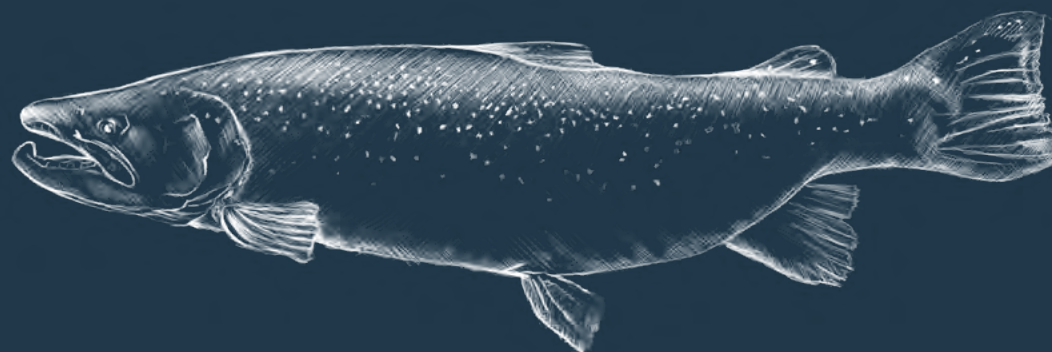




NERVOUS WATERS
A HIGHER FORM OF FISHING

KAU TAPEN LODGE

RÍO GRANDE, TIERRA DEL FUEGO, ARGENTINA





Est. 1984 — The original House of Fishing, where heritage meets the world's largest sea-runs.

KAU TAPEN LODGE

Where it all started

Founded in 1984, Kau Tapen was the first lodge on the Río Grande—the birthplace of sea-run brown trout fishing and the benchmark for all that followed. Its name, in the Ona language, means “House of Fishing,” a fitting tribute to a river that produces the largest sea-runs on Earth.

With exclusive access to 25 km of the middle Río Grande and 25 km of its most productive tributary, the Menéndez, anglers enjoy exceptional variety and water management that ensures new beats every day. The rivers’ size and flow make them perfect for single, switch, and double-handed rods, from swinging streamers through classic tail-outs to presenting delicate flies on intimate channels.

Five IGFA world records have been set here, and each season adds new stories to its legend. Kau Tapen remains the ultimate blend of heritage, comfort, and the finest sea-run brown trout fishing on the planet.

WHY CHOOSE KAU TAPEN LODGE?

- Río Grande — the world's premier trophy sea-run brown trout river.
- The first lodge ever built on the Río Grande (since 1984), setting the benchmark for all that followed.
- Average fish 7–9 lbs, with many over 20 lbs and occasional giants above 30. Five IGFA World Records have been set at Kau Tapen.
- 25 km of private double-bank access on the Río Grande plus another 25 km on the Menéndez River, its most productive tributary.
- Fish new water every day. Carefully managed beats, two anglers per guide, and flexible rotation between both rivers.
- Perfect for single, switch & double-handed rods. The Grande's broad pools and the Menéndez's intimate channels offer every style of fishing.
- Easy wading and natural casting lanes. Fish hold close to the banks and are always within reach.
- Expert guiding team. A combination of seasoned locals and international professionals, rotated daily for a fresh perspective.
- Single rooms by default. Comfort and privacy for every guest.
- Five-star accommodations. Unmatched service & hospitality with delicious À la carte dining with locally inspired dishes and award-winning Argentine wines.
- State-of-the-art loaner equipment available at no extra cost.
- More than 75% of guests repeat. Proof that excellence and consistency never go out of style.



At Kau Tapen we fish for Sea-Run Brown Trout weighing an average of 7 lbs and ascending to 30lbs and above.



Kau Tapen has 10 en suite single rooms; some offer a king bed, some have one queen, and others are furnished with two doubles.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Built in 1984, Kau Tapen Lodge was designed to combine world-class fishing access with the highest level of comfort. Perfectly located near the most productive pools of the Río Grande, it accommodates up to 10 guests (occasionally 12) in en-suite single rooms to ensure privacy and relaxation.

Each room is unique—some feature king beds, others queen, and a few are furnished with two doubles—all designed with the warmth and character of a Patagonian home.

A spacious living room opens to sweeping views of the Menéndez and Río Grande valleys, centered around a stone fireplace and a well-stocked bar. Anglers enjoy access to a fully equipped fly shop offering quality rods, reels, lines, Simms apparel, and other essentials, plus a dedicated fly-tying table and two wader/gear rooms.

After a day on the river, guests can unwind in the full-service spa, featuring a jacuzzi, dry sauna, Finnish steam bath, Scottish shower, and massage room—the perfect end to a day of exceptional fishing on the Río Grande.

