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TIERRA DEL FUEGO

In 1520, Ferdinand Magellan, searching for the western route to the Indies saw smoke rising to the south while navigating the straits that have since been named in his honor. It is said that the smoke was from signal fires lit by native *Ona* people, alerting their communities that something new and strange had been spotted on the horizon, a tall ship. Magellan named the island, *Tierra del Fuego*, “The Land of Fire.” Today the geo-political name, Tierra del Fuego refers to both the island - of which the western half is located within Chile, and the eastern half within Argentina – as well as a specific Province of the Republic of Argentina, comprising the Argentine half of the island and the Antarctic Peninsula. Tierra del Fuego is a very young Territory; its first non-native residents came in 1871. Its first town, Ushuaia, is the southernmost city in the world and was founded only a hundred years ago.

Location of Tierra del Fuego: Tierra del Fuego is divided along 68° 36’ west longitude and between the 52nd and 56th parallels south latitude. Located off the southernmost tip of South America, Tierra del Fuego is actually an archipelago made up of thousands of islands. To the west and north it is separated from the mainland by the Straits of Magellan, and bordered by the South Pacific. To the east the cold south Atlantic stretches out toward the Falkland Island, and to the south, the Drake Passage forms a 500 mile gap between Cape Horn and Antarctica. The Beagle Channel (named for Charles Darwin’s ship after his visits in the 1820s and 30s) divides part the islands between the Republic of Argentina and Chile. Of the thousands of islands that make up Tierra del Fuego, Isla Grande, The Big Island, is the one most talked about, and it is the island on which the Rio Grande flows.

Size: The Fuegian Archipelago covers approximately 25,754 square miles, a bit smaller than Ireland. The main Island, Isla Grande of Argentina covers approximately 8,295 square miles, while the remainder, 17,580 square miles belongs to Chile. The Argentine Isla Grande and its islands have about 603 miles of marine coastline. The border between Chile and Argentina runs 150 miles on land from north to south and approximately seven miles along the Beagle and adjacent channels.

Population: 101,000 – Tierra del Fuego Province, Argentina.

Climate: The Andes Mountain Range runs west to east through Tierra del Fuego, dividing the island into four separate climate zones (Northern, Central, Beagle Channel and Eastern). The northern zone, where the Rio Grande flows has a Patagonian climate with undulating hills, vast plains of native grasses and is mostly bare of trees. The Northern Zone is famous for its strong winds, little precipitation (avg. 16 inches per year) and cold winter temperatures (-4° F).

Geology of Tierra del Fuego: The Northern Zone of Isla Grande is flat with low elevation rolling hills cut by low gradient rivers fed by a few small tributaries and seasonal ravines. As you move further south you will notice a dramatic difference as the hills grow taller and steeper, rivers cut deeper into the earth, and mountains begin to appear. Even further south, you’ll encounter large steep, jagged mountains – the Andes with their alpine glaciers and permanent snow. Tierra del Fuego’s tallest mountain, Vinciguerra, is 4,770 feet in elevation.

The Natives of Tierra del Fuego: Before European explorers and settlers came to Tierra del Fuego, the islands were inhabited by four indigenous tribes – *Haush*, *Ona*, *Yahgan* and *Alaculf*. The *Haush* were the oldest of the four tribes and were nomad hunters that roamed the islands hunting guanaco with bows and arrows, as well as gathering mollusks and hunting marine mammals along the coast. The *Ona* were also hunters, wandering the islands in small family groups in search of guanaco for food and clothing. *Yahgan* were nomadic maritime travelers who used canoes to navigate the islands south toward Cape Horn. They used harpoons and spears to hunt otter and seal, and snares to catch birds. The *Alaculf* were also nomadic in nature, traveling the inland waterways by canoe from Puerto Eden in the Chilean Channel to Yenfegaia in the Beagle Channel.

The People of Tierra del Fuego: The people who call Tierra del Fuego home today are known as “Fuegians,” and comprise a multitude of ethnicities. The first white settlers were English missionaries who stayed and worked the land as farmers. They were followed by Spanish farmers, Yugoslavian and Romanian miners, and Argentine sailors of English, Spanish and Italian origin. Later, more Yugoslavians arrived as well as small groups of Germans and Italians. Chilean of German and Yugoslavian descent also migrated to Tierra del Fuego as a major work force. A minority of Native people round out the mix of nationalities that characterize modern Fuegians.

