

# SAN LUIS



## PRE-TRIP INFO

Pigeons, Doves & Perdiz.





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## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### Inclusions:

- . Accommodations based on double occupancy.
- . Breakfast, all meals in the field with soft drinks, beer and red wine. All Dinners.
- . Services of a professional hunter-guide and, a cook and field scout (not including optional gratuities).
- . One Field assistant (bird boy).
- . Transfers from and to the airport (\*check transfers' policy below).
- . All vehicles and ground transportation for the shooting itinerary.
- . All hunting rights/payments to landowners.
- . Meeting and airport reception.

### Exclusions:

- . All extras required at San Luis Lodge.
- . Shells: USD 14
- . Gun rental is USD 70 a day.
- . Licenses USD 65 a day.
- . Gratuities (\*check below).

## PAYMENT

With regard to payment, we will send you an invoice once the trip is confirmed. In order to confirm the reservation you need to do 50% deposit and final payment should be within 60 days prior to your arrival.

All deposits are non-refundable. Therefore, we highly recommend that you purchase a land package insurance which we can provide at USD 150 per person to receive full credit for a future trip.

The acceptable methods of payment after arrival at San Luis Program for shells, gun rental, hunting license, and pro shop items are cash or personal checks. A 2.5% surcharge will be applied US checks and credit cards. These fees are what the local banks charge us; we regret any inconvenience.

## FACILITIES & SERVICE

- . 6 to 8 gun capacity.
- . Private bathrooms in each bedroom.
- . Delicatessen cuisine.
- . All wines you can imagine.
- . A complete private open-bar, and the most exclusive alcohol brands for sale as an option.
- . Wifi Internet access.
- . Massage service.
- . Maid and laundry service.

- . Gift shop, logo wear and accessories.
- . Gun rental semiautomatic 20 gauges. Special request for O/U and other gauges.
- . Professional hunting guides and field assistant.
- . Comfortable vehicles.

## THE SHOOTING

The pigeon Program starts at 7:00 am with a hearty breakfast. Around 7:30 am we take a short drive in our comfortable Mercedes Benz Vans to the shooting field. Schedules vary depending on the time of the year in between 20 to 40 minutes. After the morning shooting, we go back to the lodge for lunch and siesta. In the afternoon, we depart at around 3 pm for the evening shooting session. Schedules may change depending on the time of the year.

In the pigeon field you will be assigned a personal field assistant every 2 hunters, who will provide you with shells, guns and soft drinks in your shooting spot. This field assistant will prepare your blind, count your birds and shells, and carry some stools to the field for you. In the evening, when everybody finishes the shooting day we will return to the Lodge.

## HUNTING QUESTIONNAIRE

Gun information and serial numbers **MUST BE** legible and accurate in the shooting questionnaire. The "Questionnaire document" will be sent to Argentinean Customs for gun permits and hunting licenses.

Photocopy of Passport ID.-This must clearly show your name, passport number, and passport issue and expiration dates.

Processing firearm permits takes time so please return your questionnaire promptly. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**A VALID PASSPORT** is required to enter Argentina. Your passport should have at least (6) six months validity before expiration date. No visa is needed for U.S. citizens or European Community members. Citizens from other countries should check entry requirements with the Argentine Embassy.

## RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT

A representative from our Company will be waiting for you at the airport to assist you upon your arrival. Immediately after your paperwork at the airport is done, we will drive you and your group directly to the field. In case you bring your own guns, a personal assistant from our Company will help you with all the paperwork on your arrival and departure if Cordoba (or San Luis) airport is your entrance to the country. This will have an extra cost of USD 25 per person bringing guns to the country. At Buenos Aires airport, or other international airports, you are able to request this service, but please check prices beforehand.

The only people allowed to be inside the immigration process area at the airport are the airport baggage handlers or maleteros, you will recognize them by their blue overalls. They will be requested by us to serve your group and to help you with your baggage. Tips to them are discretionary. People typically give them in between USD 10 to 20 per group.

## ENTRY REQUEST FEE - TAX ON ARRIVALS TO THE COUNTRY

Starting September 1st 2012, any passenger visiting Argentina with an American, Canadian or Australian passport will be required to pay in advance a Reciprocity Fee via online.

