

SALMO PATAGONIA LODGE

CHILEAN PATAGONIA

PRE-TRIP INFORMATION

\$3950 Per Angler

6 NIGHTS/5+ DAYS FISHING
(Depends on airline scheduling)

Included: Accommodations at Salmo Patagonia Lodge and Nirehuao River out-cabins, double occupancy with private bath for 6 nights, 5 full days and two half days guided fishing (airline schedule permitting), ground transportation from the Balmaceda airport and to all the fishing areas, all meals, local alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, use of float tubes, boats, 4x4 ATVs (as determined by the lodge fishing program), Wi-Fi Internet access, fly tying room, and regular laundry service.

Not Included: Commercial air travel to Balmaceda, Chile, trip insurance, fishing gear, flies, gratuities, fishing licenses and permits (\$140), phone calls, faxes and personal items.

TRAVEL/DOCUMENTS

A valid passport is required to enter Chile. Prior to clearing customs, you must purchase a visa, obtainable at the port of entry (Santiago) upon payment of a fee (currently \$131). The visa is valid for multiple entries to Chile and remains valid until the expiration of the passport.

You will be issued a Tourist Card upon entry that **must be surrendered** upon departure. Customs officials can hassle or fine you if you don't have the card when exiting the country.

SANTIAGO

We suggest an overnight in Santiago to break up your travel. Time permitting, you may wish to tour the city or surrounding areas. Our office can help you with those arrangements. Available tours include, *Cousiño Macul* or *Concha y Toro Winery and Maipo River Canyon*, *Historical Santiago*, *Panoramic Santiago*, or *Viña Del Mar and Valparaíso*.

COYHAIQUE

Coyhaique, the capital of Region XI in southern Chile, is a three hour flight from Santiago. With a population of 37,000, Coyhaique offers good restaurants, shopping, and tourist attractions in a wilderness valley setting surrounded by the Andes and braided by the Simpson and Coyhaique Rivers.

TRAVEL LOGISTICS

Guests should plan to arrive in Balmaceda, Chile, late afternoon on Saturday and depart the following Friday, early afternoon. American, Delta, and Lan Chile, the Chilean National Airline, offer daily flight service to Chile. Direct flights originate from Los Angeles, Dallas, Atlanta, and Miami. Most flights depart the U.S. in the evening and arrive at Santiago International Airport the following morning. After collecting your luggage and clearing customs, proceed to the domestic terminal (a five minute walk) for the flight to Balmaceda (three hours). There you will be met by our representative and transferred to the lodge (a scenic one-hour drive). You may opt to overnight in Santiago and continue on the next day. You will be returned to the airport the following Friday early afternoon for your flight to Santiago and points beyond.

WEATHER

Located in the southern hemisphere, Chile's seasons are reversed (our winter is their summer). Santiago's climate is warm and dry with summer temperatures ranging from lows in the 50s to highs in the 90s. Coyhaique's climate is cooler and can be wet and windy year-round with summer temperatures ranging from the 40s to the 80s.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

A breakfast buffet of coffee, tea, fruit, cereal, breads, meats and eggs are all standard fare. The lodge staff will prepare the fixings for your box lunch of soup, sandwiches, empanadas, fruit and cookies. Dinners feature international and Chilean cuisine with a flair complemented with Chilean wines. A selection of premier Chilean wines is available from the wine cellar for purchase.

THE FISHING

Fishing takes place in a variety of private and public creeks, lakes and rivers. King and silver salmon, brown and rainbow trout are available. Kings in this area are the largest in the world, but don't readily strike aggressively. One to three salmon per person per day is the norm.

Brown trout are more abundant than rainbows and range in size from ten to thirty-plus inches. Montana-size fish from 10 to 16 inches are available in good numbers and there are trophy trout 24 inches and up in all of the streams and lakes. Five to ten pound trout are caught each week, with the occasional ten pound plus fish.

