

TAILWATERS TRAVEL | WORLDWIDE ANGLING DESTINATIONS

ESTANCIA LAGUNA VERDE

JURASSIC LAKE, ARGENTINA



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ABOUT

OUR TRAVEL SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE!

YOU THE CLIENT DON'T PAY A PENNY FOR OUR TRAVEL SERVICES!

Our destination recommendations, organization, and pre-trip planning services are completely free of charge - and oftentimes less expensive than booking direct with a lodge or outfitter. We can assist with every question, concern, or special request related to your adventure at zero cost!

WE HAVE BEEN THERE

We do not send our clients to any destination we have not visited ourselves. From the remote rivers of the Kamchatka Peninsula, the marshes of Southern Louisiana, to the sandy flats of the Seychelles, we have experienced the travel involved, eaten the food, fished with the guides, understand the seasonality, and exactly what gear and tackle is most productive.

FINDING THE DESTINATION THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

Whether you are looking for a family holiday, a long weekend getaway, or a hard-core fish camp, we have assembled a catalog of destinations that fits the billing. Super exotic trips to far-off spots like Seychelles, Patagonia, or Bolivia are today's cutting edge epic adventures, while the beachfront home in the Bahamas with tailing bonefish out back may be what you are after. The affordable three-day trip to Louisiana for trophy redfish is a home-run, specialized permit fishing trips may be on the menu, or a mountain destination with loads of non-angling activities for the whole family is an option. We have the first-hand experience and personal relationships in place to send you and your group to the right spot at the right time of year.

NOT EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE

We do not pretend to be the experts on every single fishery or fishing lodge on the planet. Some competing agents will list dozens of lodges or outfitters in a single region. We know from nearly twenty years experience there is no way to maintain a sincere or realistic connection with a specific lodge with such a cumbersome catalog of offerings. Managers, politics, food, travel logistics, guides, the health of the fishery, and personal relationships change at fishing lodges often! Tailwaters takes a less is more approach by choosing to represent the best of the best operators in the business. Tight relationships and legitimate partnerships with our operators ensure our clients are properly paired up with a destination at the top of its game. What's the point of offering two dozen fly-out lodges in Alaska when you can cherry pick the best? We are not the Wal-Mart of the fly-fishing travel industry - and don't want to be.

BEST PRE-TRIP PLANNING IN THE BUSINESS

When you book a trip with us you will receive one of our destination specific pre-trip planner & outfitting guides. These comprehensive packets contain everything from maps to gear & tackle recommendations, information about commercial travel arrangements, lodge policy, country information, itinerary, travel insurance and much more. Our outfitting guides have been meticulously prepared to provide you with the most informative and up to date pre-trip planning reference in the industry. Although we are always on call at the office, our outfitting guides are the ultimate go-to resource for questions or concerns about planning your trip.

ESTANCIA LAGUNA VERDE // ARGENTINA

DESTINATION DESCRIPTION**LOCATION: LAGO STROBEL ("JURASSIC LAKE"), CALAFATE, ARGENTINA****PRICE: \$6500 / PER PERSON (7 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS)****SPECIES: GIANT RAINBOW TROUT**

Estancia Laguna Verde is a 45,000 acre private ranch on Lago Strobel, or "Jurassic Lake"; located approximately 4.5 hours from the closest airport of El Calafate, Argentina . . . right smack in the middle of nowhere! Jurassic is a massive sixty-five square kilometer lake stocked decades ago with rainbow trout that have evolved to enormous sizes feeding on the presence of huge scuds and baitfish. It is a one of a kind destination where the average sized rainbow weighs in at a solid ten pounds, and fish exceeding twenty pounds are landed each season.

Guests at Laguna Verde enjoy the world-class fishing on Lago Strobel as well as private access to Moro creek and another dozen smaller lakes on the property - all loaded with huge rainbows. Exclusive access to several miles of the Barrancoso River is also a tremendous bonus for anglers when fish congregate . . . often yielding excellent sight casting opportunities for these dinosaur-sized rainbows on foamy dry flies. The giant estancia has an improved road network allowing anglers and guides to comfortably navigate around and access miles of Strobel's shoreline using Toyota Hilux pickup trucks.

