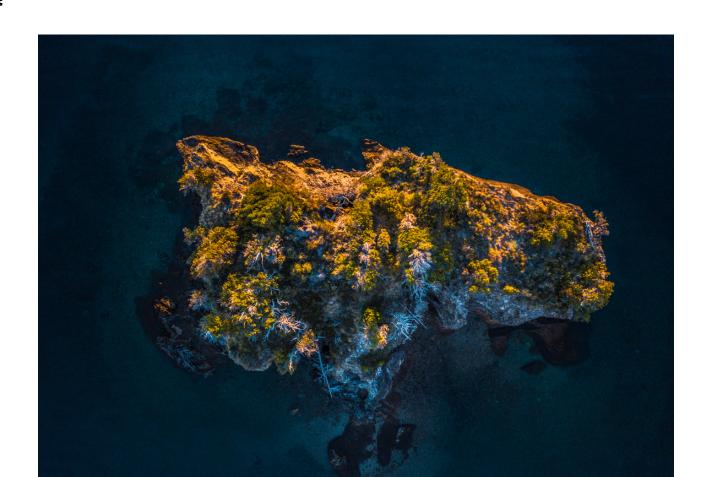
you want to do other activities apart from fishing. It also includes a fishing guide/car for the entire stay, transfer in / out from Bariloche city or airport.

The estancia

It has 7 delicate and elegantly decorated rooms with all modern comforts.

The Main House has a wide view of the Traful valley, it has a living room, bar, dining room, and 4 double or single rooms with private bathrooms. While the Stone House has 2 twin or matrimonial rooms en suite with a single entrance.

The Lake Cabin which is located 3 km from the main house, has 1 double bedroom, which is used by guests, and in the living room, it has 4 bunk beds. The bathroom is shared.





Estancia Arroyo Verde is an original patagonian estancia. Its design and structures remain what the Larivière family created and built for themselves.

In the estancia, some things have been set up to receive guests, but it still has the stamp that makes it unique and different from what a standard lodge would be.

With 4000 hectares of flora and fauna available to visit and appreciate without external tourism and in private. It is exclusive, quiet, and sheltered, attended for by the same family that from generation to generation passed these great people skills and looking forward to share their space to enjoy this magical landscape.

After the beautiful experience and the kindness of the attentions, we said goodbye, hoping to have another opportunity to snoop around and enjoy a little more this great environment. When we arrive at our destination, the next day, I am surprised by a nice message from

María Luisa just to know if we had arrived safely at our destination and if we had enjoyed our way back home... How nice to know that the warm hospitality not only stays in the estancia!



The estancia offers throughout its area various outdoor activities for the enjoyment of companions, groups, and families such as hiking, bird watching, kayaking on Lake Traful, and horseback riding



SET Fly Fishing

SET Fly Fishing was born from the successful partnership between Andes Drifters and Paraná On the Fly. These two companies, driven by the spirit that characterizes them, offer the best fly fishing programs both in Patagonia and in Argentine Mesopotamia, having five exclusive lodges for these purposes.

While in fascinating Patagonia you can experience trout fishing from the Spring Creek, Casa de Campo, and Chochoy Mallín lodges, in exuberant Mesopotamia you can do it with dorado at the Itati and La Alondra'l lodges.

SET Fly Fishing provide the highest level of service, paying attention to the last detail so that the guest gets the best experience on their trip.

Luxury Camps

One of the specialties of Set Fly Fishing is its fantastic camps where you can enjoy a complete Patagonian experience. These are offered at the Spring Creek and Casa de Campo lodges.

Imagine fishing in the stream, river, or lake all day, ending up sitting with friends or your family around the fire in a first-class camp. sharing stories of the day's fish catch and a glass of your favorite drink. Everything under the clearest sky and starry than anyone ever imagined being able to contemplate.

The cooks at SET Fly Fishing luxury camps are artists cooking outdoors.



After a great day of fishing, you will be delighted with delicious dishes from Argentine cuisine: Asado, lamb on the grill, or chicken on the stew cooked in a deep pan over an open fire. All are cooked on the stove. A show for the senses that will be part of a memorable experience.

After many years of organizing luxury camps SET Fly Fishing has redefined the word "camp". These are one of the strengths of the service.

The team promises to pamper you in all your needs during your stay so that you only dedicate yourself to enjoy yourself and do not have to lift a finger.

A night in the Camp

The camp offered by the SET Fly Fishing team provides the level of service they offer in their lodges. It is unmatched experience

which includes: large and individual tents with cots, insulation, warm sleeping bags, night tables, dining tent with tableware and chairs, bar service, electric light by generator, chemical bath, and shower with hot water.

Fly Fishing time

The fact that the fishing programs are different allows guaranteeing a high standard service, with unique experiences in each lodge. Versatility and variety of programs and the ability to adapt to the level of experience of the fishermen are what identify the SET Fly Fishing team apart.

They also offer the possibility of floating for several days, with nights in camp.

The luxury camps allow fishing the 5 main rivers of Northern Patagonia: Aluminé, Collon Curá, Chimehuin, Caleufú, and Limay, in remote sections or without access. Family camps are also held in lakes in the area. Camp programs give you the chance to enjoy fishing in waters that would otherwise be inaccessible.



View of one of the gathering nights in one of the luxury camps.



You can also choose to camp at the dorado destinations, specifically at La Alondra'l, which is located within the Esteros del Iberá.

SET Fly Fishing offers you two camping options to recreate the same experience as luxury camping from Patagonia. Although the experience is different in terms of details, It retains the spirit of living a night in the middle of a exuberant landscape.

Winding across the bank of the upper section of Chimehuin River, between protected Patagonian native forests of the Lanín National Park and with amazing views towards the Volcano of the same name, is located *Spring Creek Lodge*.

Spring Creek Lodge by Set Fly Fishing redefines a way to discover northern Patagonia Argentina by making each guest enjoy their visit at their own pace.

The lodge is between the cities of Junín and San Martin de Los Andes, winding the bank of the upper Chimehuin River, between protected native Patagonian forests from the Lanín National Park, and with amazing views towards the volcano of the same name. Upon arrival, you will also be able to appreciate many of the species that characterize the southernmost Patagonian forests, such as lenga, ñire, coihue among others.

Fly Fishing time

The lodge is strategically located enabling easy access to the best waters in the world for trout fishing. This area is a mecca for dry fly fishing. Five of the region's most famous rivers, several streams, and pristine mountain lakes are located nearby. You will be able to enjoy the areas between Junín de los Andes and Aluminé in Northern Patagonia.

The variety and abundance of water will allow you to fish in a different location every day for more than 100 days. Dry fly fishing is available throughout the season from November to May and is extremely successful on the rivers and lakes in these areas. You will enjoy catching brown, rainbow, and brook trout.

During your stay at Spring Creek Lodge, you may also choose to experience 2- or 3-day floats that incorporate overnight camping in a deluxe river camp. This option is available on several of the larger rivers that will offer you floating.

During your stay, you will be assigned a private guide and a 4WD vehicle, this is done for each room to offer you a personalized service and so that the excursions are designed according to the needs and preferences of each guest.

All fly fishing services are provided by SET Fly Fishing, a local fly fishing specialist with more than 20 years in the business.





Undoubtedly and from my own experience, one of the pillars that underpin SET Fly Fishing, the company in charge of the Spring Creek Lodge administration, is the human quality of its staff. Their team of guides is fantastic, always ready to guide you, and help you improve your casting techniques. In addition to showing you in detail every corner where they take you. Certainly, these are its pride and joy as they make a difference.

The guides have been trained, grown, and matured together with the company since

the year 2000, providing guests with unforgettable experiences that will last a lifetime.

There is a specific team for trout and another for dorado. This explains the high level of knowledge in the different types of water in each area and the variables techniques used. Guests have the peace of mind to know that they are in the best hands.





The Spring Creek Lodge cabins are located in a beautiful environment surrounded by the Chimehuin River and the Lanín Volcano in vast view.

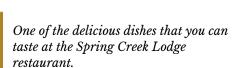
The Lodge

You will be amazed by the beautiful landscape where the charming cabins are located.

With a capacity for 12 guests, have spectacular views. The lodge has 6 very spacious and comfortable modern cabins. They consist of two individual bedrooms, a large shared bathroom, and a living room with windows facing the outdoor deck with a view of the majestic Lanín volcano.



The culinary aspect is one of the many experiences that will make your senses fly, in addition to the good fishing that you will surely have! Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners (signature) are served in the clubhouse. You will be able to enjoy the creativity of its chef, Federico Castro, who will introduce you to the magic of Argentine cuisine with delicious regional products as well as international dishes while contemplating the impressive views of the Lanín volcano and the entire exuberant landscape that will surround you.







View of the restaurant (or clubhouse) where you can enjoy delicious dishes and, at the same time, the impressive landscape

Usually, lunch is scheduled to be part of the day's outings. Normally, you will enjoy a picnic outside or a hot meal specially prepared in the field. The clubhouse offers a lunch menu for guests participating in half-day activities or for those who have chosen to spend a day at the lodge.

Dinner is a delicious three-course set menu. Nightly features will be presented to you each morning at breakfast.

The Chef will carefully select a well-balanced menu during your stay. A bistro menu is also available each morning for those who prefer to select their dining options.

Being attentive to all the details the team also takes care of you if you have any dietary restrictions. At the time of booking, you will be followed up to see if you have any particular needs before your visit.

On the ground floor, you will find the outdoor deck to spread out over the small lagoon, a common rest area, and the bar. On the first floor: the wine bar with some of the best Argentine wines and the small, but entire gift shop and souvenirs to complete the clubhouse.



Other outdoor activities such as horseback riding are offered at Spring Creek Lodge.

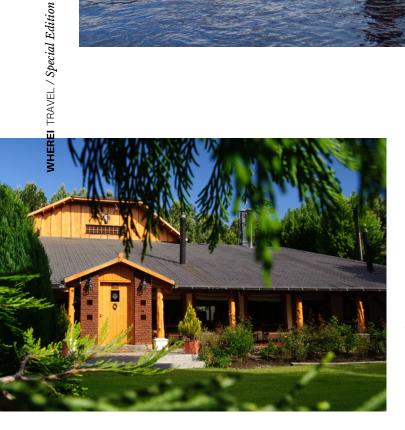
Other *Experiences*

In addition to fly-fishing for world-class trout, which is Spring Creek Lodge's forte, you will also be able to enjoy the diverse environment with a variety of outdoor and lifestyle activities such as golf, hiking, horseback riding, excursions among others. You can benefit from this splendid place to share with all the family/friends.



The lodge located in the Patagonian steppe, allows guests to enjoy a wide variety of diverse and impressive landscapes.





San Huberto Lodge

The San Huberto Lodge history dates back to 1975, the year of its construction. The spacious and comfortable place is located next to the famous Malleo River, a paradise for fly fishermen.



Continuing with our journey in the north of Patagonia we find, at the foot of the Andes, the charming San Huberto Lodge, part of the estancia Loncoluan, a cattle farm dating from the 1890s. The descendants of the Olsen family, actual owners, and managers of the farm continue with the cattle traditions for which Argentina is famous. Over the years the family has received guests from different parts of the world, offering them a place with unique landscapes, safe and pleasant for their stay, as well as a perfect plan for adventurers looking for a special trophy whether trough a plan for hunting or fishing.

