

# David Denies

## BIRD HUNTING

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*Home to hunters who expect perfection*

ARGENTINA - URUGUAY

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CÓRDOBA LODGE



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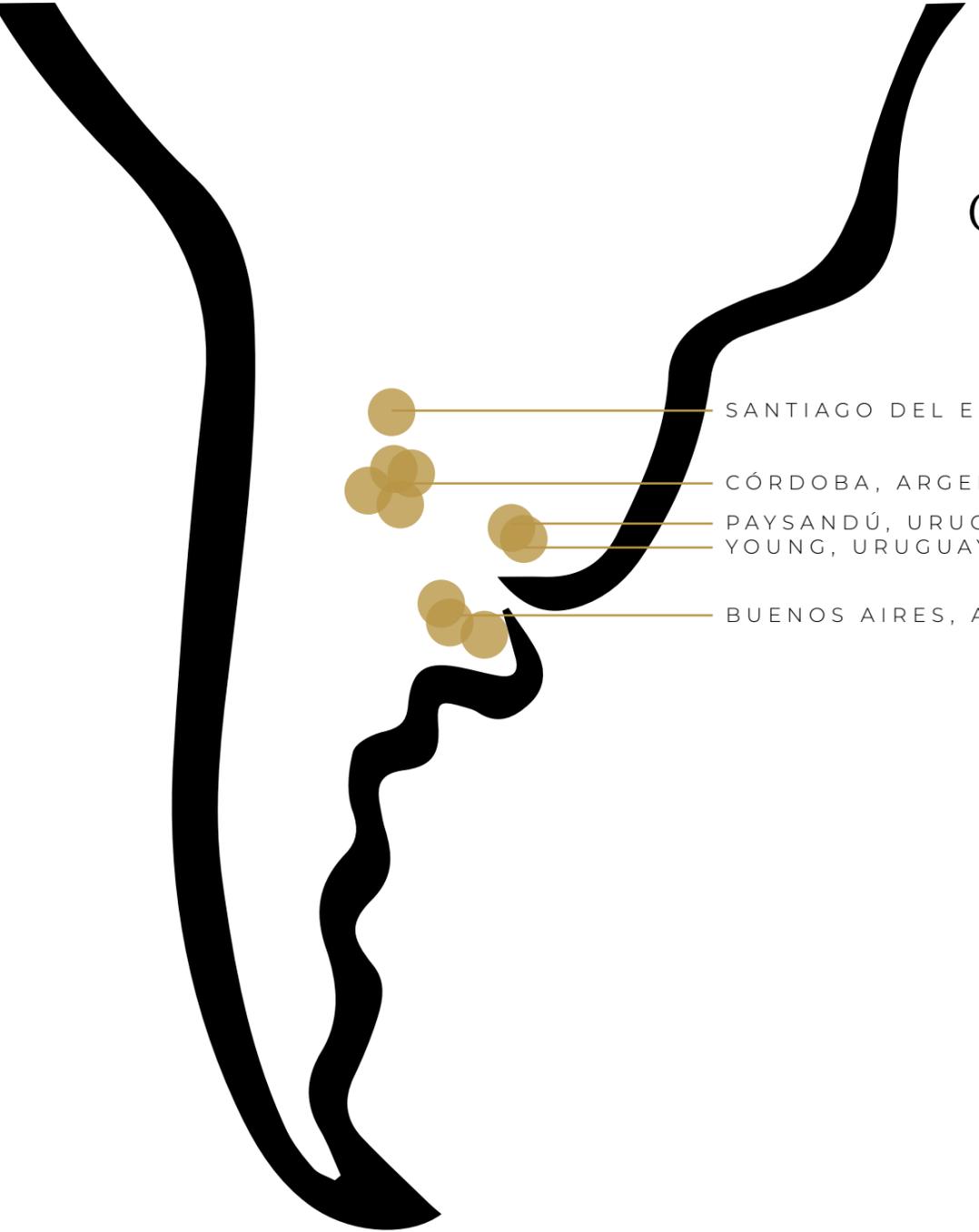
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URUGUAY LODGE



## OUR COLLECTION

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- SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO, ARGENTINA (4)
  - CÓRDOBA, ARGENTINA (1,2,3,5)
  - PAYSANDÚ, URUGUAY (9)
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### DOVE HUNTING

1. PICA ZURO LODGE
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9. SAN JUAN LODGE
10. URUGUAY LODGE

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### BIRD HUNTING

*Home to hunters who expect perfection*

Since 1982 it has been our privilege to welcome sportsmen to Argentina and Uruguay. From our world-renowned dove hunting in Córdoba, to ducks outside our capital, to mixed bag variety in Uruguay, we offer splendid sport, with private land, private lodges, and commitment to service and preparation unparalleled elsewhere in the sporting realm. We work tirelessly on every single detail because we want to let you focus only on what's important to you, hunting. That's why you come a long way, and we want you to have success.

Our Mission is to consider every single detail, both in the field and at the lodge, to ensure that your sole focus will be to reconnect with nature and enjoy what brings you to us: Great Hunting.

# WHY HUNT WITH US?

Thousands of discerning sportsmen have hunted with us time and time again—and they keep returning to enjoy our hospitality, hunting consistency, and high standards.

Don't take a chance with your hunting holiday—let us show you just how good a bird hunting trip can truly be!



## Our long history shapes a tradition to which our guests pay the highest compliment — they come back

- » We are pioneers of high-volume dove hunting and the first upmarket lodge in Córdoba, opening our doors in 1982
- » From modest beginnings, our unique offering has grown into the world's largest portfolio of lodges
- » Our standards of excellence — in sport and service — sets an impressive mark for loyalty: 73% of guests are return customers

## We have the biggest expanses of land which ensures the most varied hunting scenarios

- » We have focused on great hunting, and have put great lodges near great resources
- » Breadth of productive land exceeds any other in this area, envied world-wide for its bird hunting
- » The location of each of our lodges ensures short drives to the fields

## Experience unparalleled service and accommodations finely tuned for the hunter

- » Seasoned guides focus solely on your hunting experience
- » Every position — manager to housekeeper — is highly trained and attentive to the smallest detail to guarantee your personal comfort. Many of our staff has been with us twenty years or more—they'll welcome you on your next visit as well as on your first
- » We benchmark against fine hotels, but shape the offering to the unique needs of the hunter
- » Perfection needn't feel snobby; our lodges feel like a home away from home
- » Dining is a point of pride and universal guest praise; our a la carte menu rivals fine dining restaurants

## For those seeking the finest hunting experiences, there's no better value in the business

- » You have expectations for your trip; exceeding them is our promise to you
- » The standards we achieve daily in and around our lodges are not seen elsewhere in the sporting realm
- » We do charge a little more, but we deliver far much more

## Feel good about your hunt; we treasure the land and the communities we call home

- » We commit substantial financial support to protect these remarkable properties
- » Foundations like María de la Esperanza Mission receive our continuing support
- » More than 800 children per day eat at the six community centers we helped build
- » Our support provides health care services for the people in the remote areas of Córdoba

## Relax, you're in expert hands from the moment you leave home until you return to gather your mail

- » A smooth, worry-free trip is our sole focus; delays are nimbly handled, we will be there for you regardless the hour of arrival
- » Tailored packages are our specialty — travel accommodations, air bookings, charter flights and transfers, everything associated with your lodge week. Our Concierge Service is at your disposal
- » A friendly human voice will answer your call any time, day or night, no matter where you are in the world



ARGENTINA

## WE ARE CÓRDOBA

**D**avid Denies discovered a dove-hunting Mecca when he and his party happened upon Córdoba in 1982. More than 30 years later, David Denies Bird Hunting represents several preeminent hunting operations in a region that boasts annual returns of doves in the tens of millions. With over 250,000 acres under our control, diverse and customizable hunts await discerning hunters throughout the season.

