



NERVOUS WATERS
A HIGHER FORM OF FISHING

PIRÁ LODGE

IBERÁ MARSHLANDS, CORRIENTES, ARGENTINA





Built in 1999, Pira Lodge was architecturally designed to host fishing groups. Meticulously crafted to blend with the surrounding natural environment, it is strategically located to access the best waters the Iberá Marshes have to offer, with access to both the marsh and the Corriente River.

PIRÁ LODGE

In the search of gold

Golden dorado thrive in the Iberá Marshlands, and Pira Lodge puts you in the center of this exceptional fishery. Clear water, healthy structure, and constant movement make Iberá a rare place where sight-casting, hunting banks, and watching dorado crush a fly all come together in one system.

Since 1999, Pira has been the world's first lodge built exclusively for dorado on the fly—and remains the only destination where anglers chase them from state-of-the-art Hell's Bay skiffs, poling shallow channels, grass flats, and lagoons much like a saltwater fishery. When conditions allow, wading becomes an unforgettable part of the experience.

From the winding creeks of the Marsh to the fast, defined Headwaters and the broad Corriente River, each environment fishes differently. Streamers, mice, skaters, floating or sinking lines—every day brings fresh water and new opportunities.

Back at the lodge, the experience combines comfort, style, and a deep sense of place. Designed by leading architects and purpose-built for dorado anglers, Pira offers the highest level of accommodation in the dorado world—spacious rooms, thoughtfully designed common areas, refined cuisine, seamless service, curated loaner gear, and guides who know Iberá by heart. All of it set within a landscape alive with more than 350 bird species, capybara, caiman, and the constant movement that defines the Marsh. At Pira, world-class fishing and an extraordinary natural environment come together in one unmatched destination.

WHY CHOOSE PIRÁ LODGE?

- The world's first lodge (since 1999) built exclusively for fly fishing for golden dorado.
- Direct access to the Iberá Marshlands Provincial Reserve—nearly 3 million acres of protected, clear-water wilderness.
- The only dorado destination in the world where anglers fish from state-of-the-art Hell's Bay skiffs, just as on a saltwater flat.
- True poling and wading opportunities—rare in the freshwater dorado world.
- A dock just steps from your room, allowing guests to walk to the boats each day.

THE FISHERY

- Dorado in the 5–20+ lb range, with both resident and migratory fish throughout the season.
- Crystal-clear water that enables both blind and true sight-casting.
- Three distinct environments: the creeks and lagoons of the Marsh, the fast structure of the Headwaters, and the broad Corriente River flowing 150 miles to the Paraná.
- Multiple techniques: streamers, mice, skaters, floating/intermediate/sinking lines, swing presentations—and the option to spin fish when desired.
- A fishery alive with 350+ bird species, mammals, and constant movement—life surrounds every session on the water.



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

THE LODGE EXPERIENCE — WHERE PIRA SETS THE STANDARD

- Best-in-class accommodations for a dorado lodge, purpose-built by leading architects and designed for comfort, privacy, and space.
- Exceptional service delivered by a highly trained, attentive team that elevates every aspect of the stay.
- Refined cuisine with an à la carte menu, blending regional flavors with fresh ingredients and paired with an excellent selection of Argentine wines.
- A massage room/spa area for post-fishing recovery and relaxation.
- Beautiful saltwater swimming pool overlooking the wetlands.
- An elevated lookout overlooking the Marsh, the perfect place to light a fire and share a sunset toast after the evening fishing session—one of Pira's most memorable rituals.

ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES

- Private 5,000-ft grass airstrip for direct charter access.
- Local bilingual guides born and raised in Iberá, with unmatched knowledge of the Marsh and its dorado.
- Top-tier skiffs and curated loaner equipment available at no extra cost.
- Excellent non-angling activities: horseback riding, birdwatching, night wildlife outings, and stargazing in one of Argentina's clearest skies.
- A destination ideal for anglers, couples, and anyone seeking an elevated dorado experience in Argentina's most dynamic freshwater environment.





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, cool off in the outdoor saltwater swimming pool after a rewarding day of fishing, or unwind in the dedicated massage room available for guests.

- 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 saltwater pool for cooling off on hot days
- Wi-Fi and telephone available
- Gourmet dining with Argentina's famed beef and fine wines, traditional asados (BBQs), and delicious desserts served with a variety of local wines
- Maid and laundry service
- Fly shop fully equipped with flies, rods, reels, lines, and apparel — free loaner fly-fishing equipment included



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LOCATION

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The Iberá is a vast network of crystal-clear creeks, flowing rivers, shallow flats, and lakes. Almost completely uninhabited and largely unexplored, it remains one of the most pristine freshwater ecosystems in South America. More than 350 bird species—including parrots, Southern Screamers, kingfishers, ibis, and herons—share the wetlands with 85 mammals and nearly 70 reptile species, supported by extraordinary biomass and thriving vegetation.