History of Brown Trout in the Rio Grande,

By Sarah O’Neal, Univ. Montana, Flathead Lake. Biostation

Precise records describing the earliest introductions of brown trout to Tierra del Fuego as well as mainland Argentina are unavailable (C. Riva Rossi, personal communication). The first documented attempt at introduction of the species into Argentina occurred in 1906 when 6000 eggs were reportedly shipped, but died in transport, probably from the United Kingdom to the Santa Cruz Hatchery in mainland Patagonia (Marini and Mastrarrigo 1963). In 1927, brown trout stocking took place on the Chilean side of Tierra del Fuego in several rivers which may have included headwaters to the Rio Grande drainage (Basulto del Campo 2003). Those fish are of unknown European origin, but possibly from Hamburg, Germany and were marked “Meersforelle,” meaning “sea trout,” though the source population was not identified (Joyner 1980; R. Behnke, personal communication). Recent genetic studies regarding 14 parental stocks of southern Chilean brown trout suggest that the brown trout in southern Chile are of Atlantic as opposed to Mediterranean drainages (Colihueque, Vergara, and Parraguez 2003; Faundez et al. 1997).

From 1935 to 1937, English settler John Goodall received and reared brown trout ova from Puerto Montt, Chile before releasing them into the Candelaria, Herminita, MacLennan, and Menendez Rivers (Bruno Videla 1978). Potential sources of those ova include Hamburg, Germany or other locations in Europe (Valiente et al. 2007). Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss* W.) and Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar* L.) were stocked during the same period throughout tributaries to the Rio Grande. Stocking of brown trout in the watershed resumed in 1976 (Bruno Videla 1978), and with the exception of 1979-1981, continued annually through at least 2000 (S. Lesta, personal communication).

The first recorded catch of resident brown trout in the river appears in Goodall’s records in 1937. Records from 1948 document catches of all three introduced species (resident brown trout, resident rainbow trout, and Atlantic salmon) in the mainstem Rio Grande. Evidently brown trout remained in the stream as a resident population for decades, until local anglers report the emergence of ‘large, silver,’ apparently sea run fish in the mid- to late-1950s (A. Menendez Behety, personal communication). Local net and rod fishing, with a loosely enforced bag limit of five sea trout per fisherman per day, developed later in the century until catch-and-release angling tourism started in 1986 (Solomon and Czerwinski 2006). As angling tourism grew, public access to the river diminished. Currently, less than 10 stream kilometers are open to angling only by local anglers with an enforced bag limit of one fish per fisherman per day. There is additional access to the river for the general public one day per week. Access to the vast majority of the Argentine section of the river, however, is controlled by private landowners who lead primarily foreign anglers on a daily basis for strictly catch-and-release fishing during the summer and early fall.

INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS TO ARGENTINA

Location of Argentina: Argentina is located in the southern part of South America and, thus, in the southern hemisphere. Its frontier with Uruguay, Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia & Chile has a perimeter of 29,038 km. Its Atlantic coastline, is 5,117 km long.

The Name Argentina: Argentina's name comes from the Latin *argentum*, which means silver. The origin of the name goes back to the voyages made by the first Spanish conquistadores (conquerors) to the Río de la Plata. The shipwrecked survivors of the expedition mounted by Juan Díaz de Solís discovered Indians in the region who presented them with silver objects. The news about the legendary Sierra del Plata, a mountain rich in silver, reached Spain around 1524. At that time, the Portuguese named the river of Solís, the Silver River or "Río de la Plata." Two years later, the Spanish used the same name. Since 1860, the official name of the country has been the República Argentina (Republic of Argentina).

Country Size: Argentina has an area of almost 3.8 million square km, of which 2.8 are on the continent & the remainder in the Antarctic. Its length of 3,800 Km goes from latitude 22° to 55°.

Population: The current population of Argentina is estimated to be some 39 million; 12.9 million live in the federal capital and the province of Buenos Aires. These figures give the country a population density of 12.9 inhabitants per square kilometer.

Ethnicity Mix of People: 95% of Argentines are Caucasian, of principally Italian and Spanish decent. The purely indigenous population of Mapuches, Collas, Tobas, Matacos & Chiriguano, are 0.5% of the population, with the remaining 4.5% of the population of mixed European and indigenous ethnicities.

Religion: There is complete religious freedom in Argentina, although the official religion is Roman Catholic.

Type of Government: The country is a federal republic and has 23 provinces. It is a representative democracy underpinned by three branches of government: the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. The first is exercised by the President of the Nation, elected to a term of 4 years. He has ample powers, including the power of approving or vetoing decisions by Congress. The National Congress has 2 chambers. The Chamber of Deputies has 254 directly elected members. The Senate has 72 members elected by provincial jurisdictions, 3 per province & 3 for the Federal Capital. The provinces and the city of Buenos Aires are autonomous and elect their own officials. The Governors and Chief of Government are the ultimate authorities. Argentina's Constitution dates back to 1853, and has undergone changes on various occasions. The last time it was changed was in August 1994, when the President of the Nation was reelected for an additional term.