This is the type of destination that comes around once in a lifetime. Estancia Laguna Verde is located in Southern Argentina, a few hundred miles north of Tierra del Fuego. It is an extremely desolate and rugged country, way off of the beaten path. Although Santa Cruz is a popular tourist destination in Patagonia for adventurous tourists, travelers head out to Estancia Laguna Verde for one reason only . . . the biggest rainbow trout on the planet.

There is quite simply nothing like it. Estancia Laguna Verde has virtually exclusive access to this incredible resource along with fifteen other smaller, impressive lakes, a smaller creek, and a traditional freestone river on their private property that diversifies the angling experience.







FISHING PROGRAM

Jurassic Lake truly is something special, a fishery that has quickly earned its reputation as the most prolific rainbow trout fishery on earth. This natural stillwater with its 15-mile shoreline, ocean-sized swells and breathtakingly clear blue waters is a natural phenomenon, and until relatively recently, free of any trout. In the few short years since their introduction, the lake's rainbows have quickly reached massive proportions, due largely to the lake's staggering population of freshwater scuds. Trout in the 6-12 pound category are simply average, and fish in excess of 20 pounds are seen here on a fairly regular basis.

Unlike steelhead or sea-run brown fishing, where anglers consider a couple of fish landed per week a success, Lago Strobel and the surrounding lakes and rivers offer a six month season (November - April) for uneducated and cooperative rainbows. Estancia Laguna Verde operates an elaborate program using comfortable Hilux trucks to access all the "coasts" of Logo Strobel as well as fifteen smaller lakes, a proper freestone, and a smaller creek on the ranch. Having exclusive access to miles and miles of the shoreline on the estancia's 45,000 lakefront property ensures guests have well rested water every single day and options to fish numerous shorelines and coves that get anglers out of the wind.

| MONSTER'S BAY

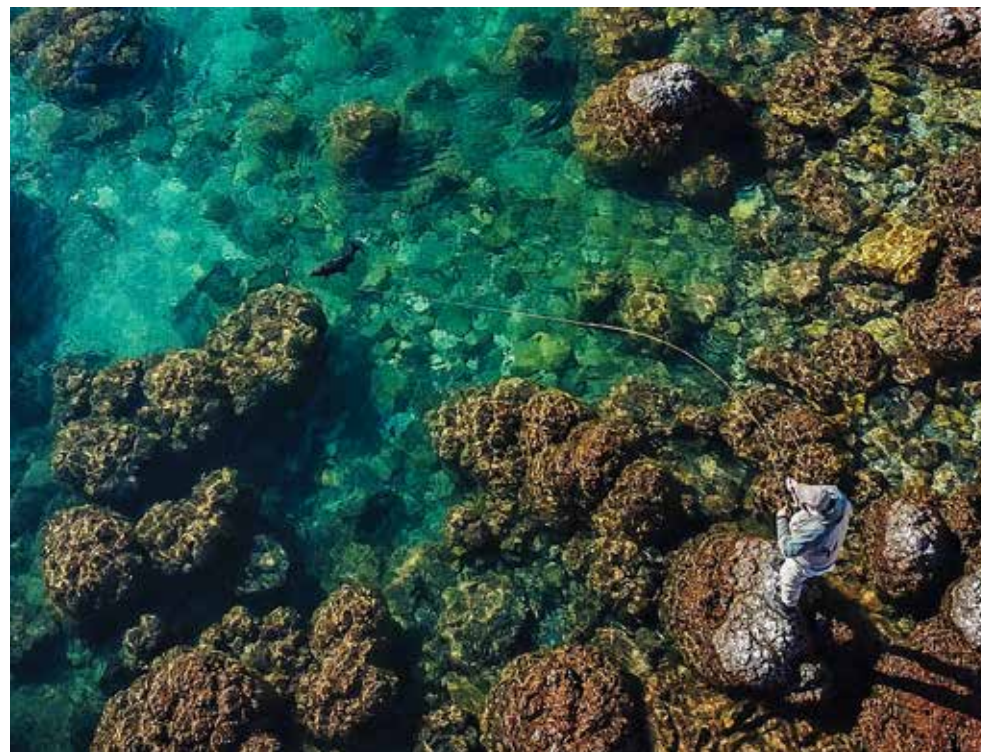
The lodge also has private access to "Monster's Bay" on Lago Strobel, which is considered some of the best fishing on the lake. All of the fishing from the lodge is reached within 10-40 minutes by truck. It can be VERY windy in this part of the world, however the lake is situated where it is easy to find wind at your back. Anglers need to be prepared for windy conditions and some physical hiking involved with a full day on Jurassic.

