

David Denies
BIRD HUNTING

Home to hunters who expect perfection

LA TORCAZA LODGE

CÓRDOBA, ARGENTINA





Founded as a Jesuit mission in 1669, La Torcaza brings together historical elegance with well appointed modern comfort. This spectacular ranch offers beauty and relaxation at every turn.



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Decoyed pigeons and historical elegance

La Torcaza Lodge is certainly the most exclusive pigeon shooting lodge in all of South America. The historical elegance of La Torcaza is characterized by an exquisite colonial style. Built in the late 1600s and completely renovated in 2007, the lodge provides an elegant and comfortable base from which to enjoy the best pigeon shooting experience available.

After the hunt you will be pampered in the finest fashion, with beautifully appointed guest rooms, at an exquisite lodge, offering all of the modern comforts one would expect at the finest hotels and resorts. Our chef will create an array of delicious traditional specialties and international dishes, paired with the finest wines, a selection of which come from our very own vineyards, rounding out a total experience that is second to none.

WHY CHOOSE LA TORCAZA LODGE?

- The only truly dedicated Pigeon Hunting lodge in all of Argentina, La Torcaza focuses solely on hunting pigeons over decoys, all wild birds, in numbers that can only be found here, in this area of Cordoba.
- Just a 1 hour and 45 minute drive from Cordoba International Airport, the lodge offers easy logistics for the traveling hunter.
- A 17th-century Estancia, originally built as a Jesuit Mission, the atmosphere of history and elegance abounds. From its own olive oil factory and winery, to the 7,000 head of cattle grazing freely alongside Peruvian horses, this spectacular private ranch offers beauty and relaxation at every turn.
- Single Rooms, many with private fireplaces, a beautiful bodega and wine cellar, as well as an open bar, where you will enjoy the evening, all offer plenty of space to relax after a day of hunting.
- Hunt pigeons over decoys both morning and afternoon, for two fast flying species; the spot-winged pigeon and the grand, Pica Zuro pigeon. With convenient access and short drives to the fields, some of which are found right in our own olive groves, each day will be truly memorable!
- As with all of our David Denies lodges, you can look forward to an exceptional gourmet experience. With a la carte menus offering a mix of traditional and innovative culinary techniques, every meal will be something to remember. Spectacular Argentine asados make lunches a highlight, all paired with the Argentine wines which are known the world over.
- With its close proximity to our Cordoba Dove lodges, La Torcaza can easily be combined with additional shooting opportunities, for the ultimate Argentine hunting experience.



At La Torcaza, pigeon hunting takes place in traditional hunting style, from natural blinds over decoys, which are strategically placed based upon skilled scouting and planning, to ensure success.



LOCATION

La Torcaza Lodge is located in the province of Córdoba, in central Argentina, 95 miles (150 km) northwest of the Córdoba City International Airport. The lodge sits between the “Sierras Chicas” and the “Sierras Grandes”. The driving time from the airport to the lodge takes about two hours. Pleasant weather is also a bonus, with more than 320 days of sun per year.

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GETTING THERE

Reaching La Torcaza Lodge is easy, with convenient direct flights from several U.S. cities to Córdoba Argentina. Many cities also offer direct flights to Santiago, Chile or Buenos Aires, with connecting flights to Córdoba.

Most schedules will allow you to make the most of your trip as you will be pigeon shooting on your day of arrival.



Pigeons not only fly fast and erratically, but they are also a smart and observant quarry, providing an all around sporting challenge over the decoy spread.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

This historic lodge facility was originally constructed as a Jesuit mission in 1669, and it has been occupied continuously for over three hundred years. The lodge buildings are an architectural treasure, and within the living, accommodations have been completely refurbished with discerning shooting guests in mind. The lodge can accommodate up to ten hunters in a total of eight single rooms, and one double bedroom— each with a private bathroom. There are a number of amenities at La Torcaza including a swimming pool, tennis court, riding stables and horses, and an on-call masseuse.



The lodge offers eight single rooms with King beds, and one double bedroom— each with a private bathroom.



Our traditional Argentinean empanadas suffed with pigeon.