We are Córdoba, and we look forward to showing you around our backyard.

### CÓRDOBA BY THE NUMBERS

- » **39** Years ago it all began
- » **72** Families working with us
- » **4** Lodges
- » **1** New a la carte menu every night
- » **204** Rental guns
- » **250,000** Acres of available hunting
- » **94** Parker points for one of the many top-scoring wines we pour at dinner
- » **400** Thread-count linens
- » **54** Million doves [\*estimated]
- » **3** Hot tubs and **1** lap pool
- » **4** Gauges of shot gun shells, in **9** varieties
- » **950** Needy children given shelter and a hot meal daily
- » **4** Million shells shot each year
- » **1** Full-time gunsmith
- » **73%** of our hunting guests return annually
- » **1** Mobile hospital for the under-privileged, supervised by Sister Theresa

These are all things we can quantify. We also count shells by the box, calculate drive times to the minute, and stockpile fine wines by the case. (Our lodge cellars hold some of South America's best, and we're not shy about having our guests enjoy them.) It takes great organization to make a great organization. And while we are on top of the details, we don't keep track of the laughs, smiles, hand-shakes, or thank you's. But there are plenty. We cherish living, working, and hunting in this extraordinary part of the world. We are here, we are local, and we are Córdoba.

# PICA ZURO

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## LODGE

### LOCATION

Córdoba Province, Central Argentina

### SPECIES

Doves

### SEASON

All year round

### CAPACITY

15 guns

### ACCOMMODATIONS

5 double rooms and 5 single rooms,  
each with private bathroom

Despite its stately 19th century facade, Pica Zuro is a modern launch pad for dove hunters. It's grand, it's comfortable, and it's close to the doves. Each day, hunters leave the pastoral setting of the lodge and move to the hills and fields, where doves fly in spectacular numbers. Upon returning to the lodge, our skilled chef assures that meals are fit for a king. Pica Zuro's staff—including guides and tenured field assistants—see to every detail, so your focus remains down the rib of your gun.









## WHY CHOOSE PICA ZURO LODGE

- » Branded by David Denies, the pioneer of dove hunting in Argentina since 1984.
- » Stylish refurbished 19th century estate, with high ceilings, spacious rooms, and marble-accented baths. All amenities are 5-Star.
- » Pica Zuro for twenty years has set the benchmark for others to follow.
- » Daily à la carte menu, premium wine selection, and open bar are all-inclusive.
- » Game room, outdoor hot tub, lap pool, dry sauna, and massage room.
- » Outdoor fire pit for afternoon and evening relaxation.
- » Ideal for large groups (up to 15 guests), couples, and corporate trips—expect great value without sacrificing comfort.
- » More than 250,000 acres of land means that we hunt a mix of steep hills, sunflower fields, creeks beds, and sorghum plots so you can enjoy variety and quality hunting year round.
- » Ideally located for shorter drives to the best shooting grounds.
- » Safari-style tented lunch in the field assures a full day of hunting and no time lost driving to and from the lodge.
- » Personalized service: from welcome drinks every day and cool towels in the field to turn down service at night, and a steadfast commitment to local communities, we have redefined the meaning of “customized”—for the better.

# LA DORMIDA

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## LODGE

It's not fair to play favorites. But while we love all our lodges, clients often tell us La Dormida is theirs. Maybe it's the dusk-to-dawn dove flights, where birds cross the landscape daily—in waves measured in miles. Or perhaps it's short drives to the rolling hills. Or the opulent field lunches served under the shade of canvas. It might also be the lodge itself, which is a near perfect manifestation of a sporting retreat—built from the ground up to accommodate only dove hunters. Or it could be the meals—dinners and desserts that guests often photograph with their phones. It could be that, too. Whatever it is, you ought to see it for yourself.

### LOCATION

Córdoba Province, Central Argentina

### SPECIES

Doves

### SEASON

All year round

### CAPACITY

14 guns

### ACCOMMODATIONS

5 double rooms and 4 single rooms, each with private bathroom









## WHY CHOOSE LA DORMIDA LODGE

- » A custom-built, modern lodge with premium amenities and single rooms by default.
- » La Dormida enjoys one of the highest rates of return in the hunting industry. Our guests keep coming back, they tell us, for the great hunting and stylish living.
- » Massage room, outdoor plunge pool, and fire pit.
- » Ideal for small groups or families.
- » Daily à la carte menu. Premium wines and open bar, included.
- » Guide/host Joaquin Dartiguelongue and his wife have provided guests great hunting opportunities and gracious hospitality for the past 10 years.
- » Hunting access to more than 250,000 acres ensures year-round variety and quality.
- » Brought to you by David Denies, who's been pioneering dove hunting in Argentina since 1984.

# CÓRDOBA

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## LODGE

Stemming from a longstanding tradition of dove hunting excellence, Córdoba Lodge is the newest addition to our fine portfolio of Bird Hunting Lodges. Córdoba Lodge was created with a specific purpose—to offer exclusive accommodation for larger groups of up to 14 or more hunters in a lodge they can call their own. The more hunters in the group, the lower the per gun cost. Dove hunting families, friends or corporate groups can “move in” to Córdoba Lodge and call it home as they enjoy an exclusive hunting adventure in a relaxed atmosphere. Offering unbeatable hunting, Córdoba Lodge sets a new standard for affordable, enjoyable sport.

### LOCATION

Córdoba Province, Central Argentina

### SPECIES

Doves

### SEASON

All year round

### CAPACITY

16 guns

### ACCOMMODATIONS

8 double rooms, each with private bathroom









## WHY CHOOSE CÓRDOBA LODGE

- » Branded by David Denies Bird Hunting, the pioneers of dove hunting in Argentina since 1984.
- » Just a tiny step down from luxurious La Dormida and Pica Zuro, Córdoba Lodge provides great value.
- » Ideal for a Large group of hunters or one or two families, a total of 10 rooms comfortably accommodates a maximum of 20 guests.
- » Outdoor hot tub and fire pit, and a great cellar for wine tastings.
- » All inclusive bar and great Argentine menu; great field barbecues.
- » More than 250,000 acres of land means that you will shoot a challenging mix of steep hills, sunflower fields, creeks beds, and sorghum acreage, so you can enjoy variety and quality hunting year round.
- » Ideally located for shorter drives to the best hunting grounds.
- » Safari-style tented lunch in the field assures a full day of hunting and no time lost driving to and from the lodge

# SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO

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## LODGE

**I**t gives us great pleasure to introduce Santiago del Estero Lodge, located in the province of the same name, this is a new frontier in dove and pigeon shooting, in an unpressured, rural area where the local folks are happy to make your acquaintance, where the pace of life is still tied to the land, and where the doves and pigeons can at times literally darken the sky.

Here we have rebuilt a home of great consequence, a Spanish-styled manse, with sprawling courtyards, which lends rural elegance to the exciting shooting at hand. You will find the lodge elegant but not stilted, the service sharp but not bothersome, and the dining and amenities uniformly terrific. And all this as a framework for some of the greatest dove and pigeon shooting to be found in South America.

