



NERVOUS WATERS

A higher form of fishing

FUTA LODGE

FUTALEUFÚ, CHILE





Futa Lodge is situated in the Valle de las Escalas, boasting pristine views of the Futaleufú river.



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The Magic Valley

Across the border from Esquel, Argentina and deep in the Coihue Forest of the Tenth Region of Chile, flows the deep blue of the Futaleufú River. A world away from the hustle and bustle that even sleepy Esquel represents, the “Big River” (Futaleufú’s translation from the native Tehuelche tongue) rolls along amid some of the most unspoiled mountain scenery on the planet.

South of the Chilean Lake District, Futaleufú is a standalone fishery. This giant river grows healthy numbers of Rainbow and Brown Trout that are fed by abundant hatches of Mayfly, Caddis, and Stoneflies. An abundant resident stock of fish and great hatches combined with classic fly water make the Futaleufú a trout fisherman’s paradise!



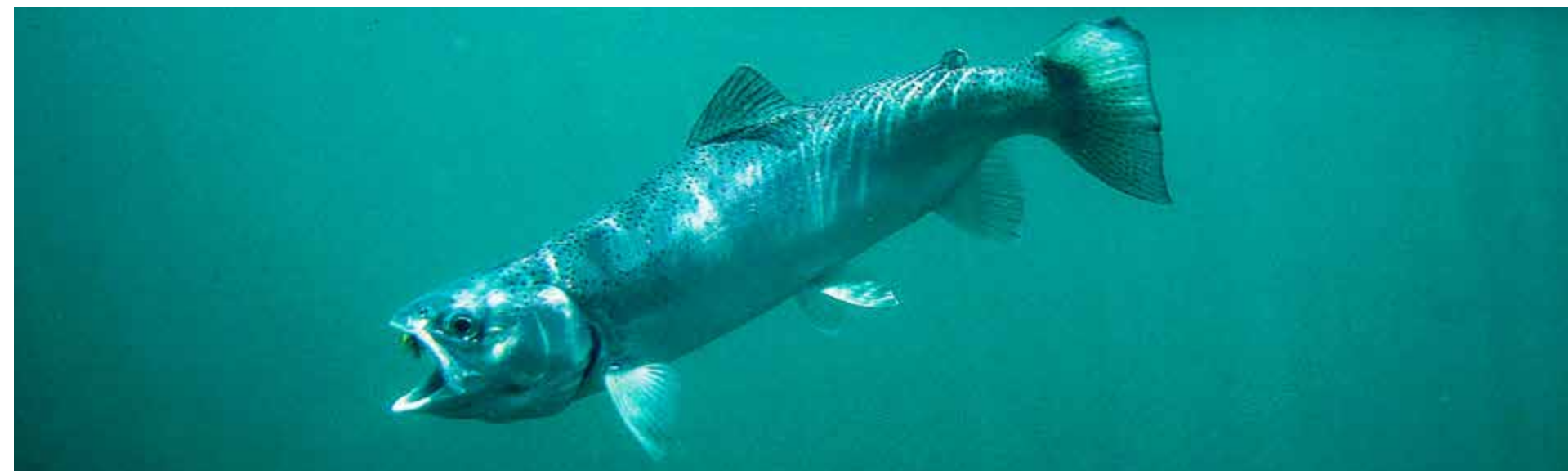
WHY CHOOSE FUTA LODGE?

- A spectacular diversity of fishing from float trips on the Futaleufú River to intimate tributaries and hidden lakes where trout may have never seen a fly.
- Prolific fly hatches throughout the season.
- Brown and Rainbow Trout with occasional Sea Run species.
- Trophy trout in addition to prolific numbers of fish in the 15-18 inch class.
- Excellent home waters fishing, right on the lodge doorstep – Great for after-hours fishing!
- Spectacularly private and romantic lodge setting.
- Horseback guided fishing excursions

In a world that is over-exposed, the magnificent Futa Lodge has managed to maintain its mystery as one of the insider tips amongst die-hard South American adventurers. Giving this experience only credit for its quite remarkable and prolific trout fishing would be not only an understatement, but it also wouldn't do it justice. Those who come solely for the fishing will be in for a surprise because they will receive a lot more than they have bargained for.

Hidden away from the busy eyes of mainstream tourism in a secluded and picturesque valley in the Chilean Andes, clients will find themselves thrown back in time where everything was simplistic and slower-paced. Sipping a glass of vintage red around the fireplace until the trout rising rhythmically in the glassy tail out, fall silent.

