



Pre trip information |

LA DORMIDA LODGE Doves shooting [Cordoba, Argentina]

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• South America Hunting Questionnaire

Gun information and serial numbers MUST BE legible and accurate. This document will be sent to Argentina Customs for gun permits and hunting licenses.

• Photocopy of Passport I.D

This must clearly show your name, passport number, date issued and expiration date. Because of the time required for processing firearms permits, please return your questionnaire promptly. Your cooperation is appreciated.

NOTE TO GROUP LEADERS: It is important that as a group leader you share this pre-trip information with all members of your party so that everyone is adequately prepared, understands the cancellation/refund policy pertaining to their trip, and has the opportunity to purchase travel insurance (especially anyone with a pre-existing health condition). DDW cannot assume any financial responsibility for consequences incurred if this information is not provided by you to all members of your group.

• Arrival

A VALID PASSPORT is necessary to enter the country. No visa is needed for U.S. citizens or Community subjects; citizens from other countries should check entry requirements with the Argentine consulate.

• Entry Request Fee

American, Canadian and Australian passport holders visiting Argentina will be required to pay a reciprocity fee with the following respective values:

- US \$160.00 for Americans good for 10 years
- US \$75 for Canadians as a single entry fee having to be paid each time
- US \$100 for Australians good for one year

The payment of this “reciprocity fee” is not a Visa since Argentina does not require Visa to the nationals of the mentioned countries when traveling for tourism or business purposes. The Argentine Government set this entry fee on equal amounts to those Argentine citizens must pay when requesting a Visa to travel to those countries.

To access the online payment forum, please click the following link:

<https://virtual.provinciapagos.com.ar/ArgentineTaxes>

You must register and pay with a credit card. Once the payment is received, an electronic receipt will be given and passenger would need to show it upon their arrival in Argentina. Print it out, put it in your passport, and bring it to present to immigration when you arrive to Argentina.

Please note that this is a requirement to for the aforementioned nationalities to enter into Argentina and has no relation with David Denies.

**Rates subject to modifications based upon reciprocity*

• Customs and Firearms Registration

U.S. Customs has adopted more stringent regulations for checking firearms registration forms upon re-

entry. We recommend that you pre-register each gun taken out of the country. You should request U. S. Customs Form 4457-Certificate Of Registration For Personal Effects Taken Abroad. This form can be attained at any U.S. Customs office before your trip by presenting your firearms for this procedure. This form, listing all guns, cameras, binoculars, etc., should be stapled in the back of your passport for ready reference. A copy should be carried in your gun case and a copy left at home. By following this procedure, you should experience no delay at U.S. Customs on return from an international shooting trip. This regulation applies only for re-entry into the U.S.

Europe - You should inform the airline prior to your travel date that you will be carrying shotguns and declare them when checking in for your flight. An airline official will escort you to a Customs post for gun registration and then hand-carry your guns to the plane. On return, you must retrieve your guns at the airline service desk in the baggage hall. An airline official will accompany you to the red channel, where your guns are registered with Customs as re-entering the country.

• Gun Entry Requirement

Guns must be declared and gun permits purchased on arrival in Argentina.

Permits may be purchased at the international airport on arrival and a fee is paid directly to the National Police Authority.

You are required to pay in cash US \$140 per gun.

We strongly suggest that you *do not* bring your personal guns unless you plan to enter and exit Argentina via the same airport/route.

Please be aware that for guns with interchangeable/extra sets of barrels, each barrel/barrel set will be charged as a separate gun. Ridiculous, but true.

Fees are subject to change without notice.

The information on your Shooting Questionnaire will be used for your gun entry permit and it will be carefully checked by the authorities on arrival. To avoid delays, please be sure it is absolutely legible and accurate.

On departure your gun permit departure form must be stamped by the police authority at the airport prior to check in at the ticket counter for your flight home. Allow extra time for this procedure.

• Air Travel Arrangements

We work very closely with the main office in Buenos Aires who does an outstanding job of diligently handling all incoming and outgoing transfers, and our constant communication with them allows us to act quickly when unscheduled circumstances occur.

• Baggage / Gun Case Restrictions

Airline regulations permit two (2) checked bags which do not exceed 70 lbs. each and two carry-on pieces per passenger. Please check with your airline to confirm baggage regulations as they may vary.

From time to time outfitters need things in the hunting areas, and they will ship them to us and ask that they be carried down by clients, as customs and shipping expenses are prohibitive for them. Usually items

are things like jackets, hats, camouflage netting, or boots. If you have some extra room in your bags, and would not mind carrying things down, outfitters will reimburse you for any expense you incur, and will often throw in some free shotgun shells for your trouble. Let us know if you have an interest in lending a hand.

• Shells

We strongly recommend that all shot shells be purchased in Argentina. Buying them there eliminates baggage hassle and overweight charges, and cartridges available are very good. Imported shells \$15.00 per box (gauges 12,20); Argentine shells \$13.25 per box (only for gauges 12 & 20); 28 gauge shells \$14.00 per box and .410 mangum imported gauge shells \$16.00 per box; payment will be handled prior to your departure. You may settle your cartridge account either in cash or credit card. Prices are subjected to changes.