- Capacity: 10 guns.
- Accommodations: 1 double room and 8 single rooms. Each with a private, en suite bathroom.
- Comfortable sitting room, an elegant but relaxed dining room, as well as a beautiful “bodega” bar and wine cellar.
- Swimming pool, tennis court and masseuse available.
- Stables, saddle room, and horses.
- WiFi Internet access and satellite TV.
- Gourmet dining with Argentina’s famed beef and the Estancia wine, traditional asados, fresh baked breads, delicious desserts and more.
- Maid and laundry service.
- Professional hunting guides.
- Gift shop offers local artwork and crafts, logo wear and accessories.
- Gun rental, with a selection of fine over and under and semiautomatic shotguns, from Beretta, Benelli, Browning and Fausti.
- Comfortable 13 person capacity Mercedes Benz vans for transport to/from the hunting grounds each day.
- Options for non-hunters, such as historical tours and shopping trips, horseback riding, tennis and more.



Upon arrival at La Torcaza Lodge, you will be immediately transported back in time. In this antique Jesuit Estancia, the atmosphere of history and elegance abounds.

THE HUNTING

At La Torcaza Lodge the program is focused on providing the very best decoyed pigeon hunting in the world. Within a 50 square mile radius of the lodge lie fields and roosts annually inhabited by over 5,000,000 pigeons. The lodge enjoys over 45 nearby shooting fields, with short scenic drives through the beautiful countryside.

More like a “dry-land” duck hunt than a dove hunt, pigeons offer incredible sport on fast-flying birds, as they both “buzz” the decoys and drop into the spread, you can expect some very challenging passing shots as well. Super wary, pigeons need to be given the utmost respect once you are in the blind. They will not tolerate movement and will shy off from the blind if the hunters do not remain well hidden. Our blinds are made from natural cover and are large and comfortable enough to make hunters as successful as possible.

Large, strong birds, pigeons can take more than you would expect to anchor them with your shot. Most of our hunters opt for 20 gauge shotguns, but 12ga are available, and 28ga offer a great challenge as well. These birds are large and fast-flying, which makes calculating their speed a bit deceptive, and so offer incredible sport both while decoying and pass shooting.



PIGEON HUNTING TIPS

Someone wise once said you can shoot doves, but you hunt for pigeons. It's not to say you won't shoot a bunch of shells, you will. But when you're at La Torcaza in Córdoba, it's best to approach pigeons as you would a waterfowl hunt. Take advantage of your blind to ensure birds are focused on decoys and not on you. In the blind, stay low and out of view. Pigeons have great eyesight and can spot unusual movement hundreds of yards away. Shoot quickly and, hit or miss, reload, and hide once again. Great pigeon shoots often happen over a short period of time, so getting down and ready will help make the most of the next opportunity.

