

David Denies
BIRD HUNTING

Home to hunters who expect perfection

CARMELO LODGE

CARMELO, URUGUAY





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Wingshooting in the Wine Country

Imagine if you will, a paradise that combines the best elements of exciting wingshooting with the refinements of fine living in a Tuscan-like vineyard nestled among the rolling hills of Uruguay, where days are filled with fast-paced-almost chaotic volume dove shooting, and midday breaks feature fresh lunches and sips from the vineyard, served al fresco under a warm winter sun. The scent of wild flowers, fruit trees, and barbecues over glowing coals fill the clean air.

Carmelo Lodge combines all the features of a refined and inviting vineyard stay, plus dove shooting that is as exciting as any in South America. This is the perfect holiday for couples or a family group that wants to enjoy great shooting and great living in the friendliest little country you could ever wish to visit.

WHY CHOOSE CARMELO LODGE?

- Lodging right in the heart of a notable boutique winery- one of the most exclusive wineries in Uruguay, surrounded by captivating topography and landscapes.
- Outfitted by David Denies Bird Hunting and trusted partner Bernardo Barrán in Uruguay- Bernardo brings over thirty years of shooting experience to the table and he outfits dove shoots each day to tailor shooting challenges for every guest. Bernardo and his staff will treat you like family and each day is made to feel more like a house party hunt than a guided outing.
- Easy to get to- an overnight flight to Montevideo from the U.S. and a beautiful drive through gently rolling country places you on the doorstep of Carmelo Lodge, or jump across the River Plate and Buenos Aires by plane, ferry or charter flight.
- A modern and inviting lodge with eclectic yet welcoming design, lovely rooms, and room enough for a family or private party.
- Fine dining, surrounded by vineyards that produce Tannat, Viognier and blends that complement each meal.
- Dove shooting- and lots of it! Shoot doves in the rolling slopes and vineyards of this rich wine producing area, with flights of birds that rival any population of doves you'll see anywhere in South America.
- Weather - A microclimate generated by the union of the Uruguay and Paraná rivers that make up the perfect environment for dove habitat all year round.
- Drive time to the fields- most of the great shooting is within a 30-minute drive on fine roads, often just 15 minutes away, so there is little time lost to travelling each day.



Carmelo Lodge features fine accommodations combined with a refined and inviting vineyard, right in the heart of Uruguay's high volume dove hunting.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Carmelo Lodge offers 10 delightful rooms each with a private bath, and cheery public spaces and courtyards allow guests plenty of room to relax or an invitation to wander the sprawling property. Dinners are taken at the lodge, and lunches can be sometimes served in the field, or those wishing to make a deeper dive into the wines of the region can dine at other vineyards in the immediate area. While dove shooting is on the schedule each day, if you'd like to take a day "off" from shooting there is championship golf minutes away.

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Luxurious living, à la carte menu, and impeccable 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".

- Capacity: 14 guns.
- Accommodations: 10 fully equipped rooms, 8 with Queen beds and 2 with King beds, all with en-suite bathrooms.
- Comfortable living room and sitting area, that offer a relaxing setting with their views across the Uruguayan countryside and winery.
- Open bar with a special selection of the best local wines, brought directly from the Campotinto Winery.
- Within the courtyards you will find an inviting pool, a brand new hot tub, and a large fire pit area where barbecues are cooked at dawn, with sitting areas perfect for relaxing after a long day in the field.
- WiFi Internet access and satellite TV.
- A gourmet dining experience each day, with delicious menu options including local Uruguayan beef as well as wild game and fine wines, locally sourced fruits and vegetables, traditional Asado and more.
- Maid and laundry service.
- Masseuse.
- Professional hunting guides.
- Gun rental, with a selection of fine 12, 20, and 28 gauge shotguns, available in over and under and semi automatic.
- Possibility to have dinner at other local wineries, or extend your stay to enjoy the very best wine experience.



Carmelo has 10 beautifully appointed and fully-equipped en suite rooms, with Queen and King-size beds.



The lodge's facilities are second to none, boasting a brand new game room complete with a billiards table and adjacent bar.



LOCATION

Carmelo Lodge is located in the homonymous city, in western Uruguay, noted for its wineries. It is the only city founded personally by the Uruguayan national hero José G. Artigas, and it still holds this office proudly. It is also located just 45 minutes away from the historic city of Colonia del Sacramento, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The majestic Uruguay River, the countryside and its quiet rolling slopes, an astounding combination of long-lived trees, centuries-old wineries, tradition and tranquility, that's what Carmelo is all about. A microclimate generated by the union of the Uruguay and Paraná rivers that make up the great estuary of the Río de la Plata. Masses of warm water that come from the north and that converge off the coast of Carmelo, in Uruguay.



GETTING THERE

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

VÍA URUGUAY - Shooters will fly internationally into Montevideo Carrasco International Airport (MVD). From there, hunters have two options:

1. Ground transfer to the lodge, located about 235km or 160 miles away. Driving time is approx. 3 hours through scenic rural Uruguay via paved highway.
2. Private charter to the Carmelo Zagarzazú airport (20 minute' flight) located approx. 5 minutes from the lodge.

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

1. Private Charter from Buenos Aires to the Carmelo Zagarzazú Airport.
2. Ferry from Buenos Aires to Colonia (1.15hr long), and ground transfer to the lodge (1hr via paved highway).



