



# ITATI LODGE

UPPER PARANA RIVER



## SEASON

From January through the end of May and September and October.



## SPECIES

Dorado, Pacu and Pira-Pita



## IDEAL FOR

Solo Anglers, and groups of friends



## EQUIPED WITH

air conditioning in all bedrooms



## WIFI

WiFi connection available

## ABOUT THE LODGE

Located in a traditional “estancia” on the banks of the Paraná River, our air-conditioned lodge provides the perfect balance between wilderness and comfort. Five well-appointed rooms accommodate up to 10 anglers. Our professional chef, will delight you with a blend of local flavors and international cuisine. The boats are docked just a few steps from your room and a short ride to the fishing action. This provides for a quick easy return to the comforts of the lodge for lunch between fishing sessions.

This is the perfect destination for those in search of a “golden trophy”. Additionally, you’ll have the opportunity for a Parana River Grand Slam as you target Pacu and Pira Pita with dry flies.

## FISHING

This section of the Parana River is the tail water of the Yacyreta Hydroelectric Dam, which is located approximately 90 miles upstream. The resulting clear and stable water conditions produces the ideal environment for fly fishing.

The mythical Dorado (*Salminus-Maxillosus*) is clearly the main target in this fishery. We target Dorado that range in size between 4 and 30 pounds however we have caught 40-pound fish.

The fishing will be done using boats specially designed for fly fishing (length of 17 feet) and

equipped with 90 HP four-stroke outboard engines. Each boat also has a bow-mounted remotely controlled electric trolling motor. This allows for a silent approach to the fishing areas. We will be fishing primarily in the margins of the main river, tips of Islands, stone outcroppings, deadfall trees and braided channels.

Two other highly valued species can be captured on the fly during this visit: Pacu and Pirapita. Both species are omnivores as they feed on fruit, flowers, bugs, small fish, mice and lizards. These fish are the ideal target when casting surface patterns in the smaller river channels.

**OUR DORADO-COMBO PROGRAM IS THE ULTIMATE DORADO EXPERIENCE FOR THIS MONSTER.**

Itati Lodge is our exclusive location to fish for Dorado, the world's premier freshwater sport fish. The lodge is located on the **UPPER SECTION OF THE PARANA RIVER**, approximately 90 miles downstream from the Yacyreta Dam. As a tail water, this stretch of river is known for its clear and stable water flow. Having these predictable fishing conditions is vitally important for the internationally traveling anglers.

If you are looking to catch the Dorado of a lifetime a trip to Upper Parana is a must. This section of the Upper Parana is home to the largest Dorado in South America. Every season we land a handful of fish above 40 pounds.

The mythic Dorado is clearly the primary fish to be targeted. Dorado ranging in size from 4 to 12 pounds are quite common and caught in good numbers. Each season several trophy fish above 40 pounds are landed.

On the upper Parana you'll fish along the numerous river branches and channels casting towards cut banks, fallen trees and rock outcroppings. All of this structure is ideal habitat for a natural predator like the dorado.

The **IBERÁ WETLANDS** (Spanish: Esteros del Iberá, from Guaraní y 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 Ibera 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 license, our operation was granted exclusive fishing access to this area. This license 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. The Ibera Wetlands is truly an experience not to be missed.

**Andes Drifters** began its partnership with **Paraná on the Fly** in 2012. Our original operation, which began on the Upper Parana River, has now expanded to a second location. Starting in 2017 we were granted sole outfitter access to fly fish a large portion of the Ibera Marshland. The combination of these two venues, coupled with our successful partnership, gives us the ability to deliver a unique fishing experience to anglers of all skill levels.

