



NERVOUS WATERS

A higher form of fishing

# PIRÁ LODGE

IBERÁ MARSHLANDS, CORRIENTES, ARGENTINA





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*In the search of gold*

The beautiful estancia of Pirá Lodge, located in heart Northern Argentina's Iberá Marshland, gives anglers front-door access to one of the most pristine ecological preserves in the world. This river and marsh system is more than twice the size of Florida's Everglades National Park and it is every bit as wild.

The marsh teems not only with incredible migratory birds, caiman, capybara and marsh deer, but is Argentina's gold standard for its Dorado fishery. You would be hard pressed to find a more breathtaking place to stand on the bow of a flats skiff, casting streamers, mice and poppers for fish such as these. These golden predators are acrobatic and eat a fly like they are out to kill. From sight-fishing the labyrinth of the marsh's headwaters to exploring the lower reaches of the Corrientes River, every day is a new adventure.

Off the water, Pirá Lodge is equally impressive and inspiring. This architectural treasure has long been a haven for those in search of comfort, fine dining and authentic Argentine hospitality. A country riverside experience with a wonderful touch of elegance.

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# WHY CHOOSE PIRÁ LODGE?

- The first and finest appointed fishing lodge specifically catered to pursue the most exciting game fish in the world: the Golden Dorado
- Luxurious and strategically located with direct access to the Iberá Marshlands – nearly three million acres of pristine wilderness, characterized by creeks, rivers, and lagoons
- Resident and migratory Golden Dorado in the 5- to 20+ lbs. range
- Diverse fishery, diverse tactics — Streamers, skaters, mouse patterns, and more
- Crystal clear water for sight-fishing
- The only freshwater dorado destination that functions like a flats fishery with both poling and wading opportunities
- Hell's Bay Flats Skiffs bring anglers quickly and safely to the most remote areas of the fishery
- A spectacular abundance of flora and fauna combines creating a naturalist's and fisherman's dream destination – over 350 bird unique species are seen regularly
- Unique non-angling activities in a tropical paradise include horseback riding, a sparkling saltwater swimming pool, bird watching, and night wildlife watching expeditions into the Marsh
- Friendly, bilingual guides with years of experience in this vast natural reservoir, offer their intimate knowledge about Dorado and the legendary fish's habits
- Superb fishing gear, from our custom skiffs to industry-leading fishing equipment, available at no extra cost.



*Pirá Lodge places anglers on a habitat-rich bottleneck where the marsh and Corriente River ecosystems converge. Here, the Dorado is king.*



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## FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Built with exquisite Corrientes style and pride, Pirá Lodge enjoys a spectacular panoramic view of the vast wetlands. It accommodates up to 12 guests in seven deluxe rooms, each with a private entrance, private bath, two double beds, ceiling fans, and air conditioning.

A separate building, attached by covered walkways and open-air patios, accommodates the spacious living room, bar, and dining room — each with tall doors that open to the wide veranda. Pirá Lodge was designed by award-winning architects to respect traditional regional elegance—offering all of the comforts and luxuries of a contemporary hotel. Relax and enjoy a cocktail at any hour, and cool off in the outdoor saltwater swimming pool after a rewarding day of fishing.



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- Capacity: 10 rods - 13 guests
- Rooms: 5 en-suite bedrooms fully air- conditioned and a cottage with 2 rooms and a shared bathroom
- The Main House boasts a large dining room, spacious sitting room, full bar, fly-tying table, and a long shaded verandah with hammocks
- Large beautiful salt water pool for cooling off on those hot days.



*Desserts will surprise you with multiple textures and flavors designed to provide a unique final touch to your dining experience.*

- Wifi and Telephone Available
- Gourmet Dining with Argentina's famed beef and fine wines, traditional Asados (BBQs), and delicious desserts served with a myriad of various delicious local wines.
- Maid and Laundry Service
- Fly Shop fully equipped with flies, rods, reels, lines, and apparel. Free Loaner Fly Fish Equipment



*Enjoy a cold drink by the pool, or gather around the fire pit where under a setting sun the day's fishing stories commence.*



## LOCATION

The Lodge is located in the Corrientes Province, Northeast Argentina, in the middle of the Iberá Marshlands' 1,300,000 hectares of Nature Preserve, an area twice the size of the Florida Everglades. The lodge sits right on the edge of our home channel providing direct access to the Marsh system and to the Corriente River, located 20 minutes' ride south of the lodge.