The fishing program is very civilized, yet the schedule is quintessentially Argentine. Reasonable wake up calls, long days on the water, a siesta (if desired) and late lunch, and a 9:00PM (at the earliest) dinner are part of the typical day. When fishing the smaller lakes and rivers, anglers can opt to return to the Estancia for lunch and a siesta, while Jurassic Lake anglers spend the entire day away from the lodge. Lunch is taken at a lakeside cabin protected from the elements.

Eight or nine weight rods and a combination of floating and sinking lines are required for landing these monster bows in the lakes, while 5-7 weight rods can be used in the rivers if preferred. Spey or two handed casters also enjoy the wide open space and the opportunity to make long casts on the lake as well.

| THE BARRANCOSO RIVER

The only river system that is actually connected to Lago Strobel is the Barrancoso River... and Estancia Laguna Verde has exclusive access to 97% of the entire river system. The early and late weeks (November/December and March/April) can be particularly attractive for those wanting to catch big trout in the Barrancoso River, as the stream often runs a bit higher (and with a glacial tint) due to runoff and/or rainfall during these months, allowing the largest lake rainbows to run far upstream, populating many of the miles of pools. During the middle months the stream shrinks dramatically, with sight fishing for trout in the 6-15 pound range an unreal visual experience, sometimes even on skated mouse patterns!



| THE SMALLER LAKES & MORO CREEK

The smaller lakes are not to be overlooked as they offer an incredible alternative to Jurassic when it is super windy or you want some nice dry fly fishing in the evenings. The Estancia house overlooks Lago Verde, which is chalk full of 5-10 pound rainbows, and is a great spot to fish unguided following a day on Jurassic if you have not had enough.







ACCOMMODATIONS

CAPACITY | 12 ANGLERS PER WEEK IN SINGLE OCCUPANCY ROOMS

The twelve bedroom Estancia House sits on a small bluff overlooking Laguna Verde Lake. The accommodations are incredibly sophisticated given the remoteness of their location. In addition to spacious bedrooms with private baths, the lodge has a lovely dining room and bar, outdoor wooden deck, and a wader drying room. Although we recommend you bring your own equipment, the lodge also has a modest fly shop as well as loaner rods, reels, waders and boots.

The facility is also equipped with wireless internet as well as satellite television and telephone. Meals are traditional Argentine with lots of beef, lamb, and of course asados (Argentine BBQ) and incredible wines from Mendoza, Neuquen, and other popular wine growing regions of Argentina. The service, comfort level, equipment, vehicles, and organization of the Laguna Verde operation is on par with top tier lodges found anywhere...a real feat considering the logistical challenges of its remoteness.

After a good night's rest, guests will enjoy a hearty, chef-prepared breakfast to nourish them for a day of fishing. After breakfast, anglers split into pairs and head to the water. Following a morning of incredible fishing, guests have the option of returning to the lodge for a plentiful lunch and a siesta or taking their lunch on the water. Guests that choose to eat in the field can enjoy the strategically located "sun lounges" built around the property. After returning from an amazing day of fishing,





guests can freshen up before dinner and enjoy a cocktail from our fully stocked bar.

