



Pre trip information |

JACANA LODGE Duckhunting [Buenos Aires, Argentina]

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South America Hunting Questionnaire

Gun information and serial numbers MUST BE legible and accurate. This document will be sent to Argentina for gun permits and hunting licenses.

Photocopy of the I.D. page in your Passport

This must clearly show your name, passport number, date issued and expiration date. Because of the time required for processing firearms permits, please return your questionnaire promptly. Your cooperation is appreciated.

NOTE TO GROUP LEADERS: It is important that as a group leader you share this pre-trip information with all members of your party so that everyone is adequately prepared, understands the cancellation/refund policy pertaining to their trip, and has the opportunity to purchase travel insurance (especially anyone with a pre-existing health condition). DDW cannot assume any financial responsibility for consequences incurred if this information is not provided by you to all members of your group.

Arrival

A VALID PASSPORT is necessary with at least 6 months remaining until expiration. No visa is needed for U.S. citizens or Community subjects; citizens from other countries should check entry requirements with the Argentine consulate.

Entry Request Fee

When entering Argentine Territory, the nationals of the following countries must pay a “reciprocity fee” in accordance to the following:

- American: USD 131.-
- Canadian: USD 70.-
- Australian: USD 100.-

The payment of this “reciprocity fee” is not a Visa since Argentina does not require Visa to the nationals of the mentioned countries when traveling for tourism or business purposes. The Argentine Government set this entry fee on equal amounts to those Argentine citizens must pay when requesting a Visa to travel to those countries.

Note: rates subject to modifications based upon reciprocity

Forms of accepted payment: Argentine pesos, Unites States Dollar, credit cards, Traveler checks.

Customs and Firearms Registration

U.S. Customs has adopted more stringent regulations for checking firearms registration forms upon reentry. We are recommending you to pre-register each gun taken out of the country. You should request U. S. Customs Form 4457-Certificate Of Registration For Personal Effects Taken Abroad. This form can be attained at any U.S. Customs office before your trip by presenting your firearms for this procedure. This form, listing all guns,

cameras, binoculars, etc., should be stapled in the back of your passport for ready reference. A copy should be carried in your gun case and a copy left at home. By following this procedure, you should experience no delay at U.S. Customs on return from an international shooting trip. This regulation applies only for re-entry into the U.S.

Europe - You should inform the airline prior to your travel date that you will be carrying shotguns and declare them when checking in for your flight. An airline official will escort you to a Customs post for gun registration and then hand-carry your guns to the plane. On return, you must retrieve your guns at the airline service desk in the baggage hall. An airline official will accompany you to the red channel, where your guns are registered with Customs as re-entering the country.

• Entry Requirement

ARGENTINA GUN PERMIT: Guns must be declared and gun permits purchased on arrival in Argentina. This is usually done at the international airport and a fee paid directly to the National Police Authority. You are requested to pay in cash U\$S 100 per gun. Please be aware that for guns with interchangeable barrels, each barrel will be charged separately. Fees are subject to change without notice. The information on your Shooting Questionnaire will be used for your gun entry permit and very carefully checked by the authorities on arrival, so please be sure it is absolutely legible and accurate.

It will also be important to remember that your gun permit departure form must be stamped by police authority at the airport before check in at the ticket counter for your flight home.

• Air Travel Arrangements

We work very closely with the main office in Buenos Aires who does an outstanding job of diligently handling all incoming and outgoing transfers, and our constant communication with them allows us to act quickly when unscheduled circumstances occur.

• Baggage/Gun Case Restrictions

Airline regulations permit two (2) checked bags not to exceed 70 lbs. each and two carry-on pieces per passenger. Carry on bags must fit under the seat in front of you or in the overhead bin. Please check with your airline before travelling.

From time to time outfitters need things in the hunting areas, and they will ship them to us and ask that they be carried down by clients, as customs and shipping expenses are prohibitive for them. Usually items are things like jackets, hats, camouflage netting, or boots. If you have some extra room in your bags, and would not mind carrying things down, outfitters will reimburse you for any expense you incur, and will often throw in some free shotgun shells for your trouble. Let us know if you have an interest in lending a hand.

• Shells

We strongly recommend that all shot shells be purchased in the duck area. Buying them there eliminates baggage hassle and overweight charges, and the cartridges available are very good. Cost of shells is U\$S 16 a box; and payment will be handled prior to your departure. You may settle your cartridge account either in cash,

or by credit card. We normally shoot 2 ¾ inch shells on ducks in shot size #5 or #6. Three-inch shells are not available-and we shoot lead shot exclusively.

