



FRONTERA
WINGSHOOTING
Argentina



VERACRUZ LODGE
FRONTERA WINGSHOOTING

PRE-TRIP INFORMATION

**DUCK , DOVE, PERDIZ
& DORADO FISHING**

NOTE TO GROUP LEADERS

As a group leader you must share this pre trip information with all members of your party so that everyone is adequately prepared, understands the cancellation/refund policy pertaining the trip and has the opportunity to purchase travel insurance. FW cannot assume any financial responsibility for consequences incurred if this information is not provided to all members of your group. Moreover, sharing the pre-trip information document with your party will ensure an excellent stay.



QUESTIONNAIRE

Together with the Pre-trip information document, you will be sent a questionnaire for each hunter to fill out and send back to us.



PASSPORT

Your passport must be valid for **six months** following the last day of your South American trip. If your passport expires before then, please renew it right away.



HEALTH

At present, **no vaccination or medication for preventable diseases are required or are necessary** for travellers coming to Cordoba.
NO ZIKA IN ARGENTINA!



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

We work together with our representatives in Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Santa Fe, all of whom do an outstanding job of diligently handling all incoming and outgoing transfers. Our constant communication with them allows us to act quickly when unscheduled circumstances occur.



TRANSFER POLICY

The only transfers included in most of our packages are those round transfers Santa Fe airport-Veracruz Lodge-Santa Fe airport, for parties arriving together and short-distance transfers to and from hunting fields. For transfers from and to Santa Fe airport on different schedules there will be a USD 100 surcharge (one way) per single passenger.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS



INCLUDED IN OUR PACKAGES USUALLY:

- ★ First class lodging based on double occupancy
- ★ All meals in the shooting fields with wine and beer, and an open bar with premium local liquors
- ★ Professional Shooting Guide
- ★ All ground transfers as required by pre-set itinerary
- ★ Gun cleaning service
- ★ Pick up from the airport and customs assistance, round ground transfer (Santa Fe-Veracruz lodge-Santa Fe) –only for parties arriving and departing together)
- ★ Ground transfer to shooting fields
- ★ Wi-Fi at the lodge
- ★ All payment to landowners for shooting rights
- ★ Taxes and service charges.



ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

- ★ Air fares required by itinerary
- ★ **Imported liquors**
- ★ Shotgun shells
- ★ Gun entry permits, or gun rental if required
- ★ Shooting license
- ★ Bird boy
- ★ Waders
- ★ Gratuities
- ★ Telephone calls
- ★ Laundry and dry cleaning
- ★ Items of a strictly personal nature
- ★ Baggage overweight charges
- ★ Personal and/or baggage insurance
- ★ Passport expenses
- ★ Costs of itinerary modifications requested by the passenger
- ★ Ground transfers in Buenos Aires when air schedule requires a change in airports.
- ★ Ground transfers to and from the lodge for clients not arriving or departing with the whole party (please, refer to Transfer Policy below)



IMPORTANT NOTE: To cancel final bill, at the lodge **we take cash** (US dollars), and **checks and wires with a 4% surcharge.**



GRATUITIES

Gratuities for lodge and field staff are not included in the shoot cost, since we feel that tipping should be discretionary. However, clients have asked us to provide general guidelines; therefore, we've included the following suggestion in the bill:

*between \$90-120 for the house staff and field guide per guest/day. **E.g. our hunters usually spend \$405 in tips for a 4-day stay. Guests should pay bird boys directly in the field, and thus, we do not include them in the final bill (\$70 for each scheduled full day hunt and \$35 for half day).**



CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT POLICY

All hunters may shoot half day on arrival date provided they arrive at the airport no later than 1pm; and they may shoot half day the morning of their departure provided their flight is scheduled for departure after 4pm.



