

David Denies

BIRD HUNTING

Home to hunters who expect perfection

SAN JUAN LODGE

FLORES, URUGUAY





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An upland hunters mecca, in the gorgeous Uruguayan countryside

San Juan Lodge is perched atop a knoll, with breathtaking views of the Uruguayan countryside. In addition to the fine view, the lodge also finds itself in the perfect mixed-bag location, where you can access water impoundments teeming with ducks, where partridge cover is abundant, plus incredible dove roosts are just a short drive away on good roads.

With seemingly unending pastures and grasslands, this area of Uruguay is considered the perdiz capital of South America, and San Juan's kennel of purpose-bred bird dogs have been trained from birth to pursue these birds. Add to this upland resource, fantastic flights of migratory ducks as well as roosts full of doves, and it is easy to see why the lodge offers an unparalleled Uruguayan mixed-bag hunting experience.

The purpose-built lodge features 5 well-appointed twin rooms with private en-suite baths and can host a maximum of 10 hunters. Further delights include genteel country living, warm personalized service, and delightful culinary experiences.

WHY CHOOSE SAN JUAN LODGE?

- Our partner—and your host—the Barran family has 30 years of experience bird hunting in Uruguay. This is a true family-operated lodge in every way!
- With easy logistics, you simply need to fly to Montevideo or Buenos Aires. From those gateways, there are plenty of options to and from the lodge, including short drives and private charters.
- A beautiful contemporary and comfortable lodge, handcrafted by local stonemasons, was newly built to house bird hunters. Stone and wood dominate, and its comforts soothe those that seek to enjoy the days outdoors and the comfort of its warm and spacious interior spaces.
- With only 5 beautifully designed double rooms, San Juan offers privacy for small groups of up to 10 hunters.
- Personalized 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.” San Juan Lodge offers a level of refined yet relaxed comfort that both hunters and non-hunting guests will enjoy.
- A diverse mixed bag hunt, with a focus on the hard flying, upland perdiz. San Juan boasts the best perdiz hunting in all of South America and pointing dogs without peer, trained by expert dog trainer and co-owner Bernardo Barran.
- Morning duck hunts that will find you hunting from dry-land blinds, strategically located on ponds, before dawn.
- Experience excellent dove shooting in some of the largest roosts in all of Uruguay, just minutes from the lodge; there will be ample opportunities for hot-barrel shooting.
- Outstanding hunting logistics for all species. From 5 to 45-minute drives.



Most mornings at San Juan are spent pursuing hard flying perdiz, across short grass pastures over well trained English pointers and English setters.



LOCATION

San Juan Lodge is located in the Flores Department, in central Uruguay, very close to Trinidad, the department's capital town. The lodge is located approximately 145 miles (236 km) from Montevideo, the capital and the major metropolitan center of this small country. The driving time from Montevideo International Airport to the lodge is 3 hours by paved road.



GETTING THERE

Guests have multiple means of arrival/departure from the lodge based on their point of origin or final destination.

VÍA URUGUAY - Usually, shooters will fly internationally to Montevideo Carrasco International Airport (MVD). From there, hunters have three options to get to San Juan Lodge:

1. Ground transfer from Montevideo Airport to the lodge, located about 235km or 160 miles away. Driving time is approximately 3 hours through scenic rural Uruguay via paved highway.
2. Private Charter from Montevideo Airport to Trinidad Flying Club located approx. 20 min away from the lodge.
3. Private Charter from Montevideo Airport to Durazno Airport located approx. 1 hour away from the lodge.

VÍA ARGENTINA - Those coming via Argentina, either flying through Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) or those who are spending some time in the country before the lodge stay, have the following options:

1. Private Charter from Buenos Aires to Durazno International Airport.
2. Private Charter from Buenos Aires to Trinidad Flying Club.
3. Ferry from Buenos Aires to Colonia, approx. 2 hours away from the lodge.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Stone and wood dominate, and its comfort, both in its outdoor spaces and in the common areas, are perfect for a stay that seeks to enjoy the days outdoors and the comfort of its warm and spacious interior zones. Indoor and outdoor wood-burning stoves, and the possibility of having lunch or dinner comfortably near them, makes the idea of enjoying the days of good weather conditions in winter to the fullest part of the experience of staying at the lodge. The cuisine of excellence, the good wine, and a bar that is always open give a plus to the hunting experience, in which the service and excellence that characterize the David Denies' lodges are the seals of quality.



The lodge's comfort in its exterior spaces is ideal for those seeking to enjoy the days outdoors while savoring the amazing views.



Cordon Bleu partridge with whipped mashed potatoes and curry sauce.

