



The chase is fair, everything else is excellent

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**L**ocated in the Province of Buenos Aires, just a short 2 hour from the Ezeiza International airport (EZE), our Buenos Aires Big Game hunting program is based out of our Los Crestones Lodge. A luxurious and sophisticated estancia, situated on 60 hectares of pristine Argentine woodlands, on the banks of the Salado River.

The mature woodlands and surrounding fertile countryside, offers Buenos Aires Big Game guests a combination of great wingshooting and the best big game hunting in South America.

The lodge is a magnificent Argentine estancia, possessing all the comfort and style you'd expect of a David Denies' property. Guests sleep in one of 10 elegantly appointed bedrooms, each with a private en suite bathroom. In the evening, you'll enjoy exquisite meals and fine Argentine wines in our 5-star dining room.

The largest herds of wild Blackbuck Antelope in the world live not far from the lodge, and right around the lodge you'll find some of the best wild Axis Deer hunting in the country.

Guides at Buenos Aires Big Game are big game hunting professionals, who know these private lands inside and out. They can organize a hunt and provide an accurate rental rifle. They will also guide bowhunters, but we suggest you allow more time if you'd like to pursue either species with bow.

Los Crestones Lodge offers opportunities to enjoy great bird and big game hunting out of the same lodge, and with the special care and luxury services inherent to the David Denies experience. Big Game only trips are also available from May 1 to December 15.





## WHY CHOOSE BIG GAME BUENOS AIRES?

- Our Premiere Mixed Bag hunting venue, offering incredible hunting opportunities for Blackbuck Antelope, Axis Deer, Water Buffalo and Hogs, as well as incredible wingshooting opportunities during appropriate seasons. All truly wild, and in numbers which rival any area in South America.
- At a mere 2 hours drive from the international airport in Buenos Aires, you will be at the lodge with time to enjoy lunch and a rest before your first afternoon hunt.
- A historic 19th century estancia, meticulously refurbished with all the comforts and amenities of the finest hotels.
- Single rooms with king beds, a full spa, game room, open bar and TV room and plenty of space to relax.
- Opportunities to stalk axis deer, blackbuck and other big game, with your gun or bow—our guides excel at both.
- A gourmet culinary experience, paired with fine wines are treasured traditions at all David Denies lodges, and Los Crestones is no exception.
- We can provide guns and waders so you can pack light, shorter stays can be accommodated, and Los Crestones is ideal for combination trips to Cordoba, or one of our other hunting and fishing lodges.



## LOCATION

- Buenos Aires Big Game is situated on a sophisticated and luxurious compound situated on 60 hectares of preserved natural woodlands along the Salado River.
- The lodge is located near Castelli, in the province of Buenos Aires, 104 miles (170 Km) from the Buenos Aires international airport; Ezeiza (EZE).
- Helicopter access from the airport to the lodge can also be arranged.

## GETTING THERE

- Reaching the lodge is easy, the lodge is a convenient two-hour drive from Buenos Aires, via route N2 (105 miles), followed by about 5 miles on good roads through stunning Argentine countryside.
- Helicopter charters from the airport to the lodge can also be arranged, as well as private plane charters to our closest landing strip (25 minute drive).





*Thanks to leases and hunting rights on big private ranches we offer our guest the finest hunts for this magnificent antelope.*



## FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- Capacity: 8 guns (only 4 big game hunters at a time).
- Accommodations: 10 single rooms with king beds, with private bathroom.
- Comfortable sitting room, with fireplace, open bar and recreation area with billiards, as well as outdoors seating areas and fire pit, all with superlative views of sunsets over the Salado River.
- Full spa, with sauna, jacuzzi and masseuse.
- Pool facilities During spring/summer season (Oct. - Dec.).
- WiFi Internet access and satellite TV.
- A gourmet dining experience each day, with delicious menu options including Argentina's famed beef and fine wines, locally sourced fruits and vegetables, Traditional Argentine Asado and more.
- Maid and laundry service.
- Professional hunting guides.
- Lots of options for non-hunters, including horseback riding, tennis and biking.
- Gift shop offers local artwork and crafts, logo wear and accessories.
- Shooting Range for rifle testing Clay Target Shooting.



