



LA ALONDRA LODGE

IBERA WETLANDS



SEASON

The season runs from September to the end of May.



SPECIES

Dorado



IDEAL FOR

Solo Anglers, Couples, Families and groups of Friends



OTHER ACTIVITIES

eco-tours, horseback riding, cooking classes and more.



WIFI

WiFi connection available

ABOUT THE LODGE

At the northern boundary of the Ibera Wetlands the government has granted us sole outfitter access to fish this pristine environment. A total of eight anglers per week can experience this unspoiled natural reserve with exotic birds, wildlife and plentiful Dorado.

You will be pampered at La Alondra Lodge while enjoying the excellent cuisine in a peaceful setting. Four spacious bedrooms join to a gallery and patio that provides the ideal surroundings for gathering and relaxing after a day of fishing. This reconditioned historic house offers the perfect lodge experience to compliment your visit to the Ibera Marshland.

Anglers of all skill levels, beginner to expert, will enjoy this unique fishery and ecosystem.

FISHING

The mythical Dorado (Salminus Maxillosus) is clearly the main target at this fishery. Ibera provides daily opportunities to catch multiple Dorados that range from 5 to 10 pounds. However, there is always the possibility of catching Dorados from 20 up to 30 pounds.

The wetlands provide a wide variety of fishing environments. You will fish large lagoons and marshes, small and large rivers as well as narrow channels with sandy bottoms. This enormous system, with its crystal clear water, is ideal for top water fly patterns and spectacular surface strikes.

We recommend a stay with 4 nights of lodging and 3 days of fishing. This is combined with 3 additional days of lodging and fishing at Itati Lodge, located on the Upper Parana River.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Ibera Wetlands is a wilderness paradise and the most bio diverse ecosystem in Argentina. Travelers from around the globe visit just to explore, bird watch and observe wildlife.

This destination is ideal for family holidays. In addition to fishing, birdwatching, and wildlife viewing with specialty guides, there are also a wide variety of other activities. These other activities include guided kayaking and horseback riding, cooking classes, visiting the local gaucho museum or sightseeing tours to the nearby Mburucuya National Park.

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.

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.

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.

