

ARGENTINA

PIRA LODGE

Golden Dorado — The bully of the Latin American mid-continent



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BEHIND the glowing golden flanks of this somewhat salmonoid-looking fish is a ferocious predator. These fish are fast moving, acrobatic and will sometimes hunt in packs of up to thirty.

Its Latin name of 'Salminus Maxillosus' hints at both its power and beauty. Do not let the streamlined looks of these beautiful fish belie their true nature. Sharp teeth and powerful jaws will bend hooks and cut wires and once on the line they are famous for their jumps and long runs.

Powerful aggressive fish they will provide spectacular action when hooked on a fly rod. The clarity of the water should provide plenty of opportunities for sight casting, which is done primarily from skiffs, giving unparalleled access to the huge fishable area.



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The Area & Environment

The lodge and fishing are located in the Corrientes Province, in the middle of the Iberia Marshland, a 1.3 million hectare natural reserve, twice the size of the Florida Everglades. The environment is comparable to southern Florida and the marshland teems with life with over 350 types of birds, 85 mammals and 75 reptile species. Although Golden Dorado are more frequently caught in murky waters the Iberia marshland has a vast system of crystal-clear creeks, flowing rivers, shallows and lakes which can allow fantastic opportunities for sight fishing.

The Lodge

The Pira lodge is built in a typical Corrientes style enjoying spectacular panoramic views of the vast wetlands. Designed in keeping with local architecture it never the less has all the comforts of a contemporary hotel. It accommodates up to 10 guests in five spacious rooms, each with private entrance, bath, air-conditioning and two double beds. The lodge has wonderful cuisine based on a wide selection of local meats, fresh vegetables and delicious salads. Each morning full cooked breakfasts are available together with fresh fruit, yogurts, cereals and freshly baked bread. There is a well stocked bar and a fine selection of wines from Luigi Bosca Bodega which are served during lunch and dinner.

Best Time To Go

The Dorado season runs from December to May, with December and January being the warmest months. Temperatures can reach 95 degrees during December and January, with the weather cooling in March and ranging from 55 to 85 degrees. Fishing is good throughout the season, although the best conditions are typically in February and March.

Wise Men Tip

Combine a stay at Pira Lodge with a Trout fishing trip to Chile or tackle the Sea Trout in Southern Argentina.

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TRIP DETAILS

Season:	December-May
Fish Species:	Golden Dorado
Tackle:	9-10 ft rod with 7-9 wt floating and sinking lines
Clothing:	Tropical flats clothing with suitable sun protection, polaroids and a light rain jacket.
Rate:	See separate rate card for latest prices.

Package includes:

- **Seven nights accommodation (Shorter trips available on request)**
- **Six days guided fishing**
- **All meals, board and lodging**

Lodge Capacity: **10 anglers**

Getting there: **Take a 2 hr flight from Buenos Aires to Corrientes or Resistencia, followed by a 4 hr drive by 4wd vehicle to the lodge.**



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