



PARANA LODGES - ARGENTINA

Welcome to Parana River Lodges, deep in the heart of the Argentina's Corrientes region. Sited amongst the many islands and river channels, our lodges on the Parana River offers our Clients and Anglers comfortable lodging, excellent local Argentinian meals AND fantastic multi – species fishing, that will test your skills to the Max. From Monster Catfish such as Spotted Surubi that grow in excess of 200lb, Giant short tailed River Rays up to a massive 570lb, and the Beautiful yet aggressive Golden Dorado up to 60lb. Plus several other Predatory fish..... Etc.



The Manguruyu, a close cousin of the Jau catfish has recovered from near extinction, and now sizeable fish are now being taken regularly. In days gone by, fish to 200 kgs were often caught, but now with specimens measuring 130 cm (51 in) and weighing 50 kg (110 lb) are not uncommon.

This species is native to the Parana and Paraguay River Basins and is known for its aggressiveness.

The Fishing

Parana River Monsters do exist!

- Short Tailed River Rays up to 570lb
- Spotted Surubi Catfish up to 200lb
- Manguruyu Catfish exceeding 100lb
- Pati Catfish up to 50lb
- Striped Catfish up to 60lb
- Golden Dorado up to 60lb
- Pacu exceeding 20lb
- Boga Fish to 12lb
- Palometa Piranha

Plus Many Many Other Species





Panara River Lodges

The Short-Tailed River Ray is one of the largest freshwater fish in the world, having been recorded to 260 kgs (570 lbs). The Parana River area around Bella Vista, where there are many islands and river channels, is the best area to find these fish. Fortunately, they are not targeted by local fishermen, who fear them, and there is still a population of very large fish.

Our fishing trips are fully inclusive, and include: -

- Transfers to and from Corrientes Airport
- Comfortable accommodation and all meals (together with local soft drinks and alcohol)
- Services of trained guides, with comfortable, well-equipped boats.
- **All fishing tackle and baits provided where needed**, together with snacks and drinks onboard the boat. We operate strictly catch and release
- Fishing Permits
- All internal surface (road / boat) travel
- Assistance with translation and personal needs
- Fishing hours will be dependent on species targeted and weather conditions, but will include night fishing
- All clients are responsible for and must be in possession of valid travel insurance
- We should be informed beforehand of any special dietary requirements or medical conditions
- Excellent medical facilities are located close by

Transfers and Schedule

Day 1 – Arrive at Corrientes Airport, where you will be met and transferred by road to Bella Vista. You will be accommodated at the Hotel Rio Ariba, in very comfortable surroundings.

Day 2 to Day 5 – At this time of the year the weather is hot, and there is always the possibility of thunderstorms. After an early breakfast we head out to the islands in the river, where we will fish for the River Rays at the mouths of small rivulets, where the rays seek out their prey. There are several species of River Ray in the river, but we will be fishing with large baits for the giant of them all, the Short-Tailed River Ray, that has featured in many documentary films, such as “River Monsters” and “Monster Fish”. The older they get, the more cunning these fish become, but we are fortunate to have the best team of experienced guides on the river. During the heat of the day, we will stop on one of the islands for lunch, usually an asado (barbecue). As the afternoon cools, we will continue to fish until dusk, when we will return to the lodge for dinner. After dinner, for those that wish to, we will head out again for some night fishing. With patience, luck, and the assistance of our skilled team, you will have a good chance of catching a river monster.

Day 6 to Day 10 – We will travel upriver to Ita Ibate, where we will be fishing between Paso de la Patria (at the confluence of the Paraguay and Parana Rivers) and Ita Ibate. During the day, large schools of trophy sized Dorado patrol these waters and are followed by smaller schools of large Spotted Surubi, who feed on the left overs from the Dorado. Surubi have a peculiar habit of stunning their prey with their tails, and most Surubi caught at this time are foul hooked because of this. At night it is possible to fish some of the deeper holes with live bait for Surubi, and the Manguruyu, which has recovered from near extinction, and now is producing sizeable fish. Our stay at Ita Ibate is likely to produce sizeable Dorado, comparable in size to the largest found anywhere, and similarly for Surubi. At this time of year it is also a good time to fish for Pacu. The Argentinian Pacu grows to more than 20lbs, and is the best eating fish on the river. We will make sure that you get to try this for yourself.

Day 11 – Today you will travel by road back to Corrientes, where you will arrive in time for your flight home.



Cost Breakdown

Cost Per Person (\$\$\$ CONTACT FOR MORE INFO). Costs are based on Double Occupancy at our Lodges and sharing boat with second angler.

Included: Transfers from Corrientes International Airports and one night's accommodation at Hotel Rio Ariba with continental breakfast. (One night prior to trip). Travel to and from the Lodge, 9 nights at camp, 8 full days fishing with local guides, three meals a day, water, soft drinks and beer at camp, daily laundry service.

Not Included: International Airfares To and From Argentina, Hotel stays outside of Argentina, Taxi transfers outside of Argentina, Meals and Beverages at Hotel before trip, Medical costs (medical advice, medications and inoculations etc for your trip). **Tipping:** we insist on **\$200 USD** Per person tips to be divided between guides and camp staff.

Payment Terms:

50% on Reservation

50% due on Arrival at commencement of trip (payable in US dollars cash)



Additional Option

WILDLIFE and CULTURAL EXTENSION – 3 Day Tour and Lodging - Currently efforts are being made to re-establish Jaguar, Giant Anteater, Collared Peccary, Maned Wolf, Giant Otter, and the Red and Green Macaw. There is a good possibility that we will see all these animals. In addition, boat trips through the wetlands will get you close to water birds, Swamp Deer, and many different reptiles. There will also be the possibility for some light tackle fishing.

Additional Option - Cost Per Person \$1,800 USD



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