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*A sprawling Spanish-style manse on the vast frontier of dove and pigeon shooting.*





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It gives us great pleasure to introduce Santiago del Estero Lodge, located in the northern province of the same name, this is a new frontier in dove and pigeon shooting, in an unpressured, rural area where the local folks are happy to make your acquaintance, where the pace of life is still tied to the land, and where the doves and pigeons can at times literally darken the sky.

Here we have rebuilt a home of great consequence, a Spanish-styled manse, with sprawling courtyards, which lends rural elegance to the exciting shooting at hand.

Join us as we embark on a new destination that is both compelling and unique.

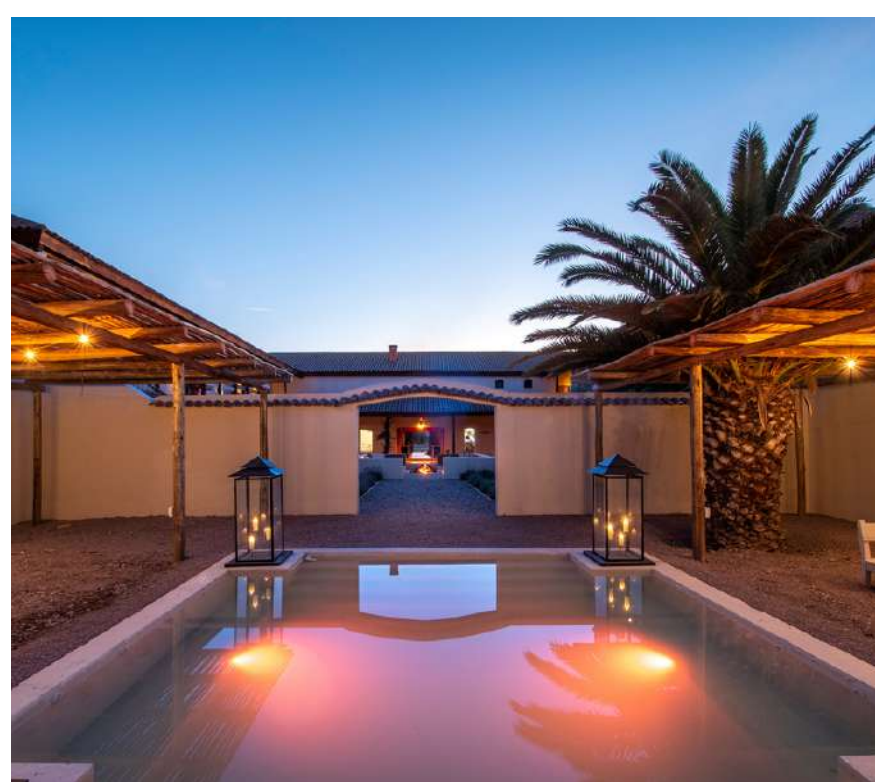
This area was first explored by my father Spanish outfitter Paco Riestra, a guide with more than twenty-five years in the shooting industry. It was his dream to build a Spanish-styled hunting lodge in one of the finest areas of Argentina, which he did when he constructed a twenty thousand square foot lodge in the middle of inhospitable forests and wetlands near the Rio Dulce.

After more than 20 years being recognized for good hunting and as part of honoring his work and commitment to great hunting, we have partnered with David Denies, a prestigious hunting and fishing company in Argentina, pointing out their premium services and accommodation.

You will find the lodge elegant but not stilted, the service sharp but not bothersome, and the dining and amenities uniformly terrific. And all this as a framework for some of the greatest dove and pigeon shooting to be found in South America.







## WHY CHOOSE SGO. DEL ESTERO LODGE?

§ Operated by Paco Riestra and David Denies, the pioneer of dove shooting since 1984, Sgo. del Estero Lodge offers some of the very best high-volume dove shooting in the country combining short drives with phenomenal accommodations & service.

§ Ideal for groups of up to 14-17 guests, the lodge offers 14 private rooms each with a King Size bed. The grand house can comfortably welcome couples, families, corporate parties or a group of friends.

§ The facilities and amenities at the lodge are without peer in the shooting world, featuring a private billiards room, an outdoor pool with jets, massage room, wine cellar and TV room. The grounds that surround this sprawling lodge are also home to a central fire pit, which offers the perfect spot for afternoon and evening relaxation.