- Capacity: 10–12 anglers per week.
- Rooms: 10 en-suite bedrooms (single by default; a few doubles available with king, queen, or twin beds).
- Main House: Indoor and outdoor dining areas, lounge, bar, two wader/gear rooms, and a fly-tying table. The covered outdoor gallery features a fireplace and parrilla for open-fire cooking, where guests often enjoy asados and Río Grande views around the fire pit.
- Spa & Wellness: Jacuzzi, dry sauna, Finnish steam bath, Scottish shower, massage room, and small gym.
- Connectivity: Starlink Wi-Fi and telephone service throughout the lodge.
- Housekeeping: Daily maid and laundry service.
- Guides: First-class local and international professionals, all skilled in single- and double-handed casting instruction (Spey & Switch).
- Vehicles: Comfortable Toyotas' 4WD trucks equipped with rod racks and VHF radios.
- Fly Shop: Premium flies, rods, reels, lines, Simms gear, and Argentine crafts available on-site.



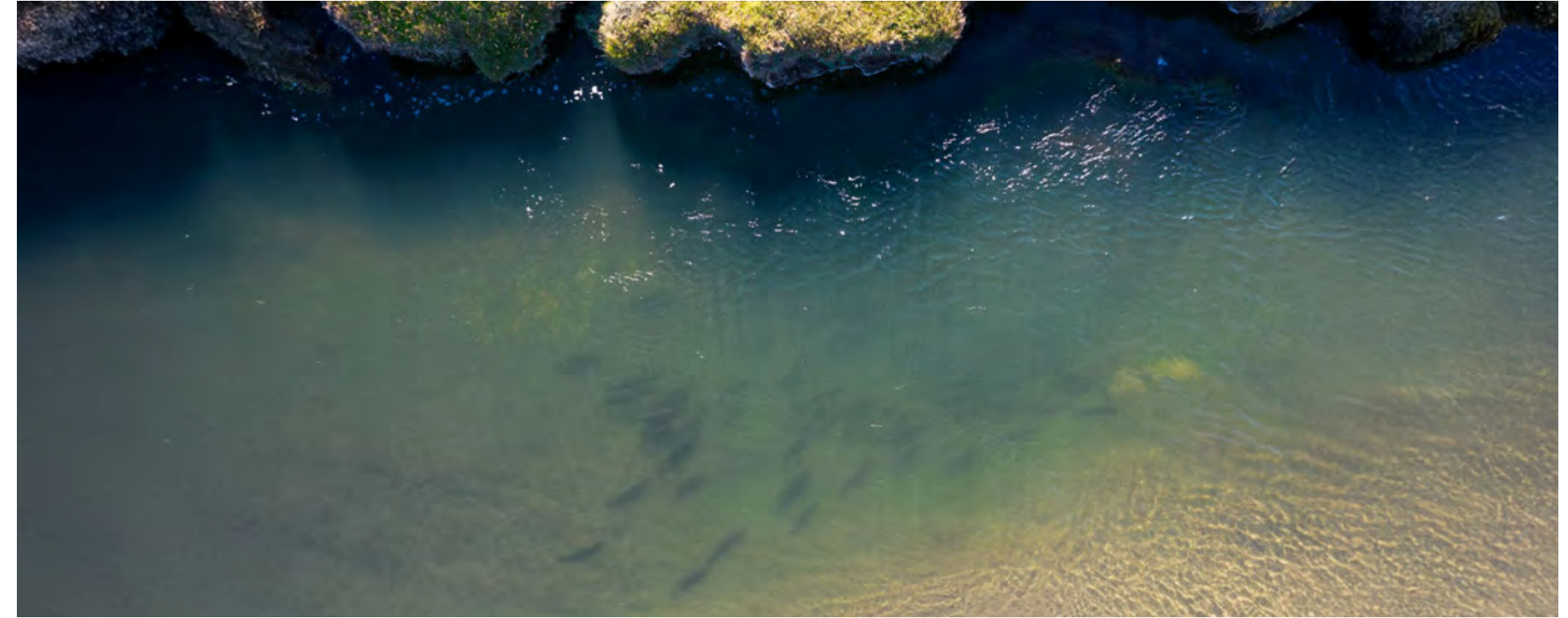
If the walls of this living room could talk, they would tell stories of hundreds of legendary sea-trout landed—and those that were lost.



LOCATION

Located in Tierra del Fuego, Kau Tapen sits on the banks of the Río Grande, the most productive sea-run brown trout fishery in the world. Since the opening of Kau Tapen Lodge in the early 1980s, the Río Grande has become a modern-day fisherman's Cinderella story. Over the last several decades, through controlled access and strict catch-and-release regulations, catch rates have improved significantly from the early days of the fishery. While success on the river always depends on factors such as ocean conditions, tides, water levels, and other natural variables, anglers continue to enjoy consistent opportunities to connect with these remarkable sea-run brown trout. The Río Grande remains widely regarded as the finest destination in the world for this species.