The San Huberto Lodge history dates back to 1975, the year of its construction. The spacious and comfortable place is located next to the famous Malleo River, a paradise for fly fishermen, as it houses wild trout in its 50 kilometers of extension guarded by the magnificent Lanín volcano.

San Huberto Lodge was designed first as a spectacular lodging for red deer hunters and then for fly fishermen in search of rainbow and brown trout.





Whether you are a beginner or an expert, San Huberto Lodge has a group of associated guides who stand out for their quality, both professional and human.

It quickly became known as the most distinguished and pioneering fishing lodge in the region, not only for the quality of its facilities and services but also for its preferential location on the Malleo River, considered by the most demanding fly fishermen as one of the most prominent dry flies in the world.

The incomparable Malleo meanders from its source in Lake Tromen near the Chilean border for many kilometers through the Olsen property. Its waters are rich in minerals and oxygen, with stable temperatures, an abundant variety and quantity of insects in addition to aquatic life, which makes it an ideal environment for freshwater salmonids.

Both brown and rainbow trout achieve unusual strength and size for this type of river, a challenge for the most experienced fisherman. The river can be easily waded and accessed within a few meters of the lodge. However, the most demanding fly caster can

fish the many miles of the river for weeks without going back to the same pool. Of course, "catch and release" is the policy, not only of San Huberto Lodge but also required by the enforcement authority through the sport fishing regulations, which also obliges all fishermen in Patagonia to have a permit.

Today this permit is easily issued by the same fisherman on the web.

The Lodge...

Carmen Olsen, her sons Gustavo, Ronnie, and her daughter Karin own and manage the estancia (farm) and lodge, treasuring a pathway that honors their warm and sophisticated hospitality for which San Huberto Lodge is famous. You, as a guest, will immediately feel at home. We are sure that the good experience will be such that you will be eager to return again and again to this splendid place.

The lodge has a capacity for 16 guests in soberly decorated rooms, with a wide variety of amenities and room services. The lodge also has facilities for disabled people, both in its public spaces and in some rooms. Meanwhile, it should be noted that a reservation policy limits the number of fishermen to 12 per day to preserve the quality of the fishing experience.

The spacious upper lounge, elegantly furnished, is the perfect place to relive the day's fishing adventures with friends or other guests, or just to relax before dinner. The afternoon cocktails are the delight of the "Avant-premiere" of a sumptuous dinner.

The dining room is an example of the traditional elegance of Argentine rooms. Ronnie and his staff prepare specialties from the Patagonian region and the country, as well as international dishes, largely with ingredients produced organically on the estancia (farm).

The magnificent garden offers the freshest vegetables, while the legendary Sunday Asados is a true adventure for the palate due to the varieties of Patagonian meats from cattle fed naturally in the pastures of the estancia ... The meat empanadas and a good Argentine malbec will complete the pleasure of the evening.

San Huberto Lodge offers a wide range of fishing opportunities beyond the pristine waters of the Malleo. The lodge easily organizes fly fishing floating trips in modern drift boats in nearby rivers such as the famous Aluminé. Throw a dry fly to huge rainbows that rise from the crystal-clear depths of Lake Tromen is a once-in-a-lifetime experience: touring this wonderful palm-shaped lake (unique for its shape in Patagonia) and its granite cliffs by boat. Your guide will encourage you to practice what is called "sight-fishing," which consists of observing the fish from the boat and put your skills to the test.

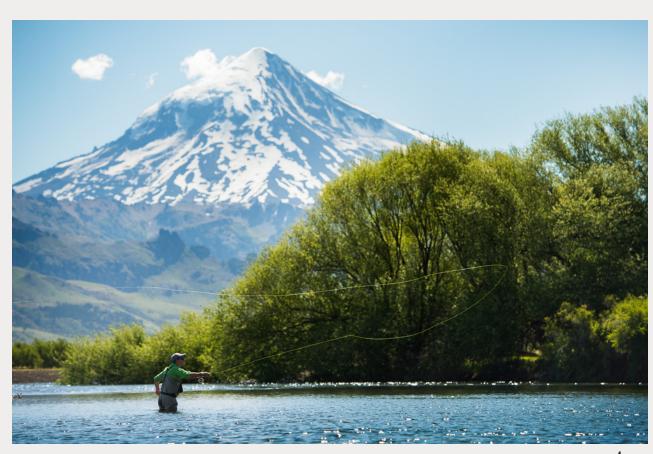




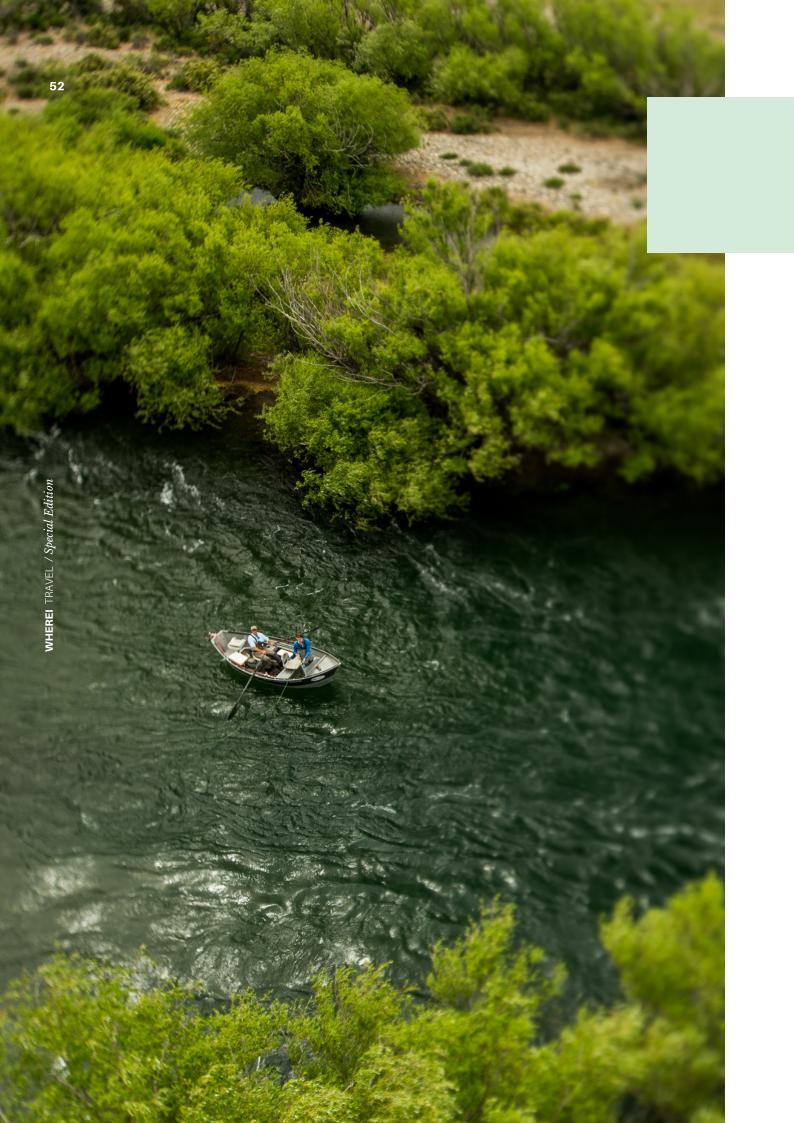
Whether you are a beginner or an expert, San Huberto Lodge has a group of associated guides who stand out for their quality, both professional and human. Their skills as instructors guarantee a unique fishing experience, regardless of your knowledge. You will surely return eager to know more and to enjoy this fly fishing paradise again.

"San Huberto Lodge, on the banks of the Malleo River, invites you to share the delicate balance between a relaxed and sophisticated atmosphere, offering facilities and services designed with dedication to its guests. The Olsen Family will be your perfect host for a fly fishing experience hard to describe"





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Tres Ríos Casa de Campo

Since the recent global restrictions, we've realized the importance of connecting with nature and, in all its forms. The benefit of doing so is, more than the physical health, the mental health.

If you have ever visited Patagonia, Argentina in the closeness of Collón Curá, then you know what kind of connection we are talking about. If you have not already done so, it is time for you to plan to discover these places.

And, precisely in these corners, are the beautiful landscapes that surround Tres Ríos Casa de Campo offers you that experience of outdoor activity and mindfulness that you may be sorely needing. The vast space where Tres Ríos Casa de Campo is located has an unparalleled aquatic environment, making it ideal for enjoying good fly fishing with fascinating views.

Furthermore to the immense steppes with the presence of a large number of species, you can enjoy bird watching.

The main objective of Tres Ríos hosts is to accommodate a group at a time so that their guests can enjoy the tailored service and privacy that their environment offers.

Fly Fishing time

The clear and crystalline waters of the Aluminé, Collón Curá, and Chimehuin rivers, all names of the native language of the place and surrounded by lush Willows and Robles will offer you the best fishing experience. You will discover the colorful rainbow trout to the lovely brown trout.





ENJOY

An unforgettable stay ...

Including specialized guides, vehicles, boats, and delicious outdoor lunches for you.
The three rivers carry a significant amount of water that allows their guests to explore different techniques.

The Aluminé and the Collón Curá are large rivers with a calm course, with some exotic hanging willows and beautiful rock formations around, providing the perfect conditions for this sport.

Both rivers are known for having the best dry fly fishing that mimics terrestrial insects in the area; the Collón Curá especially, has more fish per mile than any other river in the area.

In the leisurely tour of the catch, you will be able to obtain average specimens of 16 to 18 inches and, of the brown trout, you will obtain specimens of about 20 inches or more.

If you are a lover of "sight fishing" then the Chimehuin River will be your area. This will probably be the smallest and splendid.

A paradise for dry fly fishing. Have fun with 9 miles of all kinds of pools or pocket water, its beautiful crystal clear waters will offer you the most exotic species of trout, such as rainbow, brown. Likewise, the fishing method adopted in these rivers is fly fishing (Fly Cast) and mandatory catch & release.

Tres Ríos Casa de Campo is in charge of preparing every detail so that you have an unforgettable experience, including from specialized guides, vehicles, boats, and delicious lunches with an original touch in the open air so that you can fully enjoy your visit and experience in beautiful Patagonia Argentina.

The modern construction of Tres Ríos takes great advantage of the imposing landscape around it. From two of its 2 rooms, all delicately decorated with local elements, you can enjoy the beautiful views of the Collón Curá valley and the river with access to your covered terrace.



Culinary Splash

The gourmet cuisine will put the final point. Accompanied by an excellent selection of premium Argentine wines, it will be part of your Tres Rios experience.

If you come to visit in the Patagonian summer you can enjoy lunch or dinner outside with views of the fantastic valley, delighting with the climate that will propitiate a wonderful evening together with the delicious local gastronomy.

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Add other *activities* to your schedule.

Tres Ríos owns its own breeding horses of different types that range from polo horses to mongrel horses for those who want to venture into the world of horseback riding and spend an unforgettable field day. Cross the river on horseback and feel nature in all its splendor. Enjoy a day outdoors exploring the property with the gauchos who will prepare a delicious country lunch for you [...]





Enjoy your stay in a typical *Patagonian house*

From two of its rooms, all delicately decorated with local elements, you can enjoy the beautiful views of the Collón Curá valley and the river with access to your covered terrace.