• Shotguns/Chokes

In selecting which gun you take, it boils down to personal preference.

Gas-operated or inertia driven semi-automatics offer less felt recoil but are more likely to malfunction, as they contain more moving parts. If you opt for a double, choose a heavier rather than a lighter gun and one with automatic ejectors.

Regardless of the gun you choose, we would strongly suggest taking some type of recoil-reduction device such as the Kick Killer or shoulder pads which are available from many shooting supply houses. The high volume and rapidity of shooting, together with a generally warm climate, will put any gun to a severe test.

Ammunition availability dictates that 12-, 20- or 28-gauge guns are the best choice. Each day, you'll encounter every imaginable type of shot, from high passing birds to close-in shooting. Improved cylinder and modified are the best middle-of-the-road choices for English guns this translate into $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ chokes - however the variable choke tubed guns are ideal. If you are taking a magazine-type shotgun (pump or automatic) make sure it is immaculately clean - and while there is cleaning equipment available at the lodge, you may wish to take some light cleaning equipment and lubricant.

Try shooting some high doves if you have not done so before. Use this trip to sharpen your shooting skills. You'll be amazed at what you'll learn - and at the results!

• Climate

Dove shooting is available at all times of year in Cordoba, so clothing can vary from light short-sleeved shirts to light fleece jackets in the winter season. The chart below lists averages for the past few years. Cordoba does get some seasonal rain, so please plan to take at least a light rain jacket or windbreaker.

You may also wish to visit www.myweather2.com to check our Cordoba forecast.

AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURE RANGE:

Jan 93°-59°F / 34-15C May 66°-38°F / 19- 4C Sept 68°-40°F / 20- 5C
Feb 90°-58°F / 32-15C June 59°-32°F / 15- 0C Oct 75°-46°F / 24- 8C
Mar 83°-54°F / 28-12C July 59°-37°F / 15- 3C Nov 83°-51°F / 28-11C
Apr 75°-46°F / 24- 8C Aug 64°-34°F / 18- 1C Dec 89°-57°F / 32-14C

• Clothing & Equipment

For the Field: Shooting clothes should be light green, green or brown; camouflage is optional. Pack a sweater or jacket in case it's cool in the early morning and also a flannel or chamois shirt. Don't forget to bring a rain coat (See table above for average temperatures.)

Shoes: Lightweight, ankle-height is all you need. Many shooters even wear sneakers. A Gore-Tex breathing shoe, like the Rocky Boot, is excellent.

• Important Accessories for the Field

SHOOTING SAFETY GLASSES - also serve as sunglasses and should be the shatterproof variety. The green or yellow protective glasses that can be worn over regular glasses are good. They have a small side panel, which protects against glare. Available from many shooting sports suppliers.

LIGHTWEIGHT HAT - one with a wide brim is best.

SHOOTING GLOVES - important item to protect hands from hot shotgun barrels and nicks and blisters from reloading, breaking guns or activating safeties. Golf or batting gloves are a good substitute if you can't find quality, sensitive leather shooting gloves.

SOFT PROTECTIVE GUN CASE FOR DAILY USE

HEARING PROTECTION - Hearing protection is essential, and whether you prefer passive plugs, electronic head muffs or custom in the ear products it is essential to protect and shield your ears from muzzle blast; wearing something is essential. For more hearing protection information visit www.SportEAR.com.

SHELL POUCH - one that will hold a box or two of shells - or belt-type pouch or vest.

SMALL FIELD BAG - to carry camera gear and other personal items into the field.

INSECT REPELLENT - Mosquitoes or other bothersome insects are very unusual in the field - you might take a small bottle of Cutter's Cream.

CAMERA - The area is scenic and photographic possibilities abound.

EVENING DRESS - Clothing is casual, with slacks and sport shirt all you need.

MEDICATION - Most people have no stomach problems in this part of Argentina. Nevertheless, it's a good idea, as when traveling anywhere, to take along medication for symptomatic relief. Also, take aspirin, in case you get a shooting headache, in addition to other medications you normally use.

BAND-AIDS - for sore fingers from shooting.

NOTE: LAUNDRY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE AT THE LODGE IF DESIRED.

• Health

We suggest that you consult with your physician for medical advice on travel to Argentina. If your physician is not familiar with travel-related medicine, the CDC offers excellent, up-to-date information on health precautions for travelers by fax; call toll-free 888-232-3299 and follow the recorded instructions. You may also visit the CDC's Web site at www.cdc.gov.

• Medical Insurance

As outlined above, we strongly recommend you purchase both health and trip cancellation insurance. Once we have received the trip payment we are unable to make a refund in the instance of a cancellation.

For standard travel insurance, we can recommend Travel Guard

[Click Here to get an online quote now](#) or call **+1-800-826-4919** and refer to our ID number **241203** so that they can better assist you.

