

PALOMA RIVER LODGE

CHILE - TROUT FISHING

6 nights/5 days fishing – Sunday to Saturday
\$3495 per angler

- Included: Private room and bath, meals, house wines, liquor and beer, ground transportation to/from the Balmaceda airport and fishing license.
- Not included: Commercial air travel, flies, phone calls, tips for guides and staff (suggested 10% of package price), and miscellaneous personal or travel expenses.

TRAVEL/DOCUMENTS

A valid passport is required.

You will fill out a tourist entry document to enter Chile, and you will be given a copy. You must surrender your copy to Chilean Immigration upon departure. **Do not lose this document**, as it will cause delays if you do not have it when you exit the country.

TRAVEL LOGISTICS

Many carriers, such as American, Delta, United and LAN Chile offer flight service to Santiago from Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, New York, Miami, Atlanta, or Los Angeles with connections on LAN or Sky Airlines to Balmaceda/Coyhaique.

After clearing Immigration, you will collect your bags, clear Customs and take the elevator to the 3rd floor, to the domestic flight departure area of the airport. You will recheck your luggage and continue on to the LAN or Sky Airlines flight to Balmaceda/Coyhaique (2 hour, 45 minute flight). Note: for this flight, you can check one bag, up to 44 pounds without additional charges.

Upon arrival in Balmaceda/Coyhaique, you will be met and transferred to Paloma River Lodge – a one hour and 45 minute drive.

You may choose to overnight in Santiago to tour the city and surrounding areas. We suggest Hotel Plaza El Bosque Ebro. Our office can help you with those arrangements. Available tours include, *Cousiño Macul* or *Concha y Toro Winery and Maipo River Canyon*, *Historical Santiago*, *Panoramic Santiago*, or *Viña del Mar and Valparaiso*.

Most shops in Santiago and Coyhaique are open 9 AM to 7 PM on weekdays and Saturdays.

There are several good restaurants in Santiago – *Astrid y Gastón*, *Pinpilinpaus y Cia*, Park Club Piso 17 (Hotel Plaza El Bosque Ebro), *Boscanarre*. Keep in mind that Santiago is a dynamic dining environment – even with these recommendations, it is still wise to ask your transfer agent or hotel concierge to make recommendations or assist with restaurant reservations. You should plan on eating a little later than you may be used to in the U.S. – many restaurants do not begin serving dinner until 7 PM.

WEATHER

Located in the southern hemisphere, Chile's seasons are reversed (our winter is their summer). Santiago's climate is warm and dry with summer temperatures ranging from lows in the 50s to highs in the 90s. Paloma River Lodge's climate is cooler and can be wet and a little windy year-round with summer temperatures ranging from the 40s to the 80s.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

All meals at the lodge are served family style. A breakfast of coffee, tea, fruit, cereal, pancakes, breads, meats and eggs to order are all standard fare. The lodge staff will prepare the fixings for your box lunch of soup, sandwiches, empanadas, fruit and cookies, or you may gather for a streamside barbeque. Dinners feature a menu of international and Chilean cuisine complemented with Chilean wines.

CURRENCY

You may convert dollars to Chilean pesos at the Santiago airport. According to the U.S. Department of State Travel website, travelers might have difficulty using U.S. \$100 bills due to concerns about counterfeit U.S. currency. Many Chilean banks, exchange houses and business may refuse to accept \$100 bills. Bring smaller bills. The current exchange rate (subject to change) is roughly 600 pesos to the dollar. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are widely accepted in larger cities and towns.

LANGUAGE

Spanish is spoken as the national language. Your host and most guides at the lodge can converse in English and other languages.

GRATUITIES

For the guides and staff, we suggest a cash tip of 10% of your package price per person at the end of the week. U.S. dollars are accepted.

TRIP CANCELLATION & INSURANCE

For travel insurance, contact Martin Travel Services at (800) 627-8468 or kmartin@martintravelservices.com.

