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DURAZNO LODGE

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Authentic Argentine hunting ranch in the thick of real free range countryside estate, with dazzling views and amazing nature all around



EL DURAZNO LODGE

Welcome to Estancia El Durazno, located in the south of the province of San Luis, on the border with the province of La Pampa.

El Durazno Ranch comprises an area of 65,000 hectares, being one of the largest free range grounds in Argentina and South America.

The red stag was introduced in La Pampa around 1906, and soon it discovered the proximity to this field, where it finally found refuge, food and a special habitat.

Today we find an estimated population of more than 5000 specimens.

The lodge is strategically located in the center of the estate, which allows us to cut down as much land as possible.

You will not find a more authentic free range ranch and operation in Argentina.

Our small and charming lodge is right in the middle of the property, set on a magical spot, with a beautiful garden and a large lagoon in front of the house where you can relax after your hunting day.





WHY CHOOSE EL DURANZO?

Operated by Paco Riestra, El Durazno is the largest open field in the country, with an impressive number of red stags, buffalos and black antelopes. No high fence at all.

Each hunter has their own private guide.

Bow hunters are welcome.

The lodge offers 5 double rooms.

Ideal for groups of up to 8 hunters

The way of hunting is by stalking, but there are also posts for those who cannot walk, or for archers.

The most common species are the red stag, the water buffalo, the antelope, and the wild boar. There are some few fallow deer and axis deer.

The best months for hunting Stag are March and April, when the rut/roar season takes place.

For those wingshooter who like feathers, we have another lodge just two hours away where they can combine big game with large runs of doves and pigeons.





LOCATION

The ranch is located to the south of the province of San Luis, on the border with the province of La Pampa.

The closest town is Buena Esperanza.

The closest airports are: San Luis Airport (LUQ) and Rio Cuarto Airport (RCU).

HOW TO GET HERE

Coming from the US or Europe, there are daily flights into Buenos Aires' International Airport (EZE). From there, you will have to make a connection by land to Buenos Aires' Domestic Airport (AEP). From there, take a direct commercial flight into San Luis (LUQ), with daily flights operating throughout the year.

You will be welcomed at San Luis Airport (LUQ) by a Paco Riestra rep, followed by a four-wheel drive into the lodge, which lasts between 2-2.5 hours.

The ranch has a privately-owned landing strip for those groups who'd wish to take a chartered private flight from Buenos Aires straight into the ranch.





THE HUNT

65,000 hectares of open hunting, very hard to match such conditions. Only Africa and Australia can match it. Here we enjoy a diverse landscape, characterized by the vast Pampas plains, caldenes forests where animals take refuge and more than 15 natural lagoons spread around the property.

RED STAG HUNT

The male stag loses its antlers between the months of August and September, and then they reappear in February where they begin to mate with the females. In March, we have the long-awaited rut/roar season. The hunting method is stalking, and the average shooting distance is between 100-150 m. The recommended sizes are 308, 3006, and 300.



WATER BUFFALO HUNT

There is an estimated population of more than 600 water buffaloes roaming free along the grounds of the property. The recommended calibers are 3.75 and 300. The average shooting distance is 50-100 m.. La distancia de tiro promedio es de 150-200 m. Los calibres recomendados son 2.43, 308, and 3006.

DAY PROGRAM

It is important to check your rifle prior to your first hunting day, using it at the shooting range.

We wake up an hour before leaving to the field, so you have enough time to have breakfast and to get ready.

Normally we leave between 6 or 6:30 am (depending on the assigned zone) to be able to be in the assigned location before dawn.

Once in the area, we leave the 4x4 trucks behind and the stalking begins.

Between 11 am and 12 noon, the guides return to the lodge where we will wait with lunch ready, and where you will have enough time to rest and take a nap.

At 5 pm, your guide will be ready for the second part of the hunt, which continues until dusk.

WHAT TO BRING

If you come between the months of March and April, there may be thermal amplitude between hot daytime with temperature dropping a lot at night.

Short-sleeved shirts

Long-sleeved shirts and jackets

Long boots or trekking boots

Pants that are tough

There is a dry flower out in the field (called rosette) that pricks and sticks to the clothes. So cotton fabrics please

Sunglasses

Binoculars

Sunscreen

Bug spray



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