Return to the lodge through the plateaus and enjoy the beautiful views of the Lanín Volcano from no less than 3777 meters high, on the approach to Tres Rios the confluence of the Aluminé and Chimehuin rivers where

Butch Cassidy used to cross on horseback to look for provisions in San Martín de Los Andes. From Tres Ríos Casa de Campo you are invited to be part of the history of Patagonia.

The vast natural space where Tres Rios Casa de Campo is located offers you more activities of interest and enjoyment. We can stand out by taking a guided tour with their staff, a full day hike in the Lanín National Park, enjoying an outdoor lunch, visiting lakes, high peaks as well as interesting lava formations and volcanoes.

Returning to the lodge at the end of the day, you can relax with a refreshing welcome drink followed by a delicious gourmet dinner prepared by their Chef.

FLY FISHING WITH HISTORY

Estancia Quillén

With a rich history, Estancia Quillén had its beginnings with the French Basque originated engineer from Bayonne, Fernando Camino de Goyenetche, a pioneer and visionary who arrived by boat to these places, his first stop being Chile, where he was French consul and known for being a very generous and enterprising man.

He had several important projects behind him, some of them carried out and others not so much as the idea and achievement of the construction of a trans-Andean area to favor trade and the supply of freight throughout Patagonia and the Pacific coast.









Through these and other connections, he was able to acquire land on both the Chilean and Argentine sides, on the Andes mountain range.

On a trip to Buenos Aires, and meeting influential personalities, he asked the Argentine government for some lots of pastoral lands, taking advantage of the fact that the national government took out leases with the right to purchase several lots of fields in the Neuquén territory, one of these lots is the space where the Estancia Quillén are currently located.

Between 1915 and 1988 the estancia was dedicated to the entire livestock issue and wool production of the Australian merino breed. In 1970, tourism activities were added, such as hunting, horseback riding, and fly fishing, allowing interesting income to livestock.

In 1985, the first guided fishing activities began in the different environments of the area.

One of the charms of the estancia is that it is still managed by the original descendants of Fernando Camino. Her granddaughter Alicia Renee Camino is in charge of the estancia with her family. Currently, the Estancia Quillén is dedicated to bovine livestock production in its Pollie Hereford breeds, developing genetics in breeders and wombs with the Pure Registered status, a category granted by the Argentine Association of Hereford Breeders.

For many years, the estancia was dedicated to the breeding of horses in the breeds: Pure Blood Race and currently Quarter Horse.



A team of expert guides will accompany you throughout your stay. You will be able to enjoy both wade fishing as well as float fishing.

As a pioneer family in the area, they have managed to unify livestock farming with tourism, being able to show those who visit their essence, history, and work.

Francisco Díaz and Alicia Camino were great promoters in the tourist development of the estancia, who created the first fishing lodge in the area and devoted themselves to carry out environmental studies and collaborate with entities for better use of the resource.

This estancia and its lodge were the first to be visited by the first fly fishermen who are now recognized worldwide.

At the big game level, several medals have been achieved in trophy measurements.

Currently, the Díaz Camino Family continues to work and generate new ideas and projects.

Fly Fishing time

Fishing in Estancia Quillen is not just fishing, it is going back in time and going back to fishing the rivers of the 80s but with all the comforts of these times.

Santiago Derendinger is one of the highly trained HEAD GUIDE. He is not only an instructor of European techniques he is also an instructor from the Andes Angler Argentina Fishing School, Collaborator of the SSFFI (International Spanish Style FlyFishers School; Austral Sports Fly Club instructor; creator of Kuntur Fly Fishing and Mujeres Mosqueras Kuntur, member of the Rio Piloña Fishing Club of Asturias Spain, among others; He also organizes all outings thinking about every detail.

The lodge of the estancia is strategically located at the confluence of the Aluminé and Quillén rivers.

In their fishing programs, some of the 7 rivers are offered to fish in not more than 40 km around. All this, framed in a scenic context, with a predominance of native flora and fauna, offering excellent possibilities for the catch and release of specimens in good bearing.

A team of expert guides will accompany you throughout your stay. You will be able to enjoy both: guided wading fishing as well as floating. The lodge has all the qualifications and first-level equipment: communication equipment, vehicles, and camping equipment for several days among others.



The ranch has an exclusive lodge at the confluence of the Aluminé and Quillén rivers.

The Aluminé river is the most important, being able to float from its source or wade through various sectors. It is a compelling river internationally since the world rafting championship (category 4-5) is held there, it has about 170 kilometers to float and fish offering different types of environments.

The second most important river is the Quillén, where prevail dry fly fishing. Then you can add to your adventure an excellent combination including the surrounding rivers: Pulmarí, Litrán river, Relen, Calfiquitra [...] all with different and highly technical scenery.

For those who have just started the activity at Estancia Quillén, you will be able to leverage their throwing classes, tying, and recommended equipment, with teaching and practical material. Likewise, training is provided incorporating this precious art to women and entire families for the enjoyment of sport and to do it in this magnificent place.

Enjoy the estancia



Enjoy the beautiful corners of the estancia after a long day of fishing.

The lodge has a large living room with a fireplace, a bar where you can enjoy regional drinks and snacks after a great day of fishing. Homemade dishes are his specialty, from the typical Patagonian Asado to the delicious trout and deer accompanied by delicious Argentine wine, they will be an undoubted part of your experience in Estancia Quillén.

The estancia has warm and spacious rooms. The master bedrooms and single beds have a private bathroom. In addition to the laundry service with permanent attention, T.V. digital, and internet.

After a long day of fishing adventures, enjoy the bright and spacious relaxed living room where the home invites you to enjoy snacks, wines, and delightful drinks. There you will find corners with various memories and antique details of the estancia that you will treasure together with a great catch in one of its rivers for complete memories of an unforgettable trip.

What makes it unique a visits Estancia Quillén is that their team has worked intensely to generate what they like to believe is DO FLY FISHING with them, a real FLY FISHING EXPERIENCE and not the typical outings.

To this, at the lodge, they have formed a great team that has highly trained instructors in all fly fishing techniques. This plus sets them apart from other destinations and is supported by the feedback they receive from their customers



"We are a estancia with history and we love what we do" Julia Diaz Camino.

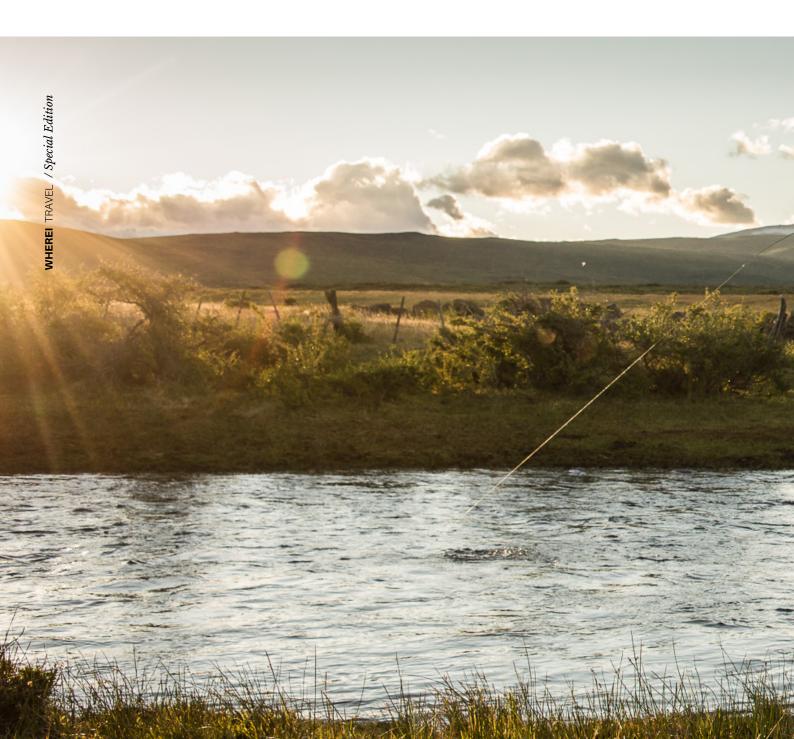
The lodge of Estancia Quillén receives advanced-level fishermen and also those who want to start in this wonderful sport. They not only offer the traditional wading and floating but also other activities like rafting, horseback riding in the estancia with rural tourism, and big game in March - April.

FROM THE NORTH OF PATAGONIA

Estancia Chochoy Mallín

By Set Fly Fishing

One of the many fantastic experiences of visiting Patagonia, in addition to enjoying all its nature, are the estancias. And, is that most have a rich history. From famous adventurers to important personalities of world politics have visited these magnificent places.



The Estancia Chochoy Mallín does not escape being one of these. At the beginning of the 19th century, it housed the famous Chilean politician, officer, and explorer Luis de la Cruz Goyeneche, crucial for South American independence and a companion of José de San Martín on his trans-Andean expedition.

The estancia has been in the hands of the Creide family for 52 years. The property would be inherited to the family by the grandfather, an entrepreneur and visionary businessman of the place.

Being of Lebanese descendant, he was a very influential man in Patagonia.

"The field in which the estancia is located was, in the past, a general store that, among other things, sold and trade hides, wool, and seeds, all 25 km from the Pichachen international pass - which is enabled only from November to May - and on the premountain del Viento, "says Lorena Nicolas Creide, current host of the estancia.



Currently, the estancia, which is 1,300 meters high, is dedicated to tourism but it is still a livestock place, concentrating on raising cows (pure Hereford), lambs, and goats.

The experience you will have at Estancia Chochoy Mallín will begin long before crossing the first gate. The gravel road is steep, dizzying, and shocking. In the middle of the steppe of northern Neuquén, each curve is a new adventure accompanied by pure beauty.

Fly Fishing time

The Estancia Chochoy Mallín has operated as a fly fishing lodge for two years and is the first in northern Neuquén. In its waters tributaries you can test all your fly fishing techniques, being able to encounter rainbow, fontinalis and brown trout -all, obviously with the "catch & release policy- in the Reñi Leuvú and Trocomán rivers.

These rivers are home to gorgeous trout between 30 cm and 45 cm. The most skilled (or lucky) fly fisherman can "easily" achieve a grand prize between 60cm and 68cm hidden between the stones. The season runs from November to May.

Both Lorena and her husband, Carlos Mabellini, settle in the estancia and attend their guests personally.









At Estancia Chochoy Mallín you can complement your itinerary by integrating other rivers and lagoons for your enjoyment.

In the estancia you can enjoy fly fishing in several locations.



Fishing time will be quite fun and a challenge! Here we reveal some of the rivers that you will find and their characteristics:

Reñi Leuvú River: It runs from west to east, being rises in the Andes Mountains, it comes down from Chile with transparent and fast waters, populated with rainbow and brown trout. The modality is fly fishing and mandatory release.

Trocomán River: rises in the foothills of the Andes Mountains above the valley of Las Damas, with greenish and calm waters, is

more reminiscent of an old continent river than the classic mountain range rivers.-

Arroyo Ñireco: raises in the Lauquén Mallín lagoon, crossing the entire estancia. It is a stream with clear waters all year round, with the possibility of catching rainbow trout and fontinalis. Excellent fishing all season, ideal for nymph and dry fly.

In addition, you can complement your itinerary within a 40 km radius of the estancia, by incorporating other rivers and lagoons for your pleasure.



Your fishing will be different every day!