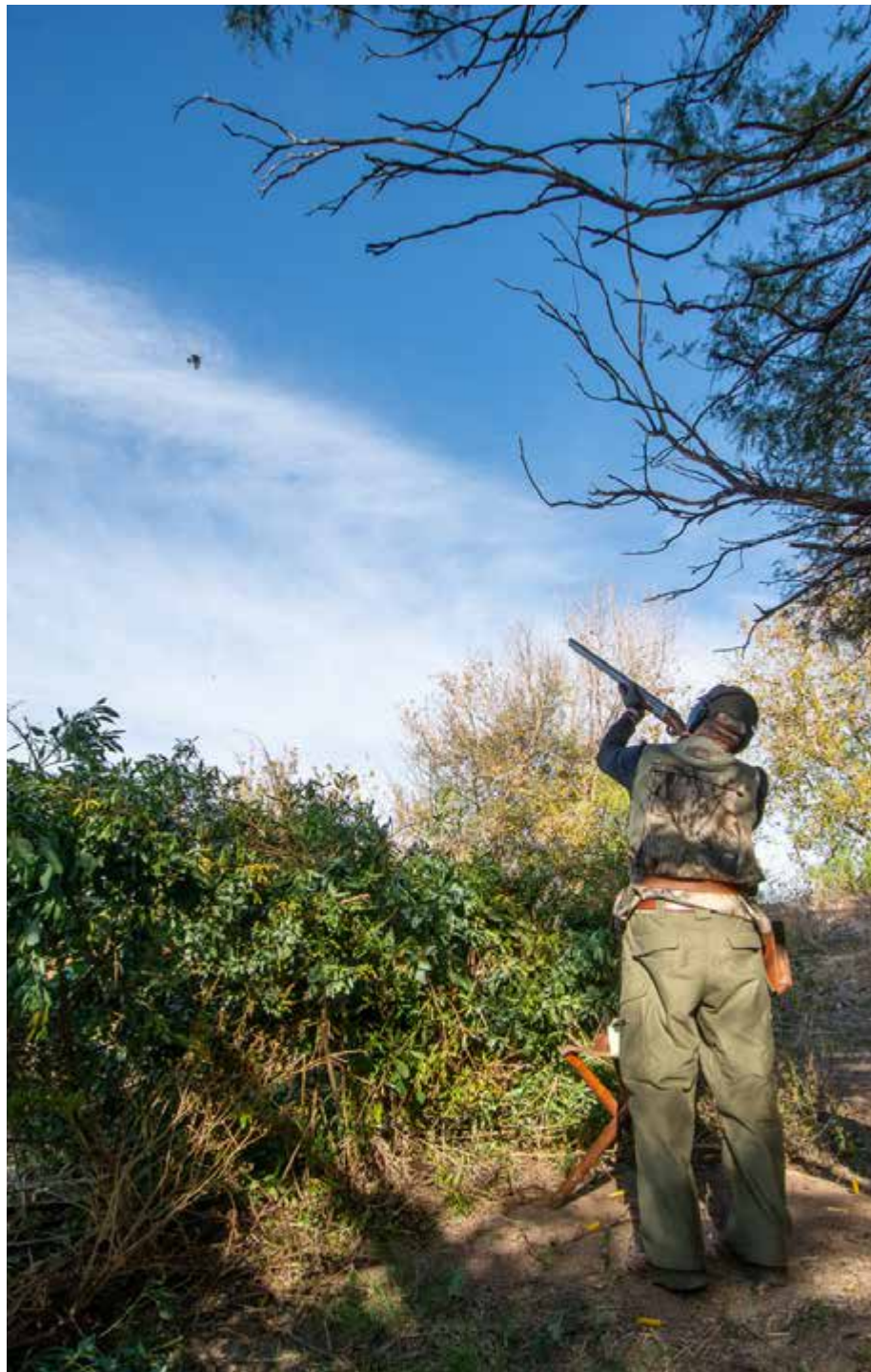
Two types of wild pigeons can be found in Argentina and Uruguay, the Spot-Winged and the Picazuro. These are not the domestic pigeons found in rural barns and on city statues but fly and decoy more akin to a wild duck. Wild pigeons are tough, and their large wing surface areas make them fast and agile fliers.

DAILY ITINERARY

Most mornings will start around 8:00 AM with a hearty breakfast, followed by a short drive to the hunting grounds. In the field, you will be joined by a professional guide, who will set up the decoys and help get you situated in your blind. You will hunt 2 guns to a blind, and your guide will be nearby, identifying birds, providing you with shot shells, refreshments and overseeing your hunt.

Depending on the time of the year, you will shoot until just before noon, at which time you will return to the lodge and be treated to an incredible traditional Asado lunch at the lodge, featuring Argentina's wonderful beef and our exclusive wine.

Afternoon shoots begin at around 2 to 2:30, and continue until 5 or 6 pm, after which you will return to the lodge for cocktails at the wine cellar and early dinner.



David Denies' field guides are full-time professionals, with years of guiding and shooting experience; all of our staff are extremely knowledgeable, and their expertise will bring your experience to the next level.



RATES 2024

Season runs from May to September

- **HUNTER:** \$950 per night
- **NON HUNTER:** \$450 per night
- **GUN RENTAL:** \$125 per person per day
- **LICENSES:** \$75 per person per day
- **SHELLS:** \$22,75 per box approx. *

* Shotgun shell prices are subject to change without notice.

Prices are in USD

- **INCLUDED**

Lodging based on shared room; All meals, wines, beer, & local spirits (open bar); Professional guide service & field assistants; Payment to Land-owners for hunting rights; Ground transportation to/from Córdoba Airport (one transfer p/way per group).

- **NOT INCLUDED**

Airfares; Hunting Licenses; 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, baggage overweight charges, personal and baggage insurance; 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.



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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