**LOCATION:** Santiago del Estero Province, Northern Argentina

**SPECIES:** Doves & Pigeon

**SEASON:**  
Doves – All year round  
Pigeon – April 15th until October 15th

**CAPACITY:** 14 guns

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** 5 single rooms and 3 ensuite rooms w/private bathroom, and 6 single rooms with shared bathroom.









## WHY CHOOSE SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO LODGE

- » Offers some of the very best high-volume dove shooting in the country combining short drives with great accommodations & service.
- » Ideal for large groups of up to 17 guests. The grand house can welcome couples, families, corporate parties or a group of friends.
- » The facilities and amenities at the lodge are without peer in the shooting world, featuring a private billiards room, an outdoor heated plunge pool, gym and massage room, wine cellar and TV room.
- » Ideally located for shorter drives to the best shooting grounds. 15-30 min' drive on average all year round.
- » No hunting pressure.
- » Memorable service: from welcome drinks every day and cool towels in the field to turn down service at night, we have redefined the meaning of "service".
- » Excellent option for combining doves & pigeons on the same trip.
- » When conditions are favorable, you may also have the possibility to add duck hunting to your stay during the winter months (May – August).

# LA TORCAZA

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## LODGE

### LOCATION

Córdoba Province, Central Argentina

### SPECIES

Pigeon

### SEASON

May 1st - September 15th

### CAPACITY

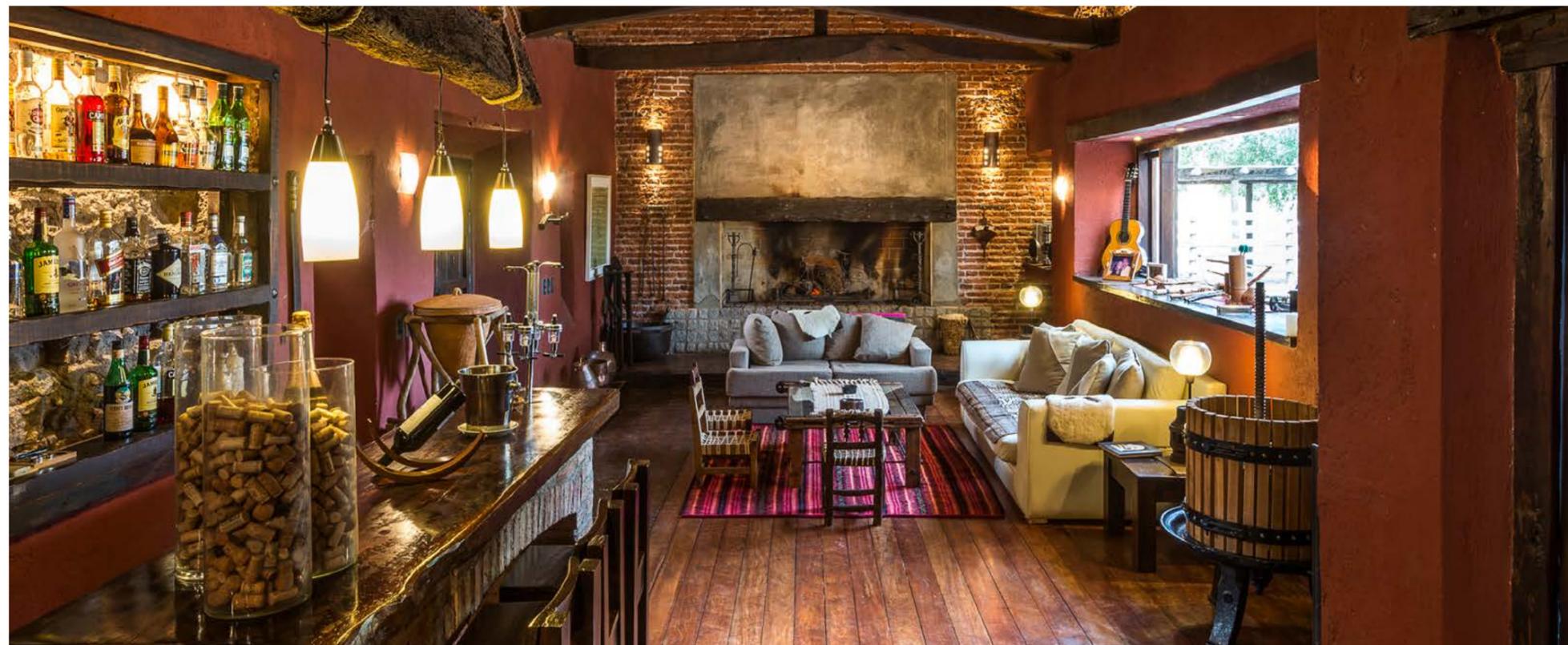
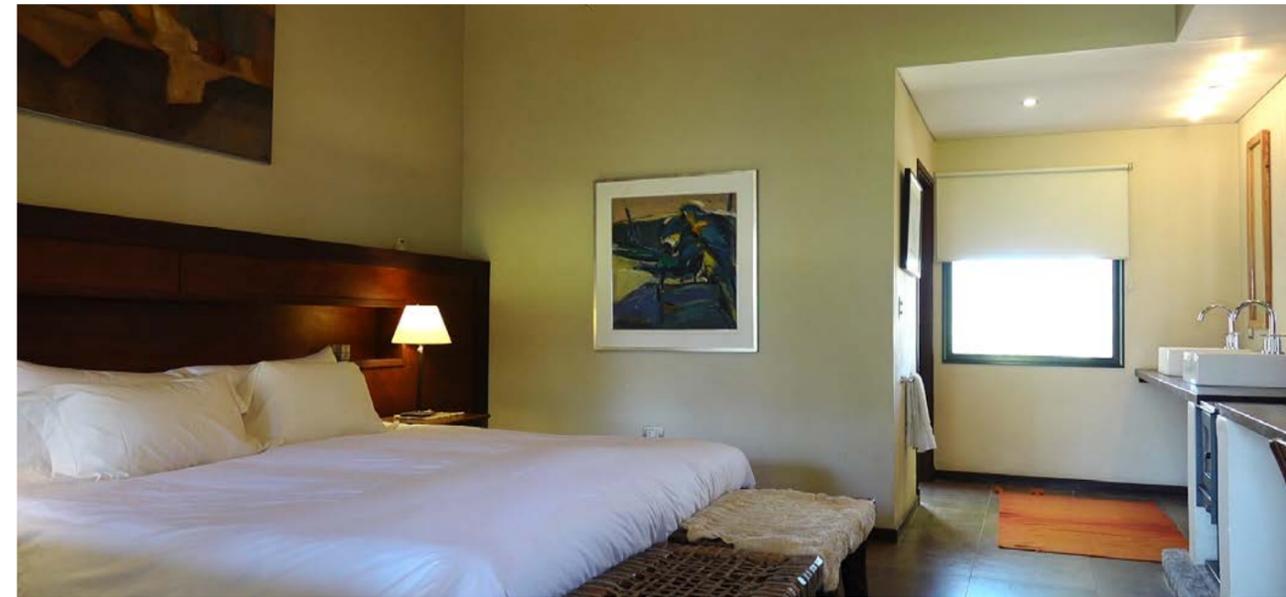
10 guns

### ACCOMMODATIONS

1 double room and 8 single rooms,  
each with private bathroom

**W**e have always said there is sport and then... there is sport done right. At La Torcaza, pigeon hunting takes place the way it's supposed to, with blinds and decoys and skilled scouting endeavors to ensure success. But doing it right doesn't mean stuffy. This is hot-barrel pigeon hunting—and you'd better be ready for it. After the smoke settles you have La Torcaza itself, a 17th century estancia and vineyard, with meals right off the pages of gourmet magazines. The combination is virtually guaranteed to satiate all comers.