Fishing and excursion services are led by SET Fly Fishing. Ensuring high-quality experiences. With qualified professional guides with vast knowledge of the region and its tributaries. The transfers to the fishing spots are made in comfortable 4x4 trucks and the availability of the guides is full time.

The fishing program is flexible, developing at the time of making the reservations according to the guide's criteria depending on the status of the different rivers in the region and the preferences and skills to be developed by the guides. You can also enjoy a guided program that includes horseback riding (in case the guide proposes excursions to lagoons or rivers)

The Lodge

When visiting you will find a full proposal for fishing purposes that includes several amenities so you can concentrate on enjoying this activity from your arrival. The lodge has suite rooms and All-Inclusive service.

In the morning and before embarking on the adventure you can enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast with an enchanting landscape of the mountains around you. At noon you will be able to taste a delicious typical lunch of these regions either in the main areas arranged in the lodge or, during the excursions that are offered to you sitting comfortably on the riverbank.



Enjoy tasting pot-cooked meals as well as the classic patagonian lamb that is produced in the same room.

Every afternoon, the return will be the time to refresh yourself with an aperitif at the bar, available for the gatherings after a day of adventures.

Starting from 21:00 h. and in recognition of the local tradition, Estancia Chochoy Mallín offers you a delicious gastronomic proposal from the hands of its chef with regional flavors, being able to try both pot-cooked meals as well the classic patagonian lamb.

Additionally, we cannot miss the tasting of the delicious Argentine wines, for this, the estancia has a small wine cellar where you can enjoy excellent wines from the area of the upper Río Negro valley, Neuquén, Mendoza, and Salta.



Additional activities

Whether for your enjoyment or your companions, Estancia Chochoy Mallín offers you know a little more about the natural environment in which it is located. For those who wish to experience and explore the beautiful geography of the estancia, excursions are offered on horses, all bred and cared in the farm. There are trails options of different challenges according to the skill and requirement of the guest.

You can also enjoy other outdoor activities such as bird watching since the estancia is in a potentially privileged area for observing several species. There is a huge variety that can be seen at first glance without the need to be an expert. Among so much diversity you will be able to see: bandurrias, snip, quails, and the magnificent condor of the Andes.

Estancia Chochoy Mallín is located in the north of the province of Neuquén on the premountains del Viento, 25 km from the border with Chile, (by the Pichachen International Pass), and 1300 meters above the sea, which will provide you with unforgettable experiences with views of the Domuyo volcano, the Cordillera del Viento and the Andes Mountains.





Discover the Wonderfull *North Patagonia*

Enjoy fly fishing in the breathtaking scenery of the estancia, as well as outdoor activities ideal for the whole family and groups of friends.



Casa de Campo Lodge By Set Fly Fishing

Located in Villa Pehuenia within a pristine environment of the north of the Lanín National Park in the valley of the Aluminé river, you will find Casa de Campo Lodge, a perfect place to relax and enjoy the fresh air, the spectacular views, and the excellent fishing that will give you the natural tributaries of this magnificent place.





Wherever you move within
Patagonia you will be deeply in
contact with nature, and this lodge
blends with it. Casa de Campo is
located two hours north of Junín de
Los Andes, nestled in the middle of a
high valley and surrounded by high
peaks, where it will not be difficult to
see condors flying over. The lodge
has four en-suite apartments for a
maximum capacity of eight people.



The lodge provides an excellent location for fishing the many streams, the Quillén and Aluminé rivers, and several lakes of mountains area's mountain. All of these waters, especially the streams, will provide you with excellent Sight-fishing opportunities: wild trout from streams, rainbow and brown trout.

Fly Fishing time

The area between Junin de Los Andes and Aluminé, in Northern Patagonia, is the most prolific region in the world for dry fly fishing. The variety, abundance, and quality of the water will allow you to fish in a different place every day for a hundred days.

Dry fly fishing is recommended absolutely all season, from November to May.

During your stay at Casa de Campo Lodge, there is the possibility of float some largest rivers in the area for two or more days. Enjoy the comforts of the exclusive luxury camps and the service that SET Fly Fishing team will provide. It is an experience that you should not miss







In addition to the main rivers in the area such as Quillén and Aluminé, fishermen will have access with SET Fly Fishing to several spring creeks.

These free-flowing streams have been created by underground aquifers. The water is pushed to the surface by the force of the pressure creating streams with calm waters and little movement with their constant flow and temperature throughout the season. These characteristics of the water, plus the activity of spheres and caddis, determine an ideal environment for the sight-fishing of large rainbow and brown trout.

A seven-day program can begin with your welcome and pick-up at Chapelco Airport by your assigned fishing guide along with your driver from where you will be driven directly to Casa de Campo Lodge, located a few kilometers from the city of Aluminé. After landing into the suites, it's time to break the ice and head for wading in search of the local trout. This moment will be in the Aluminé river is just across the road

At sunset and before dinner, you will have the opportunity to taste a good selection of Argentine wines. You will enjoy the famous Malbec and discover how the same grape grown in different regions of Argentina produces very different flavors. Following the tasting, Marisa, the host, will prepare a delicious homemade meal based on regional products as part of your welcome.



The rest of your stay can be spent between wading across the Quillén, Aluminé rivers, plus the Malalco and Calfiquitra streams, without missing the sumptuous two-day experience with the specialty of SET Fly Fishing: its luxury camps.

The Lodge

The lodge facilities merge into a beautiful setting that calls for contemplation. The place has 4 bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, arranged in two independent constructions. The large garden and deck of the clubhouse provide leisure and relaxation areas alfresco so that guests, upon returning from activities at sunset, enjoy a drink and a delicious typical "picada" Argentine.

Breakfast and dinner are served in the clubhouse dining room, which also has an additional room if any guest requires individual accommodation.

Marisa and Daniel, in addition to being the hosts, are excellent cooks and delight guests every night with traditional dishes of Argentine home cooking. His renowned family recipes, such as the meats of cows from the own farm, the homemade prosciutto that Daniel prepares and cares for months, Marisa's homemade pasta, and the fried empanadas before a grilling lamb, are just some of the delicacies you will enjoy when visiting Casa de Campo Lodge





Daniel in the preparation of a typical Argentine Asado.

Undoubtedly, the good attetions of Marisa and Daniel, the hosts of Casa de Campo Lodge, and the unbeatable service of the SET Fly Fishing team will make you feel at home, with hospitality and attention to every detail.

Additional activities

Whether you visit Casa de Campo with an accompanying, as if you want to discover more of this spectacular surrounding landscape, you can choose for more outdoor activities such as horseback riding, hiking, excursions, rafting, among others.



A Stop in Mesopotamia Argentina

For a different experience, SET Fly Fishing offers you to stay in two exclusive lodges to fish dorado in distinctive and unique environments. It is ideal to combine the trip between both options and enjoy the most complete dorado experience.

ITATI LODGE

Located in a traditional estancia on the banks of the Paraná River. This lodge with all modern comforts provides the perfect balance between nature and comfort. Five rooms equipped for ten fishermen. Its chef will delight you with dishes of local and international cuisine. The boats are mooring at the dock, a few steps from the rooms and you will only need a short sailing trip to the fishing areas.

Itatí lodge is the ideal destination for those who are looking to caught a great dorado.
In addition, you will have the opportunity to obtain the "Grand Slam of the Paraná River" by capturing pacú and pira pitá.

The lodge is located approximately 140 km downstream from the Yacyretá hydroelectric dam. Therefore, the waters that feed this section of Alto Paraná have excellent conditions: clear and stable, defining an ideal environment for fly fishing.

The mythical golden (Salminus Maxilosus) is the main target in this destination. Most of the dorados you will catch are between 2 and 13 kilos, but several monsters are weighing more than 18 kilos are usually caught each season as well.

LA ALONDRA'I

Along the western boundary of the world-famous Esteros del Iberá, you can fish for endless miles of pristine streams, canals, and lagoons. A total of eight fishermen each day can enjoy the lodge's comforts and the abundance of dorados. The contemplation of wildlife completes the program in this unspoiled nature reserve.

SET Fly Fishing has exclusive access to this section of the Esteros, so you don't have to worry about seeing other fishermen there.

The typical is to use large surface flies to tempt the dorados, which, for the most part, range from 2 to 7 kilos. There is always the possibility of catching larger dorados.

Throughout your stay, you will be pampered at the lodge. You will enjoy excellent dishes in the tranquility of a traditional century-old refurbished house.

Four large bedrooms attached to a gallery and garden provide the ideal setting to meet up and relax after the daily activities in the Esteros



The Estancia Río Traful is located in the province of Neuquén within the Nahuel Huapi National Park, on the north bank of the Traful River, one of the most internationally renowned Argentine rivers and one of the most exquisite water tributaries in Patagonia as it has among its inhabitants to the Salmon Salar Sebago (Locked Salmon)

The astonishing scenery of the valley through which the tributary flows, only increases the mystique of this river, given by the immaterial presence of great national and foreign fishermen who experienced the benefits of it in its golden times. Among them, we can name Joe Brooks, José Evaristo Anchorena, and Jorge Donovan among others, who were in charge of immortalizing its historical fishing epics in a large number

of journalistic publications.

The estancia has 5 km of coastline on the Traful river and offers accommodation and fishing excursions for fly fishermen and their companions, outdoor activities such as trekking, horseback riding, and mountain biking.-

Fly Fishing time

With a quite appreciable slope and a forming in which strong rapids and slides prevail, nuanced by spectacular pools. The Traful river has a rocky bed, prevailing mediumsized pebbles and its waters are extremely transparent. This, together with the beautiful landscape of the Patagonia makes fishing awesome.





Enjoy fly fishing on private property, which will ensure your enjoyment to the fullest.

Within the estancia, you can fish salmon, rainbow, and brown trout. The fishing operation is carried out within the estancia which has a good private part for its guests and which combines with excursions to the Limay and Caleufú rivers and the Traful Lake near the ranch with programs of 3 to 7 days. These excursions include guides and transfers from the estancia to the fishing spots and to and from the airport.

The Estancia Río Traful is a boutique lodge. It has a 140 m² cabin with a capacity for up to 7 fishermen with all the comforts, meals, and maid services 30 meters from the river. Everything to make your stay a pleasant one so you can focus on enjoying fishing.



The Estancia Río Traful is a boutique lodge with a capacity for 8 people. Feel at home with the personalized attention of their owners.



Being a boutique lodge run by its owners, the attention is highly personalized and exclusivity for each group.

Due to the care of the existing birds, you can see one of the largest condoreras in the area located in front of the estancia and other native species such as the Huillín and a diverse case of birds where the kingfisher and the torrent duck stand out. Also, it is very likely that on your fishing adventures you will see the famous red deer, wild boar, and pumas.

The estancia is located on Route 63 km 5,300 (Paso Córdoba), 70 km from the San Carlos de Bariloche airport and 89 km from the city of San Martín de los Andes. It can be easily reached by car or transfer.

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THE PUREST AND WILDEST PATAGONIA

Estancia Lago Strobel

In a remote spot of Patagonia Argentina, in a wild and inhospitable environment, of uncommon prettiness, there is a jewel for the most intrepid trout fisherman: Strobel Lake. Some fishermen already consider it the best rainbow trout fishing destination in the world. Here, you can find 4 and 5-kilo trout. It is the daily bread! While true beasts of up to 12 kilos are a real possibility.

With its prehistoric landscapes, rock carvings dating back 8,000 years, and outsized trout, it's no wonder fishermen have renamed it Jurassic Lake.

