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ARGENTINA

Our team of well-prepared guides and biologists keep the fishing activity in compliance with the strict regulations imposed by the governments of the above mentioned countries. Fishing is only allowed with flies and artificial lures. All lures can only have barbless hook. The area is limited by regulations which only allow two boats and four anglers a day. Boats were especially constructed for the La Zona fishing environment. They are provided with casting platforms in the bow and stern, four-cycle motors with auxiliary back ups, coolers, and the safety equipment needed for our guests to enjoy the adventure.

To support the preservation measures of the Uruguay River dorado fishery and to collect as much biological information as possible, each dorado is tagged and measured, and the information is recorded for further research. The procedure takes less than two minutes of the fisherman's time.

Our trip hosts and guides look forward to joining you in what is likely to be the most intense fishing experience of your angling life: the adventure of fishing for and preserving the dorado in one of the biggest fishing reserves of South America: La Zona, where the largest dorados in the world live.

LOCATION

La Zona Lodge is located in the city of Concordia, in Entre Rios Province, Argentina, just an hour and twenty minutes flight from Buenos Aires.

The lodging is placed five minutes from the fishing area, the Uruguay River, downstream from Salto Grande Dam in a concession area of private waters.

ACCOMMODATION

The cozy lodge, which is just a few minutes from the fishing zone, is situated in a place with beautiful landscapes. It is an area full of palm trees and eucalyptus.

Provided only with four rooms, all with private bathrooms and air conditioning, your group will enjoy the complete quietness of the lodging. Plans include a fully equipped fly shop where guests will find equipment, flies and lures especially designed for fishing in La Zona.

The ranch setting, exquisite typical food, famous Argentine wines, and our warm and friendly staff combine to create an excellent environment for enjoying your stay in La Zona.

FISHING

The dorado is the top predator in South American rivers. Bright gold in color, it is considered as the king of fish in these fluvial systems. Its powerful jumps and its incredible strength are an actual challenge even to the most experienced angler. This unique and sometimes unbeatable fish has only recently got the recognition it deserves in the angling world.

However, there are only a few privileged people who have ever seen a dorado of the size found in La Zona. This is an area where 20 pound fish are common, and many fishermen will experience the thrill of fighting against dorados of over 40 pounds.

SOME IMPORTANT FACTS:

- La Zona has earned a world class prestige for being the place where anglers can catch the biggest dorados in the world.
- Over 10 fly fishing world records have been broken in our waters.
- More than 200 fish over 40 pounds have been landed in the last three seasons.





• La Zona is the unique fishery where the fish can get such incredible sizes and number due to the impressive amount of food available. This is so because the shallow lake generated by the dam increases the biological mass in the system. All that fito and zooplankton, concentrated in the constant flow of water, is the fund of a very complex food chain that involves many species ending with the dorado that achieves unprecedented growing rates.

• Fishing is practiced exclusively from boats, with two fishermen and a guide per boat.

This is why, La Zona fishing adventure is likely to be very different from anything you have experienced in the fishing world.

FLY CASTING

A fast 9 or 10 weight rod is required for fishing the large dorado in La Zona. A rod with a length of 9 feet or more will help to cover the waters of the Uruguay River. A spey rod may be preferred to a traditional one which will remind of Atlantic salmon techniques. Water depths vary with releases out of the dam, so a full range of lines is required, from floating to sink tips and shooting heads. Weights of 225 grain to 400 grain are used. Lines designed for warm weather fishing are preferred. It is important to have a good reel with a quality drag, and a capacity for 200 yards of backing. Leaders should be designed to turnover the exceptionally large flies used. This requires a thick butt section. Typical lengths are 5 to 7 feet. The fish are not particularly shy and a 20 pound test is the norm. The tippet is generally about 12 inches of 30 pound

wire which is always required in this system. A protective glove or finger guard may be useful to prevent line burns. Unfortunately, the fishing for dorado requires a large number of flies. It is unusual for a fly to last for more than one or two fish. Flies are generally 5 to 9 inches long with any type of head that will push water. Dark colors with weighted eye and a muddler style deer head are generally effective. The 3/0 hooks should be strong and sharp (Tiemco, Daichi, Owner, Gamakatsu). Some fishermen prefer to fish smaller dorado to chase bait on the surface. This can be done with an 8 weight and an assortment of large popper patterns. For other smaller species like lachas and chafalotes, it is possible to add a sporting touch with rods as light as a five weight one.

TYPICAL ITINERARY:

Our guests will enjoy an all inclusive package of 4 full days of fishing, 5 nights, (excluding international flights). Trips set off every Sunday. Our guests will be transferred from Buenos Aires to La Zona Lodge by a flight leaving from the domestic airport in Buenos Aires - Aeroparque.

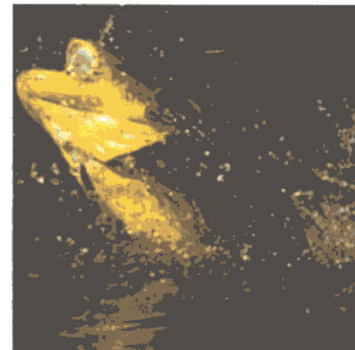
We can outfit combo packages in an exclusive hunting lodge near La Zona, so as to extend your trip.

CONSERVATION:

Everyone involved with Untamed Angling and La Zona values the preservation of the area and its exceptional fishery. Our four years of work have not been taken lightly and it is our mission to create a one of a kind fishing operation.

We are making all the efforts to contribute to the regional development and integrate scientific institutions. The handling of data is provided by a qualified technical staff.

The spirit of our project and our studies clearly show our vocation of joint work, as well as our tendency to seriously contribute to the knowledge and conservation of this Argentine natural environment.



La Zona is a great experience in sport fishing. From the beginning of our biological research to the issue of our exclusive sport fishing permits, the Uruguay River was closed to all fishing by both the Argentine and Uruguayan governments. Without any fishing activity of any kind, this incredible environment has allowed the dorado to grow up to enormous sizes. In order to support the preservation of this nature reserve, Untamed Angling has negotiated with both countries, a program which combines catch and release, scientific research, and education in fishery studies and preservation. This is the only program of this kind in Argentina and the first one in South America. The dorado is one of the strongest freshwater fish and it is in La Zona where you can find the best specimens of this incredible specie. The quality and quantity of this species, and the possibility of catching dorado in such a noble manner make our operation a unique fishery experience.



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