## WHY CHOOSE LA TORCAZA LODGE

- » A 17th-century Jesuit estancia with its own olive oil factory and winery, and where 7,000 head of cattle graze freely alongside Peruvian horses. This majestic private ranch is a true jewel located only 1 hour and 45 minutes from the Córdoba airport.
- » The only dedicated decoyed pigeon lodge in Argentina, complete with modern equipment and guides trained in all the nuances of pigeon hunting.
- » 10 rooms, so single stays are the norm.
- » Convenient access and short drives to the action, some of which takes place in our own olive groves—a most memorable experience!
- » À la carte menu, open bar, and plenty of public areas to relax.
- » Spectacular Argentine barbecues make lunches a highlight.
- » Two species of fast-flying wild pigeons: white spotted-wing and Pica Zuro pigeons.
- » La Torcaza hunts can easily be combined with additional hunting at any one of our nearby dove retreats

# JACANA

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## LODGE

### LOCATION

Lincoln, Buenos Aires, Argentina

### SPECIES

Ducks

### SEASON

May 1st - July

### CAPACITY

8 guns

### ACCOMMODATIONS

5 double rooms each with private bathroom

Jacana Lodge, located outside Buenos Aires near Lincoln, was envisioned by passionate duck hunters who said, “What if we built the best duck hunt ever?” And then we did. At Jacana, exceptional duck hunting is a season-long focus, where we hunt ducks twice daily, over decoys, from dry blinds. To say that the hunting is productive is trite. It’s exciting, it’s unique, it’s a North American duck hunt x10—every day. Aside from thirteen unique species of ducks, the lodge is a home away from home, with stylish living spaces, and excellent food and wine.









## WHY CHOOSE JACANA LODGE

- » Since 2001, our flagship duck-hunting lodge remains No. 1 in South America.
- » Only a three-and-a-half hour drive from the international airport, the best duck hunting in Argentina surrounds Jacana.
- » Ducks in the morning and afternoon, short drives, comfortable blinds, and professional guiding by our partner and Lodge Manager, Charlie Lanusse.
- » Luxurious living, à la carte menu, massage service, and open bar with imported spirits and the best Argentine wines. Like all David Denies lodges, every year we seek to improve perfection.
- » If you are a duck hunter, this lodge should be at the top of your bucket list with more than 100 blinds well distributed throughout a huge hunting area.
- » We provide guns and waders so pack light, shorter stays can be accommodated and it is ideal for a combination trips to Córdoba, or any other hunting location.

# LOS PICAZOS

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## LODGE

### LOCATION

Roque Perez, Buenos Aires, Argentina

### SPECIES

Ducks

### SEASON

May 1st - July

### CAPACITY

6 guns

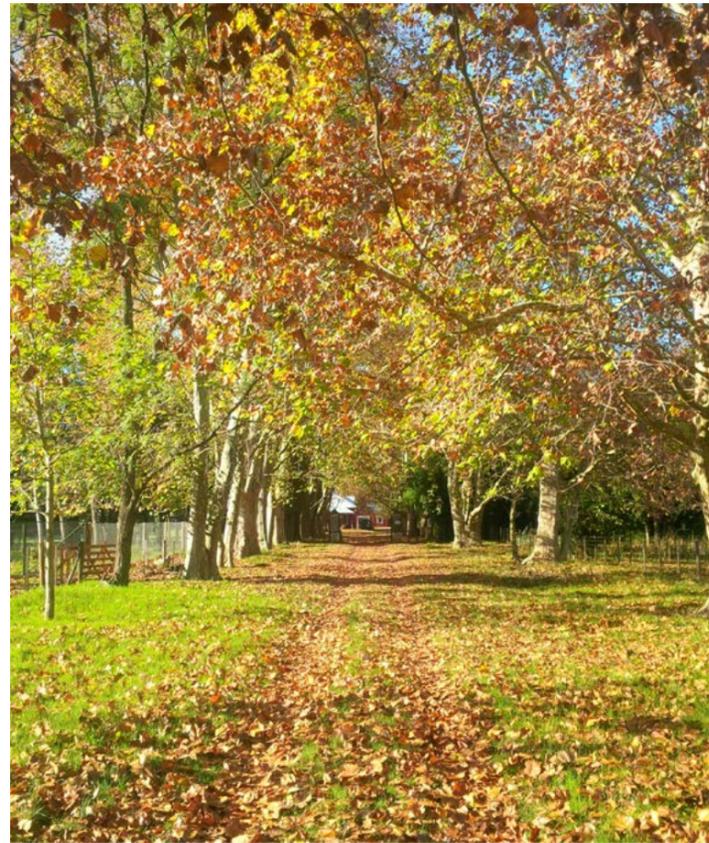
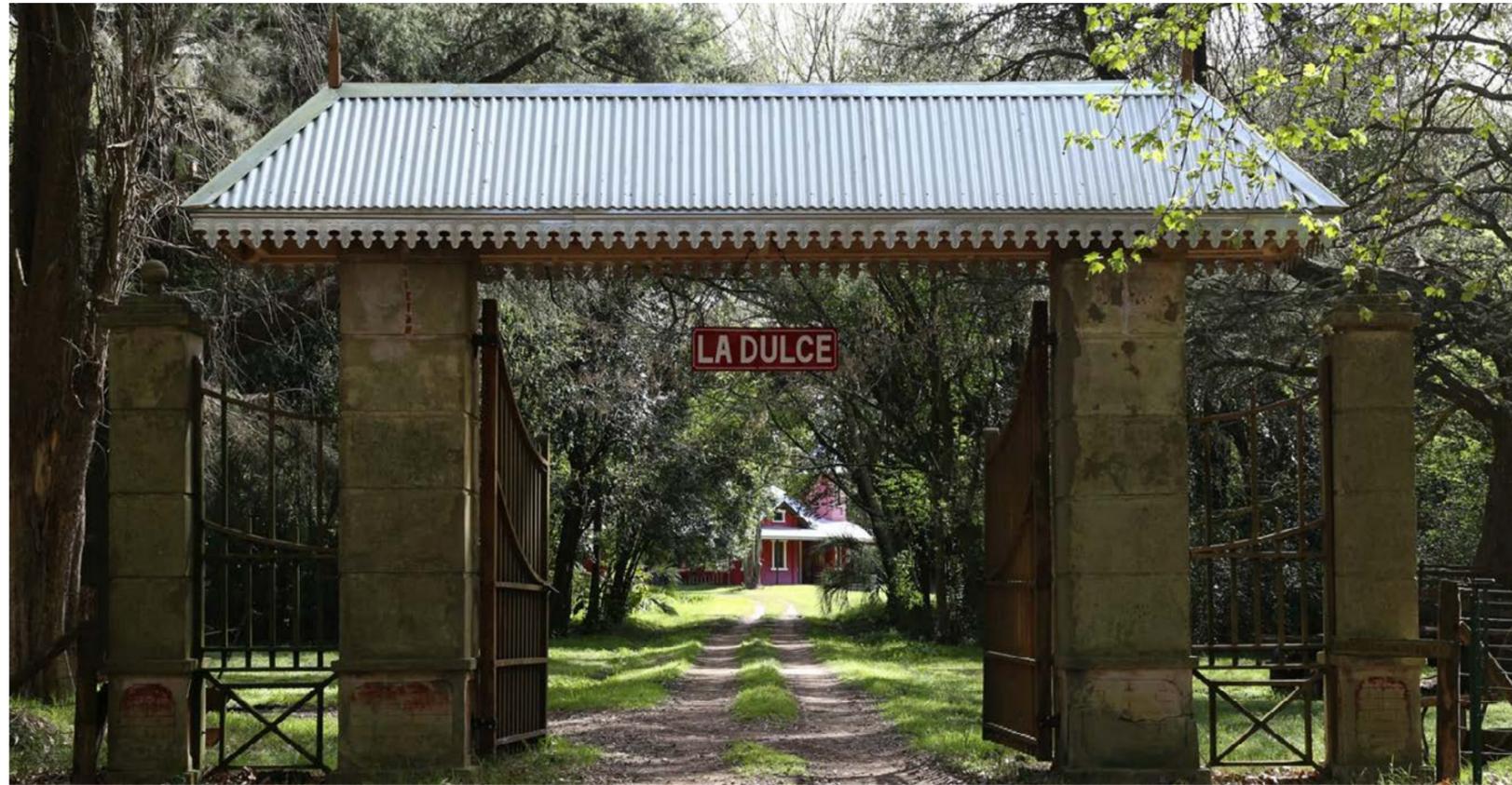
### ACCOMMODATIONS

