

# David Denies

## BIRD HUNTING

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*Home to hunters who expect perfection*

# LOS CRESTONES LODGE

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA



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# LOS CRESTONES LODGE

*Elevating mixed bag wingshooting sport to an art form*

A sophisticated and luxurious estancia situated on 2500 acres ranch with 150 acres of the pristine untouched Argentine native woodlands along the Salado River. in the Province of Buenos Aires, just a short 2-hour drive from the city, Los Crestones Lodge offers epic duck hunting over decoys combined with perdiz over dogs and spectacular dove shooting. Los Crestones features 10 elegantly appointed bedrooms, all paired with the service and impeccable attention to detail, that David Denies is known for. 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.



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# WHY CHOOSE LOS CRESTONES LODGE?

- Our Premiere Mixed Bag hunting venue, offering incredible hunting opportunities for ducks, doves, upland and big game species. All truly wild, and in numbers which rival any area in South America.
- At a mere 2 hours drive from the international airport in Buenos Aires, you will be at the lodge with time to enjoy lunch and a rest before your first afternoon hunt.
- A historic 19th century estancia, meticulously refurbished with all the comforts and amenities of the finest hotels.
- Single rooms with king beds, a full spa, game room, open bar and TV room and plenty of space to relax.
- Hunt ducks in the morning with our professional guides and their retrievers, return to the lodge for lunch and after a short siesta spend your afternoon hunting perdiz over pointers, or doves at one of our nearby roosts.
- Opportunities to stalk axis deer, blackbuck and other big game, with your gun or bow—our guides excel at both.
- A gourmet culinary experience, paired with fine wines are treasured traditions at all David Denies lodges, and Los Crestones is no exception.
- We can provide guns and waders so you can pack light, shorter stays can be accommodated, and Los Crestones is ideal for combination trips to Cordoba, or one of our other hunting and fishing lodges.



*Most mornings are spent hunting ducks from comfortable blinds with our professional guides and their retrievers at the ready...*





## LOCATION

Los Crestones Lodge is located in Castelli, province of Buenos Aires—on the banks of the Salado River. The traditional estancia is surrounded by 60 hectares of preserved natural woodlands, featuring four distinct landscapes:

### The Countryside

This productive agricultural area is home to livestock grounds and vast fields home to wheat, corn, sunflower, sorghum, and soybean operations throughout the season.

### The Park

Designed more than a century ago, and updated in 2000, this area brims with native and exotic species of both flora and fauna for you to explore. The arboretum is punctuated by fruit trees, a lagoon, and a botanical interpretive center.

### The River

The mighty Salado River zigzags through the pampa and is home to an array of birds, including herons, cigüeñas, flamingos, and spoonbills. Here, you'll also encounter otters, capybara, and trout.

### The Woodland

This area includes native trees emblematic of the region, such as talas, Sombras de toro, ombúes, and saúcos y coronillos; birds including the Zorzales, Calandrias, and Picazurros; plus deer and the endangered butterfly, which we've adopted as our estancia symbol.



## GETTING THERE

To get to the lodge there are daily direct flights from many U.S. cities to Buenos Aires (Ezeiza Intl. Airport – EZE). Reaching Los Crestones is easy, the lodge is a convenient two-hour drive from Buenos Aires, via route N2 (104 miles), followed by about 5 miles on good roads through the stunning Argentina countryside.

Helicopter charters from the airport to the lodge can also be arranged, as well as private plane charters to our closest landing strip (25-minute drive).

Once at the lodge, you are conveniently close to hunting grounds, with drives averaging 10 to 45 minutes depending on water conditions.





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## FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Los Crestones Lodge lies on a sophisticated and luxurious compound situated on 60 hectares of preserved natural woodlands. Its architecture and history merge with the beauty of its unique natural surroundings on the banks of the Salado River. The lodge offers comfort and a unique atmosphere given by the combination of design and functionality. The grand estancia features wide galleries with superlative views, a gourmet restaurant, and pool facilities. There is also a full spa: massages, sauna, hydro massage, skillful Scot, and fitness.

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There's a comfortable sitting room area with fireplace, open bar and recreation area with billiards, as well as outdoors seating areas and fire pit, all with superlative views of sunsets over the Salado River.