Adjacent to the lodge, Laguna Verde's wine and cheese cave houses thousands of bottles of wine personally selected by the lodge owners as well as a large assortment of local Patagonian and Argentine cheeses. Appetizers, cocktails, and Argentine wines are served as guests tell stories from the day. Seated in a beautiful dining room, guests can expect an ample 3-course dinner with dishes of steak, lamb, pork, chicken, house-made pastas, and fish. Each course is paired with a chef-selected wine to accompany the meal. A favorite of our guests, one night the chef and sous chef will prepare a traditional Argentine asado of grilled meats. Guests are also treated to a wine tasting night and an empanada night during their week's stay. After the main course, dessert is served along with after dinner drinks. With zero light pollution and constellations unique to the southern hemisphere, you can enjoy a cigar and cocktail under the Patagonian sky.

The Lodge is located 100 meters from Verde lake, 15 minutes from Strobel Lake, 5 minutes from the Barrancoso River middle section, 20 minutes from the Barrancoso River lower and upper sections; 5 to 30 minutes from Moro creek, and 10 to 30 minutes from a variety of other lagoons depending on the section and area of the Estancia you are fishing.

| LAGO STROBEL LODGE

On the northeastern shores of the lake, Laguna Verde also has a four bedroom smaller lodge to accommodate a maximum of eight anglers. Guests at Lago Strobel Lodge fish a similar program as guests at the Laguna Verde main lodge.





TRAVEL

[USA](#) > [Buenos Aires](#) > [El Calafate \(FTE\)](#)

Guests travel to Buenos Aires via direct overnight flight from several U.S. cities including New York, Miami, Houston, and Dallas/Ft. Worth International airports – arriving into Buenos Aires the following morning.

Guests traveling straight through then gather their luggage, clear customs, and are met by a driver who transfers the group across town to the Domestic Airport (AEP) for the flight to El Calafate. You must arrive in El Calafate the Friday night prior to the Saturday ground transfer to the lodge.

Some travelers elect to arrive in Buenos Aires on Thursday and spend the day and evening there prior to departing for El Calafate on Friday. If you have the time, B.A.'s nightlife, restaurants, museums, culture, and shopping are well worth the effort. This is a great way to break up the two legs of the journey, do some sightseeing, and recharge your batteries. Tailwaters uses a very reliable local travel agent who lends a hand with domestic airfare as well as customs assistance and chauffeur service that provides ground transfers for all our clients in Buenos Aires. They can also facilitate reservations at all the nicest hotels in Buenos Aires, and can also lend a hand with restaurant reservations, city tours, and other side trips.

| OVERNIGHT IN CALAFATE

Once in Calafate, anglers arriving Friday afternoon spend one night in a local hotel and are met by a representative from Laguna Verde on Saturday morning and driven approximately 4.5 hours to the lodge.

NOTE ABOUT OUR CONCIERGE SERVICES IN BUENOS AIRES

OUR RECOMMENDED ARGENTINA TRAVEL AGENT

Upon booking, we will facilitate the introductions with our recommended concierge and travel agent in Buenos Aires for all applicable ground transportation, Buenos Aires Hotels and activities, as well as in-country flight reservations with Aerolineas for your flights to/from Buenos Aires and Patagonia. Maria Gallego and her team are a critical component to any visit to Argentina, and we rely on them heavily to ensure your time in the city and in transit to Patagonia goes smoothly. Maria can also book your international flights to and from Buenos Aires (EZE) as well.

If you use Maria's team's service, you can also think of them as your personal concierge to the city of Buenos Aires. They can recommend and make dinner reservations, get you tickets to events, show you around the city, take you shopping (or shop for you), change local currency (for a better rate), answer questions, or just enjoy a drink and get to know you.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

Estancia Laguna Verde typically operates on a Saturday - Saturday weekly itinerary. Guests who cannot get into Calafate early Saturday morning MUST PLAN ON SPENDING THE FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE THEIR SATURDAY TRANSFER TO THE LODGE IN CALAFATE. Travel to El Calafate (FTE) can easily be accomplished in one day with a connection in Buenos Aires. We will arrange for overnight accommodation in Calafate.

