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BIG GAME BUENOS AIRES

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Largest wild herds of Black Buck & Axis Deer in the globe

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 offer our guests a combination of great wing-shooting and the best big game hunting in South America.

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. Our guides 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 a bow.

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 Córdoba, or one of our other hunting and fishing lodges.



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



LOCATION

Los Crestones Lodge is located in Castelli, province of Buenos Aires—on the banks of the Salado River. The traditional estancia is surrounded by 60 hectares of preserved natural woodlands, featuring four distinct landscapes:

The Countryside

This productive agricultural area is home to livestock grounds and vast fields home to wheat, corn, sunflower, sorghum, and soybean operations throughout the season.

The Park

Designed more than a century ago, and updated in 2000, this area brims with native and exotic species of both flora and fauna for you to explore. The arboretum is punctuated by fruit trees, a lagoon, and a botanical interpretive center.

The River

The mighty Salgado River zigzags through the pampa and is home to an array of birds, including herons, cigüeñas, flamingos, and spoonbills. Here, you'll also encounter otters, capybara, and trout.

The Woodland

This area includes native trees emblematic of the region, such as talas, Sombras de toro, ombúes, and saúcos y coronillos; birds including the Zorzales, Calandrias, and Picazurros; plus deer and the endangered butterfly, which we've adopted as our estancia symbol.



GETTING THERE

To get to the lodge there are daily direct flights from many U.S. cities to Buenos Aires (Ezeiza Intl. Airport – EZE). Reaching Los Crestones is easy, the lodge is a convenient two-hour drive from Buenos Aires, via route N2 (104 miles), followed by about 5 miles on good roads through the stunning Argentina 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). Once at the lodge, you are conveniently close to hunting grounds, with drives averaging 10 to 45 minutes depending on water conditions.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Los Crestones Lodge lies on a sophisticated and luxurious compound situated on 60 hectares of preserved natural woodlands. Its architecture and history merge with the beauty of its unique natural surroundings on the banks of the Salado River. The grand estancia features wide galleries with superlative views, a gourmet restaurant, and pool facilities. There is also a full spa: massages, sauna, hydro massage, skillful Scot, and fitness.

There are 10 elegantly appointed bedrooms that combine wood and leather in its simple atmosphere, all with private bathroom. Rooms are fully equipped with design furniture and amenities awaiting you to relax and enjoy your stay. In the evenings, you'll enjoy exquisite meals and fine Argentine wines in our 5-star dining room.



Ten spacious single rooms with king beds & private bathroom.

- Capacity: 8 guns (only 4 big game hunters at a time).
- Accommodations: 10 single rooms with king beds and 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.



Local green tangerine cheesecake with caramel ice-cream.

- 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 lodge offers comfort and a unique atmosphere given by the combination of design and functionality.



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.





BLACKBUCK ANTELOPE

The Blackbuck (*Antilope Cervicapra*) is a diurnal antelope. They 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. Mating takes place throughout the year. Gestation is typically 6 months long, after which a single fawn is born. The lifespan is typically 10 - 15 years. They are very prolific and in good years average 1.5 newborn p/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 is a species of deer that is native to the Indian subcontinent. 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.



WILD BOAR

Wild Boar (*Sus Scrofa*) 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 2023

April to December 15th

- **HUNTER:** \$ 850 per day
- **NON HUNTER:** \$650 per day
- **GUN RENTAL & AMMO:** \$125 per day
- **LICENSE:** \$200 per person
- **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)

- **INCLUDED**

Lodging; meals & beverages; Professional guide service (2:1); trophy preparation.

- **NOT INCLUDED**

Airfares; Transfer to and from the lodge; trophy fees, trophy export (See our trophy export procedures); gratuities; gun entry permits; gun rental; hunting license; masseuse; laundry service; non-hunting activities; any items of a strictly personal nature; cost of itinerary modifications requested by passenger; Buenos Aires transfers and hotels.

PAYMENT TERMS

Reservations are confirmed with a 50% deposit. All deposits & payments are 100% non-refundable under any circumstances. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. At this point, participants are responsible for total land costs and no refunds will be made for unused land transportation, accommodations, or meals.



INTERESTED IN VARIETY?

Red Stag Patagonia, David Denies Bird Hunting, and Nervous Waters Fly Fishing 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

David Denies Bird Hunting comprises 12 world-class bird hunting lodges across **Argentina & Uruguay**. From dove shooting in the hills surrounding Córdoba, to the wetlands of Buenos Aires province, to the rolling pastures of Uruguay, we bring you to the ultimate wingshooting paradise, with an impeccable style and attention to detail, and dependability outfitting that is simply not found elsewhere.



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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