Global Rescue provides unparalleled emergency medical services and is the only company that conducts field rescue and medical evacuation from the point of illness or injury back to your home country hospital of choice. In addition, a Global Rescue membership also includes 24/7 access to critical care paramedics, and in-house physicians backed by specialists from Johns Hopkins Medicine, the leading hospital in the U.S. since 1990.

Before traveling with Rod & Gun Resources or South American Fly Fishing, we recommend you take out a Global Rescue membership. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please call Global Rescue at (800) 381-9754 or visit www.globalrescue.com/rodandgun.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

220 volt/50 cycle

Two prong (round) plug in (European standard adaptor). Converter required for 110.

TIME

Chile is two hours ahead of U.S. Eastern time in the December through April fishing season.

FISHING

Fishing for brown and rainbow trout takes place in a variety of waters, rivers, streams, and lakes. Fishing is accessed via jet boat and inflatable float craft from run to run and then walk and wade.

Trout fishing is excellent throughout the season in a variety of other streams, lake inlets and outlets and spring creeks.

CATCH AND RELEASE

In the spirit of sportsmanship and the preservation of world-class fishing, catch and release is mandatory.

SPORT ADVENTURE & OTHER ACTIVITIES

There are many non-fishing activities available at Paloma River Lodge: photographic tours to the nearby national parks and volcanos, glacier tours, hiking to spectacular waterfalls, whitewater rafting, horseback riding, spectacular condor and wildlife viewing.

APPROPRIATE APPARREL

Morning temperatures in the mid to low 40s are not uncommon, especially when clear weather prevails. Base your clothing strategies on the layering system.

1. Base layer – Start with a synthetic fabric next to your skin. This may be thermal underwear (top and bottom). Pick the weight (light, medium, expedition) to suit your metabolism. Synthetic (non-cotton) materials retain little moisture and “wick” moisture away from your skin. This is important when you are walking in waders or when outside temperatures warm up.
2. Thermal layer – Match your second layer of insulation to the weather and conditions you will be fishing in: lightweight insulation for cool weather, mid-weight for colder conditions, and heavy-weight for really frigid conditions. Fleece or wool are good choices for tops and bottoms.
3. Outer shell – Your final layer should be a rain jacket and waders.

TACKLE, EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING

FLY FISHING EQUIPMENT

- Two to three 4/5 to 6/7 weight fly rods and reels (if you can only bring one rod and reel, bring a 6 weight)
- Floating lines for 4/5 or 5/6 weight rods and reels
- Sink tip fly line for 5/6 or 6/7 weight rods (for stripping streamers)
- Knotless tapered leaders 9'-12', 0x to 4x
- Hook sharpener
- Small fly box
- Tape measure (optional)
- Amber polarized sunglasses
- Hemostats, line clippers
- Fingerless gloves
- Waterproof pack or gear bag
- Fly floatant or drying crystals
- Small fishing pack or vest

FLIES:

- Royal Wulff #14 to #12
- Hoppers #6 to #2
- Chernobyl Ant #6 to #2
- Parachute Adams #16 to #12
- Elk Hair Caddis #14 to #6
- Bead Head Flashabuggers #8 to #4 in brown, olive and black
- Leach patterns: #8 to #4 in brown, olive and black
- Stimulator #14 to #6
- Bead Head Hare's Ear Nymph #16 to #8
- Bead Head Pheasant Tail Nymph #16 to #8

***Flies and equipment can be ordered from Feather-Craft Fly Fishing www.feather-craft.com (800) 659-1707. Please order well in advance of your departure.**

CLOTHING & PERSONAL ITEMS

- Passport and photocopy of photo page
- Airline tickets
- Personal medications
- Long-sleeved fishing shirts
- Light polar fleece vest or down-filled vest
- Light polar fleece pullover or button jacket
- Wader under-pants
- Quality raincoat/windbreaker
- Casual travel clothes and shoes
- Fishing hat
- Lightweight hiking boots or shoes
- Gore-Tex waders
- Comfortable wading boots
- Sunscreen, lip balm
- Small bottle insect repellent
- Small flashlight
- Camera
- Extra memory card and batteries
- Cash for tipping