CLIMATE

Santa Fe has a Mediterranean climate. Duck Hunting is a fall and winter activity, and cool mornings, evenings, with an occasional ride in an open boat mean that layers, or a good water fowler's parka are the route to go. Showers are also a possibility, and it can be cool, and damp. Skim ice is possible on very cold mornings, though quite rare. Please, see the chart below which lists average temperatures and precipitations of the last few years... **Remember we are on the opposite hemisphere!**

Average daily temperature and precipitation range – SANTA FE, ARGENTINA

	January	February	March	April	May	June
High Temp.	91°F /33°C	88°F /31°C	82°F /28°C	75°F /24°C	70°F /21°C	63°F /17°C
Low Temp.	70°F / 21°C	68°F / 20°C	64°F / 18°C	59°F/15°C	52°F/ 11°C	46°F / 8°C
Precip. mm	106 mm.	132 mm.	139 mm.	96 mm.	62 mm.	24 mm.

	July	August	September	October	November	December
High Temp.	63°F /17°C	68°F /20°C	70°F /21°C	79°F /26°C	82°F /28°C	88°F /31°C
Low Temp.	46°F / 8°C	48°F / 9°C	52°F / 11°C	57°F / 14°C	63°F / 17°C	66°F / 19°C
Precip. mm	30 mm.	30 mm.	60 mm.	101 mm.	107 mm.	105 mm.

NOTE: We strongly recommend checking the weather forecast for Santa Fe, Argentina, before departure. Please, visit www.theweatherchannel.com or www.weatherunderground.com



CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIELD

At the Field, Shooting clothes should be light green, green, brown, camouflage, or any of the marsh patterns are fine. Warm hats and gloves are appropriate for the marshes. A couple of light layers, including long underwear, with a hooded rain or waterfowl parka over them will be about right, and if you have more than a large duffel bag for a 4-night stay, waders included, you are probably over-packed. You may also wish to visit www.weatherunderground.com as they will provide an accurate forecast and also consider wind, which is important since you will be out early and late - the coolest times of the day. Footwear: Duck shooting dictates that waders or at least hip boots are the best choice for staying dry and warm in any duck shooting situation. You will usually hunt in dry blinds and near shallow water, but thousands of miles from home it's always 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.

NOTE: Evening dress code Clothing is casual; slacks and sport shirts are all you need. Laundry service is available at the lodge if desired.



IMPORTANT ACCESSORIES FOR THE FIELD

- ★ **Shooting safety glasses.** Also serve as sun glasses and should be shatter proof. Yellow or green protective glasses worn over regular glasses are good.
 - ★ **Ear plugs or quality headset type of ear protector.**
 - ★ **Shooting gloves.** Quality, sensitive leather shooting gloves protect hands from hot shotgun barrels, nicks and blisters from reloading, breaking guns and activating safeties. Golf or batting gloves are good substitute.
 - ★ **Shoulder pads.** To protect shoulders from the bruises the recoil of guns produces.
 - ★ **Self-protective gun case** for daily use
 - ★ **Shell pouch/hunting vest with pockets.** To hold one or two boxes of shells. Best, belt-type pouch.
 - ★ **Lightweight hat/cap.** Better if with a wide brim.
 - ★ **Small field bag.** To carry camera gear and personal items into the field
 - ★ **Camera.** Professional photos by a photographer can be arranged at a low extra cost and you may take home some wonderful pictures of a lifetime trip. Plus, you can have the camera man make a video of this unforgettable experience. Just let us know in advance.
 - ★ **Medication.** As always when travelling, take along medication for symptomatic relief, such as aspirin, in addition to any other prescription medicines you take.
- NOTE:** Please, to prevent unhappy situations, keep your host well informed of the medications you take.
- ★ **Band-aids.** For sore fingers from shooting.
 - ★ **Insect repellent.** Mosquitos bother mainly in the summer months. It is always a good idea to carry a small bottle of insect repellent with you.
 - ★ **Flashlight.**



FRONTERA WINGSHOOTING SHOP

In the case you need extra clothing or equipment for the field you can get them at Veracruz shop! We have very nice jackets, pants, fleece, shirts, hats, etc. Ranging from sizes S to XXL and prices are between usd25 and usd120. Of course they all come with FW LOGO. We also sell very nice leather and silver souvenirs in the case you need to bring gifts back home with you!