The new system will work parallel to the regular collection service performed at Ezeiza Airport until December 28th 2012 and at Jorge Newbery Airport until October 31st 2012. After the dates previously mentioned, the only method of collection will be online.

American, Canadian and Australian passport holders visiting Argentina will be required to pay the Reciprocity Fee online at the following site: <https://virtual.provinciapagos.com.ar/ArgentineTaxes/>. Passengers must register and pay by Credit Card. Once the payment is received, an electronic receipt is issued and the passenger will be asked to present a printed copy of it upon arrival in Argentina.

When entering the Argentine Territory, nationals of the following countries must pay a "Reciprocity Fee" as stated below:

• **American:** USD 160.- / • **Canadian:** USD 70. / • **Australian:** USD 100.-

The lack of such proof of payment will generate the denial of entry of the passenger and consequent returning of the passenger to his/her departure city by the airline. We strongly urge passengers to take the necessary precautions so that those passengers who travel to the mentioned airports with a scheduled arrival starting on November 1st 2012 (Jorge Newbery) and December 29th 2012 (Ezeiza) have the electronic receipt with them.

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 has set this entry fee on equal amounts to those Argentine citizens must pay when requesting a Visa to travel to those countries.

The Argentine National Immigration Directorate (DNM) has launched a new online method of payment for the Reciprocity Fee via credit card. Travelers should now pay this fee through the Provincia Pagos payment system.

US, Australian and Canadian citizens can pay the Reciprocity Fee before entering Argentina by accessing the following websites:

[www.provinciapagos.com.ar](http://www.provinciapagos.com.ar)

[www.migraciones.gov.ar](http://www.migraciones.gov.ar)

## WELCOME TO THE COUNTRY

On your arrival to the airport, your guide or a representative from our Company will be waiting for you and/or your group. They will offer you some drinks and they will let you know about the shooting schedule for the day. Then, you will take between an hour and an hour and a half drive to the shooting field. You will also be able to change clothes and get ready on your arrival to the field. Before going shooting, your guide will give you a safety speech, and please be sure you follow these guidelines.

## TRAVEL AGENCY

We work closely with a partner travel agency that has a wide depth of knowledge and experience of travel opportunities throughout the country and that would be delighted to provide you with a Concierge Service during your stay. Feel free to contact us once you have booked your international flights so that we can arrange your domestic flights, book your hotel or help you with anything else you may wish to do once you arrive.

## GUNS

Please note Argentina is currently modifying the process to bring guns into the country. They will be requiring a consulate letter for anybody who brings a gun into the country. The process to obtain this consulate letter is unfortunately not clear. If this is your first time bringing a gun into the country, please note you will not have a problem. You are allowed one entry without the consulate letter. If you have brought a gun in the past, you will need to write an email to the consulate to see what is required. Below is a list of the consulates and their email addresses. Please note that consulates outside the US and Canada are still unaware of this issue. If you are from outside the US and Canada and have brought a gun in the past, we strongly recommend not bringing your firearm on this trip.

We are very sorry for this inconvenience. We are working on a long-term solution with the government. Basically we are negotiating so that clients can mail in a form and receive the consulate letter without leaving their home. It should be implemented soon, but in the meantime we wanted to provide you with this warning. We are informing all clients arriving in 2014 about this change. We are holding off on recommending this to our 2015 clients because we hope to have more clarity on the situation shortly.

If your final destination is Cordoba, and you are thinking of flying with American Airlines, please be informed that they will not allow you to travel with guns.

If you decide to bring your own guns, remember that you will have to pay a fee to our government.

Guns must be declared and gun permits must be purchased on arrival in Argentina.

Permits may be purchased at the international airport on arrival and a fee is paid directly to the National Police Authority. At Cordoba airport you are required to pay cash USD 140 per gun.

We strongly suggest that you do not bring your personal guns unless you plan to enter and exit Argentina via the same airport/route.

Please be aware that for guns with interchangeable/extra sets of barrels each barrel/barrel set will be charged as a separate gun.