And, it is in this place where Estancia Lago Strobel is located, belonging to the Rodríguez family. With an area of 32,000 hectares dedicated to livestock production since its origins back in 1914. The estancia has innumerable permanent lagoons, of which 25 are populated with rainbow trout. The Barrancoso river runs through the property from west to east for a length of 23km.

The estancia is on the banks of the lakes: Strobel, Quiroga Grande and Quiroga Chico. As of 2015, the fishing lodge of the same name was started to diversify traditional production.









This is a purely Patagonian style lodge with a capacity for 8 persons, having all the necessary amenities despite its distance from any town. A lodge for a completely Patagonian experience!

Fly Fishing time

Get ready to find the largest rainbow trout in the world in this remote and unspoiled place. Its coasts have no vegetation and are characterized by having beaches with sand and rocks.

Access to the estancia is an incredible journey that has become easier over the years because the continuous improvement of the road allows access by vans with one-wheel drive.

The route, frequently used by fly fishermen, first crosses what is known as the Wind Plain, where there are depressions made up of lagoons where rainbow trout can be found, some of which have become wonderful sport fishing spots, then the stream El Moro and the river Barrancoso, which is characterized by its excellent fishing.

The places where you can fish have very deep bays with rocky vegetation, so you can use different lines and flies, this depends on the time and weather conditions. The flies used are streamers, nymphs and dry; with a better result and far from being the favorite, the shiny olive green streamers.

Amazing cave engravings rocks from 8000 years [...]



Whether you're a veteran fly fisherman or spin fisherman, or just starting out and want to put your skills to the test, this is the place for you. The lodge offers a six-day program including transfers to and from the airport El Calafate.

To tempt you a little more. This pristine place will offer you the best views of the plateaus where you will find a wide variety of birds in the area, including the extraordinary and constantly endangered Maca Tobiano, which has this place as a preferred nesting and living place.

The fauna that surrounds the estancia and is frequently seen include guanaco, gray fox, choique, and puma

Gastronomy is handmade with delicious dishes characteristic of the place. A tasty Argentine Asado, lamb, wood oven pizzas, trout among others will put the end to your night.

Both at the estancia and the lodge, you will enjoy the warm hospitality of the Rodríguez family themselves, who will be your hosts throughout your stay.

How to reach there?

By plane to the airport El Calafate including transfer to the estancia. By land, the nearest town is Gobernador Gregores distance-130 km via Route 40.

The Lodge

The Estancia Strobel has all the modern amenities. You will be able to enjoy a distinctive Patagonian construction prepared for the environment in which it is located. With a capacity for 8 people, bedrooms with private bathrooms, continuous light, hot water, heating, bathroom, living room, barbecue area with barbecue, 24-hour internet, and satellite TV.









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A PLACE FOR THE TOWNSFOLK

Land Park Hotel & Spa

Land Park is a hotel located in the heart of the town of Junín de Los Andes, dedicated to the townspeople and those who want to stay in an ideal place to have quick access to fishing destinations, winter sports, trekking, mountain biking, rafting, mountain climbing and much more.

The town of Junin is very picturesque and surrounded by nature, very different from the big and busy cities. It is the favorite town of fly fishers: the town is considered the trout capital of the province of Neuquén and, you will realize this as soon as you see the signs that guide you in the form of trout.

Some circular routes leaving the city run along the picturesque banks of Lake Huechulafquen, where settlements of indigenous Mapuche women welcome visitors. Junín is also a good starting point to explore the main sections of the Lanín National Park, this is one of the many options that the Land Park Hotel & Spa offers you.

During your stay, you will find a personalized, warm, and pleasant service for both national and foreign tourists.

The current manager, Carlos, will be your host throughout your stay. The atmosphere of the hotel is privileged, so you will be in full contact with nature. You can relax and enjoy the spa service, which includes a heated pool, jacuzzi, sauna, Scottish shower, and gym.

Rest after a long day fishing in the nearby lochs and rivers in one of the 9 fully equipped cabins for 4 and 6 people. Rooms are doubles and include breakfast, a snack bar, and private parking. In addition to the cabins, you can also stay at the inn, which has eight (8) double rooms with breakfast service, snack bar, private parking, Wi-Fi, telephone with intercom (both in the cabins and in the inn), completing its tourist offer.



The perfect location of the hotel allows you to easily arrive at waters where trout are the "common currency" of everyday life.



In any of the rivers or lakes where you fish, you can enjoy the impressive views of the Lanín Volcano and the purest and wildest nature that Patagonia has to offer.



Land Park Hotel & Spa is in an ideal location for quick access to the most desirable fly fishing destinations. Being located in Lanín National Park, it is surrounded by waters where trout are the "common currency".

Among the rivers and lakes where fishing is excellent, in addition to the Río Chimehuín, which offers exceptional fishing conditions, is the Río Malleo, which is characterized by a large number of catches made by fly fishermen, especially with light equipment. Tromen Lake, which offers a good place to fish for the rare Fontinalis trout.

Huechulafquen and Epulafquen Lakes, which are ideal for catching large brown trout, rainbow trout, and salmon caught by trolling.

National Road 234, which connects with Provincial Road 62, provides access to the lakes Curruhué Chico, Curruhué Grande, and Laguna Verde, which are excellent for fishing trapped salmon and fontinallis trout. Those who fish these spots, in addition to the beautiful and wild nature that Patagonia has to offer, also have the gift of views of the impressive Lanín volcano.

On the other hand, from the hotel, you can choose other activities such as big game hunting, winter sports, trekking, mountain biking, kayaking, rafting, mountaineering (climbing Lanín Volcano), horseback riding, hydrotherapy in Epulafquen over Christi, catamaran ride through Huechulafquen Lake and Paimún, trekking to Lanín Volcano and dreamy landscapes a few kilometers from the property among others.

You can also choose other excursions such as visiting Curruhue and Tromen, Villa Traful with Siete Lagos, Villa La Angostura with Siete Lagos with Bariloche, San Martín de los Andes with Belwel Farm, Hua Hum Chachin waterfall.

Hiking, rafting and more: Lanín Volcano (hike) 1 (one) or 2 (two) days, rafting on the Chimehuín River with lunch or snack, rafting on the Aluminé River with a delicious Asado included, floating on the Chimehuín River.

Riding and excursions: Association of Lakes, El Saltillo Waterfall, Lanín Volcano Base, and Cerro Barbecho Viewpoint, Complete Tour of Paimún, To the Aila people, International excursions to Pucón, Combined with hot springs and Huilo Huilo Reserve.

All this makes the Land Park Hotel & Spa ideal for a stay with the family and groups with different tastes. Everyone will have interesting and fun activities to do.

One of the peculiarities of Patagonia is that it is full of nature. Either fishing or if you choose to do one of the many outdoor activities, you will come across the beautiful native fauna as well as the indigenous settlements.





An imposing landscape for spectacular fishing. In this part of Patagonia you can find specimens of rainbow, brown and fontinalis trout.

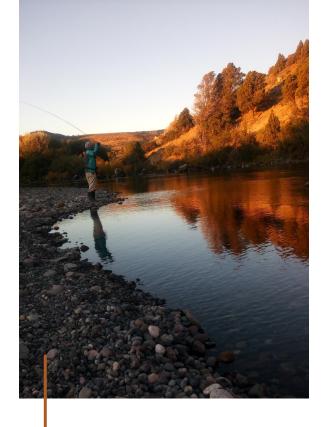
SURROUNDED YOURSELF IN THE LANDSCAPE THAT IT OFFERS YOU

Hostería La Berendina

With breathtaking views of Chimehuin River, Lake Huechulafquen and the great Lanín volcano lies Hostería La Berendina, a familyrun business run by its owners Martín and Jazmín.

Located on Route 61 km 22 at the mouth of the Chimehuín River, 500 meters from the entrance to Lanín National Park, the Hostería has four rooms: two double rooms, one quadruple room and one double room with single beds, a beautiful dining room with restaurant service with a fixed menu for guests and a living room with panoramic views.

At the fishing time, you have a direct descent to one of the most famous fly fishing spots in the world.



Enjoy the fishing experience amid unbeatable scenery.

La Berendina guests who love to fly fish have an unbeatable place to do so. You can be sure that you will be fishing at dawn in a heavenly place, and your hosts will provide customization of service to your fishing times for more convenience.

Inside the lodge, you can count on restaurant service, meal preparation, and snacks with prior reservations.

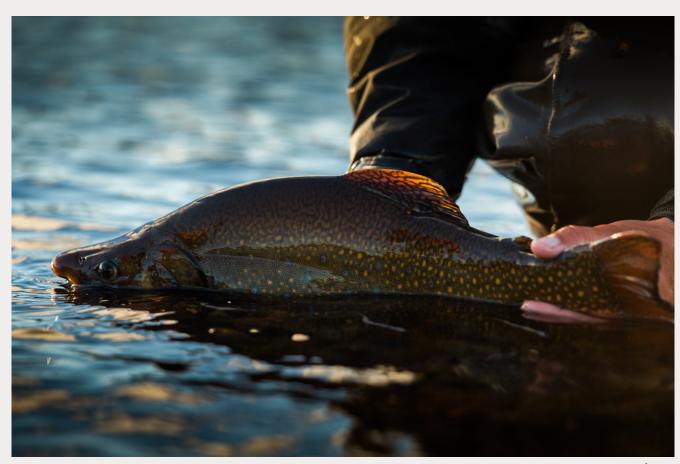
The team of La Berendina is committed to creating a space of peace and tranquility so that you, as a guest, can have an experience of connection with nature, becoming aware of taking care of it.

La Berendina is perfect for group trips, families, or couples.





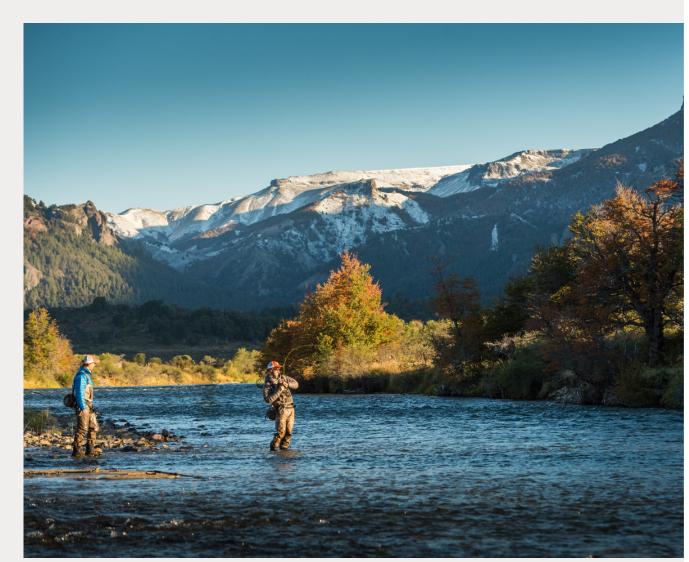




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"The most relaxing and enjoyable lodge in the Chimehuin River Valley. Enjoy an exquisite atmosphere and first-class gastronomy".