SPECIES

The estuary, marsh, lagoon and river systems of South America coupled with the abundant agriculture provide the best duck hunting opportunities in the world. There are more than a dozen duck species in this area of Argentina, Parana River and the north 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. Most all whistle, except for the Pochard which purrs, or burrs like the Canvasback.

***Bag limit: 30 ducks per hunt, 60 ducks per day. 8 perdiz per hunt.**



DAILY SCHEDULE

Mornings start early, with a wake-up call well before dawn, 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 ready.

You'll start shooting at first light, and return to the lodge after the shoot for lunch and perhaps a short siesta before the afternoon shooting begins, usually about 2:30 or 3pm. The afternoon shoot continues until dark when you will return to the lodge for dinner.



HEALTH

We strongly suggest those who suffer from any health condition consult with your physician for advice on a hunting trip to Argentina. If your physician is not familiar with travel-related medicine, the CDC offers excellent, up-to-date information on health precautions for travellers; call toll-free 888-236-1033 or visit the CDC's Web site at www.cdc.gov.

Also, please, when you fill in the shooting questionnaire, **state any medical condition you may suffer from and the medicine you take**, as well as **any related restrictions in food**, so that we are well prepared for your arrival.



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.

Frontera Wingshooting 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 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.

<https://www.globalrescue.com/partner/frontera/>

+1 800 381 9754.



ELECTRIC CURRENT

220volts. A standard converter and European adapter for two-pronged plug should work fine. We do have converters for you at the lodge.

Note: you may check the following site for more information.

<http://www.trade.gov/mas/ian/ecw/AR.html>



CURRENCY

The official currency in Argentina is the Argentine Peso, no longer tied to the US dollar. Most shops in Buenos Aires and Cordoba accept both, US dollars and pesos, but if you pay with dollars, expect pesos in return. We do not accept Argentine pesos at our lodges.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO IMPORTATION

Two bottles of liquor and two cartons of cigarettes can be taken into Argentina duty-free.

To take them home, we suggest you purchase these at the duty free shop at the airport before departure.



AN IMPORTANT FINAL WORD



SAFETY

For some reason, more shooters, dogs and bird-boys take stray pellets when bird shooting than in any other shot-gunning activity. There should be no reason for this, since guns are placed well apart from one another. So keep an eye on safety:

When fields are being harvested, there are often workers on horseback or farm animals that may edge into a shooting area assuming that guns are prudent and will never shoot low. Bottom line is **there is never an excuse for taking a long-angle shot** (below 45 degrees). This requires no concentration and in no way will inhibit your shoot.

Don't take chances of shot angles ever!

Be always aware of the position of fellow shooters and bird boys.

Check guns to make sure they are unloaded before leaving the ranch; recheck in the field and again before departure. Please, don't be offended if FW staff checks them again; everyone wants to be as safe as possible.

Whenever not in shooting position, magazine guns should be carried with the receiver open; uncase doubles, always broken.

Do not handle loaded shotguns to bird-boys.

And NEVER let bird-boys shoot; this simply introduces an element of risk, even when most are competent shooters.

If assigned location is a little off the flight line, or not productive, let your guide know and you will be moved to a better location. Do not change locations on your own without informing your guide.

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 other shooters.

Many times during the shoot there will be songbirds in the air. Some of these are protected and **should not** be shot under any circumstance. The basic rule is **stick to doves**. If interested in any other bird games, please, ask your guide.

Always wear your safety shooting glasses and ear protector.



PAYMENT TERMS AND AGREEMENT

FW requires a 50% non-refundable deposit to secure a reservation within the 20 days subsequent to the reservation. If the customer wished to cancel after deposit, the 50% deposit is non-refundable but can be used for another trip dated within one year since deposit date. The 50% balance due is required no later than 60 days prior the scheduled trip arrival. Cancellations 15 days or less prior to arrival are non-refundable.

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