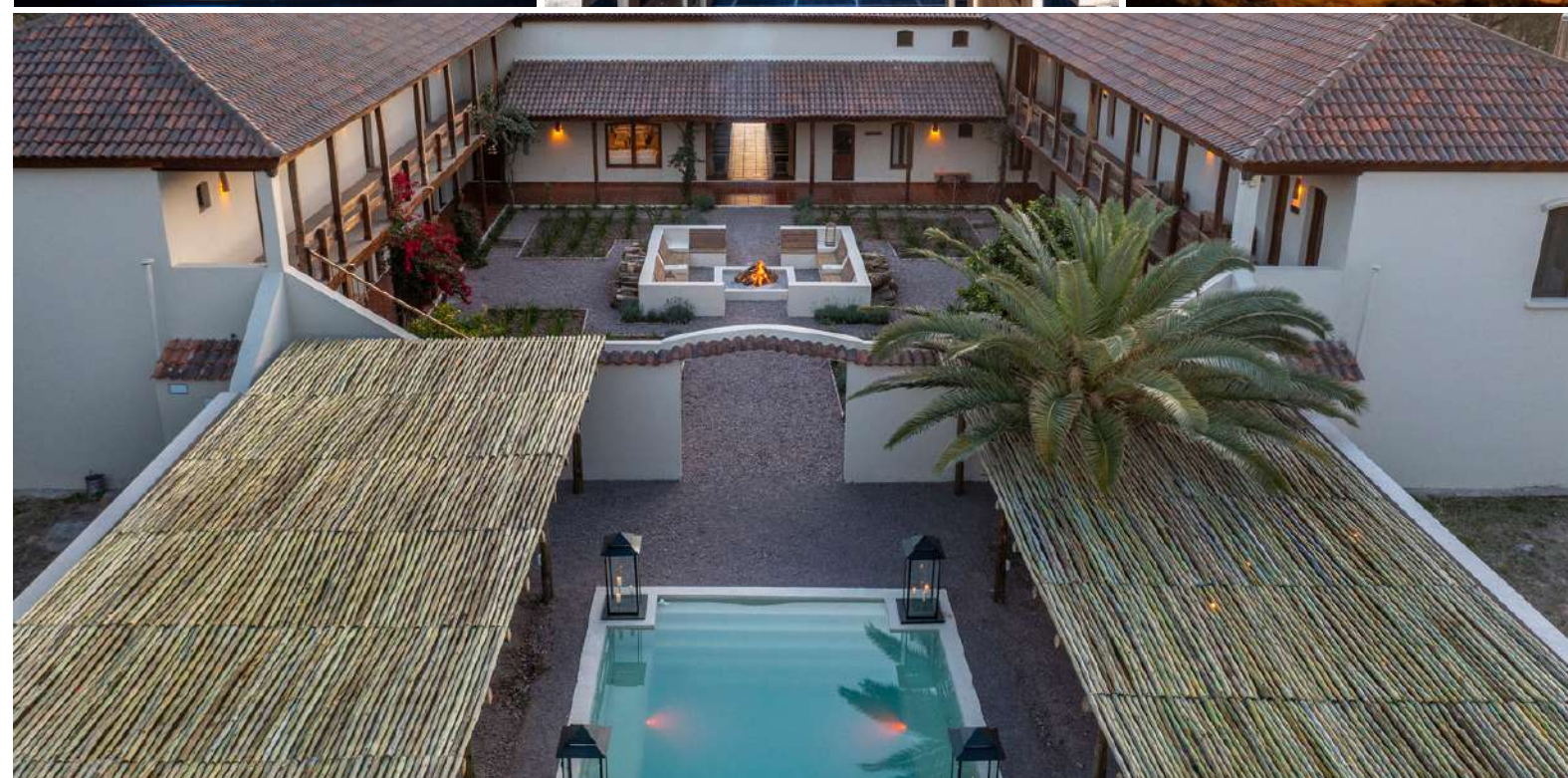
§ Ideally located for shorter drives to the best shooting grounds. 15-30 min' drive on average all year round.

§ No hunting pressure.

§ Memorable 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".

§ Excellent options for combining doves & pigeons on the same trip, both with excellent logistics.

§ When conditions are favorable, you may also have the possibility to add duck hunting to your stay during the winter months (May – August).







*Waves and waves of doves that fly all day every day- it truly must be seen to be believed.*





## LOCATION

§ The Lodge is located in the south of the province of Santiago del Estero, in northern Argentina, 150 miles (250 km) southeast of Santiago del Estero airport (SDE). Driving time to the lodge is 3 hours by paved roads.

## GETTING THERE

§ To get to Santiago del Estero Lodge there are daily direct flights from many U.S. or European cities to Buenos Aires (Ezeiza Intl. Airport). From the EZE Intl. airport hunters will need to make a connection to SDE airport (1.30 hr. flight) or transfer to the Domestic airport (AEP) and connect there to SDE.