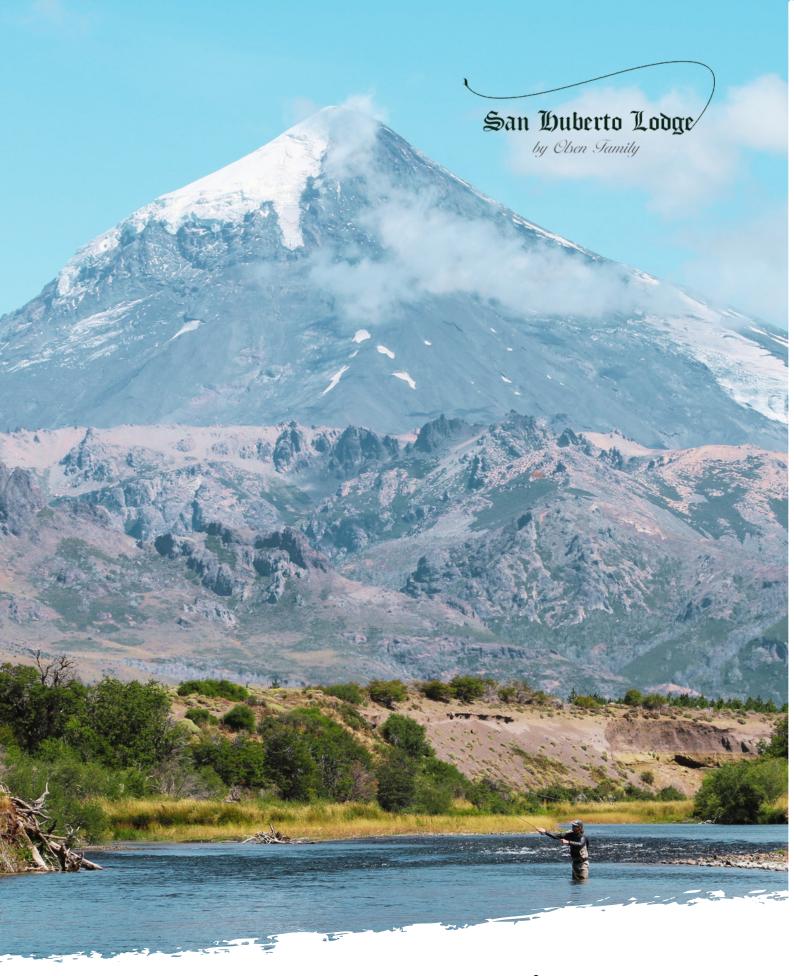


Spring Creek Lodge is redefining the way to discover Northern Patagonia with world-class offerings and "all-inclusive" so each guest can enjoy their visit at their own pace. In addition to fly fishing for world-class trout, in a variety of settings, participate in a variety of outdoor activities.

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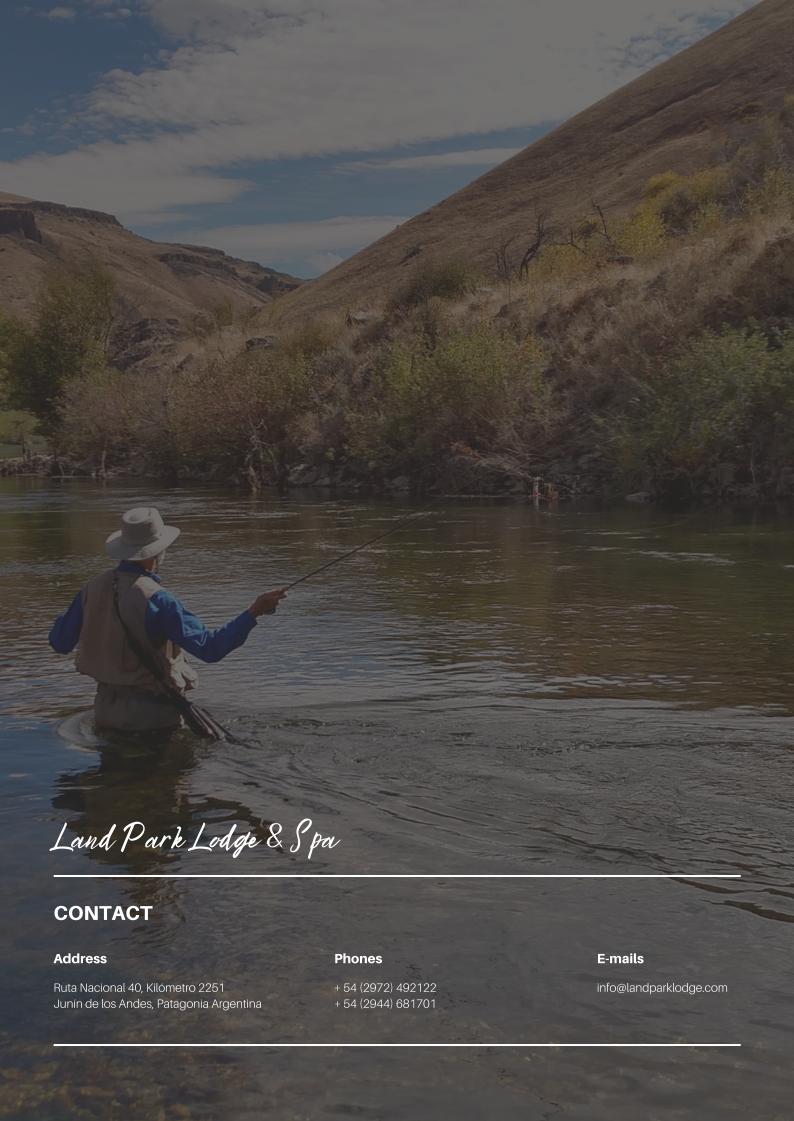
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#LETSTALKABOUTWINE

Saurus By Bodega Schroeder

Because the moment of the catch needs to be well celebrated

The art of fly fishing in different parts of the world, similar as it may be, has its cultural peculiarities, and coming to Patagonia to practice the sport is a delightful adventure.

Patagonia will guarantee you images of wonderful landscapes that not even a camera could capture as well as our eyes and memory could, in addition to enjoying the excellent fishing for wild trout and salmon in each of its rivers and lakes (many of them very well preserved to protect the ecosystem), the warm and friendly service of the Argentines, its exceptional gastronomy, starting with the delicious Asados and Patagonian lamb and why not? The Patagonian wines that you can't leave out!

The Argentine wine will be one of the centerpieces of your sporting, cultural and gastronomic experience. You can accompany it to one of its main meals inside the estancias and/or fishing lodges before going on a boat trip, as well as being part of some conversations after a great day of activities to while chatting amongst the fisherman or, enjoy at our many luxury camps offered to you for a greater experience on the trip.

The Patagonian wines will leave a good memory and a good taste on your palate. They are of an unbeatable quality due to their intense purple color with aromas of flowers and fruits, reminiscent of the small red fruits that are abundant in the Patagonian mountains. The mouth they are round and have a very good body with soft and ripe tannins that give prestige to this great region.





The wines of the Saurus SELECT line will no doubt be the favorites to confirm all that has been said before. Designed for the fly fishing enthusiast, this line brings together exquisite wines from select lots of vineyards in Patagonia. Viticulture that controls yields, the quality and uniformity of the grapes, and harvests at the optimal time, followed by an elaboration aimed at highlighting the characteristics of each variety. The result is very attractive, juicy wines with suppleness and freshness that invite further tasting.

The original label in the current redesign evokes the figure of a dinosaur skeleton on a cream background and aims to give character and elegance to the brand, focusing on its Patagonian origin. Along with the label, the aroma and flavor of Patagonian fruits are combined with the elegance that comes from aging in new oak barrels, where the wines reach their maximum expression and complexity. The red wines of the line are aged for 9 to 12 months between 40% and 50% of the cut. For the white wines, 30% of the wine is fermented and aged in barrels for 4 to 6 months. The line consists of: Saurus Select Sauvignon Blanc, Saurus Select Chardonnay, Saurus Select Pinot Noir, Saurus Select Merlot, Saurus Select Malbec and Saurus Select Cabernet Sauvignon.

Feel free to pair any of these wines with any of your favorite Argentine foods. The Saurus SELECT line will be a hallmark of memories of your visit to this wonderful place.



The Saurus SELECT line is the same one used to launch Schroeder Family. You can get their complete line at their online store:

tienda.familiaschroeder.com



At the beginning of the construction of the winery, fossil remains of a 75 million year old herbivorous dinosaur were found. Researchers and paleontologists named this new species Panamericansaurus Schroederi, in recognition of the Schroeder family and their assistance with the removal operations. Based on the size of the pieces found, the specimen would have been up to 12 meters long and weighed 16 tons.



With exceptional characteristics for the production of unique and distinctive wines, the vineyard is located in San Patricio del Chañar, at Patagonian latitude 39° South, in a terroir bordered by the bed of the Neuquén River, which provides us with pure water, derived from the thaw of the Andes, for our entire drip irrigation system.





is story begins with the fruits of the efforts of a family of entrepreneurs who realized their dream in 2001, Herman Heinz Teodoro Schroeder, son of German pioneer immigrants in Patagonia, decided to invest with his children in vineyards in one of the southernmost wine-growing areas in the world - a desert - where, in another time, time was the cradle of the dinosaurs and turned it into green vineyards and a productive area. Shaped by the bed of the Neuquén River, the soil in this area has different compositions: from sandy-stony loam to sandy-silty loam. Thanks to the Patagonian latitude, 39° South, and the large thermal amplitude (20° C), a gradual and staggered ripening of the grapes is possible. In addition, the prevailing wind maintains the health of the vineyards and makes viticulture a sustainable, natural and environmentally friendly practice.

The Schroeder Winery strives to highlight the characteristics of the terroir and produce unique and distinctive wines: with moderate alcohol, balanced acidity, color intensity, aromas and body in the red wines, freshness and aromatic expression in the white wines.

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Federico

f love comes through the kitchen,
you're sure to fall in love with one of
the dishes from Federico Castro,
Resident Chef at Spring Creek Lodge.

Federico Castro was born in Mendoza and took his first steps in gastronomy there.

It was in Patagonia where he started cooking and after working in some recognized luxury hotels in his native Mendoza, he came to Patagonia through his teachers and mentors and chose it as his place of residence, thus spreading the local gastronomy.

Federico tells us a little more about his career: "For more than 12 years I've been responsible for gastronomic service with my team at Spring Creek Lodge, where we work to excel in service excellence."

"My inspiration comes from the expectation of what is considered typical for a particular dish (a temperature, a traditional taste) and to this I try to give an unexpected twist, either to surprise a texture, a harmonious esthetic or simply to highlight an ingredient." Federico certainly has the challenge of dazzling his guests in the shortest amount of time, and from my own experience, I'm

I'm sure it does - He tells us that guests usually spend 4 or 5 nights at the lodge. "This motivates me to constantly create and revise menus. I want my cuisine to evolve over time without stagnating, to find new options every time they come back to sit at one of my tables. ", He expresses.

Together with Agustina Ruggeri, Pastry Chef of the lodge, their mission is to present an experience for all the senses, different every time, combining creativity and local seasonal products that allow them to create dishes with a unique character.

Federico notes, "We try to be honest with the raw materials and work hand in hand with local producers who supply us daily with vegetables, fruits, eggs and fresh smoked dairy products, meats among others, always looking for high quality so that our dishes stand out even more. We are currently planning our garden within the property to take another step towards the sustainability of the cuisine and bring agro-ecological products to the menu ".



In the kitchen, Federico tells us that they use slow cooking techniques in the clay oven, pickling vegetables and preserving food to have the same quality of out-of-season produce.