## THE HUNTING

- The Buenos Aires Big Game program is focused on offering the best fair-chase, big game hunting in South America. All species we pursue are completely free-range and wild.
- Spotting and stalking is the most common method of hunting for rifle hunters. Archery hunters may also spend some time sitting over travel corridors and watering areas, awaiting their quarry to come in.
- Drive times vary depending on the selected hunting area, but typically range from 30 minutes to an hour and a half.
- Most hunts last all day, with an authentic Asado lunch served in the field. A pair of hunters will be accompanied by one guide, all guides speak English (2x1 guiding). When on horseback, the hunting party will be accompanied by a gaucho (wrangler), who will take care of horses and harvested game.
- For some of our further hunting locations we offer overnight lodging on different ranch houses right on the selected hunting areas. By doing this we avoid long commutes.
- Our Blackbuck Antelope herd is one of the largest free range herds in all of the world, with numbers far exceeding those you would find even in their native range across India and Pakistan.
- Axis Deer are pursued across a number of our ranches and leases, from just nearby the lodge or on the same ranches where you will find the blackbuck. As Axis are a subtropical deer, there is no defined rutting season, as bucks will fight and breed all year long. Based upon the time of your visit and our scouting efforts, we will decide where your best opportunities lie for a great animal to harvest.
- Wild Boar hunts on horseback with revolver and lever action rifles can be done very close to the lodge. Day or half day hunt can be arranged. Water Buffalo Hunting is generally about 1 1/2 hours away from the ranch. Day hunt available.
- After the hunt we take care of the preparation and paperwork for the trophy export.





## SPECIES



### BLACKBUCK ANTELOPE

The Blackbuck (*Antelope Cervicapra*) is a diurnal antelope (active mainly during the day). Blackbuck graze on open fields of low grasses, occasionally browsing as well. Does become sexually mature at eight months, but mate no earlier than a year and a half. Bucks mature later, at one-and-a-half years. Like many subtropical game, mating takes place throughout the year. Gestation is typically six months long, after which a single fawn is born. The lifespan is typically 10 to 15 years. They are very prolific and in good years average 1.5 newborn per year.

They have great eyesight and they rely on it much more than their noses that are not as sharp as deer, for example. They are wide open ground animals, avoiding thick wooded areas as much as possible. From the lodge we access some of the finest areas for free range Black Buck and we arrange hunts that can even be done in half a day after an early morning duck hunt. Our leases have antelope by the thousands!



### AXIS DEER

The Axis deer, also known as chital, is a species of deer that is native to the Indian sub-continent. The axis is a moderately sized deer. Males reach nearly 35 inches and females 28 inches at the shoulder; the head-and-body length is around 5.6 feet. While bucks weigh from 70 to 180 lb, the lighter females average 70 pounds.

Aaron Anchorena, a wealthy Argentine, brought Axis deer from India as well as Black Buck in the late 19th century. He released them on some of his properties in Argentina and Uruguay. Just like blackbuck they thrived and colonized massive areas of territory. Central eastern Buenos Aires province was one of the original ranges where they were released around 1890.

Today the area has some of the best wild free range populations in South America. Our lodge is located very close to the heart of this big area. This gives our guests the opportunity to hunt true wild axis deer combined with our fantastic bird hunting, or as a stand alone big game hunt.



### WILD BOAR

Wild Boar (*Sus Scopa*) was the first non-native game animal introduced in Argentina by the early Spanish conquistadores. Later in the 19 century more pure European boars were introduced in Patagonia and central Argentina. Rapidly they expanded through major areas of the country.

The swamps and vast grasslands of the San Borombon Bay are the main habitat for a huge population of wild boar. Buenos Aires Big Game is located only 45 min away from the bay and we have access to thousands of acres of land on the bay and also inland where every year we find more and more pigs.