The Río Grande flows from west to east, beginning in the Andes and traveling approximately 60 miles through rolling Argentine territory before reaching the Atlantic Ocean. The landscape of Tierra del Fuego is reminiscent of Wyoming or the Scottish low country, with vast open wilderness, large sheep-farming estancias, and wild herds of llama-like guanacos. Red foxes are common, and magnificent condors can often be seen soaring overhead, adding to the remote beauty of this extraordinary region.



GETTING THERE

Kau Tapen Lodge weeks run from Saturday to Saturday.

Guests begin their journey by flying into Buenos Aires, with most arriving in the morning. We recommend that guests fly into Ushuaia (USH, 3-hour flight.) on Friday afternoon or evening and spend the night exploring this charming city, known for its superb culinary offerings. Convenient flights are available from both Jorge Newbery Aeroparque (AEP) and Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE), with several departures daily.

On Saturday morning, we will meet you at your Ushuaia hotel for the approximately 4-hour drive to Kau Tapen Lodge. Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed with refreshing cocktails and a delicious lunch, followed by an orientation by the Kau Tapen Lodge Manager. The afternoon will feature a warm-up session by the river. At the end of your week, you'll head back to the airport early on Saturday morning.

THE FISHING

At Kau Tapen, anglers pursue the world's largest sea-run brown trout—fish averaging 7 to 9 lbs, with many over 20 lbs and the occasional giant above 30. The lodge controls 25 km of private double-bank access on the Río Grande, plus 25 km on the Río Menéndez, its most productive tributary. Both rivers offer easy wading over fine gravel and a remarkable variety of water types.

The Río Grande is a medium-sized river that rewards precision and adaptability. One hour, a fish might take a deeply swung fly; the next, it could rise to a skated bomber in the surface film. The Menéndez, smaller and more intimate, calls for lighter tackle and delicate presentations—ideal for single-hand rods and technical fishing.

Conditions shift constantly with wind, light, and water levels, and success comes from reading the river. Guides—renowned for their skill and intuition—help anglers fine-tune every detail: fly choice, swing speed, angle, and depth.

In this ever-changing environment, every cast feels alive with possibility. It's a fishery that challenges and rewards in equal measure—where one perfect drift can deliver the trout of a lifetime.



In the heart of the Río Grande watershed, lie the best pools on the river, and the finest fish.



Kau Tapen Lodge enjoys 25 km of the middle stretch of the Río Grande, where some of the river's most beautiful, character-filled holding pools are found...



...the lodge also fishes 25 km of the Río Menéndez, the Río Grande's most important tributary. A small to medium-sized river, it is perfectly suited for light single-handed rods and is famous for producing some of the largest sea-run brown trout of the season.

Throughout the season, anglers have the chance to land both bright silver fish and beautifully colored ones. Colored males become more common during the months of March and April.



ESTIMATED DAILY ITINERARY

Guests will leave the Lodge around 6:45 am after breakfast and will fish till around noon. Following lunch and a siesta (the duration depends on the season), guests return to the river in the late afternoon and fish until dark.

Fishing hours will change slightly depending on the time of year, conditions of the river & weather. Upon your return to the lodge, dinner and cocktails will be served according to the season — typically around 11:30 p.m. in January and early February, and gradually earlier later in the season, between 10:00 and 11:30 p.m.

Dec / Jan & early Feb

- 6:00 am Breakfast
- 6:45 am Depart for fishing
- 12:30 pm Lunch and Siesta
- 6:00 pm Fish till dusk

Feb & early March

- 6:30 am Breakfast
- 7:15 am Depart for fishing
- 1:00 pm Lunch and Siesta
- 5:30 pm Fish till dusk

Early March & April

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 7:45 am Depart for fishing
- 1:15 pm Lunch and Siesta
- 5:00 pm Fish till dusk

RATES 2027

December 26th, 2026 - April 17th, 2027

Dec. 26th to Jan. 9th	\$ 13,950 *
Jan. 9th to Mar. 20th	\$ 14,950 *
Mar. 20th to Apr. 17th	\$ 12,950 *

* Rates are in USD per person per week, based on 7 nights and 6,5 days fishing, and include single room (subjected to availability) and shared guide.