Very attentive to details, when serving it also takes into account the contrasts of colors and textures, so that it is not only a pleasure for the palate, if not, rather a composition designed to delight from the first sight and then for all the senses.

Federico tells us that they are in a new phase. In 2020 they created the restaurant Fogo en Casa, implemented a restaurant menu proposal....., ready to eat at home, and then they opened the doors of Fogo Restaurante Patagonia, with the same characteristics of the dinners they offer to their guests. Both proposals have been very well received by both tourists and local visitors from Junín and San Martin de Los Andes, who are beginning to get used to the gastronomic space.

"Thanks to the dedication of our team, we have made gastronomy an important pillar of the experience at Spring Creek Lodge.

- You can enjoy a gastronomic moment (or several, we recommend them!) by either staying at Spring Creek Lodge (foreign visitor) or visiting their Fogo Patagonia restaurant, in addition to the Fogo en Casa option, for those who are local.

Let's Talk!

Giselle Fontanazza

In this issue we talk to one of the few women who has worked as a fly fishing guide in Argentina. She is a worthy representative of Patagonia, having been born and raised in Junín de los Andes.

In working out the contents of this issue,
I pause dryly for a moment and ask my
husband, But, where are the fly fishing
women? I feel like this issue is a bit empty ...
It can't be that this issue appears without
showing that we women can fish too, enjoy
it and GUIDE! In fact, why not? And, it's right
there when we started using social networks,
that little technological tool that makes it
easier for us to find more quickly to the people and we set out to find the right one:

Giselle Fontanazza, one of the few women who work as fly fishing guides in Argentina. She is a worthy representative from Patagonia, because she was born and raised in Junín de los Andes. So after a few messages on Instagram, we met for a lively conversa-

Giselle on the move...

tion via Zoom in which he told me how her beginnings were, with interesting and funny anecdotes recalling his days living and leading in her native Junín:

How did you start fishing and how did it become your passion?

I have been fishing since I was 14 years old, and in the beginning I accompanied my father on his fishing trips as a translator, as he offered his fishing services to North Americans. I remember standing in the back of the boat and acting as his interpreter. This helped me, firstly, to know where the trout were on the move and second, to begin pulling the rod.

At the age of 15, my father entrusted me to lead the women while he led the men. There weren't many rules back then, we're talking about 25 years ago. At age 17, I was guiding both men and women. I learned to fish and guide while fishing, and for me at that age, it was guite a

Now, although there are people who read fly fishing books, which is not a bad thing, it is something else to go straight into practice and learn from your own experience.



- As Giselle comments on this to me, a question emerges that was quite obvious for the time and for the quality of being a woman in that environment: was it difficult for you to lead groups of men? What was your experience in that sense, that you were the first woman to lead at that time?

"I did have the experience of being underestimated because I'm a woman and so young at the same time, but I don't think I've had that for that long. I think the most important thing for them to respect you as a fishing guide is first how you feel, if you feel confident in what you're doing, they see your character, then it's different there. It happened to me that in the beginning when some of the groups that touched me saw that we had to make a quick catch in the boat, they grabbed on strong not knowing that I could handle it."

Also another time I guided a man, quite a macho man, who did not accept anything I told him about the technique he should use when fishing. I was saying to him: I think you need to refine the tipet a bit, it's very thick, we'll fish more subtly, -- and well, he paid no attention to me. I ended up focusing on the angler in front who took my suggestions. At the end of the day, the guy in front had been fishing and he hadn't, so he approached me after a while to ask what I said about the tipet. People ended up asking me like a guide because they knew of the experience I had from a young age.

How did you start fishing and how did it become your passion?

It was a transition, I have always liked interacting and being outside: climbing, fishing.

I was lucky to grow up in a place with a lot of nature and that lends itself to enjoying it.

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When I finished school I graduated as a tourist guide and then graduated as a ski patroller in the same year (when there were only three of us women in the country altogether) Yes, Gentlemen, I found the real Amazon Lady of the Patagonian -. She also always wanted to be a sports teacher since she was a teenager.

"Among the famous fisherwomen I've met is Patty Reilly, who was one of the first fisherwomen to float the Collón Curá and the Chimehuin and who showed me some rowing techniques. She was one of those little sources of inspiration."

What attracts you the most about fishing in Patagonia?

"Patagonia is still wild and that fascinates me. When you float on the Chimehuin and the Collón Curá and you still see very few people, very few boats. You float around there and you see five boats at most in a day.

Besides the scenery, you also meet aboriginal communities while floating. You can still grab your fishing pole and go fishing on your own without fear. Argentina would be like Montana, but back in time. And then there are the trout catches, the trout in Patagonia fight a lot because they are very healthy. We also have a very rich fauna, guanacos, deer, the variety of native birds ... All this surrounds you.

"And, you can't miss the gastronomic theme. It's very different from American gastronomy. In Patagonia, you enjoy each of the meals with their three levels and entrances. Quite exotic regional dishes like venison ham, wild boar ... Accompanied by Argentine wine, the typical Asado and roast lamb. We even have people who repeat trips to Patagonia and tell

us what they want to eat when getting there - And yes gentlemen, in Patagonia you can fish, eat and drink wonderfully

Do you have any funny experiences you'd like to tell us about?

I have a funny anecdote of a time when I was floating the Collón Cura right where it started. I floated with a recently married Chilean couple. The woman did not know how to fish, but she had a fishing permit and we stopped at a very large slide. We stopped there, I dropped the anchor and, before going fishing with her husband, I asked the lady if she wanted to fish, she answered yes, I showed her how to cast, and she starts from the bow of the boat to do it ... That day there was a lot of wind, the wind was coming from behind. She starts casting and I walk 100 meters up with her husband. When I turn around I suddenly see that she was floating downstream with the boat. It seems that while she was casting she was moving very hard from front to back. With that movement, she in turn moved the anchor and began to move with the current and the wind down the river. We were already without a boat (and without the lady) and we were on the other side of the road. Luckily the wind was so strong that it pushed the lady on the other side of the shore and she got off, being able to grab the boat ... And I looked at her and asked myself: what do I do now? Right on that side, it was the deepest part and with more current so I look at the husband and say: well, I'm going to look for her! I had to take off all my clothes except for my underwear and her husband with all the shame grabbing the wader plus all my clothes. So, I went swimming in search of the lady and was able to row across the boat. All this nothing more and nothing less than wet, in underwear, weather and winds a little cold ... - That was an All-Inclusive package! -



Giselle in fishing and adventure moments with her family.

Then this couple came to visit again to fish and we laughed out loud as we remembered that scary moment!

Giselle tells us that she and her brothers have a fly fishing outfitter company in Junin de Los Andes called Flotadas Chimehuin. Right now she lives in West Yellowstone, Montana, but she is in charge of selling packages for Americans who want to fish in Argentina. These packages are very customized to what the customer wants, whether they want to go exploring on their own or if they want an All-Inclusive. "We work as outfitters, which makes it easy for us to visit different places to fish. We do a lot of camps where we have cargo boats where two people are in charge of setting up the entire camp while you fish, and when you arrive at the end of the fishing day, you find everything ready to go. And then it's time to enjoy the experience, taste delicious wines, the typical Argentine Asado, the typical empanadas and picadas." - You will end the day as it should be

Giselle likes to guide, preferably beginners and children, because it pleases her to see how at the beginning of the fishing trip they see the river as "just a river" and then at the end already as a natural resource where trout and other animals live that maybe they did not know about ... "And I like that because the youngest learn to take care of the habitat," she says.

Giselle is sure that the most important thing about a fishing trip, whether with kids or adults, is to have fun without getting frustrated if you don't get to fish one day. She recalls another anecdote that is a good moral for me, "One day a mom comes fishing with her little girl, and the most important thing when teaching kids to fish is not to be disappointed when they don't make it. That day the fishing wasn't very good, and the girl decided she wanted to build castles in the sand, and well, we stopped to build castles in the sand, and there we spent the whole afternoon, all three of us happy and the little girl satisfied because she had a great time."

When you go fishing, go out to enjoy it and connect with everything around you.

Let's Talk!

Omar (Banana) Martinez

An iconic (and quite versatile) fishing guide from Patagonia, affectionately known as "Banana" in the fly fishing community and among friends. He offers us his reminiscences in the next few pages.

And because an emblematic (and quite versatile) fishing guide from Patagonia couldn't be missed, we managed to find Omar Martínez, affectionately known as "Banana" in the fly fishing community and by friends and caught him for a few good minutes.

Born in the province of Neuquén, Northern Patagonia. Music lover and gathering entertainer. As soon as we connected, I knew

the conversation would be quite relaxed, as Banana is an approachable person, with a great smile and a sense of humor. A guide who likes good rock (he has a small band that he generally has a good time with. He confessed to me that when camping with very close

friends, he takes his guitar along to make a little note in front of the campfire at the end of a day of fishing.

How did you get into fly fishing and when did it become your passion?

I was taught to fish by my father. My father is an old angler (88 years old now). Until a few years ago, his favorite thing to do was to take the whole family fishing. From my kids to my nephews. And we started fly fishing together.

I remember since I was little, our outings



"Banana" showing us a great prize.

were: Camping and fishing. Our family and that of my uncle Alberto, my mother's brother. We could spend 20-30 days fishing in the mountains. We fished all the time.

I started fly fishing when I was 15 years old. And, it was in one of those trips

that we crossed over to Chile with my father and bought fly-fishing equipment on the island of Chiloé at that time, which, by the way, was much cheaper than in Argentina, because at that time Chiloé was a free port, it did not record taxes.

It was a time when there were not many places where you could buy these instruments, since fly fishing was the subject of only a few, as it was quite elite. We are talking about the time of 1975. And, this is how in Chiloé they put together two teams that we didn't even know how to use very well and we brought them to Argentina. I remember on that same trip, coming back from Chile and stopping at a place called Piedra del Águila where at that time the Limay River passed without the dams that exist today, to join teams with my father.

I think I fell in love with fly fishing instantly! Above all because of the difficulty in casting the line and the magic of seeing it fly every time it succeeded, but also because fishing for trout was much easier than today. There were a much larger population of fish in our waters I had armed a waterline and it was a line that had a shape that, to launch from a distance, you had to know the technique. And, we started from scratch to try to practice. My uncle was at one point our "guide", since a year before he had started fly fishing with a man who knew about the subject in Neuquén.

So he gave us an idea of the techniques to use, which was: for every meter a shot. And trying to shoot we made such a bustle in the water! And yet with all the fuss we made, there were trout in the river that deigned to bite our fly and that experience was divine!

Fishing was always my passion, something that I was passionate about forever. From 17 to 18 years old, fishing became a necessity. I began to spend more time fishing and began to think about the possibilities of dedicating my life to the activity that I liked the most. From there, several foreign fishing guides (USA) began to sound, one or two



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Another timidly around there, and I said to myself: I have to be a fishing guide to work on what I like and passionate about.

And so it was that, with my little family, we decided to come to the South of Patagonia. We saved some money and bought a small piece of land in Villa La Angostura. I quit my job at that time to live my fishing dream.

What attracts you the most about fishing in Patagonia?

Lucky to have fished in Montana in Yellowstone the fly fishing mecca and renowned Fly Shops. -he tells us by way of comparison- that there, in those far north places there are areas very similar to the areas of Junín de Los Andes, but Patagonia has a very special spirit.