2 double rooms and 2 single rooms,  
each with private bathroom

**W**hile Jacana has endured as a legendary location to hunt all of Argentina's most popular duck species, it is filled to capacity each season, and especially in the tail wash of the pandemic, there is even more demand for exciting duck hunting. Los Picazos will fill that void.

Duck hunting at Los Picazos will include all of the tools and amenities you'd expect at a fine duck club in North America. The program offers wonderful blinds, good decoys and all the equipment needed to move hunters speedily and happily from lodge to hunt and back again. At Los Picazos, duck hunting is the only thing on the menu- you'll duck hunt in the morning, take a break at midday and be back out at a new location each afternoon.









## WHY CHOOSE LOS PICAZOS LODGE

- » Dynamic duck area along the Rio Salado close to the Roque Perez agricultural town- which is one of Argentina's main migration corridors.
- » Just two hours or less from the international airport.
- » Full days of duck hunting, with short drives, dry blinds and great guides, managed by long-time guide Charlie Lanusse.
- » Luxurious living at the Los Picazos Lodge in sprawling and fully restored Argentine ranch home that offers large galleries overlooking park-like grounds, fireplaces and large living areas, plus 4 bedrooms each with private bath.
- » More than 50 blinds, well distributed throughout a huge and completely private hunting area.
- » The lodge can provide guns and waders so you can pack light, we can accommodate any length of stay.
- » It is ideal for combination trips to Córdoba (dove & pigeon shoots), or any of our other hunting and fishing locations.

# DUCK SPECIES

you will encounter in Argentina

## SILVER TEAL

PATO CAPUCCINO

*Anas Versicolor* (31 cm)



The Silver Teal's range includes southern Bolivia, southern Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands, and the Falkland Islands. The southernmost birds migrate to southern Brazil in the winter.

Silver Teals are generally placid ducks but are protective of eggs, their young, and females. They have a black cap that extends below the eyes, and a bluish bill with a yellow tip. They also have a green speculum with a white border.

## WHITE-FACED WHISTLING DUCK

SIRI PAMPA

*Dendrocygna Viduata* (38 cm)

The White-faced Whistling Duck is a whistling duck that breeds in sub-Saharan Africa and much of South America. This species is gregarious and, at favored sites, flocks of a thousand or more birds show at dawn and are an impressive sight. As the name implies, these are noisy birds with a clear three-note whistle.

These ducks have long grey bills, long heads, and longish legs. They have white faces and crowns, and black rear heads. The back and wings are dark brown to black, and the underparts are black—although the flanks have fine white barring. The neck is chestnut. All plumages are similar, except juveniles have a much less contrasted head pattern.

Habitat consists of freshwater lakes or reservoirs, with plentiful vegetation where this duck feeds on seeds and other plant food. These abundant ducks are largely resident, apart from localized movements of up to 100 km or more. They nest on a stick platform near the ground, and lay 8 to 12 eggs. Trees are occasionally used for nesting.

## CINNAMON TEAL

PATO COLORADO

*Anas Cyanoptera* (33 cm)

The Cinnamon Teal is a small reddish dabbling duck found in the marshes and ponds of western North and South America.

Adult males have a cinnamon-red head, a brown back, red eyes, and a dark bill. Adult females have mottled brown bodies, a pale brown head, brown eyes, and a grey bill. They are similar in appearance to female Blue-winged Teals; however, their overall color is richer, and the lore spot, eye line, and eye ring are less distinct. Their bill is also longer and flatter. Male juveniles resemble female Cinnamon or Blue-winged teals, but their eyes are red.

These dabbling ducks survive on plants, although their diet may include mollusks and aquatic insects.

## ROSY-BILLED POCHARD

PATO PICAZO

*Netta Peposaca* (47 cm)

The Rosy-billed Pochard comes from the species *peposaca*—derived from a Guaraní word for “showy wings.” The wings feature a broad white stripe that is only visible when stretched out. Male ducks have a distinctive red bill, while the female's is slate-colored. Though classified as a diving duck, this pochard feeds more like a dabbling duck. The Rosy-bill is genetically linked to the Canvasback and the females of both species are virtually identical. The drakes are adorned in shades of black and white, with a flaming red bill featuring a fleshy knob at the base.

The Rosy-billed Pochard is endemic to South America. The population in southern Argentina migrates northward during the austral winter, reaching Brazil and southern Bolivia. It is a vagrant to the Falkland Islands.

## BLACK-HEADED DUCK

PATO CABEZA NEGRA

*Heteronetta Atricapilla* (34 cm)



The Black-headed Duck of South America resembles a typical diving duck—the product of convergent evolution in the ancestors of the stiff-tailed ducks. Males have black heads and mantles and paler flanks and bellies. Females are pale brown overall.

They inhabit swamps, lakes, and marshes, and dabble on water plants and insects. The females lay eggs in the nests of other birds, earning them the nickname “Cuckoo Duck.” Hosts include the Rosy-billed Pochard, as well as other ducks, coots, gulls, and birds of prey. After a 21-day incubation period, ducklings fledge after a few hours before leaving their broodmates and fending for themselves.

## SPECKLED TEAL

PATO BARCINO

*Anas Flavirostris* (33 cm)



Similar to other teal, Speckled Teals belong to the diverse genus *Anas*. More precisely, they are one of the “true” teals of subgenus *Nettion*.

Their DNA sequence is similar to the Green-winged Teal—although the two species share little outward resemblance. Apart from its relationship with red-and-green headed teals, Speckled Teals closely resemble Indian Ocean Teals. But their uni-colored underside and namesake bill are unique.

## RED SHOVELER

PATO CUCHARA

*Anas Platalea* (36 cm)



The Red Shoveler is found in southern South America, Argentina, southern Peru, southern Bolivia, Uruguay, Paraguay, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands, southern Brazil, and Chile. In winter the southernmost birds migrate north to Brazil and Peru.

The Red Shoveler is cinnamon in color with dark spots and a green speculum. The head and neck are grayish. They have a large dark spatula-shaped bill.

## RINGED TEAL

PATO DE COLLAR

*Callonetta Leucophys* (28 cm)



The Ringed Teal is a small duck found in South American forests. It is the only species of the genus *Callonetta*. Usually categorized with dabbling ducks (*Anatinae*), this species may be closer to shelducks and belong to the subfamily *Tadorninae*. The Maned Duck is believed to be a close relative.

