

## GOLDEN DORADO COMBINATION TRIP IBERÁ MARSHLANDS & MIDDLE PARANÁ RIVER, ARGENTINA



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Pirá Lodge is strategically located in the heart of the 1,3 million hectare Iberá Marshland Nature Reserve.



On a serene slope in the charming village of Bella Vista, Karandá Lodge sits, overlooking the majestic Paraná River.

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Pirá Lodge & Karandá Lodge

In June 2025, Nervous Waters will open its newly built Karandá Lodge. Strategically located in the slow paced village of Bella Vista, in Argentina's Corrientes Province, the lodge offers unparalleled access to the most productive stretch of the middle Paraná River. This diverse and challenging fishery is renowned for delivering considerable numbers of well-sized Dorado. For an even more immersive adventure, pair your stay with a visit to the world-renowned Pirá Lodge and explore Argentina's premier Dorado waters, all within a single itinerary.

#### WHY A COMBO TRIP?

Dorado, due to how they react to seasonal conditions, are one of those species that requires patience and planning. By booking a combo trip, you increase your odds of catching more fish. You also broaden your fishing horizons, seeing new riverscapes, learning new techniques, and exploring an array of prime dorado habitats. These trips are not only educational, they're the makings of a true adventure.

This one-of-a-kind pairing, allows anglers six full fishing days at two of our premier Dorado operations: three days on the middle section of the Paraná River out of Karandá Lodge, known for its large-sized dorados, coupled with another three days on the diverse waters of the Iberá Marshland out of Pira Lodge, known for its numbers. The seven-night program gives guests the ability to rotate lodges in the middle of the week. Begin at Karandá, and then transfer to Pira. Or vice versa. No matter where you decide to start, you'll fish two of the most consistent environments for Golden Dorado that Argentina has to offer.



Double-digit Dorado are a possibility all season long.



### FACILITIES AND SERVICES

#### PIRÁ LODGE

Built with exquisite Corrientes style and pride, Pirá Lodge enjoys a spectacular panoramic view of the vast wetlands. It accommodates up to 14 guests (10 anglers) in 7 deluxe rooms, each with a private entrance & private bath.

A separate building, attached by covered walkways and open-air patios, accommodates the spacious living room, bar, and dining room — each with tall doors that open to the wide veranda. Pirá Lodge was designed by award-winning architects to respect traditional regional elegance—offering all of the comforts and luxuries of a contemporary hotel. Relax and enjoy a cocktail at any hour, and cool off in the outdoor saltwater swimming pool after a rewarding day of fishing.









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#### KARANDÁ LODGE

As a Karandá Lodge guest, your comfort, on-and-off the water, is our priority. Accommodations for the duration of your stay will be at a 5-star exclusive lodge overlooking the Paraná River in the riverside haven of Bella Vista, where we have the capacity for up to 10 anglers on 5 rooms. All room rates are based on shared occupancy, although single rooms are available for a small surcharge.

Hotel amenities include a dining room and "Asado" area, as well as a swimming pool and a fully stocked bar, with beer and top-shelf spirits. Lunch is served during your fishing day on or off the water (depending on weather conditions), and you'll enjoy breakfast and dinner at the lodge. Savory main courses include traditional Argentine dishes accompanied by top-shelf wines from the renowned Casa Pirque collection. Just be sure to save room for our exquisite desserts.







### LOCATION





#### **PIRÁ LODGE**

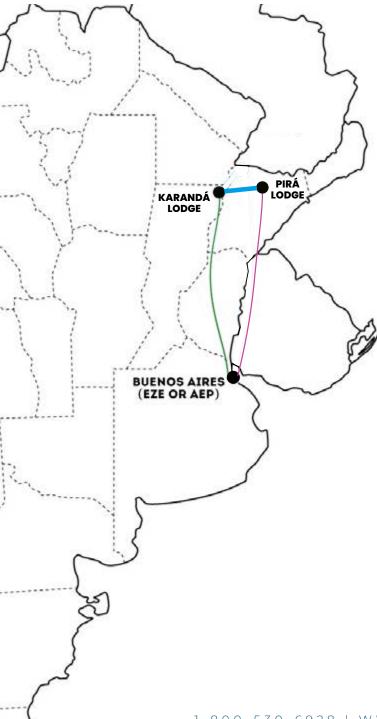
Located in the Corrientes Province, in the middle of the 3,000,000 acre Iberá Wetlands Reserve. The Iberá Wetlands is a vast system of clear creeks, flowing rivers, shallows, and lakes.

