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A large, vertical photograph showing a fly fisherman in silhouette standing in a lake. The fisherman's arms are raised in a 'V' shape, signifying a successful catch. The background is a vibrant sunset with a bright orange sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is filled with horizontal bands of orange and red, and the water shows gentle ripples.

ARGENTINA



Kau Tapen

The fishing at Kau Tapen has been described as the finest fly fishing for sea trout in the world. The original fly fishing lodge in Tierra del Fuego, Kau Tapen has revolutionized fly fishing for large sea trout. It has access to 16 km of the Rio Grande, with the sea trout averaging 12 lbs in size and can be as much as 30+ lbs. The lodge has access for fly fishing on both banks of the Rio Grande, and the river offers easy wading on fine gravel. The lodge has a maximum capacity for 12 rods, staying in nine en-suite bedrooms with maid and laundry service. It offers amenities such as massage, sauna and a steam room, and a drying room for wet gear. Kau Tapen's acclaimed chef and house staff are outstanding, and fine Argentine wines are chosen to complement each meal. The menus will delight even the most discriminating palate.

SEA TROUT



Villa Maria

Villa Maria is on the lower Rio Grande and has offered small private groups exciting fishing on some of the most productive pools in the lower river since 1994. A very different fishery to Kau Tapen on the upper river, Villa Maria is a double handed fishermen's dream, enjoying private access on both banks and first crack of the whip at newly arrived sea trout. It commands 15 km of prime sea trout fishing on the lower Rio Grande, with fish averaging 10 lbs in size and running up to 30 lbs. The lodge can accommodate four rods in three double en-suite bedrooms. It is equipped with a dining room, sitting room, bar, wading room, and fly-tying table. Here you will experience gourmet dining, with Argentina's famed beef and fine wines, traditional Asados (BBQs) and delicious desserts.



Bella Vista

Bella Vista Lodge sits on the Rio Gallegos, the largest southernmost river on the Argentine mainland. The estancia owns nearly 50 kms of double bank private access fishing on the Rio Gallegos. A much bigger system than its sister river the Rio Grande, the Rio Gallegos and its' pools are far more varied in their character. Slow oily looking holding pools are interspersed with fast riffles and boulder strewn runs full of bright sea trout, averaging 9 lbs, but sea trout of over 20 lbs are caught every season. Bella Vista Lodge has five en suite bedrooms to accommodate a maximum of eight guests, a comfortable living room, a large wading room and spacious complimentary bar. Lamb and beef raised

on the farm ensure quality ingredients on which the chef bases an array of delicious, traditional Argentine specialities. Carefully selected wines compliment his mouth-watering menus.



Las Buitreras

Located on the lower Rio Gallegos, Las Buitreras prides itself on having some of the best guides available with over six season's experience of the beats. They are some of the best casters and instructors in Argentina. The Buitreras section of the Rio Gallegos includes nearly 50 named proven pools on the 40 km stretch of private water. The fishing is exciting and varied with pools ranging from deep, stony runs to cut banks and streamy, shingle flats. This

lower lodge gives you first crack at the fresh fish running the river. Las Buitreras Lodge is a renovated house on the estancia and furnished with traditional "campo" style antiques. There are five double rooms, two single rooms and a new annex with indoor barbeque and an extra room with three beds. There is a wine cellar with a fantastic selection from the Mendoza and San Juan regions.



La Zona

La Zona has established itself as one of the most sought after fly fishing destinations for golden dorado in the world. Located on the Uruguay River in Argentina, this year-round tailwater, below the large Salto Grande Reservoir, has recorded some of the largest golden dorado to date. Fishing can be done year-round, except for a period in late October to mid November when the area is closed due to spawning. Comfortable custom designed skiffs offer wide platforms for unobstructed casting from both the bow and stern. In addition to fly fishing, spin or baitcast angling is permitted using one barbless hook in the lures. La Zona boasts the possibility of 20 hook-ups per day with an average weight of 25 lbs. La Zona Lodge is a newly refurbished lodge on a ranch very close to the fishery. There are four air conditioned double rooms, and the friendly staff will make sure you want for nothing.



