



Iberá Wetlands Lodge

The **Iberá Wetlands** (Spanish: *Esteros del Iberá*, from *Guaraní* *ý berá*: "bright water") located in north central Corrientes Province, Argentina, is one of the most important and largest fresh water reservoirs in South America. Estimated to be 5,800 – 7,700 square miles, it is second in size only to the Pantanal in Brazil. In 1982 the Iberá Provincial Reserve was created and protected 5,000 square miles of these wetlands, the largest such area in Argentina. Plans are ongoing to increase the area's protection and hopefully in the future it will be granted national park status.

Thorough research, by the Natural Reserve authorities, concluded that this area was both viable and sustainable for the practice of catch and release fly-fishing for Dorado (*Salminus Maxillosus*). In 2017, through the establishment of a special Natural Reserve Permit, our operation was granted exclusive fishing access to this area. This permit gives us sole outfitter access to the wetlands endless miles of bogs, swamps, lagoons and lakes that are prime habitat for Dorado. Exclusive and unspoiled this is one of the premier Dorado fisheries in South America.

Our accommodations will be the boutique lodge [La Alondra](#), which is a short 20-minute drive to the dock. This unique and charming property is the result of the transformation of a traditional Argentine home into a beautiful lodge. Features include: four air-conditioned bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, a dining room, and a common gathering room. The nicely appointed grounds, that include an outside sitting area with fire pit, provides an excellent place to relax and enjoy a glass of wine after a day of fishing. Meals are chef prepared and offer a nice mix of regional specialties and international cuisine. Laundry service is available for a minor charge.



The Fishing

The mythic Dorado (*Salminus Maxillosus*) is clearly the primary fish to be targeted on this trip. Dorados ranging in size from 4 to 12 pounds are quite common and caught in good numbers. As we continue to explore and discover the fisheries crystal clear waters we are finding fish up to 30 pounds.

Fishing is done from 14 foot Skiff style boats that are equipped with 40hp four stroke motors. Fishing is very similar to a saltwater fly-fishing experience. Guides pole the skiffs while anglers take their turns on the bow either sight or blind casting.

The season is eight continuous months beginning September 1st and concluding on April 30th. During the summer months, December 15th through March 15, daytime high temperatures are typically 95 to 100 F. During the months of September through early December, and late March through the end of April, the temperatures are typically 80 to 85 F.

The Gear

We recommend #8 and #6 weight, fast action rods that are 9 feet long. Reels need to have good drag systems and include 30 pound backing. Fly lines should be tropical due to the warm water conditions and air temperature. Tropical WF Floating Line and Intermediate Clear Tip lines work the best.

The typical leader set-up is 8-9 ft of straight 50-pound test monofilament followed by 6-12 inches of 40-50 pound test wire bite tippet. Strong leaders are required to help prevent accidental break-offs in the water-grass and lilly pads.





Itinerary

Our recommended package is a Saturday-to-Saturday program as shown below:

DAY 1 Saturday: Arrive to Corrientes Airport CNQ on a direct flight from Buenos Aires Local Airport – Private transfer to the lodge which is a 2 hour drive – Check-in, relax with a glass of wine and discuss the coming week with your guide – Welcome Dinner

DAY 2 Sunday through DAY 7 Friday: Six (6) full days fishing in the Ibera Wetlands

DAY 8 Saturday: After breakfast at the lodge your private transfer will take you to the Corrientes local airport for your return flight back to Buenos Aires

NOTES: Resistencia RES Airport can be used as alternative local airport, and will require a 2 hour and 30 minute drive to the lodge.

Cost: \$5,650 per person, 7 nights of accommodations and 6 days of fishing. Based on shared room, boat and one guide per two anglers.

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- All lodging as described on the itinerary
- All meals, beer and wine
- Full-time guide and coordinator during the trip
- Transportation between local airport and the lodge
- All the special services described on the itinerary
- Fishing license, all flies and fishing gear.



NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- International and local flights
- Airport transfers in Buenos Aires from and the International airport and local airport.
- Laundry
- Gratuities