Carefully curated memorabilia and local art are silent witnesses to the decades of fish stories and conversations around the fireplace in the main lodge. Succulent meals cooked to perfection by one of Nervous Water's experienced chefs are a culinary journey deep into the South American cuisine that is on the same level as any star decorated restaurant in the capital. The charm of a by-gone era paired with a rustic yet luxurious setting nestled away in the alluring countryside next to a gin-clear river, all of which invites any guest to explore. May it be the fruit garden in the backyard, the structural splendors of the river itself, or the panoramic views of the interlocking hills from horseback... it's completely up to you. A long story short: Futa is a wholesome very organic fishing experience that offers a lot more than just fishing.





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FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Welcome to your remote and relaxing riverfront home in the Valle de las Escalas region of Chilean Patagonia. Our lodge can host up to 8 guests (6 anglers and 2 non-anglers). There are three bright and comfortable cottages—one next to the main lodge and the others bordering the river's edge. The main lodge consists of a cozy living room with a fireplace and two additional double rooms.



Futa Lodge has three bright and comfortable cottages, each with two queen size beds and en-suite bathroom.



There is a wooden Hot Tub located right in front of the river so you can relax after a day of fishing.

- Capacity: 6 anglers and 2 non-anglers; 8 guests total.
- Professional, both local and international, English speaking guides qualified in casting instruction.
- Transport: Rafts have swivel-ended frames, fore and aft, and 4WD crew cab vehicles.
- All-inclusive Bar featuring local spirits and beer.
- Wonderful Wine selection served with our Gourmet Cuisine.
- Wooden Hot Tub located in front of the river
- Maid and Laundry Service .
- Wifi Available.



LOCATION

Futa Lodge is situated in the Valle de Las Escalas on the Futaleufú River, in the Tenth Region of Chile. The lodge sits on a high riverbank overlooking the river and is situated on a private ranch. Chile's Mountainous Tenth Region rises above some of the most ancient temperate rainforests in the world. This lush environment plays host to a diverse range of wildlife.

- **HOW TO GET THERE FROM ARGENTINA:** Weekly flights from Buenos Aires arrive in Esquel (about 2.15 hour non-stop flight). From Esquel you will be transferred by one of our lodge representatives to Futa Lodge (about 2 hours in total with border crossing).
- **HOW TO GET THERE FROM CHILE:** From Santiago you fly to Chaitén airport (WCH) with a previous stop at Puerto Montt airport (PMC). In Chaitén you will be met by a lodge representative and driven to Futa Lodge (about 3,5 hour's drive).

There are private Charter flights from Puerto Montt to the Futaleufú Airport where guests will be met by a lodge representative. From here you will be driven to the lodge (25 minutes' drive).

THE FISHING

At Futa Lodge we fish primarily for Brown and Rainbow Trout with dry flies and streamers either from drift boats or wading. Other species occasionally encountered in the Futaleufú and Espolon Rivers include Chinook, Silvers, Atlantic Salmon, Sea-Run Brown Trout, and Steelhead. Futa Lodge is strictly a catch-and-release fishery.

Futa maintains easy access to some of the prime waters on the Futaleufú River, directly in front of the lodge! Perhaps the most interesting aspect of fishing from Futa is the variety of the rivers and techniques used to deceive the resident and occasional sea-run fish that inhabit our home waters.

For anglers who enjoy the visual aspect of dry fly fishing to free rising fish, Futa offers some of the most technically demanding match-the hatch fishing. The crystal-clear waters of the Futaleufú, its tributaries and countless smaller streams promote exceptional fly hatches of multiple species and trout rise to them at all times of the day, though our warm summer evenings experience the largest fall of spent fly and regularly produce trout feeding frenzies.