Dorado Lodge

Dorado Lodge is located on a 20,000 acre private ranch with exclusive access to the best section of Rio Tucanes and to the Juramento River. Salta Province in north-west Argentina is the only place on earth where you can consistently catch large freshwater dorado (*Salminus maxillosus*) on small, clear streams. Dorado migrated from the Parana River basin and created what is the only clear tailwater river with large dorado (up to 40 lbs). A typical day will produce some 20 strikes with half of these actually hooked and some landed. The average dorado is 8 lbs to 10 lbs and the record to the boat on a fly is 37 lbs. The lodge is located on a private cattle ranch and has belonged to a local family since the late 1900's. The main building (Ranch House) has a large living room with open kitchen and bar and second floor with enough place to hold up to four anglers at a time. There is now mains electricity and the lodge is dependent on a generator and solar panels, but you will have enough power to charge your batteries, check the internet and make phone calls.

GOLDEN DORADO



Pir Lodge

Pir Lodge is one of the original dorado operations in Corrientes in northern Argentina on the 3,500,000 acres of the Iber Marshlands. The channels and overhanging vegetation allow for clear water fishing on fly rods or light spinning tackle with plenty of opportunity for sight casting for dorado. Pir is designed to provide its guests not only with a remarkable fishing experience, but also with maximum comfort. The lodge has only five bedrooms, each one of them fully air-conditioned, with two double beds and large bathrooms. Gourmet dining with Argentina's famed beef and fine wines along with traditional "asados" (BBQ's) provide an extraordinary combination of luxury and wilderness.



Rio Irigoyen

The Rio Irigoyen is an exciting river for specimen sea trout. Unique among Argentina's rivers, the Rio Irigoyen is sheltered from Argentina's often vicious winds. The Rio Irigoyen flows into the ocean some 180 km south of Rio Grande, winding its way through the lower climbs

of the Andes. Most of the river is set against a beautiful background of Antarctic and Lenga Beech trees, until, near the coast, it emerges from this sheltered forest into the barren coastal plain for a couple of kilometres. This beautiful river offers the rare opportunity of hooking 20 lbs plus fish on single handed rods. The capacity is a maximum of six rods. Accommodation comprises of beautifully appointed, double-occupancy rooms, with spacious en-suite bathrooms and central heating. Meals are served in a separate cabin, equipped with sofas, a well stocked bar and internet and phone access.

TROUT



Jurassic Lake

Jurassic Lake is nothing short of a biological anomaly and must be the most prolific giant rainbow trout fishery on the planet. The lake itself measures approximately 20 km by 15 km and is located at approximately 3,000 ft in the wide open, desolate expanse of the Patagonian Steppe. Here the rainbow trout average over 10 lbs with countless fish in the mid-teens as well as good numbers of fish into the 20 lbs plus class. These fish are extremely stout and most are incredibly strong and acrobatic. The camp is located at the mouth of Jurassic Lake's only significant tributary. With no outlet, this is far and away the best location on the lake with anglers stacking up big numbers of large fish virtually every day of the season. The camp can take as many as nine anglers who will sleep either two or three per dome/cabin. The domes have comfortable beds with bedding and an electric light, and heat.



Chime Lodge

Overlooking the scenic Chimehuin River, Chime Lodge is ideally located with excellent access to the greatest diversity of trout water in northern Patagonia. Right from the doorstep they access the famous Chimehuin River, and are not more than 45 minutes away from miles and miles of trout rich waters including the Malleo, Collon Cura and Alumine Rivers plus the large trout-producing Tromen, Epulafquen, Huechulafquen, Curruhe and Verde Lakes. These are the waters that put Patagonia on the fly fishing map of the world. Each river or lake has its own character, and it is right here that you can catch the trout of a lifetime. Brown, rainbow, brook trout and landlocked salmon thrive in these waters and readily take flies. To top off your day you will be welcomed home by the family-style atmosphere of the lodge and treated to excellent cooking, washed down with Argentina's renowned wines.