THURSDAY

Travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina on evening overnight flight. (Exact Flight Itinerary TBD)

FRIDAY

Arrive Buenos Aires (EZE) mid-morning on flight from USA.

Tailwaters has professional tour guides that speak perfect English. Don't hesitate to ask questions about Buenos Aires and Argentina. They are very friendly and extremely informative. You will then be escorted by van and transported approximately one hour across town to the domestic airport (AEP) and your connecting flight to El Calafate. Depending on your itinerary, there is usually time for lunch and a brief tour of Buenos Aires before pushing southward.

Note: There are often domestic flights to Calafate from the international airport (EZE). It may be possible to have a straight connection in Buenos Aires without switching airports.

Depart Buenos Aires (EZE) on afternoon flight to Calafate w/ Aerolineas of Lan Airlines

Arrive Calafate (FTE) ANYTIME

Upon arrival in El Calafate, you will be escorted to a local hotel for overnight.

SATURDAY

You will be met at your hotel and driven approximately five (5) hours to Estancia Laguna Verde. The lodge is located 200 miles from Calafate. The road(Highway 40) is paved with comfortable asphalt for 170 miles prior to changing routes at Cardiel Lake. The remaining thirty miles are through private ranch roads, and the last 13km of the trip is painfully slow as the driver must negotiate volcanic rock on the road. Guests are welcome and encouraged to string up a rod and go fishing in Laguna Verde in front of the lodge if time permits. Alternatively, guests can enjoy a half day of fishing the lagoons onsite, or Lago Strobel, on Saturday afternoon. Overnight at Estancia Laguna Verde.

SUNDAY - FRIDAY

Enjoy six full days of guided fishing on Jurassic Lake as well as other lakes on the property with continued overnight at Estancia Laguna Verde.

A typical day will start with breakfast at 7:00-8:00 a.m. You will be fishing around 8:30 a.m. Depending on which shoreline your guide will have you fish, the drive to Lago Stroble is approximately 20-40 minutes. It is a beautiful ride down the Barranosco Valley to the caldera rim and a steep descent to the lake.

When fishing Jurassic Lake and the lower Barranosco River you will break for lunch and a siesta at 1:00 p.m. at the cabin near monster bay. If fishing other lakes or streams on the Estancia, you have the choice of going back to the lodge or eating lunch by the river or lake. There will be a coffee-snack break at 4:30 p.m. and then fishing until the end of the day. Dinner will be served around 9:00 p.m. This is the standard dinner time in Argentina. Anglers fish two to a guide.

SATURDAY

You will be driven back to the airport in Calafate and assisted through check-in for your flight to Buenos Aires.

Depart Calafate on afternoon Aerolineas Argentina flight to Buenos Aires

Arrive Buenos Aires (AEP or EZE)

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will follow a similar procedure awaiting your escorts and ground transfer back to the International Airport. They will once again find you in the baggage claim area or just beyond the baggage claim in the main terminal. They will be holding a sign with your name on it. Travelers will then be transferred back to the International Airport, assisted through all the security and check-in procedure and issued boarding passes.

Depart Buenos Aires (EZE) on evening flight to the USA

Arrive USA (early AM next day arrival)

4 NIGHT / 3 DAY ITINERARY

PERFECT COMBINATION WITH PATAGONIA RIVER GUIDES OR TIERRA DEL FUEGO

Shorter week itineraries are available at Jurassic on a case-by-case basis. However, the lodge prefers to operate the 4 night / 3 day trips Saturday - Wednesday or Tuesday - Saturday. The 4 night trips are a wonderful add-on to compliment a full week with Patagonia River Guides up north or at a sea-run brown operation in Tierra del Fuego. **Please ask for details**



WHEN TO GO?

