

# PRE TRIP INFORMATION

# WEATHER CONDITIONS

You should take into account that Patagonia, being in the southern hemisphere, has opposite seasons to those in the northern hemisphere. Therefore, our spring starts September 21<sup>st</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>. If you shall visit us during this period of time, you can expect temperatures ranging from 40 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit / 4 to 21 degrees Celsius. The weather is generally cool and even if we are getting into the dry season, you can still encounter some rain.

Of course, the deeper we get into the summer, the warmer and dryer it gets. Winds, cool or cold mornings and nights can still occur. Average summer temperatures range from 68 to 89 degrees Fahrenheit / 20 to 32 degrees Celcius. As from March 21<sup>st</sup>, the beginning of our fall season, the mornings and evenings get colder and the days get shorter. Rain can be expected from mid to end of our fall months and the average temperatures go from 40 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit / 4 to 21 degrees Celsius.

For more details you can visit the updated weather forecast at: http://www.windguru.cz/int/index.php?sc=300241&switchlang=1

### **CURRENCY**

Argentine Peso. Dollars and Euros are accepted in many exchange places, shops and hotels.

### **ELECTRICITY**

Argentinian wall outlets provide 220volts. Computers and cell phones usually just require adaptors, since they normally come with a dual voltage 110-220. All other electrical appliances require a transformer that will vary according to the watt consumption of the appliance to be used (electric razors, curlers, irons).

### **VISA**

No special visa is required for US citizens to enter Argentina. You should have a valid passport with a validity of at least 6 months after entry date. However you should know that upon entrance you shall be charged a reciprocity fee of USD 120 that will be valid for 10 years.

### **GRATUITIES**

Guests who feel they would like to show their appreciation, can leave an envelope with our host or hostess. The average for the house staff is of approximately between 30 to 50 USD per night per room. Gratuities for guides can be handed out directly to them between 70 to 100 USD a day for 2 rods. These are just guidelines and it is entirely to the guest to leave whatever they feel like.

#### THE FISHING

We fish 14 km / 9 miles of the world known Chimehuín river plus another 14 km / 8 miles of side channels during high water, we also have 8 km / 5 miles of the Quilquihue running through the property and a spring pond that feeds 2.6 km / 3 miles approx. of our own private spring creek.

The closest beats are a 3 minute drive from the lodge and the furthest are 20 minutes away. On an average morning you can catch around 5 to 8 fish ranging from 12 inches / 30 cm to 20 inches / 51 cm. mostly rainbows and some browns. Some mornings, if you are lucky you can get twice that amount. In the evenings you can catch similar numbers with a chance of more browns during the evening hatch.

Prime time extends from mid November to March, but there is also good fishing in November, April and May.

We strictly practice Catch & Release.

# **CLOTHING & OTHER ITEMS**

Dress around the lodge is casual.

- Comfortable boots or trekking shoes for horse ridings and trekking.
- Waterproof shoes are highly recommended
- Waterproof jacket
- A sweater or polartec for underneath your outer layer
- Swimming shorts if you are visiting during the summer months
- Lightweight insulated underwear
- A hat for sun protection
- Long sleeves t-shirt
- Don't forget personal medications and toiletries
- Polarized Sun glasses and Sunscreen
- A flashlight, Leatherman Tool or similar multi-purpose tool
- Camera and extra batteries
- Insect repellent
- Adaptors and transformer, if you need them

Don't worry too much if you forget something, the town of San Martín de los Andes is a 25 minutes drive.

1	MEALS
	Please inform in advance if you have any food restrictions. All meals include alcoholic beverages. We also have an open bar.
•	Wi-fi and cellular signal
٤	We are happy to say that we have wi-fi in all of the rooms and common areas as well as outside the lodge gardens. Cell signal is not available at the lodge premises but you might be able to get a connection near river.
	EXTRAS
9	Such as laundry, phone calls, massages etc. can be paid at the end of your stay.