Males and females remain colorful through the year, lacking an eclipse plumage. The drake has a rich chestnut back, pale grey flanks, and a salmon-colored breast with black speckles. A black band runs from the top of its head down to the nape. Females have an olive-brownish back with the head blotched and striated in white, with penciled barring on a pale chest and belly. Both have dark tails, a contrasting pale rump, and a distinctive white patch on the wing. Bills are grey and legs and feet are pink in both sexes. Pairs easily bond. Their calls are a cat-like “meowing” in ducks, a lingering “peewoo” in drakes.

## SOUTHERN WIGEON

PATO OVERO

*Anas Sibilatrix* (45 cm)

The Southern Wigeon is one of three species of wigeon in the dabbling duck genus *Anas*. Unlike other wigeons, the sexes appear similar (although drakes are slightly brighter) and pairs are monogamous. This bird has a metallic green head, and a gray bill with a black tip. Its breast is barred black-and-white and its sides are orange-brown. It has white cheeks, a white forehead, and white on its wings.

These ducks are found in southern South America on freshwater lakes, marshes, lagoons, and slow flowing rivers. They breed in the Falkland Islands, Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile, and migrate to southeastern Brazil for winter.



## YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL

PATO MAICERO

Anas Georgica (39 cm)

The Yellow-billed Pintail has a brown head and neck. Their bills are yellow with a black tip and black stripe down the middle. The tail is brownish and pointed. The upper wing is grayish-brown, and the secondaries are blackish-green. The rest of the body is buffish-brown, with varying size black spots. The species is sometimes confused with Speckled Teal, but can be differentiated by yellow stripes on the bill and its larger size.

Females hide their nests in vegetation close to water and lay 4 to 10 eggs in a clutch.



## FULVOUS WHISTLING DUCK

SIRI COLORADO

Dendrocygna Bicolor (38 cm)

The Fulvous Whistling Duck is one of the most widespread waterfowl species in the world. It breeds across tropical regions such as Central and South America and north to the Gulf Coast of the U.S.

Although they are common, they are also considered wary. They are largely resident, apart from local movements, but vagrancy has occurred to southern Europe. They nest on stick platforms in reeds, laying 8 to 12 eggs—but hollow trees or old bird nests are occasionally used. Habitat includes freshwater lakes, paddy fields, and reservoirs with plentiful vegetation, where they feed nocturnally on seeds and other plant parts.

Fulvous Whistling Ducks have long grey bills and long heads and legs. The head and underparts are buff, and wings are dark grey and back. Tail and wing patches are chestnut, and there is a white crescent on the upper tail, which is visible in flight. All plumages are similar, except for juveniles with less contrasted flank and tail coloration. This species is gregarious, and forms large flocks at favored sites. As the name implies, these are noisy birds with a clear whistling “kee-wee-ooo” call.



## WHITE CHEEKED PINTAIL

PATO GARGANTILLA

Anas Bahamensis (35 cm)

The White Cheeked Pintail or Bahama Pintail is a dabbling duck of the Caribbean, South America, and the Galápagos Islands.

This is the court jester of South American ducks, with a bright, showy costume. Their overall color is cinnamon, but the body features a creamy white trim that extends from low on the throat to the base of a red bill, all edged in turquoise iridescence. Wings are blackish, with a green speculum that contrasts with the red bill.

White Cheeked Pintails are dabblers, feeding on aquatic plants and small invertebrates. Nesting occurs on the ground under vegetation and near water. They are found on waters with a degree of salinity: such as brackish lakes, estuaries, and mangrove swamps.



## BRAZILIAN DUCK OR TEAL

PATO CUTIRI

Amazonetta Brasilensis (35 cm)

The Brazilian Teal or Brazilian Duck is the only duck in the genus Amazonetta. It was formerly considered a perching duck. Today it is believed to belong to a clade of South American dabbling ducks, which includes the Crested Duck and the Bronze-winged Duck.

The ducks are light brown. Drakes can be distinguished from females by their red beaks and legs, and the distinctive pale grey area on the side of the head and neck. Female limbs are much duller in color.

Brazilian Teal live in pairs or in small groups of up to 20 birds. Both parents look after their hatchlings. They eat seeds, fruits, roots, and insects—while ducklings eat only insects.

They can be found throughout South America. Their preferred habitat consists of freshwater away from the coast, with dense vegetation nearby.



**FEED THE DUCKS. TO YOUR FAMILY.**

**YETI COOLERS ARE BUILT TO BE INDESTRUCTIBLE AND KEEP ICE FOR DAYS.  
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BRINGING DINNER HOME THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY. BUILT FOR THE WILD.**

# LOS CRESTONES

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## LODGE

**LOCATION:** Castelli, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina

**SPECIES:**  
Birds – Duck, Perdiz & Dove  
Big Game – Black Buck Antelope, Axis Deer & Wild boar

**SEASON:**  
Birds – May until July  
Big Game – May until September

**CAPACITY:** 10 guns

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** 9 single rooms each with private bathroom

A sophisticated and luxurious estancia situated on 60 hectares of a pristine Argentine woodland preserve along the Salado River. Especially for those who appreciate shooting behind fine gun dogs, Los Crestones is special.

In addition to world class wingshooting, Los Crestones also offers big game hunting, on it's nearby rangeland, that is teeming with wild axis deer, elegant blackbuck and other big game hunting opportunities.

At Los Crestones we believe we have created a unique opportunity– offering a truly wild mixed bag hunt, supported by a talented and knowledgeable staff and great working dogs, all within a short drive from the international airport.









## WHY CHOOSE LOS CRESTONES LODGE

- » Strategically located near Buenos Aires, true mixed-bag bird hunting with the addition of big game hunting.
- » A 19th century estate refurbished with the comforts of a 5-Star hotel.
- » Single rooms, game and TV room and plenty of space to relax.
- » Conveniently located only 2 hours from the international airport.
- » Hunt duck in the morning with our professional guides and their retrievers, come back for lunch and after a short siesta, spend your afternoon hunting perdiz over pointers, or doves at our nearby roost.
- » Axis Deer and Black Buck Hunting Gun or Archery —our guides excel at both.
- » Gourmet food and fine wines are treasured traditions at all David Denies lodges. Los Crestones is the favorite place for families, corporate trips, and royalty!
- » We provide guns and waders so pack light, shorter stays can be accommodated, and Los Crestones is ideal for combination trips to Córdoba, or any other hunting location.

# SAN JUAN

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## LODGE

Whether by design or chance, San Juan is the epicenter of a shooting resource desired by almost every sportsman that has cradled a shotgun—a splendid mixed-bag location, where perdiz, pigeons and dove fields are linked to smart accommodations by short drives on good roads. Teeming with perdiz, pigeon, and doves, the region offers the ultimate Uruguayan mixed-bag, where you'll perfect the art of hunting several species throughout the day. Add to this variety genteel country living, warm personalized service, and delightful daily menus, and you can appreciate the joy of San Juan. Your hosts are Bernardo and Mercedes Barran, who've greeted wingshooters with enthusiasm and grace for two decades.