Sight casting opportunities are available in the marshes of the Ibera marshes, as well as blind casting on for the big fish on the river gives anglers are variety of ways of pursing these beautiful Dorado.

#### **KARANDÁ LODGE**

Stay at a high-end lodge in the little river-side village of Bella Vista, located on the Middle Paraná River where the river marks the border between Corrientes and Santa Fé provinces in Argentina.

This middle section of the Paraná flows clearer on the Corrientes' side, murkier on the Santa Fe's side. Both sides fish well, with structure-rich banks, long sandbars, and numerous islands that create deltas and smaller side-streams.



### GETTING THERE

Combining these two dorado fishing destinations is easy. Whether you begin your adventure at Pirá or Karandá, a series of short flights and short drives is all it takes to complete the merger. Drive time between the lodges is 3 hours.

EXAMPLE: Assuming you start at Pirá, then finish at Karandá:

**1)** Fly from Buenos Aires to Corrientes (CNQ) or Resistencia (RES) on a 1-hour commercial flight, then enjoy a 3.5-hour drive from CNQ or a 4.5-hour drive from RES to Pirá Lodge, with shuttle service provided upon arrival.

2) After completing your fishing days at Pirá take a ground transfer to Karandá. 3-hour drive.

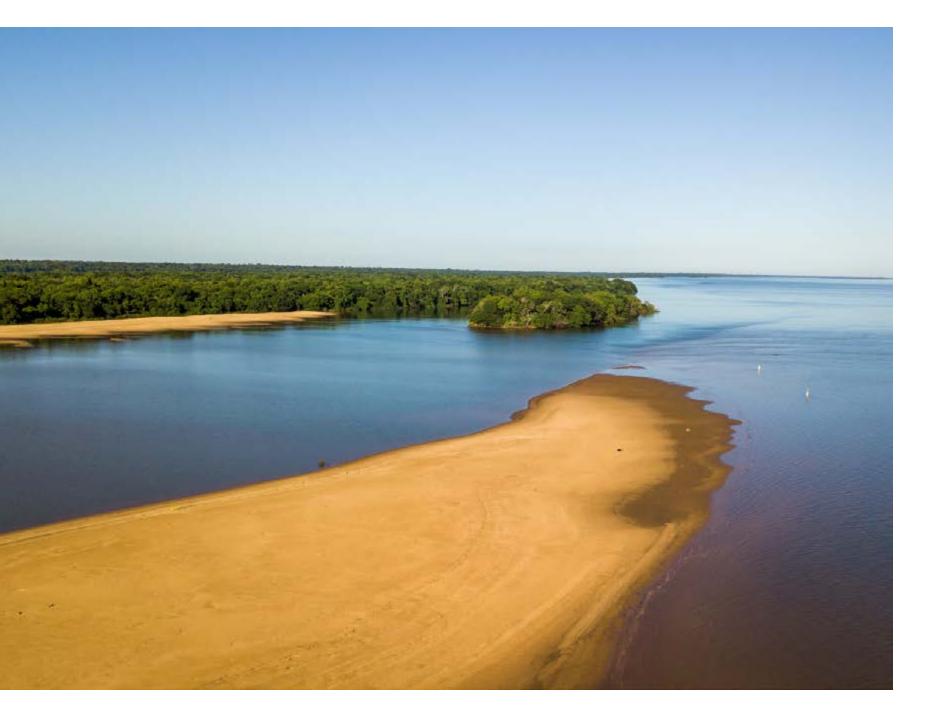
3) Depart Karandá via a 1-hour return flight back to Buenos Aires, from either:

- Corrientes (CNQ) airport 1-hour and 45' drive from the lodge.
- Resistencia (RES) airport 2-hour drive.

\* *Note:* Resistencia (RES) and Corrientes (CNQ) are neighboring airports, both located close by.



Dorado fishing at Pirá takes place in one of the planet's largest ecological preserve. The marsh "floating grass" islands are always shifting and moving, making the marsh truly alive and dynamic.



The sandbars are where the true excitement lies. When the conditions are right, colossal dorado hunt sabalo baitfish that seasonally congregate in big schools, resulting in massive boiling feeding frenzies in knee-deep water.