• Shotguns/Chokes

In selecting which gun you take, it boils down to personal preference. Autoloaders are popular, as are over/under or side by side guns. The quarry dictates that duck hunting in Argentina-with Rosy-Billed Pochards, Pintails, and other "big" ducks being prevalent-that a 12 gauge is the gun of choice. Chokes are probably more open than you'd imagine. The ducks will be decoying at close range, and improved cylinder should be sufficient. If you prefer not to bring a gun, we have Benelli autoloaders and Beretta Silver Pigeons for use that you are welcome to use during your stay.

• Climate

Duck Hunting in the Province of Buenos Aires is a fall and winter activity, with cool mornings, evenings, with an occasional ride in an open boat means that layers, or a good water fowler's parka are the route to go. Temperatures start in the 45-65F range in the early season, and drop to 35-50 by July. There is also a chance of showers. Skim ice is possible on very cold mornings, though quite rare.

You may also wish to visit www.myweather2.com to check our forecast at Lincoln, Argentina.

• Clothing & Equipment

For the Field: Shooting clothes should be green, brown, or camouflage, and any of the marsh patterns are fine. Warm hats and gloves are appropriate for the marshes. You should wear what you might wear for a duck hunt in cooler parts of the U.S. during regular duck seasons-plan carefully-most hunters bring too much. A couple light layers, including long underwear, with a hooded rain or waterfowl parka over them will be about right, and if you have packed more than a large duffel for a 4-night stay, waders included, you are probably over-packed. You may also wish to visit www.myweather2.com, they will provide an accurate Buenos Aires forecast, but also consider wind, and the fact that you'll be out early and late during the coolest parts of the day. Footwear: Duck hunting dictates that waders or at least hip boots are the best choice for staying dry and warm in any duck hunting situation. You will usually hunt in dry blinds and near shallow water, but thousands of miles from home so it's better to be on the safe side. Clothing at the lodge is casual, shirts, sweaters and pants or jeans are appropriate for dinner and by the fire in the evenings.

• Important Accessories for the Field

- Soft protective gun case for daily use
- Shell pouch - one that will hold a box or two of shells; even a good, deep pocket is handy.
- Shooting safety glasses - also serve as sunglasses and should be the shatterproof variety. Green or yellow protective glasses are good. They have a small side panel, which protects against glare. Available from many shooting sports suppliers.
- Warm hat - something with ear flaps or a ski-style hat that will cover ears is the best..
- Shooting gloves -. Bob Allen makes the finest lightweight, leather shooting gloves, available from Cabela's.
- Ear plugs - Ear protection is essential, and whether you prefer plugs or the electronic muffs that shield your ears from muzzle blast; wearing something is prudent.

- Small field bag - to carry camera gear and other personal items into the field Hard shotgun case - secure, impact-resistant for use on airlines (double case for two guns)
- Insect repellent - Mosquitoes or other bothersome insects are very unusual in the field, except on the warmest afternoons.
- You might take a small bottle of Cutter's Cream for late April or May hunting.
- Medication - Most people have no stomach problems in this part of Argentina. Nevertheless, it's a good idea, as when traveling anywhere, to take along medication for symptomatic relief. Also, take aspirin, in addition to other medications you normally use. Band-aids - for sore fingers from shooting.
- Note: Laundry service is available at the lodge if desired.

Where to Obtain Equipment

Cabela's

One Cabela Drive Sidney, NE 69160
 Toll-free in the U.S. and Canada: 800-237-4444
 International orders: 1-308-234-5555
 Website: www.cabelas.com

Mack's Prairie Wings

2235 Highway 63 North,
 Stuttgart, AR
 72160 800-229-0296

Daily Schedule

Mornings start early, with a wakeup call well before dark, and breakfast cooked to order at the ranch. Then, a short ride to the duck blinds will put you in your shooting position about twenty minutes before sunrise, with decoys at the ready. You'll start shooting at first light, and return to the lodge after the shoot for lunch and perhaps a siesta before the afternoon shooting begins, usually about 2:30 or 3pm. The afternoon shoot continues until dark returning to the house for dinner and overnight accommodations..

Species

There are 12 common species in this area of Argentina, which is an area called the central lowlands, or wet pampas. A fine book on all of the bird species, including the waterfowl is Tito Narosky's *Birds of Argentina and Uruguay*, which is available in many bookstores and online retailers. In order of abundance you should see these ducks as they are listed below. Most all whistle, except for the Pochard which purrs, or burrs like the Canvasback.

- Yellow Billed Pintail
- Rosey-Billed Pochard
- White-Faced Whistling Duck
- Fulvous Whistling Duck
- Speckled Teal
- Silver Teal
- Red Shoveller
- Southern Wigeon
- Cinnamon Teal
- White Cheeked Pintail
- Blackheaded Duck
- Ring Teal

• Bag Limits

In our part of Argentina, the bag limit, or transportation limit is quite liberal, but we hope that you will let your conscience be your guide as well, and compare this shooting opportunity to virtually any other waterfowling experience worldwide. Our outfitters impose limits based on shells fired, and will explain this concept to you in detail, but know that through our years of experience we find this system to strike the best balance between action and conservation.