Fees are subject to change without notice.

The information on your Shooting Questionnaire will be used for your gun entry permit and it will be carefully checked by the authorities on your arrival. To avoid delays, please be sure it is absolutely legible and accurate.

On departure, your Gun Permit Departure Form must be stamped by the police authority at the airport prior to your check in at the ticket counter for your flight home. Arrive to the airport in advance so as to be able to devote extra time for this procedure.

## **CUSTOMS AND FIREARMS REGISTRATION**

U.S. Customs has adopted more stringent regulations for checking firearms registration forms upon re-entry. We recommend that you 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 must be 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 to 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.

## **BAGGAGE / GUN CASE RESTRICTIONS**

Airline regulations permit two (2) checked bags which do not exceed 70 lbs. each and two carry-on pieces per passenger.

Please check with your airline to confirm baggage regulations as they may vary.

From time to time Our Company needs different supplies for the hunting areas which we can shop online. Usually these items are jackets, hats, camouflage netting, or boots. If you have some extra room in your bags, and would not mind carrying things down, we will have those items sent to you so as you can bring them to Argentina. We will reimburse you for any expense you might incur. We will also throw in some free shotgun shells. Let us know if you have any interest in lending a hand.

## LAND PACKAGE INSURANCE

This package allows you to Cancel For Any Reason and receive a Future Credit. This coverage provides trip cancellation coverage when you choose to cancel your trip for any reason. If you purchase this trip cancellation option when you make your trip deposit, you will receive full credit for a future trip. If the trip is cancelled within 72 hours from departure, this coverage provides full credit for a future trip. The cost of hunting licenses and permits is NOT included in the insurance package.

**Note:** This insurance only covers the land package portion of the trip, i.e. deposit and final payments. It does not apply to any airline tickets, either international or domestic, en route hotel arrangements, special or pre-arranged land transfers, tours, etc. Available to be purchased at the same time the initial trip deposit is made. This Future Trip Credit is valid for 1 calendar year from date of cancellation.

For full refund of your land package and airline tickets we recommend Travelex: <http://www.travelex-insurance.com/>

## GROUND TRANSFER POLICY

1. Only two transfers are included: one for arrivals and one for departures (they apply to parties arriving together).
2. For transfers on different schedules there will be a USD 150 surcharge (one way) per single passenger, and USD 75 per person (one way) for groups (2 or more passengers).

## GRATUITIES

Gratuities for lodge and field staff are not included in the shoot cost since we feel that tipping, in general, is discretionary. However, clients have asked that we provide general guidelines; therefore, we suggest:

- . USD 40 per shooter per day for you field assistant
- . USD 80 per shooter per day to be shared among the staff.

You are welcome to tip your field assistant directly; all other tips should be settled with the Company Manager when paying your final bill to the shooting Co.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in any additional information do not hesitate to contact us. We also recommend that you visit our website to find out about all our programs. [www.pointerwingshooting.com](http://www.pointerwingshooting.com)

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Check our videos in youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/pointerwingshooting>

Check our videos in vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/pointerwingshooting/videos>

Skype: [pointerwingshooting](https://www.skype.com/people/pointerwingshooting)



## CLIMATE

The season goes from May to August, which are mostly cold months. The chart below lists average temperatures for the past few years. The average probability that some form of precipitation will be observed in a given day is 16% (approximately), so just in case bring a rain coat.

You may also wish to visit [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com) to check our San Luis forecast.

## AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURE RANGE:

May: 74,3°F (23,5°C) Hi – 51,9°F (11°C) Lo

June: 71°F (21,6°C) Hi – 45,9°F (7,7°C) Lo

July: 66,1°F (18,9°C) Hi – 43,6°F (6,4°C) Lo

August: 71,4°F (21,8°C) Hi – 40°F (4,4°C) Lo

## CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

**For the Field:** Shooting clothes should be light green, green or brown; camouflage is optional. Pack a sweater or jacket in case it is cool early in the morning and also underwear shirt. Do not forget to bring a rain coat (See table above for average temperatures.).

**Shoes:** Lightweight, ankle-height is all you need. Many shooters even wear sneakers. A Gore-Tex breathing shoe, like the Rocky Boot, is excellent.