* Saturday to Saturday weeks include:

CHOOSE 1 OPTION 1 – DELTA ECO-LODGE (Argentina)

1-night stay at Delta Eco-Lodge (shared rooms). 1 full day of guided dorado fishing (subject to availability; allocated on a first-come, first-served basis). Includes: lunch, dinner, breakfast, and open bar (beer, soft drinks and fine Argentine wines). Does not include: transfers from Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) to the marina, and from the marina to Aeroparque Domestic Airport (AEP). Transfers available based on a 2-person minimum at US\$200 per person

OR 2 – DOVE SHOOTING LODGES (Argentina & Uruguay)

2-night stay at any of our six dove shooting lodges (shared rooms), subject to availability on a first-come, first-served basis. Includes: breakfast, lunch, dinner, and open bar (beer, soft drinks and fine Argentine wines). Does not include: transfers to/from the nearest lodge's airport, hunting licenses, gun rental, & ammunition.

NON-ANGLER: \$650 per person per night

INCLUDED

Lodging; all meals and beverages (Open Bar); transfer from Río Grande airport to the lodge; professional guided Fishing; loaner fishing Equipment (rods, reels and lines).

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares; fishing license (\$550 approx. per angler); gratuities for guides and house staff; in-house laundry service; 1st night in Ushuaia or Rio Grande based on single occupancy, if needed. 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.

OUR OTHER SPORTING DESTINATIONS



Born of passion, backed by ownership.

With more than 30 family-owned, high-end sporting lodges across Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Mexico & The Bahamas, **The Kautapen Group** brings together a lifetime of experience dedicated to fly fishing, wingshooting, and big-game hunting. Through **Nervous Waters**, **David Denies Bird Hunting**, and **Red Stag Patagonia**, we deliver best-in-class guiding, authentic hospitality, and the consistency that comes only from operating our lodges under our own ownership and uncompromising standards. Each experience reflects our commitment to excellence, conservation, and the values that have guided our family for more than four decades.



NERVOUS WATERS

A Higher Form of Fishing

With 13 signature fly-fishing lodges and counting, Nervous Waters continues to expand into new horizons across Argentina, Chile, The Bahamas, and Mexico. Pursue sea-run browns, wild browns & rainbows, dorado, & other exotic freshwater species as well as the ultimate flats species—bonefish, permit, tarpon, & snook—guided by the most experienced teams in the field. Our lodges offer a level of service on par with the finest boutique hotels of the world, yet each shines with its own personality.



DAVID DENIES

A Higher Form of Wingshooting

Comprising 13 world-class lodges across Argentina & Uruguay, David Denies redefines the art of wingshooting. From high-volume dove and wild pigeon shooting in northern Argentina, to the fertile wetlands of Buenos Aires Province—where marshes and swamps fill with ducks in remarkable numbers—to the rolling pastures of Uruguay, home to the world's greatest concentration of hard-flying perdiz over pointing dogs, we deliver the ultimate wingshooter's paradise. All with a level of style, service, and attention to detail found nowhere else.



RED STAG PATAGONIA

A Higher Form of Hunting

Red Stag Patagonia sets the standard for authentic Big Game hunting in South America. Operating across Argentina and Chile, our carefully curated programs deliver truly wild, fair-chase hunts throughout the breathtaking peaks of Patagonia and the vast Argentine Pampas, targeting free-range red stag, axis deer, blackbuck, fallow deer, and other select game species. Whether you prefer spot-and-stalk, horseback pursuits, or vehicle-assisted outings, we tailor every experience to all skill levels—always providing the finest wild and fair-chase hunting adventures.



BEYOND SEA TROUT

For those visiting Argentina during the sea-trout season, there's much more to experience with [The Kautapen Group](#) and our sister brands [Nervous Waters Fly Fishing](#), [David Denies Bird Hunting](#) & [Red Stag Patagonia](#)—all sharing the same standard of service, guiding, and hospitality.

From January to April, northern Argentina offers exceptional fly fishing for golden dorado, pacú, and pirá pitá at lodges such as Pirá, Suindá, and Delta —each delivering a different facet of this unique species across the Iberá Marshlands and Paraná River system.

Farther south, Patagonia's trout season is in full swing, with superb dry-fly fishing for brown and rainbow trout at Futa and Chime Lodges, set against the dramatic backdrop of the Andes and Chilean valleys.

Meanwhile, central Argentina and Uruguay deliver the finest wingshooting with David Denies Bird Hunting—high-volume doves in Córdoba, Santiago del Estero, Tucumán, and Carmelo in Uruguay.

And if your travels bring you to Argentina in late March or April, keep in mind it's peak red stag season—an ideal time to experience our world-class big-game lodges.

Whichever path you choose, every destination within The Kautapen Group delivers the same attention to detail, authenticity, and excellence that define Kau Tapen and all our lodges.

THE SPORTSMAN'S SEASONAL CALENDAR

ARGENTINA, CHILE & URUGUAY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SEA-RUN BROWN TROUT	• •	• •	• •	•								•
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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
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