# FISHING AT PIRÁ LODGE

Fishing at Pira takes place on a pristine 3-million acre ecological preserve, one of the largest natural freshwater reservoirs on the planet. The water here runs clear. This is the only Dorado fishing program in the world where you'll fish from a Hell's Bay flats skiff with a guide on the push-pole.

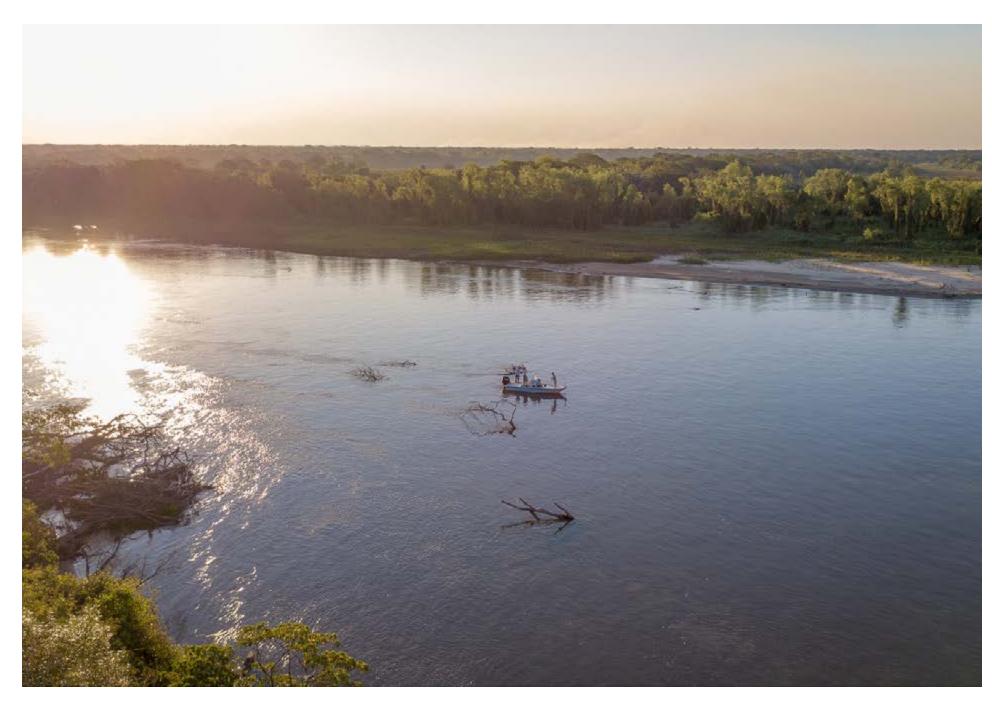
As far as the fishing goes, the area can be divided into two hemispheres: the headwaters of the Marsh, and the downstream stretches of the Corrientes River. You'll fish both. The Marsh comprises a labyrinth-like system of streams, lagoons, and side-channels. We typically fish from the deck of the skiff, one angler at a time. When water conditions are low, there can be great wade-fishing opportunities in this area as well. On the Corrientes River, we often "swing" flies from the skiff with sink-tips, which is an effective, fun technique. Most of the fishing, however, is done with floating lines.

The average-size fish ranges from 5 to 15 lbs. Larger 15- to 25-pound dorado are also landed every season. We fish a variety of flies, from mouse patterns to streamers. This spectacular ecosystem is brimming with wildlife, and it's also one of the most productive spawning environments for dorado in all of Argentina.









Dorado are one of the most exiting species anglers can catch on a fly offering anglers strong and aggressive takes, acrobatic jumps and a good fight. Karanda's operation is located on the best section of the Paraná for landing considerable sizes and consistent numbers of dorado during our September through December season. You'll also find good sight-fishing opportunities when dorado are located on the sandbars, where they come to ambush cruising sábalo.

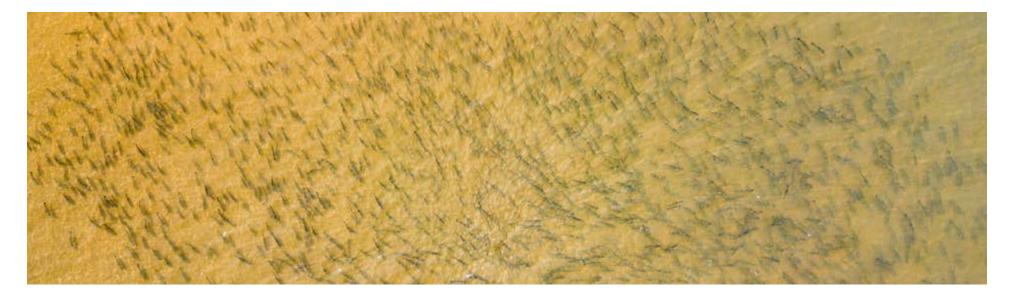


You'll explore remote backwater creeks and fish every structure the river offers, from submerged trees to cut-banks and deep channels.

