

SALTA ARGENTINA

Golden Dorado Fly Fishing

PRE-TRIP INFORMATION

PRICE

\$4195— 6 nights/5 days fishing

Included: Transportation from/to the Salta airport and in the fishing areas, fishing license, all meals, including beer, wine and cocktails, single-room accommodations when possible.

Not included: Commercial or charter air travel, gratuities, and miscellaneous purchases.

ARGENTINA RECIPROCITY FEE

Argentine Immigrations collects a “reciprocity fee” from U.S., Canadian and Australian visitors (it is called a “reciprocity fee” because Argentina only charges it to citizens of countries that charge a similar fee to their foreign visitors).

Argentina is now requiring all tourists from the U.S., Canada, and Australia who arrive into Argentina by airport, land, or cruise ship **to pre-pay the reciprocity fee via the Internet prior to arrival and provide a printed copy of the receipt showing payment upon arrival.**

To pay this fee, please visit the following site:

<https://reciprocidad.provincianet.com.ar/>

1. Register as a user via the “Sign Up” button located below the log-in area.
2. Pay the fee online. The fee is currently \$160 U.S. dollars and is subject to change. Your payment will automatically be converted and sent in Argentine Pesos depending on the conversion rate that day.
3. Print your proof of payment document and bring it with you to present to Immigration upon arrival. You may be asked to present this document to the airline representative upon check-in for your flight to Argentina.

Note: The reciprocity fee is valid for 10 years. They began collecting this fee at the international airport in Buenos Aires in December of 2009, so if you have travelled through Buenos Aires since that time and have already paid the fee, **you have a sticker in your passport and will not need to pay it again until the 10 years expires.** If you are paying the reciprocity fee online for the first time, you won't need to re-pay the fee again for your next visit. But, please note: **you will need to keep a record of your username and password and return to the *ArgentineTaxes* website and print out another receipt for each future visit.**

TRAVEL

Salta is accessed by traveling overnight from the United States to Buenos Aires and then connecting to Salta via Aerolineas Argentinas or LAN Airlines jet service.

A passport is required to enter Argentina. Visas are not required.

SEASONS/CLIMATE/CLOTHING

Golden dorado fishing is best April through May and September through November. During these months, lows will be 50° to 60° and highs will be 80° to 90°. Generally, Salta is much closer to the equator than other Argentine destinations and has a milder climate.

Recommended fishing clothes are listed on the next page. Evening wear is very informal—whatever is most comfortable, including fishing clothes if you wish.

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Dorado fishing at Chacu Lodge is done by floating larger rivers and wade fishing smaller rivers. Chacu has excellent fly rods and reels available for rent. Anglers will need to bring flies and these additional items:

- Cotton or microfiber long-sleeved shirts
- Shorts (weather permitting)
- Nylon/microfiber pants for fishing/wading
- Wading boots only (for wet wading)
- Fishing hat
- Fishing pack or bag
- Amber polarized fishing glasses
- Fishing gloves (optional)
- 15-30 lb. range of tippet material
- Plastic-coated 30 lb. steel tippet material (Tyger Wire)
- Fishing pliers
- Hook sharpener
- Fly vest or fanny pack
- Camera with extra battery
- Small container of bug repellent
- Light raincoat
- Copy of passport—packed separately
- Multi-tool or pocketknife
- Reading glasses and reading material
- Toiletry items
- Prescription drugs
- Zip-lock bag or case to protect camera
- Lip balm
- Travel alarm clock and small flashlight
- Garbage bags for dirty laundry
- Sunscreen

FLY FISHING TACKLE

- 6- to 9-weight fly rod(s) in 9' to 10' length
- Reel for 6- to 8-weight rod
- Floating fly line for 6- to 8-weight rods
- Sink tip line for 6- to 8-weight rods

FLIES

Large muddler/deceiver flies #1 to #3/0 in color combinations of yellow, orange, black, red, and blue with lots of flash and some with white underbellies. All flies should be three to five inches in length.

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

CATCH AND RELEASE: In the spirit of sportsmanship and preserving our world-class fishing, we encourage catch and release on all species.

AIRLINE SCHEDULING

Many excellent carriers, such as American Airlines, Delta, United, Lan Chile, Aerolineas Argentinas and Varig offer flight service to Buenos Aires, Argentina, from Dallas, New York, Houston, Miami, Atlanta, or Los Angeles. All of the flights depart the U.S. in the evening and arrive Argentina early to late morning the next day. From Buenos Aires, anglers take a two-hour jet flight north to Salta City.

We are in constant contact with our outfitters and our transfer agency—both organizations do an outstanding job handling incoming/outgoing transfers.

CURRENCY

The official currency of Argentina is the peso. The exchange rate is roughly 9.43 pesos to the dollar and fluctuates frequently. Check this before you depart. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are widely accepted in larger cities.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

220 volts; a standard converter and European adapter for two-pronged plugs should work fine.

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TRIP CANCELLATION & BAGGAGE INSURANCE

For travel insurance you can contact:

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Martin Travel Services
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(954) 748-6881 office
(954) 748-6855 fax
(800) 627-8468 toll free
(954) 558-8154 cell

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, we recommend you take out a Global Rescue membership. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please visit www.globalrescue.com/rodandgun or call Global Rescue at (800) 391-9754.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities for house staff and fishing guides are not included in the fishing package, and we suggest around \$60 per day as a general guideline. All tips can be paid at the end of the trip.

If you spend some time in Buenos Aires or Salta City, the standard restaurant tip is 10 to 15%.

TIME

When we are on Daylight Savings Time here in the U.S., Argentina is Eastern Time plus one hour (it's later in Argentina). The remainder of the year they are Eastern Time plus two hours.

LANGUAGE

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

HELPFUL HINTS

Get to the airport plenty early on your day of departure. You will have spent a lot of money on the trip, so start off on the right foot. Carry some bills in small denominations for tips, airport meters, snacks, etc.

Check the expiration date on your passport. Some countries require that the passport is valid for as much as one year from your date of entry. And, take a photocopy of the photo page of the passport, in case you lose the original. The copy will greatly facilitate the process of securing a new one.

Plan for rain. Always take a raincoat (in camo colors) and **always take it with you** on each outing. It's amazing how many wet fishermen have a nice dry raincoat in their guestroom at the lodge. If it doesn't rain, they make an excellent outer shell for cool mornings.

Pack sensibly. Try to use soft-sided luggage and take only as much clothing as you will need. Always take your passport, airline tickets, medications, camera equipment and valuables in a carry-on such as a backpack or small valise.

Bandannas are a good idea for protecting your neck against the sun, and they work well as an emergency head cover if you misplace your hat.

Bring two pairs of sunglasses.