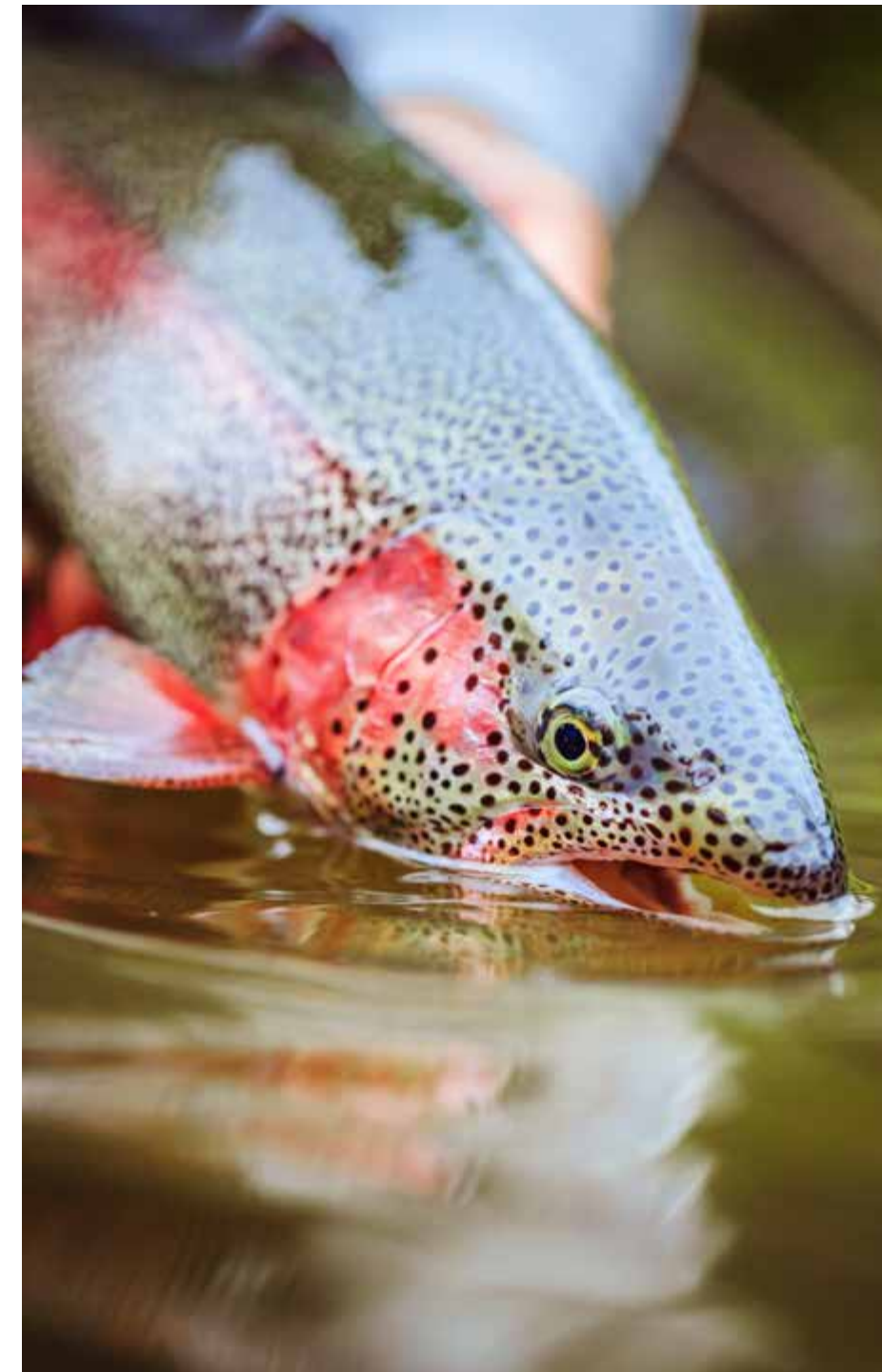


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DAILY ITINERARY

Fishing schedules vary seasonally. However, a hearty breakfast is usually served around 7 a.m., while lunch takes place on the shore or back at the lodge depending on your daily itinerary. To avoid the midday heat, anglers generally leave the lodge early in the morning, around 8 a.m. Guests return to the lodge for lunch and drinks around noon. After lunch and a siesta, boats will typically leave the put-in around 4:30 p.m., returning at dusk. Fishing hours will change slightly depending on the time of year.

Demanding fishermen can fish through the day and can arrange this with the head guide. Non-fishing activities such as horseback riding or canoeing are available to allow our guests to enjoy the amazing wildlife and scenery of the area, and these trips can be organized with the head guide.





RATES 2025

December 2024 - April 2025

- 7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing \$ 6,950
- 6 Nights / 5 Days Fishing \$ 6,100
- 5 Nights / 4 Days Fishing \$ 5,450
- 4 Nights / 3 Days Fishing \$ 4,550
- 3 Nights / 2 Days Fishing \$ 3,550

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

- **SINGLE ROOM AND BOAT:** 60% surcharge.
- **NON-ANGLER RATE:** \$650 per night (subject to availability).
- **FULL DAY FISHING ON ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE DAY:** \$850 per boat
- **HALF DAY FISHING ON ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE DAY:** \$750 per boat

- **INCLUDED**

Lodging; All meals and beverages (Open Bar); Professional guided Fishing; Loaner fishing equipment (Rods, reels & lines).

- **NOT INCLUDED**

Airfares; Transfer from Esquel or Chalten; Fishing License (approx. \$50); 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, baggage overweight charges, personal and baggage insurance; 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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