## RATES

Season: April until December 15th

### WEEKLY RATES:

**HUNTER:** \$850 per day

**NON-HUNTER:** \$650 per day

**HUNTING LICENSE:** \$200 per person

**GUN RENTAL:** \$125 per day (including Ammo)

### TROPHY FEES:

**Axis Deer:** \$2,750 up to 90 cm (35.4 inches) of antler length  
\$3,350 plus 90 cm (+35.4 inches) of antler length

**Fallow Deer:** \$3,500 any size

**Black Buck Antelope:** \$1,750 up to 49 cm (19.3 inches) of horn length  
\$2,250 plus 49 cm (+19.3 inches) of horn length

**Wild Boar:** \$900 (Tusker Male Boar)  
\$1,250 all you can hunt (Sows & Piglets)

**Water Buffalo:** \$3,850 (Average bull or cow)  
\$4,950 (Big bull)

### PAYMENT TERMS:

50% deposit is required to guarantee booking. Final payment is due 120 days before departure. Please note this deposit is NON REFUNDABLE unless a replacement is found.

### INCLUDED:

Lodging; meals, all wines beer, and local spirits; Professional guide service (2:1); trophy preparation.

### NOT INCLUDED:

Transfer to and from the lodge: \$350 per person per way for a single passenger and \$175 per person per way for 2 or more passengers; trophy fees, trophy export (See our trophy export procedures), gratuities for guides, skimmers and house staff; airfares; gun entry permits; gun rental; hunting license; masseuse; laundry service; and phone calls. Tours, shopping trips, etc.; any items of a strictly personal nature; overweight baggage charges; personal and baggage insurance; cost of itinerary modifications requested by passenger; Buenos Aires transfers and hotels.

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## INTERESTED IN VARIETY?

Red Stag Patagonia, David Denies Bird Hunting and Nervous Waters are all proud members of **The Kautapen Group** - a single team of dedicated professionals focused on maintaining the highest standard of service and elevating your sporting experiences.

**Red Stag Patagonia**, outfits some of the best Red Stag hunts in both **Argentina** and **Chile** as well as best free-range Black Buck and Axis Deer hunting in South America. Our four operations are located in Chile, Northern Patagonia, Mendoza and Buenos Aires. All of Red Stag's hunts are fair chase, open country hunts in magnificent terrain, and their success rate speaks for itself.

**David Denies Bird Hunting** comprises 10 world class bird hunting lodges across **Argentina & Uruguay**. From high volume dove shooting in the famed hills surrounding Cordoba, to the fertile wetlands of the Buenos Aires province, where marshes and swamps teem with ducks in unfathomable numbers, to the idyllic rolling pastures of Uruguay, home to the greatest concentration of hard flying perdiz, we bring you to the ultimate wingshooters paradise, with an impeccable style and attention to detail found nowhere else.

If fly fishing is your passion—consider the **Nervous Waters** family of lodges. Nervous Waters is the leader in international Fly Fishing destinations, with nine special lodges spread out across **Argentina, Chile**, and the **Bahamas**. We offer a plethora of coveted gamefish including bones and tarpon, sea-run and resident brown trout, rainbow trout, and golden dorado, pacu, and pira pita.

## SEASONS BY SPECIES

ARGENTINA, CHILE  
& URUGUAY

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
WILD BLACK BUCK					••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
AXIS DEER					••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
RED STAG			••	••	••	••						
FALLOW DEER			••	••	••	••						
WILD BOAR					••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
DOVES	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
PERDÍZ					••	••	••	••	••			
DUCKS					••	••	••	••	••			
PIGEON				••	••	••	••	••	••	••		
SEA-RUN BROWN TROUT	••	••	••									••
DORADO	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
PACÚ	••	••	••	••	••	••			••	••	••	••
PIRÁ PITÁ	••	••	••	••	••	••			••	••	••	••
BROWN TROUT	••	••	••	••	••	••					••	••
RAINBOW TROUT	••	••	••	••	••	••					••	••

BAHAMAS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BONEFISH	••	••	••	••	••	••	••			••	••	••

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