### LOCATION

Paysandú, Northwest Uruguay

### SPECIES

Perdiz, Pigeon & Doves

### SEASON

Perdiz – May until July

Doves & Pigeons – January until August

### CAPACITY

10 guns

### ACCOMMODATIONS

5 double rooms each with private bathroom









## WHY CHOOSE SAN JUAN LODGE

- » Our partner—and your host—the Barran family has more than 25 years of experience bird hunting in Uruguay. This is a true family operated lodge in every way!
- » Easy logistics. Fly to Montevideo or Buenos Aires. From those gateways, there are plenty of options to and from lodge, including short drives and private charters.
- » A true mixed bag in friendly Uruguay. Alternate between pigeon and perdiz each morning and experience awesome dove hunting minutes away from the lodge every afternoon.
- » Outstanding hunting logistics for all 3 species. From 5- to 45-minute drives.
- » The best perdiz hunting in South America, and pointing dogs without peer, trained by expert dog trainer and co-owner Bernardo Barrán. More than 20 years experience training dogs, with more than 18 dogs available for your hunts.
- » Five en suite bedrooms, exquisite “game” menu and great wines.
- » The biggest dove roost in all of Uruguay just minutes away from the main lodge.
- » Lodge is ideal for small parties or families up to 10 guests.

# URUGUAY

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## LODGE

It's no secret that Uruguay's mixed-bag shooting is the best there is. Great pigeon that are easy to hunt, coupled with exciting walk-up hunting over dogs for sporty perdiz. Our guests in Uruguay come back year after year to enjoy this small nation's terrific bounty. After extensive restoration, this 19th century old mansion has been returned to its original splendor, and updated with all of the modern comforts you would expect from David Denies.

Uruguay Lodge is dedicated to the same high level of service that we offer throughout our portfolio of world class lodges, with every single detail looked after by us so that you can concentrate on what matters most: great mixed-bag hunting.

### LOCATION

Young, Rio Negro, Uruguay

### SPECIES

Perdiz, Pigeon & Doves

### SEASON

Perdiz – May until July

Doves & Pigeons – January until August

### CAPACITY

8 guns

### ACCOMMODATIONS

6 double rooms each with private bathroom



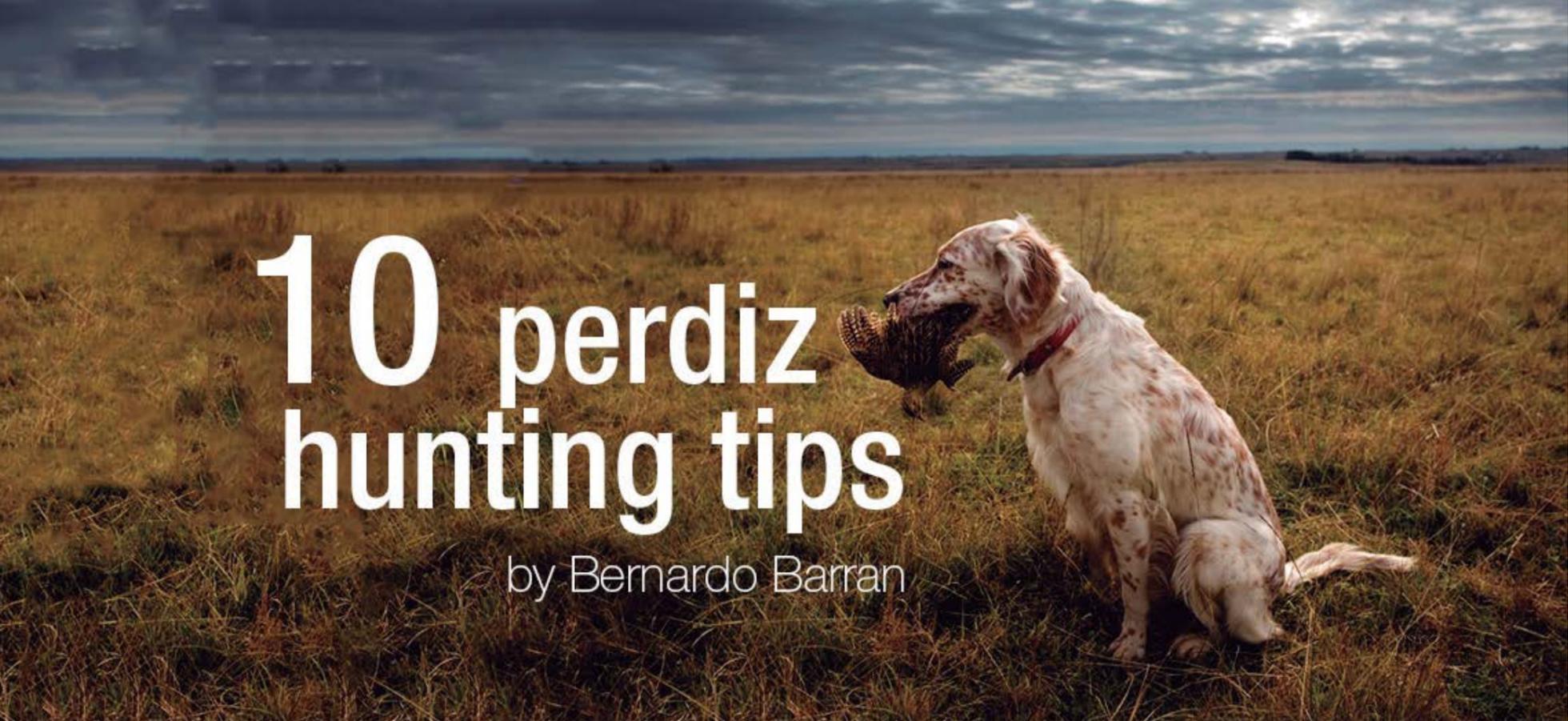






## WHY CHOOSE URUGUAY LODGE

- » This is a true family-operated lodge. Your hosts have several decades' worth of experience scouting and hunting the region.
- » Outstanding logistics for all 3 species. Hunt perdiz, dove, and pigeon with convenient 5- to 45-minute drives to the action.
- » The best perdiz hunting in South America coupled with peerless pointing dogs, trained by expert dog handler and co-owner Bernardo Barrán.
- » Six elegant en suite bedrooms, exquisite "game" menu, and limitless world-class wines.
- » The biggest dove roost in all of Uruguay, just minutes away from the main lodge.
- » An ideal escape for small parties or families up to 8 guests.



# 10 perdiz hunting tips

by Bernardo Barran

Bernardo Barran, co-owner of both San Juan and Uruguay Lodges, has more than 40 years of experience perdiz hunting in Uruguay, and is South America's most noted upland outfitter. In the text that follows, he shares his knowledge about particular perdiz hunting experiences. Taking these 10 tips into consideration will not only make you a better perdiz hunter, it will make you a better upland hunter in general. Enjoy Bernardo's insights...

1. Perdiz hunting is done during our winter season. You want to be in the field shortly after sunrise. Typically, it's not too cold; you can expect 38°F to 50°F at dawn. The best way to hunt perdiz is in a team of two hunters. So each time you want to hunt perdiz take your dog and a fellow hunter with you. Don't go alone—it's a social hunt, where friendship, conversation and friendly competition are all part of the experience.

2. You will be hunting perdiz with only one pointing dog; but you will leave the lodge with two dogs in the truck. Using only one dog for the whole morning will be too much effort for your hunting partner. He'll be tired after a couple of hours of running back and forth in the field, and will need to be switched out.

3. Before you depart, you need to decide in advance what field is the most appropriate to hunt. In order to get the best use of the field you choose, you need to walk the field according to a plan that you make before entering the field. To make this decision you need to take into consideration: A) The size of the field. B) The amount of time that you have. C) The direction of the wind. D) The kind of pasture. E) The topography. And F) very important, the way you access the field with your vehicle, so you can move hunters around the field. (Remember that you need to be all the time walking into the wind.)