The Iberá Marshland is a vast system of non-polluted crystal-clear creeks, flowing rivers, shallows, and lakes. The Province of Corrientes borders Uruguay, and enjoys one of Argentina's subtropical climate patterns, with temperatures in the mid-80s early and late in the season. The Iberá Marshland remains almost completely unexplored and uninhabited, and is home to more than 350 species of birds (e.g parrots, Southern Screammers, kingfishers, ibis, herons), 85 mammals, and almost 70 reptiles, without mentioning the incredible abundance and biomass of flora.

During your stay, you will have a chance to see species such as Capybara, River Otters, Yacare (cayman), Howler Monkeys, and Marsh Deer. If you are interested in spending extra time spotting the wildlife or the unique birdlife of the Iberá, please let the head guide know on arrival.

Comparable in size to Yellowstone Park, at 3 million acres the Iberá Wetlands is a breathtakingly massive wetland complex located in north east Argentina.

The Iberá is a critically important freshwater reserve for the region and also acts as a spawning grounds for golden dorado and other fish. It is also a sanctuary to more than 350 bird species, as well as to deer, capybara and caiman.

The Iberá reserve is so large and so remote that there are reportedly over 100 indigenous subsistence-living families in the marsh, where they live peacefully and secretively in huts, and little is known about their hidden lives in this blue and green jewel of endless marshland.



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# GETTING THERE

Guests flying into Buenos Aires can access Pirá by one of three ways:

**1. COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO CORRIENTES (CNQ) OR RESISTENCIA (RES).** These neighboring airports both offer 1-hour daily flights to and from Buenos Aires. Upon landing at CNQ or RES, you'll be met by a Nervous Waters representative, who will shuttle you to the lodge.

- Drive time from CNQ to Pirá: 3.5 hours
- Drive time from RES to Pirá: 4.5 hours.

**2. PRIVATE CHARTERS.** Pirá Lodge has a 5,000' grass landing strip, making airflight chartering into the lodge ideal.

**3. FIRST CLASS SLEEPER BUS.** Don't let the bus scare you off! This is an excellent option. The overnight bus is similar to riding 1st-class on an airplane. The seats recline fully horizontal. The bus leaves Buenos Aires bus station at 9 p.m. and arrives in Mercedes at approximately 6.30 a.m. the following morning. From there it's a short 1-hour and 15minute drive to the Lodge.



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# THE FISHING

Dorado fishing at Pirá takes place in one of the planet's largest ecological preserve. It's lush and wild. The marsh "floating grass" islands are always shifting and moving, making the marsh truly alive and dynamic. The fishery can be divided into two hemispheres: the Marsh as the headwaters, and the Corriente River located downstream of the Lodge. You'll be provided the opportunity to explore both of these these two distinctly different environments and learn the various waters for chasing dorado.

The intricate Marsh is comprised of streams, lagoons, and side-channels. Big Dorado annually push into this skinny-water utopia. Here, we typically fish from the bow of our Hell's Bay skiffs, one angler at a time. When water conditions are low, there can be great wade-fishing opportunities.

The stunning Corriente River is the perfect set up swinging and stripping streamers from the banks of the river. In the deeper pools, sinking lines are used, but intermediate and floating lines can work as well. The average fish ranges from 4 to 8lbs, but many are caught over 10 lbs. all the way to 20+ lbs. Last season's biggest dorado weighed in at 27.5 lbs. on the scales. We fish a variety of flies from mouse patterns to streamers. This spectacular ecosystem is brimming with wildlife and is one of the most productive environments for Dorado in all of Argentina.



*Dorado are strikingly beautiful, extremely strong, and they jump like a Tarpon when hooked. All in all, they may claim the prize as the most exciting freshwater gamefish on the planet.*



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## DAILY ITINERARY

To avoid the midday heat, anglers generally leave the lodge early in the morning around 8 am or earlier. Guests return to the lodge for a swim, lunch, and drinks at around 12.30 pm. After lunch and a siesta, boats will typically leave the dock around 4:30 pm, returning at dusk. Fishing hours will change slightly depending on the time of year.