## ACCESSORIES AND GEAR FOR THE FIELD

**SHOOTING SAFETY GLASSES OR SUN GLASSES:** they should serve as sunglasses and they should be shatterproof. The green or yellow protective glasses that can be worn over regular glasses are good. They have a small side panel, which protects against glare. They are available in many shooting sports suppliers.

**SHOOTING GLOVES:** This item is important to protect hands from hot shotgun barrels and nicks and blisters from reloading, breaking guns or activating safeties. Golf or batting gloves are a good substitute if you cannot find quality, sensitive leather shooting gloves.

**LIGHTWEIGHT HAT:** One with a wide brim is best.

**SOFT PROTECTIVE GUN CASE FOR DAILY USE:** This is optional, we can provide you with one.

**SHELL POUCH:** One that will hold a box or two of shells. It can also be a belt-type pouch or vest. This is important specially if you plan to load the gun yourself.

**SMALL FIELD BAG:** To carry camera gear and other personal items into the field.

**CAMERA:** The area is scenic and photographic possibilities abound. We also offer a private service by a professional photographer.

**BAND-AIDS OR TAPE:** For sore fingers from shooting.

**INSECT REPELLENT:** Especially for our summer season. Mosquitoes or other bothersome insects are very unusual in the field - you might take a small bottle of Cutter's Cream.

**EVENING DRESS:** Clothing is casual. Slacks and sport shirts are all you need.

**LAUNDRY:** laundry service is available at the lodge if desired.

## HEALTH

We suggest that you consult your physician for medical advice before your 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 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](http://www.cdc.gov).

## MEDICAL INSURANCE AND EVACUATION

As outlined above, our company strongly recommends 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.

Besides, Our Company values your safety. Although we do all we can to ensure our guests have a safe experience, unavoidable accidents do happen. An illness or injury in the remote areas we shoot 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](http://www.travelexinsurance.com): +1-800-228-9792

For emergency medical evacuation, we can recommend Global Rescue

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

## ELECTRIC CURRENT

In Argentina the voltage used is 220v. A standard converter and European adapter for two-pronged plug should work fine. There are standard US electric outlets in bathrooms and bedrooms. Most phones, notebooks, and accessories work from 110 to 240 volts. There is also Internet access.

## VERY IMPORTANT - SAFETY

Even if guns are placed well apart with an eye to safety, in fields being harvested, there are often workers, farm animals in proximity, people on horseback or workers that will edge into a shooting area, assuming that guns are prudent and hunters will never shoot low.

You have to be aware of this at all time as well as to the position of other shooters and field crew. There is no excuse for taking a low-angle shot (below 40 degrees).

Don't take chances on low shot angles - ever!

Check guns to make sure they're unloaded every time you finish a shooting season. Recheck every time you give the gun to somebody else. Don't be offended if the guide or field assistant checks them again. Our policy is to be as safe as possible. Magazine shotguns should be carried with the receiver open; uncased doubles always broken when walking in the field, 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. They are good shooters.

If your assigned location is a little off the flock of birds' line, or you consider it is not good enough, make sure you let your guide know; they will move you to a different place. Someone will always be close by. Never walk alone with your gun; that makes staff field uncomfortable and unsafe. When you take 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 still shooting.

You should always wear safety shooting glasses to protect your eyes. Protect your ears with plugs or ear protection. Do not shoot other birds than the eared dove. Check with the guide for any other game birds, like pigeons, depending on the time of the year.

## SPECIAL REQUEST

Our Company wishes to exceed your expectations, so if there is any special request, such as a particular drink you may want to enjoy during your shooting trip, please let us know in advance so as to check if it is available and we will send you an estimate budget. This specific request includes live music groups, professional photographer, professional video; or anything else you could think of.

## NON SHOOTERS ACTIVITIES

Occasionally, we receive groups that include wives, daughters or non shooters, please be sure you let us know in advance so that we are able to prepare great activities for them. Some of the activities are horse riding, mountain biking, walking, and sightseeing in the city or a Jesuits Tour over the famous Camino Real and the old churches.

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