During your stay, you may encounter capybara, river otters, yacaré (cayman), howler monkeys, and marsh deer. Guests interested in wildlife viewing or birdwatching can coordinate additional outings with the head guide upon arrival.

Comparable in size to Yellowstone National Park, the 3-million-acre Iberá Wetlands form one of the largest and most important freshwater reserves in the region. It serves as a crucial spawning ground for golden dorado and other native fish, while remaining a sanctuary of biodiversity—including remote areas where over 100 subsistence-living families still reside deep within the Marsh, largely unknown to the outside world.



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 flight 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 15 minute drive to the Lodge.



THE FISHING

Dorado fishing at Pira takes place in one of the planet's largest ecological reserves—an environment that is constantly shifting, alive, and full of movement. The Marsh is formed by floating grass islands, narrow creeks, lagoons, and flowing channels, while the Corriente River begins just downstream of the lodge. Together, they create two distinct watersheds that offer very different approaches to targeting dorado.

The intricate Marsh is a maze of clear, skinny water where dorado push in each year, hunting through streams, side channels, and shallow lagoons. Here, we typically fish from the bow of our Hell's Bay skiffs—one angler at a time—taking advantage of the structure and visibility that the Marsh provides. When water levels drop, wade-fishing opportunities can be excellent.

The Corriente River presents a completely different style of fishing: wider runs, defined banks, and deeper pools that are ideal for swinging or stripping streamers. Depending on water depth and speed, anglers rotate between floating, intermediate, and sinking lines. Average fish range from 4 to 8 pounds, with regular catches of 10+ pound dorado and fish exceeding 20 pounds each season. Mouse patterns, skaters, and a wide range of streamers all have their place in this diverse system. The surrounding wetlands are full of wildlife, making the experience as visually rich as it is productive.



At Pirá Lodge, depending on water levels, we fish mostly from the bow of the skiffs, though wading is also possible—especially on the river and in the headwaters where the marsh transitions into the Corriente River.



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.



DAILY ITINERARY

To avoid the midday heat, anglers generally depart the lodge around 8:00 a.m. or earlier. Guests return around 12:30 p.m. for lunch, a swim, or a drink by the pool, followed by a siesta. Afternoon departures usually take place around 4:30 p.m., with boats returning at dusk. Exact fishing hours vary slightly depending on the season.

For those interested in exploring beyond the fishing, a range of non-angling activities can be arranged with the head guide: horseback riding, birdwatching outings, snorkeling, and night excursions into the Marsh. The lodge's saltwater pool also offers a perfect place to relax and enjoy the Corrientes sun between sessions.

RATES 2026-27

All year round

7 Nights / 6 Days Fishing	\$ 7,950*
6 Nights / 5 Days Fishing	\$ 7,595*
5 Nights / 4 Days Fishing	\$ 6,495*
4 Nights / 3 Days Fishing	\$ 5,350*
3 Nights / 2 Days Fishing	\$ 4,050*

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

SINGLE ROOM & BOAT: 60% surcharge

FULL DAY BOAT: \$950 (up to 2 guests).

HALF DAY BOAT: \$750 (up to 2 guests)

SINGLE ROOM POLICY (Subject to Availability):

Single rooms may be requested in advance and are subject to availability. If confirmed, a USD \$100 per person, per night supplement will apply in addition to the base trip rate. This supplement is not included in the advertised price.

NON-ANGLER: \$650 per person per night

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 (\$100 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.

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 DORADO

For those visiting Argentina during the dorado 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.

In northern Argentina, dorado pairs naturally with other native freshwater species such as pacú and pirá pitá, available at Suindá and Karandá, each offering its own perspective on the Upper and Middle Paraná River. Meanwhile, the Delta near Buenos Aires provides a completely different warm-water environment—perfect for a short, easy add-on before or after Pira.

Farther south, sea-run brown trout season in Tierra del Fuego overlaps with much of the dorado calendar. Kau Tapen and Villa María offer access to the world's greatest sea-trout fishery on the Río Grande, while Patagonia's trout lodges—Futa and Chime—deliver outstanding dry-fly and streamer fishing for brown and rainbow trout throughout the summer months.

Beyond fishing, David Denies Bird Hunting offers the finest wingshooting in Argentina and Uruguay: high-volume doves, pigeons, perdiz, and duck hunting during the winter season—making it easy to blend dorado with a completely different sporting tradition.

For those interested in big game, Red Stag Patagonia provides free-range hunts across prime seasons: red stag and fallow deer from March to June, and axis deer, blackbuck, and wild boar from May through December—all in some of the continent's most striking landscapes.

Whichever direction you take, every destination within The Kautapen Group reflects the same attention to detail, authenticity, and excellence that define Pira Lodge 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	• •	• •	• •	•								•
DORADO	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •
TROUT	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •						• •	• •
DOVES	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •
DUCKS					• •	• •	• •	• •	•			
PERDÍZ					• •	• •	• •					
PIGEON				•	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•		
BLACKBUCK ANTELOPE					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•
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
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