The lodge accommodates a maximum of 8 hunters and 3 non-hunters. There are 10 spacious and elegantly appointed bedrooms that combine wood and leather in its simple atmosphere. Rooms are fully equipped with design furniture, brand new restrooms made of stone, ceramics, soft towels, cotton bed-linen, and amenities including delicious fragrances awaiting you to relax and enjoy your stay. All bedrooms have a private bathroom.







*Open live fire cuisine at the lodge, where we smoke & cook our meats and vegetables.*



*Local green tangerine cheesecake with caramel ice-cream.*

- Capacity: 8 guns.
- Accommodations: 10 single rooms with king beds, with private bathroom.
- Full spa, with sauna, jacuzzi and masseuse.
- Pool facilities (in Season).
- WiFi Internet access and satellite TV.
- A gourmet dining experience each day, with delicious menu options including Argentina's famed beef and fine wines, locally sourced fruits and vegetables, Traditional Argentine Asado and more.
- Maid and laundry service.
- Professional hunting guides.
- Lots of options for non-hunters, including horseback riding, tennis and biking.
- Gift shop offers local artwork and crafts, logo wear and accessories.
- Gun rental, with a selection of fine over and under and semiautomatics, from Beretta, Benelli & Fausti, as well as Griffin & Howe Custom Rifles for Big Game.
- Waders provided at no extra charge.



*Our recreation room is the perfect place for those looking to continue challenging themselves, and their lodge mates, over a fun game of billiards.*



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# THE HUNTING

At Los Crestones Lodge the program is focused on providing the best all around mixed bag wingshooting to be found in South America, with the heart of the program being the ability to hunt all of these species over a kennel of some of the best gun dogs in the country.

Most mornings will be spent duck hunting over decoys, joined by a professional guide and their retriever. The guide will get you situated in your blind, set the spread, call and identify the birds as they approach. You will be treated to some wonderful dog work, as the retrievers will bring all of your birds to hand. You will have opportunities at a number of South American duck species, including Yellow-billed Pintail, Speckled Teal, White-faced Whistling Duck, and the sought after Rosy-billed Pochard, to name a few.



For **duck hunts** there will be two hunters to a guide, and hunts will take place from a variety of blinds, and scenarios, including platform-pallet blinds and large, sunken “bucket” blinds, as well as our newly designed, custom box blinds. At the conclusion of the duck hunt, hunters will return to the lodge for lunch and a siesta, before heading out again for their afternoon session. Afternoon hunts will rotate between the pursuit of perdiz, the fast paced action of dove shooting, or wild pigeon hunting over decoys.

**Perdiz hunts** will have 2 hunters joined by one of our professional guides, and a brace of pointers, setters or spaniels; searching the rich, local fields and pastures near the lodge for these hard flying upland birds.



**Dove shoots** take place around one of our nearby dove roosts, where blinds are strategically located to experience wonderful pass shooting, as massive flocks of fast-flying birds return from the fields each afternoon. **Pigeon hunting**, when available depending upon local harvests, offers great sport. They provide for fast paced shooting as they “dip and dive” into the decoys spread, in local pastures and grain fields.

**STANDARD PROGRAM**

Our Standard Programs are based on 4 nights and 8 hunts, meaning that during your stay, you will have 4 morning hunts and 4 afternoon hunts. We normally arrange:

- Mornings: 3 Ducks Hunts + 1 Perdiz Hunt
- Afternoons: 1 Perdiz Hunt + 3 Dove Shoots

*\* Note: There is certain flexibility to change 1 or 2 hunts. If available, we can add a Pigeon hunt to the equation.*



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# DAILY ITINERARY

Morning will begin with a wake up call, approximately an hour before departure time. Breakfast will be served shortly thereafter, with everything from waffles to Eggs Benedict, all made to order. Hunters will depart the lodge well before sunrise. Drives vary depending on water conditions, but range from ten to forty five minutes.

Shooting over decoys starts at first light and continues until 10 am or after. You will return to the lodge for lunch, and some time to relax, or enjoy a siesta. Hunters will again depart for their afternoon hunt around 3pm.

Evening hunts last until dark, after which you will return to the lodge, where you will be met with cocktails and appetizers as well a delicious dinner.





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# BIG GAME HUNTING

Brought from India to Argentina in the late 1800s, Blackbuck antelope quickly established a foothold across the fertile ground south of Buenos Aires. Today, some of the most prolific Blackbuck Antelope herds in the world can be reached within a 45-minute drive from the Lodge. Los Crestones has access to the area where Blackbucks were first introduced, which are some of the best Blackbuck hunting grounds you'll find anywhere.