• Communication

Jacana Lodge has a phone available, and if you wish to place outgoing calls you may do so with a calling card. We have found ATT to be the most effective in our experience in Argentina. Internet wi-fi connection is also available at the lodge.

• Health

We suggest that you consult with your physician for medical advice on travel to Argentina. If your physician is not familiar with travel-related medicine, the CDC offers excellent, up-to-date information on health precautions for travelers by fax; call toll-free 888-232-3299 and follow the recorded instructions. You may also visit the CDC's Web site at www.cdc.gov.

• Medical Insurance and Evacuation

As outlined above, we strongly recommend you purchase both health and trip cancellation insurance. Once we have received the trip payment we are unable to make a refund in the instance of a cancellation.

On the other hand, David Denies values your safety. Although we do everything possible to ensure our guests have a safe experience, unavoidable accidents do happen. An illness or injury in the remote areas we frequent could require a medical evacuation costing over \$100,000 that is not covered by medical or trip insurance.

For this reason, we strongly recommend that you purchase a Global Rescue membership. Global Rescue is a worldwide crisis response company that provides advisory services from in-house medical experts, field rescue from the point of illness or injury and evacuation to your home hospital of choice.

For standard travel insurance, we can recommend Travelex

www.travelexinsurance.com: +1-800-228-9792

For emergency medical evacuation, we can recommend Global Rescue

www.globalrescue.com/NervousWaters: +1-800-381-9754 or +1-617-459-4200.

• Gratuities

Gratuities for lodge and field staff are not included in the shoot cost since tipping, in general, is discretionary. However, clients have asked that we provide general guidelines. Therefore, we suggest U\$S 75 to 100 per shooter per day to cover all staff, including field assistants, guides, scouts and all house staff. We suggest that any gratuities are included when settling up shotgun shell accounts. We will take care of distributing this amongst the guides, house staff, field assistants, etc.

• Currency

The dollar is widely accepted, and you can change dollars for pesos at your hotel or any bank. When pay in dollars, most merchants give change in pesos, a good way to get small bills for cabs, tips to porters, etc., although dollars may be used as well. It is difficult to exchange traveler's checks of any kind outside Buenos Aires. American Express, Visa, and Master- Card are widely accepted. The lodge accepts payment in cash and credit cards (Visa, Master Card, Amex). You may also wish to check the current exchange rate at www.x-rates.com

• Electric Current

220 volts; a standard converter and European adapter for two-pronged plug should work fine.

• Alcoholic Beverage/Tobacco Importation

Two bottles of liquor and two cartons of cigarettes can be taken into Argentina duty-free. Our suggestion is that you purchase these at the airport before departure.

• Terms & Conditions

Inclusions: All meals in the hunt area with wines and beer; best available lodging (double occupancy); services of a professional hunter-guide; all vehicles and ground transportation in the hunting area as required by the itinerary; field assistants as required; hunting license/permits; temporary gun import permit; all payments to landowners for hunting rights; taxes and service charges.

Exclusions: Land transfer or air charter to/from Jacana Lodge originating in Buenos Aires-this will be arranged on a group by group or individual basis. Scheduled air fares required by itinerary from point of origin through return; shotgun shells (U\$S 16 per box); gun rental (U\$S 65 per person per day); all gratuities; telephone calls, laundry/dry cleaning, room service, or items of a strictly personal nature; baggage overweight charges; personal/baggage insurance; passport expense; cost of itinerary modification requested by passenger; transfers in Buenos Aires if your airline schedule requires you to change airports.

• An Important Last Word - Safety

Check guns to make sure they're unloaded before leaving the ranch - recheck in the field and again on departure. Don't be offended if outfitters check them again. Everyone wants to be as safe as possible.

Magazine shotguns should be carried with the receiver open; uncased doubles always broken when walking in the field, in a vehicle, or any time when not in shooting position. It is your decision to allow field assistants to shoot. They have vast experience in shooting and safety.

If you are taking a break from shooting, be aware of others around you. If you are in the open, you may be flaring birds away from others who are shooting. It is a good idea to always wear safety shooting glasses to protect your eyes. And protect your ears with plugs or a quality headset type of ear protector. Many times during the shoot there will be birds in the air, including songbirds, swans and shorebirds. Most of these are protected and should not be shot under any circumstance. The basic rule is stick with ducks. Check with the outfitter for any other game birds.

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