The differential point of Patagonia is that it is still rugged, wild, sparsely populated of its lands, floating a river without seeing a person all day taking advantage of all that is the resource and the fishing. In other famous places, you find a boat or several people wading every 200 meters. In Patagonia, you can still enjoy optimal fishing without so many or no crowds.

In addition, the foreigner who comes to visit likes wild trout a lot, which is not manipulated, being more difficult to fish because of the fight it gives you. The trout in the tributaries of Patagonia are stronger, more combative, and more difficult to deceive. And, the Patagonian wind is quite a challenge when trying the techniques. - We cannot leave behind the culture of the camaraderie of the Argentine, making the foreigner feel quite comfortable - "I have instructed to several guides the terms of

service we provide and because of that, we stand out. The service is very different from what they offer you in other places" Banana tells us.

"The service provided by a fly fishing guide in Argentina is excellent. We show you how you should throw or if you have a defect in the shot we will correct you so that you can fish well. Everything is with the best disposition. - Banana does not miss the details of a full day of fishing where you cannot miss the typical Argentine wine to celebrate the end of a day, the typical picada with smoked fish, five-star camping ... What we want in Patagonia is that in addition to the fishing experience, those who visit us have a good time ". Says Banana"

Do you have any funny experiences to tell us about?

Something funny happened to me once when it came to language issues.

I learned English as an adult and sometimes I remember the pronunciations I made in the past that recalled some bad (or good) memories. One day an American friend comes to visit me in La Villa and she tells me of her desire to go fishing, I answered yes and that I was just going to take advantage of that day to take my son, who incidentally loves to bathe and dive in the lake, to go to rescue an anchor that had been submerged, all this in my Tarzan-like English. So, when I wanted to say anchor with my broken English, I would pronounce it like "Uncle" (Both words have a certain similarity in pronunciation). She was extremely surprised and could not believe what she had been told! She had understood that my son and I were going to look for my uncle who had been submerged in the lake! You can imagine how strange and confused she



Banana with another of his good catches

she looked without knowing how to ask... and, we were normally thinking that she had understood everything.

When we got to the lake, we threw the boat to look for our "Uncle", while we tried to locate the anchor we asked her if she could spot the "Uncle" which she did not want to get close to seeing. Until Juan, my son, dives in and comes out with the anchor! There she blurted out and feeling relieved she understood what we had been talking about the whole time. We always laugh at that anecdote!

Issues regarding miscommunication happen.

What would you recommend to someone who wants to start to fly fishing?

That everyone can learn to fly fishing. It is not difficult and it is not a stigma. You can learn from day one to shoot excellent and there may be others who need more time to learn. It is more difficult for people who do not have much coordination in everyday life. Patience is fundamental from the moment you take a

fly fishing rod, you disconnect from the rest of the world and only focus your mind on fishing and the environment.

The ideal thing to do is to be able to practice with a good fishing instructor to guide you on how to perfect your shot. Now it's easier to find a good one. Many people are dedicated to this and are preparing to do it.

Infinite amounts of clients have passed through my hands and I can tell how you are by the way you grab the rod. I am a fishing psychologist. -He comments us laughing-

What benefits has this sport left you all this time?

Many clients become dear friends. This year, sadly, I had a loss of one of my first clients, "EL TANO GIORGIO" an elderly man, who made my fly tying furniture, where I spend a lot of my days and keep dressing my room. "El Tano Giorgio" was an Italian who had lived in Argentina for more than 30 years.

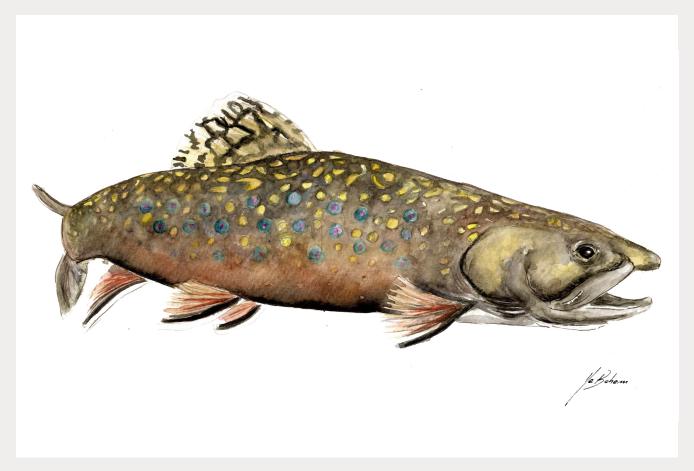
In addition to the good relations preserved. Being able to meet people from the public sphere. For a long time, I was doing a TV program that is widely seen in Latin America, on Fox Sport and ESPN, it is called Fly Cast America and you can still see it on YouTube. Likewise, the enjoyment of fishing and guiding, each fishing that has been achieved by someone that I have guided I have felt like an achievement of my own, too.

Banana with a group of friends and neighbors from Villa La Angostura, were the architects of the Salmónidos Foundation, for the protection and conservation of the fishing resource in Villa La Angostura.

One of their joys was watching the children take their parents, many of them poachers, and show them why they shouldn't remove the trout from their habitat.

Banana is convinced that education, from the smallest to the largest, is important for the conservation of natural resources for future generations.-

Banana injects passion into everything he does- "This has been the basis of everything in my life, without passion I would not have been what I became, and I wanted to achieve it with what I always wanted: fishing. He finishes.





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Cristian traveled to Patagonia from a very young age (six years) with his parents and grandparents and fell in love with this magical place. "I loved the feeling of infinite peace in the most incredible landscapes, where you feel that you connect with the river, the forest, the mountain and feel the true freedom of living in paradise." He tells us. "This awakened in me a dream ... my passion, living and fishing surrounded by nature."

He has traveled the entire Patagonian mountain range, currently living in Trevelín, surrounded by mountains and rivers, located west of the province of Chubut, and 40 km from Los Alerces National Park, a huge protected area of forests, rivers, lakes, and mountains ñas being this Unesco world heritage. "Here time passes in slow motion when we find ourselves fishing the rivers, immersed in the peace of these landscapes".

Fly fishing became his way of life, fishing the best rivers and lakes in the area where he fly-fishes very well. Throughout the time of living here, some 20 years, he was fishing each environment and getting to know it one by one. Thus he has the knowledge of how to fish in different climatic and fishing conditions

according to the times of the seasons, as this influences a lot.

You can easily find Cristian in the following places: In Los Alerces National Park, Rivadavia River, Green Lake, Arrayanes River. To the north of the park, the Carrileufu River and Cholila Lake. To the south of the park, the Futaleufú river or big river, Arroyo Pescado spring creek, Percy river. Area of the town of Pico river, guide in the Pampas river, Pico river, Lake 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Engaño Lake and Corcovado river.

The trout species that you can find with Cristian in these fishing environments are Rainbow and Brown Trout, as well as, in specific environments, you can find Fontinalis trout and Enclosed Salmon. All these species are of natural or wild genetics, which makes them very strong when fishing them, delivering an incredible fight.

The fishing programs offered are normally 6 days of fishing, 7 nights in the best lodges,, depending on giving the area in which the fishing program is set up.

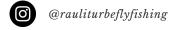
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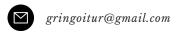
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Raúl Iturbe professional fly fishing guide and casting instructor.

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Native to the province of Mendoza, Malargüe, one of the most beautiful cradles of fishing, in which he already worked as a guide, one winter he visited Patagonia, specifically in Villa La Angostura, to do the season, staying definitively.

"Every year I am more convinced of my decision because it considers Patagonia its place in the world" '. He tells us

Raúl offers two types of experiences: half-day and full day. He works a lot, father and son, as since is the bets when this activity is shared between them. "That they enjoy nature and learn from it together, they are priceless or wasteful." "I also work a lot on the part of the methodology of introduction to fly fishing and corrections to all types of casting level. All this with a diagnostic card and this makes a big difference in the first guide with me". He says

Raúl handles different fishing techniques (nymph with various methods) dry fishing and streamer. "I like and each one of these techniques since they all catch my attention". He work the throwing classes at Lake Nahuel Huapi one (1) kilometer from Villa La Angostura or at the hotel or cabin where you are staying as long as it provides the physical space ".

"Lake Nahuel Huapi also fishes very well during January/February, with trout catches ranging from 1 kilo and a half to 4/5 kilos. In April and May, we prepare for the migratory browns from Río Limay with an epic catch of large brown and rainbow trout, surpassing the 4 kilos calmy.

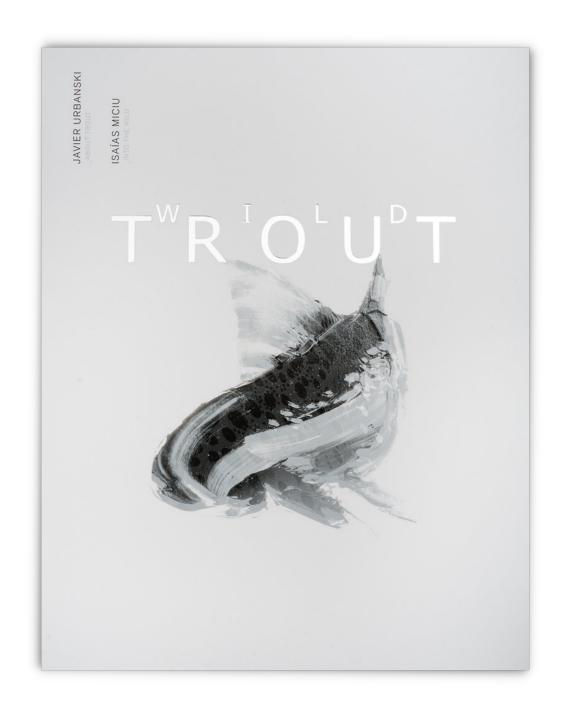
His favorite river is, for now, the Correntoso river. "At the beginning of the November and December season, we find the largest and wildest rainbow in Patagonia. Some very fighting rainbow trouts and with epic combat..." Raúl tells us excitedly.



 $\triangle \triangle$ When asked if I consider myself a photographer and I must answer that I am not sure. I wonder, what does it mean to be a photographer today? If the end goal is to transmit emotions, dreams, a sense of utopia ...then, perhaps I am. To capture and record a moment it is necessary for the observer to become part of the medium, but without intervening. I do not think a person can interact in a situation without it changing. I consider myself a seeker of telling moments, who watches everyday situations in which man interacts with nature, out in the open air. To capture a moment that transmits an emotion, a photographer has to live it in the first person. Like in music, a performer cannot interpret a song without first understanding the melody. A person must identify with an emotion in order to appreciate it".

"I was born in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1985. I spent my early years in Cordoba, and have lived in San Martin since 1993. Here, my passion for fly fishing grew. After taking some classes in photography, I apprenticed in the world of digital photography with Theo Ribeiro. Next, I collaborated with my brother Eliseo on a book project for National Geographic Traveler. I have also worked as an assistant to Marcos Furer on projects for a well-known Italian firm.

I have traveled throughout Argentina, Europe, Russia, the Caribbean Islands, the United States, Africa, but always return to Patagonia. I specialize in sports photography, specifically fly fishing and hunting, and making customized photography books from traveling to the world's exotic destinations. After working on book edited with Eliseo, I am today envolved in some personal projects but always with a foot in the river"..



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