Non-fishing activities such as horseback riding, or bird watching are available to allow our guests to enjoy the amazing wildlife in the area and should be organized with the head guide. The swimming pool is the perfect place to relax and soak in the Corrientes sun. Snorkeling and night expeditions into the Marsh are also exciting options. Non-fishing activities such as horseback riding, or bird watching are available to allow our guests to enjoy the amazing wildlife in the area and should be organized with the head guide. The swimming pool is the perfect place to relax and soak in the Corrientes sun. Snorkeling and night expeditions into the Marsh are also exciting options.





## RATES 2024-25

All year round

- 7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing \$ 7,950
- 6 Nights / 5 Days Fishing \$ 7,250
- 5 Nights / 4 Days Fishing \$ 6,100
- 4 Nights / 3 Days Fishing \$ 4,950
- 3 Nights / 2 Days Fishing \$ 3,750

\* Rates are in USD per person, based on shared occupancy and boat.

- **SINGLE ROOM & BOAT:** 60% surcharge.
- **NON-ANGLER:** \$650 per night depending on availability.

- **INCLUDED**  
Lodging; all meals and beverages (Open Bar); professional guide services & loaner fishing equipment (rods, reels & lines)
- **NOT INCLUDED**  
Airfares and private charters; transfer in/out of the lodge; fishing licenses (\$50 p/person); gratuities for guides and house staff; flies; in-house laundry service; international phone calls, tours, shopping trips, etc.; any items of a strictly personal nature; cost of itinerary modifications requested by the passenger.

### PAYMENT TERMS

Reservations are confirmed with a 50% deposit. All deposits & payments are 100% non-refundable under any circumstances. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. At this point, participants are responsible for total land costs and no refunds will be made for unused land transportation, accommodations, or meals.



## INTERESTED IN VARIETY?

Nervous Waters Fly Fishing, David Denies Bird Hunting, and Red Stag Patagonia are all proud members of **The Kautapen Group** - a single team of dedicated professionals focused on maintaining the highest standard of service and elevating your sporting experiences.



If fly fishing is your passion—consider the **Nervous Waters** family of lodges. Nervous Waters is the leader in international Fly Fishing destinations, with nine special lodges spread out across **Argentina, Chile,** and the **Bahamas**. We offer a plethora of coveted gamefish including bones and tarpon, sea-run and resident brown trout, rainbow trout, and golden dorado, pacu, and pira pita.

## David Denies BIRD HUNTING

**David Denies Bird Hunting** comprises 12 world class bird hunting lodges across **Argentina & Uruguay**. From dove shooting in the hills surrounding Córdoba, to the wetlands of Buenos Aires province, to the rolling pastures of Uruguay, we bring you to the ultimate wingshooting paradise, with an impeccable style and attention to detail, and dependability outfitting that is simply not found elsewhere.



**Red Stag Patagonia**, outfits some of the best Red Stag hunts in both **Argentina** and **Chile** as well as best free-range Black Buck and Axis Deer hunting in South America. Our four operations are located in Chile, Northern Patagonia, Mendoza and Buenos Aires. All of Red Stag's hunts are fair chase, open country hunts in magnificent terrain, and their success rate speaks for itself.

# SEASONS BY SPECIES

## ARGENTINA, CHILE & URUGUAY

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SEA-RUN BROWN TROUT	• •	• •	• •									•
DORADO	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •
BROWN & RAINBOW TROUT	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •						• •	• •
DOVES	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •
DUCKS					• •	• •	• •	• •	•			
PERDÍZ					• •	• •	• •					
PIGEON				•	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•		
WILD BLACK BUCK					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•
AXIS DEER					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•
RED STAG			• •	• •	• •	•						
FALLOW DEER			• •	• •	• •	•						
WILD BOAR					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•

## BAHAMAS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BONEFISH	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•			• •	• •	• •

## MEXICO

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
PERMIT		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	
TARPON			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •		

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