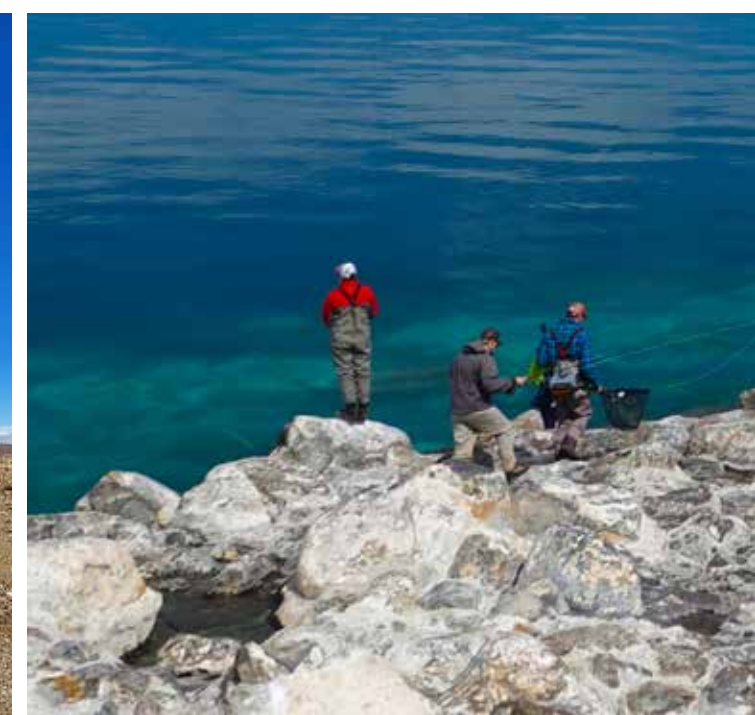
SOUTHERN PATAGONIA WEATHER & CONDITIONS

Estancia Laguna Verde enjoys a wonderfully long season from November - April. There is really no “best” time to partake in the lake fishing, as it fishes consistently for the six months the lodge is open. Those interested in the river fishing should concentrate their efforts in the November/December and March/April time frames when fish are congregating in the river systems...and full week trips are encouraged during this time. January and February still offer exceptional fishing.

As with all low latitude, mountainous regions, weather in Argentine Patagonia is very unpredictable. Jurassic Lake is near Tierra del Fuego, the end of the South American continent. Although warmer days can occur during the height of summer, anglers should come prepared for temperatures ranging from 30-80 degrees nearly all season long. Fishing conditions are frequently very windy (unless you’re lucky), rain can occur at any time, and temperature variations are significant no matter the month you visit.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Although fishing is the predominant activity at Estancia Laguna Verde, the lodge can assist in organizing several adventurous non-angling activities in the Calafate area. Calafate is a very popular area for touring nearby glaciers by helicopter, four wheel drive tours, as well as a hotbed for bird watchers. The famous Santa Cruz River is also within reasonable driving distance for those who are interested in this new and exciting Steelhead fishery.







2024-2025 RATES

(SINGLE ROOM / SHARED BOAT)

7 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS FISHING - \$7500 PER PERSON

5 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS FISHING - \$6200 PER PERSON

4 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS FISHING - \$5400 PER PERSON

***** Single/Private Guide + 35% of published rate**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » Single Occupancy Accommodations
- » Full Days of Guided Fishing
- » All Meals & Beverages Including Argentine Wines and Cocktails
- » Ground Transportation to Lodge / Calafate
- » Fishing License
- » Loaner Rod/Reel Outfits
- » Laundry Service

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- » Commercial Air to Buenos Aires (EZE) and onward to El Calafate, Argentina
- » Hotels, Meals, Ground Transportation & All Services in Buenos Aires
- » Guide and Staff Gratuities
- » Hotel Accommodations in Calafate
- » All other personal travel expenses

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Tailwaters Travel must adhere to the cancellation policies of the guides, outfitters and lodges which it represents. **Laguna Verde's policy follows:** A non-refundable fifty percent deposit is due at the time of booking to confirm all reservations. No refunds are given unless a replacement angler can be found. Full payments are required at 90 days from departure. No refunds or credits will be given due to fishing time lost to inclement weather. Refunds of deposits/payments made on credit cards will be charged a 3.5% service charge to fully compensate Tailwaters Travel for all bank charges incurred. Receipt of deposit and/or final payment is acknowledgement that registrant has read and accepts the cancellation, refund and responsibility clauses.





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