§ Another option is to fly to Santiago de Chile (SCL) with a connecting flight to Córdoba City (COR); from there hunters can either:

- drive to the lodge 4.5 hr. (220 miles = 350km) o

- book a 1 hour' private charter straight to our 4500-foot landing strip

**Note I** – Hunters can also arrive into Buenos Aires and decide to book a private charter straight to our landing strip (2.30 hr.').

**Note II** – Depending on flight schedules hunters might need to spend 1 night at Buenos Aires city.







*On pigeon hunts, you'll spend the entire day in the field. While you're shooting, we'll ready tents and Asado for a delicious, shady meal.*





## FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- § Capacity: 14 guns on private rooms, or up to 17 if couples'.
- § Accommodation: 14 rooms - 5 single rooms w/private bathroom; 3 ensuite rooms w/private bathroom & 6 single room with shared bathroom (1 bathroom every 2 rooms). Beds for all rooms are king sized; all rooms included air-conditioning, heating and room safes.
- § The lodge houses a large traditional dining room adjacent to a comfortable sitting room with a nearby bar. The recreation room offers a pool table, with a sitting area and bar. There is also a gun cleaning room and a wine cellar.
- § After the hunt you can also enjoy time in the swimming pool, or just relax in the sitting area aside at our inviting fire pit.
- § Wi-Fi Internet access, Satellite telephone and satellite TV.
- § A gourmet dining experience each day, with Argentina's famed beef and fine wines, traditional Asados (BBQ), fresh baked breads and delicious desserts.
- § Maid and laundry service.
- § Masseur.
- § Gift shop offers local artwork and crafts, logo wear and accessories.
- § Gun rental, with a selection of fine over and under and semiautomatic shotguns, from Beretta & Benelli.
- § Professional, experienced hunting guides and field assistants.
- § Comfortable Mercedes Benz Vans.
- § 4500-foot grass landing strip for charter flights.
- § Outdoor pool with jets



## THE SHOOTING

Santiago del Estero as a province is very unique in terms of hunting rights. The province is divided into zones and then zones are allocated to outfitters. Santiago del Estero Lodge has been allocated with a large and very productive hunting zone, providing absolute exclusivity over a huge expanse of land. This not only lets us manage our own pressure without outside influence, it also allows us the possibility to actively manage our resource by rotating different flyways and completely minimizing hunting pressure.

§ **Dove Shooting:** it is difficult to describe volume dove shooting to those that have not done it- the excitement and constant action makes it compelling like no other venue in sport. And here in Santiago del Estero we have high volume shooting as it was in the good old days. Imagine a semi-tropical plain, with trees of mixed heights and field edges and fence lines that would recall the best dove and quail habitat of the old south.

You'll take a position near some flyway or on an obstacle that forces the doves to move higher or around it, and enjoy shooting many have only dreamed of. All day you will be assisted by able bird boys who will load your guns and replenish your ammo, provide drinks and good help-anything and everything to make your day enjoyable.

§ **Pigeon Hunting:** Not only dove shooting is good, but we also encounter a phenomenal population of wild pigeons. The access to water through the Río Dulce river and its marshes combined by the food and acres of trees and scrub makes this environment perfect for the development of wild pigeons. Daily itinerary is the same, but we normally go out earlier and we spend the entire day in the field. For the Pigeon shoots we normally drive a little bit more, ranging from 15 to 60 minutes.

Depending on the time of the year, you will shoot until noon each day, then enjoy an incredible asado lunch, shaded by a comfortable tent or unique hand-made shelter in the field, where you will enjoy Argentina's wonderful beef and superb wines. We normally return back to the lodge earlier in the afternoon.





# THE DAILY ITINERARY

## DOVE SHOOTING

§ Morning will begin with a wakeup call, approximately an hour before departure time.

§ Breakfast will be served shortly thereafter, with everything from waffles to Eggs Benedict, all made to order.

§ Hunters will depart the lodge after breakfast, usually around 8:30 - 9:00am. Drives vary depending on season, but generally average around 15-30 minutes.

§ The morning shoot will begin upon arrival at the field. You will be met by your field assistant, and escorted to your shooting position.

Depending on the time of the year, you will shoot until noon each day, then return to the lodge for an incredible asado lunch, where you will enjoy Argentina's wonderful beef and superb wines.

After lunch, and a good siesta, the afternoon shooting begins at around 3.30 to 4:30pm, and continues until around 6:00 to 7:30pm, after which you will return to the lodge, where you will be met with cocktails & appetizers, followed by a delicious dinner and time to relax.

## PIGEON HUNTING

§ Daily itinerary is the same, but we normally go out earlier and we spend the entire day in the field.

§ For the Pigeon shots we normally drive a little bit more, ranging from 10 to 60 minutes.

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