Typical hunts involve spotting and stalking, as well targeting trophies on established routes between feeding grounds. Ground blinds and, sometimes, tree stands can be set up for archery hunters near known watering holes and crossings. Rifle hunting for an average, representative buck can be accomplished in one day. We suggest booking at least two or three full days to scout and shoot a trophy specimen. The same goes for bow hunters.

In addition to Blackbuck, the lodge has ample opportunities for Axis Deer. Also introduced in the late 1800s, Axis deer thrive in the bushy areas of east-central Buenos Aires province. Similar to Blackbuck pursuits, one full day on these animals adds big game diversity to your wingshooting adventure. But in order to harvest a trophy Axis buck we suggest two to three hunting days on some of the best private ranches in the area.

Our experienced guides will cater to all your hunting preferences. We have accurate rental rifles. We also have archery gear, but since a bow is a more personal piece of equipment, we suggest archers bring their own. We take care of trophy preparation, according to international export requirements, as well as export paperwork and shipping logistics. No details are left to chance.



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## ITINERARY

After a hearty breakfast, hunters will depart the lodge for the hunting ranch. Drives vary depending on the selected hunting area, usually from 30 minutes to an hour and a half. Once at the ranch, hunters will head out with their guide, usually 2 hunters per guide, in search of their quarry. Hunting is generally spot and stalk, but options for tree stands and blinds may be utilized for bowhunters.

When on horseback, the hunting party will also be accompanied by a gaucho (Wrangler), who will take care of the horses and the harvested game. Usually hunters will stay out all day, with a delicious Asado Lunch taken in the field. (Half day hunts can also be arranged). After lunch, hunters will head out and continue their pursuit, if they have not already taken their desired game, with the evening hunt lasting until dark. After the evening hunt, you will return to the lodge where you will be met with cocktails, appetizers and dinner, with time to relax and revel in the day's stories and excitement.

*\* For hunting some of our more distant Axis Deer locations we offer lodging on a nice ranch in the area to avoid long drives.*





# RATES 2024

Season runs from May 1st to July 31st

- **HUNTER:** \$1,850 per night
- **NON HUNTER:** \$650 per night
- **GUN RENTAL:** \$125 per person per day
- **SHELLS:** \$24,5 per box approx. for ducks/perdiz & \$22,5 per box approx. for dove\*

\* Shotgun shell prices are subject to change without notice.

Prices are in USD

- **GROUND TRANSFERS TO/FROM BUENOS AIRES:**
  - 1 passenger: \$450 per person per way
  - 2 passengers: \$225 per person per way
  - 3 to 5 passengers: \$185 per person per way
  - 6 or more passengers: \$165 per person per way

## 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.

- **INCLUDED**

Accommodations based on double rooms; Meals, all wines, beer and local spirits (open bar); Hunting Licenses; Horseback riding; Professional guide service and field assistants; Payment to landowners for hunting rights.

- **NOT INCLUDED**

Airfares; Ground transfers in/out of the lodge; Gun entry permits; Gun rental & shells; Gratuities for guides and house staff; Masseur; Laundry service; Tours, shopping trips, etc.; Any items of a strictly personal nature; Insurance; cost of itinerary modifications requested by the passenger.

- **OTHER NOT INCLUDED OPTIONS: BLACKBUCK & AXIS DEER**

Only 30 min from the lodge is an area that holds the biggest herds of wild Blackbuck Antelope in the world, a bit farther away from the lodge you'll find some of the best wild Axis deer hunting in the country. Full day or half day hunts for these animals are an easy extension to your wingshooting adventure. Several of our guides at Los Crestones are experienced big game hunting guides, and know these private land areas well. They can organize a hunt and provide an accurate loaner rifle. They will also guide bowhunters, but we suggest you allow more time if you'd like to pursue either specie with the bow.

## Trophy Fees

- Axis Deer \$2,750
- Black Buck Antelope \$1,750
- Wild Boar \$900 (Tusker Male Boar)
- Trophy Water Buffalo Bull: \$4,950



## INTERESTED IN VARIETY?

David Denies Bird Hunting, Red Stag Patagonia and Nervous Waters Fly Fishing 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.

### 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.



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.



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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