Your chances for a real trophy trout are good if you are a good caster and can walk well. Chances are diminished if you are not a good caster and not in good physical condition. Many of the trophy trout locations require a 20 to 30 minute walk in steep and rough terrain. There are some alternate trout lakes that are easily accessible and we fish them via inflatable boats. These locations require less physical effort. Keep in mind that Patagonia has varied weather. It can be warm with calm winds one day and the next day can be cool and very windy.

CURRENCY

You may convert dollars to Chilean pesos at the Santiago airport. According to the U.S. Department of State Travel website, travelers might have difficulty using U.S. \$100 bills due to concerns about counterfeit U.S. currency. Many Chilean banks, exchange houses and business may refuse to accept \$100 bills. Whenever possible, visitors to Chile should use Traveler's Checks or bring bills smaller than \$50.

LANGUAGE

Spanish is spoken as the national language. Your host and most guides at the lodge can converse in English and other languages.

HEALTH

We suggest you contact your doctor regarding inoculations recommended for travelers to Chile, or log on to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/travel.

GRATUITIES

For the guides and staff, we suggest a cash tip of \$300 to \$400 per fisherman at the end of the week. U.S. dollars accepted.

CATCH AND RELEASE

To insure the best fishing possible, a strict catch and release policy is in effect.

FLY FISHING EQUIPMENT

Two or three 8' to 9' fly rods, 3/4, 5/6 or 7/8 weight
Reels compatible to rods
Floating fly line for all weight rods
RIO DC 10' Type 6, or Orvis Generation 3 sink tip
Streamer Stripper sink tip fly line for 5/6 or 7/8-wt rods
Knotless tapered leaders 9'-12', 0x to 4x
1x-5x tippet material
Hook sharpener
Small fly box
Tape measure (optional)
Amber polarized sunglasses
Hemostats, line clippers
Fingerless gloves
Waterproof pack or gear bag
Fly floatant or drying crystals
Small fishing pack or vest
Rod rental at lodge \$20/day per rod

SPIN FISHING EQUIPMENT (Salmon only)

7' Heavy spinning rod
Compatible medium reel capable of holding at least 150 yards of 30-pound mono

CLOTHING & PERSONAL ITEMS

Passport and photocopy of photo page
Airline tickets
Personal medications
Long sleeved fishing shirts
Supplex fishing pants or long johns
Polar fleece vest or down-filled vest
Polar fleece pullover or button jacket
Polar fleece pants
Quality raincoat/windbreaker
Casual travel clothes and shoes
Fishing hat
Lightweight hiking boots
Sunscreen, lip balm
Gore-Tex waders
Wading boots
Small bottle insect repellent
Small flashlight
Camera
Extra memory card and batteries
Cash for tipping

FLIES

Trout

Royal Wulff #14-12
Hoppers #6-2
Bead Head Hare's Ear nymph #16-8
Bead Head Pheasant Tail nymph #16-8
Midges #18-14
May fly patterns #18-10
Chernobyl Ant #6-2
Parachute Adams #16-12
Parachute Dun #16-12
Pale Morning Dun #16-12
Elk Hair Caddis #14-6
Bead Head Flashabuggers #8-4 in brown, olive and black
Stimulator #12-6

Salmon

Egg Sucking or Starlite Leech #2-1/0 (weighted, with flash)
in fuchsia, pink, purple, and lime green
Foam Poly Wog #2-1/0 in pink, chartreuse, and lime green
Zonker, Zuddler, or Muddler patterns #2-1/0 in white/pearl,
fuchsia, and lime green
Bunny Leech patterns #2-1/0 in fuchsia, pink,
purple, and lime green

**Note: A complete selection of flies is available for sale
at the lodge at \$3 per fly.**

Spinning lures (salmon only)

Blue Fox Vibrex Spinner #4-7 with silver and gold blades
with blue or lime green bodies
Pixie Spoons in 3/4 to 1 oz. with orange, hot pink and green
inserts.

Note: Take a total of 2-3 dozen total lures, if you plan to fish
for salmon aggressively.