## FISHING AT KARANDÁ LODGE

Guest will fish primarily from our new fleet of 22-foot Carolinas' Skiffs. These custom design boats have 2 decks (one on the front, another one on the back), so that 2 anglers can fish simultaneously.

The Paraná River is a structure-loaded system. Most of the time our guides "drift" the boats using trolling motors in order to target the nuanced natural habitat, from sunken logs and boulder gardens, to small bays and side channels. Other times, fish are concentrated on sandbanks, where they corral and attack baitfish. If this is the case, we'll often drift-fish the sand areas or wade fish in search of action.



### **RATES 2025**

June to December

#### Program Rate p/angler @ \$ 7,950\*

7 nights and 6 days fishing

\* Rates are in USD per person, based on shared occupancy and boat

#### **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.

#### INCLUDED

All meals and beverages (alcoholic and non). Professional Guiding Service. Fishing Licenses. Fishing Loaner Equipment (rods + reels + lines).

#### NOT INCLUDED

Airfares.

Transfers to/from Corrientes or Resistencia airports. Gratuities for guides and house staff.

In-house laundry service.

International phone calls, tours, shopping trips, etc..

Any items of a strictly personal nature, baggage overweight charges, personal and baggage insurance.

Cost of itinerary modifications requested by the passanger.



If fly fishing is your passion—consider the Nervous Waters family of lodges. Nervous **Waters** is the leader in international Fly Fishing destinations, with 11 special lodges spread out across Argentina, Chile, Mexico and the **Bahamas**. We offer a plethora of coveted gamefish including bones, permit, tarpon & snook, sea-run and resident brown trout, rainbow trout, and golden dorado, pacu, and pira pita.



### **INTERESTED IN VARIETY?**

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

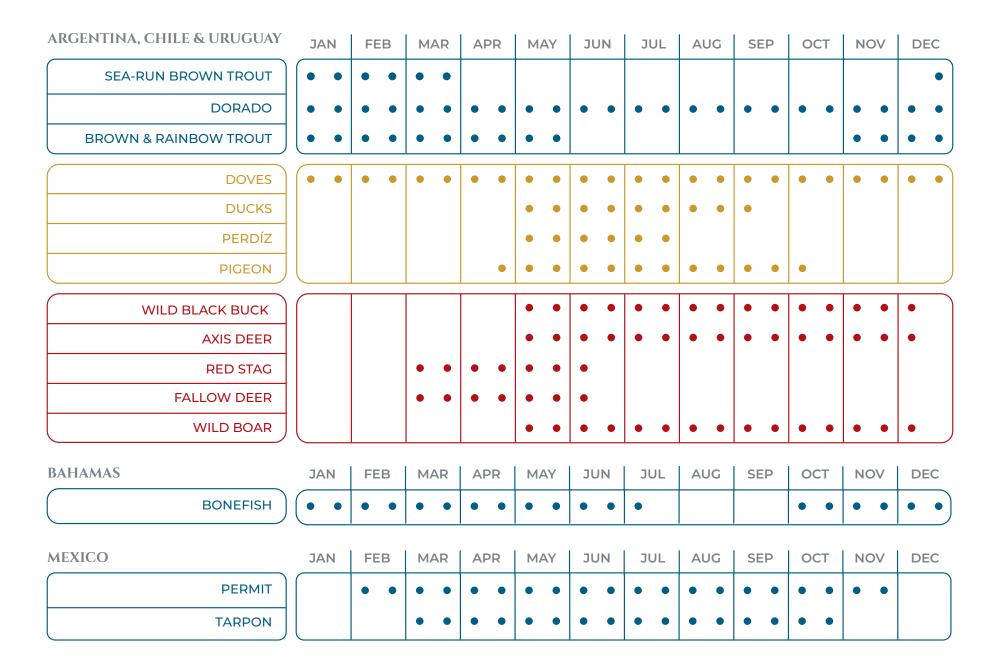
### David Denies BIRD HUNTING

David Denies Bird Hunting comprises 13 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.



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 5 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.

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