4. Now get ready for two and half hours of easy walking, with your dog and your fellow hunter, through clover fields, natural grass, or alfalfa pasture. Early in the morning, the grass will be cover with dew. It will get dry as the sun heats the day. If the cover is five to eight inches high, you can consider that there is enough cover for the perdiz to live and hide in the pasture. In this natural habitat, they find seeds, and insects, which make up their daily diet.

5. You will be walking into the wind for the benefit of your dog; an easy breeze will allow the perdiz scent to get to your dog's nose. Your dog will be running in front of you, from your left to your right and your right to your left, at a distance of not more than fifty yards.

6. You will find the perdiz in singles; they do not covey like quail. During the day, the perdiz will walk through the field by themselves looking for food. Only at the end of the season will they start to walk in pairs. However, during the night they get together in family groups. They spend the night close to each other, so they can improve their chances against attacks from possible night predators.

7. Managing time is a key aspect of your hunting success. Consider your objective and take into consideration the amount of time you have to achieve it.

8. Once your dog gets the perdiz scent, he will hold the point and wait for the two hunters to approach. Each hunter should position himself at five to seven yards, right and left, to the side of the dog, and follow him as he walks carefully trying to relocate the perdiz. The dog knows that there is a perdiz somewhere in front of him; but he does not know where exactly. Once the hunters take their positions, he starts trying to locate and flush the hidden perdiz. You will never see the perdiz on the ground; they camouflage perfectly in the grass and will try to hide and escape from hunters. Therefore, you will never know from where the perdiz will fly. Once the perdiz takes off, never hurry; there is only one bird in the air, so take your time. Let it glide.

9. After your shot, when the perdiz drops down dead or wounded, take into consideration that if it is not dead, it will try to run away and hide, so don't take your eyes away of the spot where it dropped, and be sure the dogs finds it in a short period of time, or you might lose it. Once you have the perdiz in your hand, you will see that males and females look exactly the same; you cannot tell the difference between them.

10. In approximately two hours, the team will get to their limit. It's time to head back to the lodge and get ready to prepare a meal with your hunt. The perdiz is considered one of the best tasting game birds, a moist white-meat delicacy.

S O C I A L   R E S P O N S A B I L I T Y

## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BIRDS?

David Denies has a history of social responsibility in the communities where we work and live. Since 1985, our motto has been "investing money in people." This guiding philosophy is all about enriching the lives of local youth and elderly people in need.

Our commitment to being great corporate citizens takes place in four core areas:



### COMMUNITY CENTERS

The Maria de la Esperanza Mission, located in the San Marcos Sierras region of Córdoba, Argentina, is a non-profit that specializes in charitable work. It currently operates seven Community Centers where the tireless Sister Theresa and a volunteer staff provide daily meals to hundreds of underprivileged local children. David Denies supports the Mission by providing food, electricity, gas, building supplies, and school materials at each community center.

### SCHOOL SUPPORT

David Denies has been part of the school support program since the beginning, providing school supplies and other essential materials. A teacher gives personalized care and instruction to the children through the entire learning process.

### HEALTH ON WHEELS

In 2002, Sister Theresa helped open a Mobile Clinic operated by a team of volunteer health professionals called "Doctors of La Esperanza". The mobile clinic was created to provide free monthly health-care services to uninsured people living in remote areas of northern Córdoba, and to educate them on disease prevention. David Denies joined the project with an initial investment in technological equipment and with ongoing funding for travel expenses and food for volunteers and patients.



### SOLIDARITY STAYS: INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

David Denies has designed an international volunteer program in order to support the Esperanza Foundation. Volunteers learn about the Foundation and its important programs, while participating in its day-to-day activities. The experience includes hunting at one of our renowned lodges, a stay in a hotel near the Foundation during volunteer time, and/or the possibility of staying at the Foundation's headquarters. To learn more about the program, send us an email.

### SOLIDARITY DAYS

Groups of volunteers meet once monthly in order to visit one of several community centers run by the Mission Esperanza Foundation. Here, volunteers lead activities designed to teach and empower the children who frequent the centers.

Solidarity Day activities can range from organized sports events to delivering lesson plans on topics such as health and nutrition. We also encourage hands-on group tasks such as planting trees or picking fruit in local orchards. The goal, ultimately, is to make a difference through meaningful interactions.

In addition, volunteers help sort through and deliver donations such as children's clothes, sneakers, books, and toys.

### DONATIONS

We also encourage our guests to contribute with donations that go toward building additional safe havens, where children are fed, receive after school classes, and take part in recreational activities.

With donations from visitors such as you, we have contributed large appliances and have built six Community Centers to teach parents crafts and provide a safe haven for the kids to have their daily meal. If you'd like to visit, please tell your host. Help us give back by contributing with us. Together we can do so much more.

For more information: [www.misionesperanza.org.ar](http://www.misionesperanza.org.ar)

# CONCIERGE SERVICE

David Denies' concierge service partner is Prana Turismo, a Buenos Aires-based company that exists to make your life easier. Prana can book and confirm flights, book any hotel (from reasonable to regal), and make myriad en route arrangements. With Prana, international travel is now more convenient than ever.

- In addition to planning travel to and from our lodges, tailored packages are Prana's specialty—travel accommodations, air bookings, charter flights and ground transfers, and everything associated with your journey. They can book a simple dinner reservation, a tango show, or a three-day stay at the wineries of Mendoza. Prana's concierge service is at your disposal 24/7.
- Prana is also here to help when things go wrong—and let's face it, once in awhile things happen when you're on the road, far from home. Thanks to this service, your destination is notified in the event of a delay, so you'll be met on arrival, regardless of the hour. In the case of lost luggage, a lost passport, or any type of unforeseen issue, Prana will act as your advocate until you get back on schedule. If you need to know where to buy a hair dryer, or where to charter a helicopter—Prana has the answers.

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## INTERESTED IN VARIETY?

David Denies Bird Hunting, Red Stag Patagonia and Nervous Waters are all part of **The Kautapen Group** - a single team of dedicated professionals focused on maintaining high standards and elevating your experiences in the outdoors and heightening your experiences in the outdoors.

**David Denies Bird Hunting** comprises 10 world class bird hunting lodges across **Argentina & Uruguay**. From high volume dove shooting in the famed hills surrounding Córdoba, to the fertile wetlands of the Buenos Aires province, where marshes and swamps teem with ducks in unfathomable numbers, to the idyllic rolling pastures of Uruguay, home to the greatest concentration of hard flying perdiz, we bring you to the ultimate wingshooters paradise, with an impeccable style and attention to detail found nowhere else.

**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.

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, pacú, and pira pita.

## SEASONS BY SPECIES

ARGENTINA, CHILE  
& URUGUAY

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
DOVES	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
PERDÍZ					•	•	•	•	•			
DUCKS					•	•	•	•	•			
PIGEON				•	•	•	•	•	•	•		

WILD BLACK BUCK					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
AXIS DEER					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
RED STAG			•	•	•	•						
FALLOW DEER			•	•	•	•						
WILD BOAR					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

SEA-RUN BROWN TROUT	•	•	•									•
DORADO	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
PACÚ	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•
PIRÁ PITÁ	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•
BROWN TROUT	•	•	•	•	•						•	•
RAINBOW TROUT	•	•	•	•	•						•	•

BAHAMAS

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

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## BIRD HUNTING

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