- Capacity: 10 hunters.
- Accommodations: 5 double rooms with en-suite bathrooms.
- Comfortable living room that offers a relaxing setting with views of the Uruguayan countryside.
- Open bar with a special selection of the best wines.
- Within the courtyards you will find an inviting hot tub and a fire pit area where barbecues are cooked at dawn, with sitting areas perfect for relaxing after a long day in the field.
- A gourmet dining experience each day, with delicious Uruguayan beef and fine wines, traditional Asados, fresh baked breads, and delicious desserts.
- WiFi Internet access and satellite TV.
- Maid and laundry service.
- Masseuse.
- Professional hunting guides.
- Gift shop.
- Gun rental, with a selection of fine 12, 20, 16, and 28 gauge shotguns, available in o/u & semi-automatic.



With 5 beautifully appointed guest rooms, all with en suite bathrooms, the lodge comfortably hosts up to 10 guests and is the perfect venue for small parties and families.



As a genuinely family-operated lodge, you can expect a warm and welcoming atmosphere in every aspect of your stay.

THE HUNTING

The program at San Juan Lodge offers a diverse mixed bag hunt, with a focus on the hard flying, upland Perdiz. Typically, you will be hunting multiple species almost every day of your stay. Most days feature hunts for two species, with mornings dedicated to perdiz over well-trained pointing dogs, or decoying ducks from dry-land blinds on ponds and lagoons.

The characteristics of the land allow us to have a permanent roost right on the property, though there are many different roosts located a short drive from the lodge that offer wonderful shooting as well. The proximity of important rivers and streams also provides the ideal habitat for hunting ducks, both resident and migratory species.

Perdiz hunts in Uruguay are typically two to three-hour hunts through short cover and on flat or gently rolling ground. Hunters will go to the field in pairs and you will be joined by a guide/dog handler. You will walk up the birds, following the dogs until they make game, and then walk to the point for the flush of the partridge. After one field has been covered, you typically make a very short drive to another and will repeat the process with a fresh dog until the perdiz limit has been bagged.





Morning duck hunts will find you hunting from dry-land blinds, strategically located on ponds, before dawn. Your guide will get you set in the blind, layout the decoy spread, and identify birds as they approach. You'll see a variety of species, including Yellow-billed Pintail, Speckled Teal, and the sought-after Rosy-billed Pochard, to name a few.



Our afternoon dove shoots will take place in some of the largest roosts in all of Uruguay, there will be ample opportunities for hot-barrel shooting. One of the dove roosts is located right next to the lodge, and then two others are only 30' away, so drives will vary depending on the hunting location. Your field assistant will be at your side throughout the shoot, providing you with cartridges, refreshments as needed, and keeping an eye out for birds.



Lodge host and co-owner, Bernardo Barran, has spent over 25 years breeding and training English setters & pointers, focused solely on the pursuit of perdiz.



DAILY ITINERARY

Mornings 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.

For Duck Hunts, you will depart the lodge well before sunrise. Drives vary depending upon water conditions and location but range from ten to forty-five minutes. Shooting over decoys starts at first light and continues until 10 am or after. For Perdiz Hunts, you will depart the lodge after sunrise, and hunt until your limits have been reached. 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 2 to 3pm.

Evening hunts last until 5 to 5:30pm, after which you will return to the lodge, where you will be met with cocktails and appetizers as well as a delicious dinner.



RATES 2024

DOVES, DUCKS & PERDIZ: May 1st - July 31st | **DOVES & DUCKS:** July 31st - September 15th

- **HUNTER:** \$1,750 per night
- **NON HUNTER:** \$650 per night
- **GUN RENTAL:** \$115 per person per day
- **LICENSES:** \$450 per person for the total stay
- **SHELLS:** \$23 per box approx. for ducks/perdiz & \$22.5 per box approx. for doves. *

* Shotgun shell prices are subject to change without notice.

Prices are in USD

TRANSFER TO/FROM MONTEVIDEO:

- 1 passenger: \$475 per person per way
- 2 passengers: \$240 per person per way
- 3 to 5 passengers: \$180 per person per way
- 6 or more passengers: \$165 per person per way

Transfer Montevideo Airport-City: \$50 per person per way.

▪ **INCLUDED**

Lodging based on shared room, All meals & beverages (open bar); Professional guide service and field assistants; Payment to Land-owners for hunting rights.

▪ **NOT INCLUDED**

Airfares; Hunting Licenses; Gun entry permits, transfers to and from the airport, gun rental, shells, gratuities for guides and house staff, masseuse, laundry service, Tours, shopping trips, etc., any items of a strictly personal nature, baggage overweight charges, personal and baggage insurance, cost of itinerary modifications requested by the passenger; Montevideo or B.A transfers and hotels.

PAYMENT TERMS

Reservations are confirmed with a 50% deposit. All deposits & payments are 100% non-refundable under any circumstances. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. At this point, participants are responsible for total land costs and no refunds will be made for unused land transportation, accommodations, or meals.



INTERESTED IN VARIETY?

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
DOVES	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●
DUCKS					● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	●			
PERDÍZ					● ●	● ●	● ●					
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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