• Gratuities

Gratuities for lodge and field staff are not included in the shoot cost since we feel that tipping, in general, is discretionary. However, clients have asked that we provide general guidelines; therefore, we suggest:

\$40.00/\$45.00 per shooter per day for you field assistant

\$40.00/\$45.00 per guest per day for all the house staff

\$40.00/\$45.00 per shooter per day to be shared between your group's field guide, scout and additional field staff.

So the total suggested adds up to \$120.00/\$135.00 per person per day

You are welcome to tip your field assistant directly; all other tips should be settled with the house Manager when paying your final bill.

• Currency

The dollar is widely accepted, and you can change dollars for pesos at your hotel or any bank. When pay in dollars, most merchants give change in pesos, a good way to get small bills for cabs, tips to porters, etc., although dollars may be used as well. It is difficult to exchange traveler's checks of any kind outside Buenos Aires. American Express, Visa, and Master- Card are widely accepted. The lodge accepts payment in cash and credit cards (Visa, Master Card, Amex). With the latter, there will be a surcharge of 3,5 % added to the final payment.

You may also wish to check the current exchange rate at www.x-rates.com.

• Electric Current

220 volts; a standard converter and European adapter for two-pronged plug should work fine. However, we have installed standard US electric outlets in bathrooms and bedrooms. Most phones, notebooks, and accessories work from 110 to 240 volts. There is also satellite telephone & Internet access.

• Alcoholic Beverage/Tobacco Importation

Two bottles of liquor and two cartons of cigarettes can be taken into Argentina duty-free. Our suggestion is that you purchase these at the airport before departure. If there is any special brand of liquor that you like we recommend that you purchase it at the duty free.

• Terms & Conditions

Inclusions: All meals in the hunt area served with wines and beer; best available lodging based on double

occupancy (U\$S 100.00 surcharge for single room when available); services of a professional hunter-guide; all vehicles and ground transportation as required by the itinerary; field assistants as required; all payments to landowners for hunting rights; meeting and customs assistance; round ground transfer (Cordoba/La Dormida) only for parties arriving and departing together; taxes and service charges.

Exclusions: Scheduled air fares required by itinerary from point of origin through return; shot shells; gun rental (\$70.00 per person per day); all gratuities; hunting license (\$65.00 per person per day); telephone calls, laundry/dry cleaning, room service, or items of a strictly personal nature; baggage overweight charges; personal/baggage insurance; passport expense; transfer to and from the lodge for clients not arriving or departing with the whole party (please refer to our transfer policy below); cost of itinerary modification requested by passenger; transfers in Buenos Aires if your airline Schedule requires you to change airports.

• Check In / Check Out Policy

Check in: We care about offering all our shooting guests a spotless room and excellent lodge service along with great shooting. Therefore, we ask that "Check-In time" is 2pm. We may be able to accommodate guests before that time if we do not have a full lodge the day of arrival. If you arrive before 2pm—don't fear! You'll be taken straight to a dove field and can enjoy our shooting immediately, including a barbecue lunch.

Check-Out time is 11:30am. We'll be happy to accommodate a late check-out if the room is not needed later that day for other arriving guests. If you have a later flight, we are more than happy to accommodate you in our living room. Every guest is offered a meal before their departure. Thank you for your understanding.

• Transfer Policy

1. Only two transfers are included: one for arrivals and one for departures (they apply to parties arriving together).
2. For transfers on different schedules there will be a U\$S 150 surcharge (one way) per single passenger and U\$S 75 per person (one way) for groups (2 or more passengers)

• An Important Last Word - Safety

Even if guns are placed well apart with an eye to safety, in fields being harvested, there often are workers or farm animals in proximity - people on horseback or workers will edge into a shooting area, assuming that guns are prudent and will never shoot low.

The point is, you have to be aware of this activity and aware at all times as to the position of fellow shooters and field assistants. The bottom line is: there is never any excuse for taking a low-angle shot (below 45 degrees). Get that rule in your head; it requires virtually no concentration and will certainly in no way inhibit your shoot.

Don't take chances on shot angles - ever! Check guns to make sure they're unloaded before leaving the ranch - recheck in the field and again on departure. Don't be offended if outfitters check them again. Everyone wants to be as safe as possible.

Magazine shotguns should be carried with the receiver open; uncased doubles always broken when walking in the field, in a vehicle, or any time when not in shooting position. It is your decision to allow field assistants to shoot. They have vast experience in shooting and safety.

If your assigned location is a little off the flight line, or not productive, make sure you let your outfitter know; they will move you to a better place. Someone will always be close by. If you are taking a break from shooting, be aware of others around you. If you are in the open, you may be flaring birds away from others who are shooting.

It is a good idea to always wear safety shooting glasses to protect your eyes. And protect your ears with plugs or a quality headset type of ear protector. Many times during the shoot there will be birds in the air, including songbirds. . All songbirds, hawks, eagles, fly catchers are protected and should not be shot under any circumstance. The basic rule is “stick with doves and pigeons”. Check with the outfitter for any other game birds.

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