



## Packing Suggestions: La Zona Dorado, Argentina

Please resist the tendency to over pack. Fishing partners should coordinate their packing of items to avoid unnecessary duplication. We recommend a durable, water-resistant, lockable, top-zipper duffel as the checked luggage. Carry your most valuable, essential and fragile items (preferably a change of clothes, too) in your carry-on pack. Check-in luggage for the charter flight plane should be soft. Laundry service is available at lodge and hotel for additional costs.

### Most Important

- Passport
- Photocopy of passport photo page
- Airline tickets, trip itinerary
- Pen (for filling out customs forms)
- Cash (credit cards accepted in Buenos Aires)
- Insurance: Accident; medical; baggage and cancellation
- Inoculations and other medications (not mandatory, but may be recommended by your local health clinic)

### Clothing

- Rain suit (lightweight)
- Shirts for fishing (3-4)
- Tropical-weight pants for fishing (2-3)
- Casual pants (2)
- Casual shirts (3)
- Shorts (2)
- Tennis shoes/boat shoes/Teva-type sandals
- T-shirts (3)
- Underwear and socks
- Swimsuit
- Fishing cap or wide brim hat

### Other

- Polarized sunglasses
- Sunscreen / lip balm
- Aloe Vera gel for sunburn
- Toiletries
- Personal medications
- Camera
- Small flashlight
- Locks for duffel bags
- Pepto Bismol or Imodium tablets
- Insect repellent
- Ear plugs (for snorers, charter plane)
- Duct tape

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping, while customary, is a very personal matter, and should be used to incentivate and reward good service.

The following guidelines are just the lodge's suggestions to help you in your travel planning and budgeting, and should not be construed as a definitive "rule."

Guide: \$25-\$45 per angler per day

### Fishing Tackle

- Casting rods 6' 9" - 7' - Med. Heavy to Heavy action (2-4)
  - Spinning rods 6' 9" - 7' - Med. Heavy to Heavy action (2-4)\*  
\*Suggest G-Loomis Escape travel rods
  - Casting & Spinning Reels - Should possess 6:1:2 gear ratio, or better and have smooth drags with the ability to hold 150 yards 30-65 lb braided line or 15-25 lb fluorocarbon line.  
\*Suggest Shimano Curado 300 DSV
  - Extra line (15-25 lb fluorocarbon or 30-65 lb Power Pro or FINS braid)
  - 6-12 inch 90# test wire leaders
- Fly anglers should review our special briefing materials*

### Conventional Lures (*Barbless hooks at La Zona*)

- Luhr-Jensen Woodchopper 6 3/4" 4-5/8 " Firetiger (2)
- High Roller Rip Roller 5 1/2 " (2)
- Lucky Craft Sammy 128 or Zara Superspook (2)
- Yo-Zuri Hydro Popper 3 5/8" (1)
- Bomber Long "A" or Temptress Peacock Minnows (2)
- Bomber Long "A" Deep Diver (2)
- Yo-Zuri Crystal, Tobimaru Minnows 5-1/4" (3)
- Yo-Zuri Crystal, Deep Diver 5-1/4" (2)
- Luhr Jensen Javelin or Highroller SwimRoller (2)
- Rapala CD 18 (5) CD 20 (5) Green Mackerel, Firetiger
- Rapala X-Rap 14 (5)
- Rapala X-Rap Jointed Shad 13 (5)
- Rapala X-Rap Magnum Diver (5 x 30 ft, 5 x 20 ft)
- Rapala Super Shap Rap (3)
- 6" Little Ernie Crankbait (5)
- Pet Spoons 1/2 - 1-1/4 oz or Temptress Samurai (3)
- 1/2 to 3/4 oz Jungle Jigs Bucktail (8)

*You do not need all of these lures. A varied selection of lures/colors will prove effective for dorado. Many of the lures above are available through QuesTackle. Other light bass fishing lures (pop-r, spinnerbaits, etc.) may also prove effective. Feel free to experiment.*

### Fishing Accessories

- Needle-nose pliers or Knife or Leatherman tool
- Extra hooks, split rings and split ring pliers
- Scale or BogaGrip
- Line clippers

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