Carmelo is the perfect venue for couples that wish to enjoy great shooting and great living in a romantic setting surrounded by vineyards.



THE HUNTING

Shooting for the doves in Uruguay is not unlike dove shooting anywhere else, and shooters will be placed along a flight line with an eye toward the best shooting, safety, and sun and wind position. If a shooter appears exposed, guides may also place you behind a small blind or screen- whatever it takes to maximize your shooting opportunities for that day. Each shooter will be assigned a field assistant, and they are charged with locating downed birds, keeping you topped off on cartridges and providing any assistance whether it be with shooting or refreshment. Once all shooters are in place, shooting will begin in earnest and you are welcome to shoot at your own pace until the midday break.

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Dove shooting in Carmelo is just as thrilling as any other location in South America, as one can witness hundreds of doves soaring in magnificent waves that surpass imagination.



THE CAMPOTINTO WINERY

The Viganó family, with roots in Fiesole, right in the heart of Tuscany, always migrated searching for places where they felt at home. During their search, this generation found its place in Carmelo, Uruguay. They settled here with an idea in mind: to build a place where family, friends and customers felt comfortable, and could easily mix all of the elements up and create great stories.

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A place where you arrive for the first time, but somehow you realize you've already been here. A house, a gallery with a huge vine, a big country table with homemade honest food, fire and wine. Delicious wine. And just like that, in 2013 Campotinto was born from that simple idea. What started as a winery, ended up as a whole experience through the vines, the Inn and the Restaurant.

Just like almost all wineries in Uruguay, Campotinto went full-on for Tannat, a strain that managed to transform the country into a real stand-out amongst wine making countries. Being a boutique winery, it's all about the care of the vine, the perfect ripening of its grapes, the expertise, the passion and the technology. Sum it all up and the result is the best expression of this terroir's grapes.

Campotinto began vinification in 2012, and to this date they have different expressions of Tannat, Blends, Viognier and its stellar wine Medio y Medio, developed as a tribute to the famous beverage born years ago at the Port of Montevideo. In 2015, it was praised and acclaimed by The New York Times, described as "Tuscany in miniature".





The inviting fire pit in the main courtyard often becomes the center of the lodge life once the hunting day is complete, offering a relaxing respite from the fast paced days in the dove fields.



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. Then it is off to the vehicles for the shooting day.

Usually, 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. Depending on the time of the year, evening hunts last until 5 to 7pm, after which you will return to the lodge, where you will be met with cocktails and appetizers prior to dinner.



NON-HUNTING ACTIVITIES

GOLFING

Just five minutes away from the lodge is a gem of a golf course- Carmelo Golf is destined to be one of the most notable courses in South America, this magnificent 18 hole track already has fans who can't stop commenting about its natural beauty and challenging design, which places beautiful golf holes in rolling vineyard terrain as if they belonged there.

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WINE & DINE EXPERIENCE

With such a lovely lodge and options for fine wines and dining, hunters have several options in this attractive region. During your hunting stay you may arrange a dining experience at one of the nearby wineries as part of a larger wine tour of Uruguay. For yet a deeper dive, you could extend your stay at Carmelo Lodge after your hunting stay is complete and, while staying at Carmelo, visit the other wineries as well. Or lastly, stay at one of the other wineries after your shooting stay at Carmelo for the ultimate shooting and wine tour of friendly Uruguay.



LOS CERROS DE SAN JUAN

Visit the oldest winery in Uruguay, so old in fact that it was declared a national monument as an important part of the nation of Uruguay's heritage. The proximity of the two rivers have left soils that are ideal for the production of both grapes and olives, and the resulting vineyard excels at producing both. The warehouse and wine cellar are both built in stone, allowing the production of high-end wines in ideal conditions of humidity and temperature, recently reopened after a year and a half of restoration.



NARBONA

Appropriate for those who may wish to cast a slightly wider net and enjoy a few more lazy days in Uruguay is a Relais and Chateaux property, the Narbona winery. While this is a respected and fully operational winery that was first established in 1909, the Narbona vineyards have elevated the farm-stay experience with several lovely private rooms, three exclusive restaurants, and a dedication to personalized service that is refreshing and fine. If you have extra time to stay in Uruguay, don't miss it!



RATES 2024-25

Season runs all year round

- **HUNTER:** \$850 per night
 - **NON HUNTER:** \$650 per night
 - **GUN RENTAL:** \$125 per person per day approx
 - **LICENSES:** \$395 per person for the total stay
 - **SHELLS:** \$23.5 per box approx. *
- * 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
- **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**
Airlines; Hunting Licenses; Gun entry permits, transfers to/from the airport; gun rental; shells; gratuities for guides & house staff; masseuse; laundry service; international phone calls; tours, shopping trips, etc.; any items of a strictly personal nature; cost of itinerary modifications requested by the passenger; Montevideo or Buenos Aires 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.

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



INTERESTED IN VARIETY?

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



If fly fishing is your passion—consider the Nervous Waters family of lodges. **Nervous Waters** is the leader in international Fly Fishing destinations, with 11 special lodges spread out across **Argentina, Chile, Mexico** and the **Bahamas**. We offer a plethora of coveted gamefish including bones, permit, tarpon & snook, sea-run and resident brown trout, rainbow trout, and golden dorado, pacu, and pira pita.



David Denies Bird Hunting comprises 13 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 5 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.

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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