Capital City: Buenos Aires. **President:** Christina Fernandez de Kirchner

Historic Dates:

- 25th of May 1810: The First "Gobierno Patrio" or Home Government Assembly was constituted.
- 9th of July 1816: Proclamation of Independence by the Provincias Unidas del Río de la Plata.

National Emblems: The flag has 3 horizontal stripes: the middle one is white, with a golden sun & the 2 outside ones are sky blue. The national flower is the ceibo. The national stone is manganese spar or "the rose of the Inca".

Geography: The fundamental characteristic of Argentina is the enormous contrast between the immense Eastern plains and the imposing mountain range of the Andes to the West. This is the frontier with Chile, and it has the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere - Aconcagua, 6,959 meters / 22,841 feet high. From Jujuy in the north to Tierra del Fuego in the south, the Andes presents marvelous contrasts: windswept plateaus of the Northwest, serene mountainscapes in the Lakes Region, and the forests & glaciers of the Patagonian Andes. Between the

Paraná & Uruguay Rivers the provinces of Entre Ríos, Corrientes and Misiones are formed by low hills where pools and marshlands show the ancient courses of these great rivers Occasionally, there are fissures which provide spectacular phenomena like the Falls of Iguazú. La Pampa, in the center of Argentina, is the largest and best known plains area. It primarily produces agriculture & livestock and includes the provinces of Buenos Aires, La Pampa, southern Santa Fe, and the southeastern Córdoba. Its landscape is broken to the South by the small mountains of Tandil & La Ventana. And, to the West, by the Córdoba mountain ranges. To the south, comprising the Andes to the sea and the sterile, stony inland plateau, is Patagonia. Patagonia spans part of southern Chile and part of southern Argentina. It has no official political boundaries or borders. Rather, Patagonia is as often described as a culture and a mindset as it is a land. It encompasses the rugged Atlantic coast line in the west, lined with high cliffs, fjords and diverse marine life, through the glaciated Andes mountains, eastward into the barren, windswept pampas.

Climate Patterns and Seasons: Argentina's seasons are the reverse of the Northern Hemisphere. Spring weather begins in October. The warmest summer months are January, February & March. April is considered early Fall (September in our part of the world). November's average temperature is 50° F. December & January average 61°, and March temperatures return to 50°. Anglers should be prepared for either type of condition. Conditions in Tierra del Fuego are, generally, cooler and can be wet. Anglers should prepare as they would for a trip to Alaska.

Language: Spanish is the official language of the Argentine Republic. In Buenos Aires, forms of the city slang, *Lunfardo* are used. Aside from the large hotels in Buenos Aires, and centers of tourism like Cordoba, Bariloche, Esquel and Mendoza, few people in Argentina speak English. If you don't speak Spanish and plan to do some travelling on your own, a good Spanish dictionary, phrase book, or pocket translator can be useful.

Currency: The official Argentine currency is the Peso and it can be exchanged for in banks, hotels & airport bureaus. There are also ATMs readily available in cities and towns. ATMs are recommended because they are convenient and offer the best exchange rates. The U.S. dollar is the preferred currency when paying Peter Bidovec for transfer services in Buenos Aires, and for lodge gratuities.

Credit Cards: The most commonly accepted credit cards are: American Express, VISA, and Master Card.. Just about all restaurants will accept credit cards but you may find that some accept credit for the meal but not for the gratuity, where cash is preferred.

Electricity: 220 volts, alternating current. Electrical outlets accept standard 2 round prong design, in use in Continental Europe. Most modern electrical devices like cameras, iPods, laptops, GPS and satellite telephones will accept 110 – 240 volts and output automatically to US standard 110, and for these *all you will need is a simple plug adaptor*. If, however, your device does not convert to 110, it is best to bring an external converter. We suggest a dual-wattage foreign travel AC converter; it lets you use 110VAC (USA) devices on 240 VAC foreign, for motorized or heat producing devices up to 50 watts, such as radios, irons, lamps and handheld hair dryers.

Business Hours: Banks & Exchange Bureau: Mondays to Fridays from 10:00 to 15:00 hours. Business Offices: from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 19:00 hours. Shops & commerce: In the big cities, from 09:00/09:30 to 19:30 hours. Although, in the outskirts & provinces, they tend to close at midday & stay open later in the evening. On Saturdays, the hours are from 08:30/09:00 to 12:30/13:00 hours. Cafés, cake shops & pizzerias are open most of the time except between 02:00 and 06:00 hours. Restaurants: Lunch starts from 13:00, dinner, from 21:00 hours. Many establishments offer fast menus at all times.

Telephone Service: Make calls either by cell phone (operates on SIM system), collect, or via a telephone credit card, obtainable at kiosks The hotel telephone charges from your room can be up to 400% of the normal rate. And remember tariffs are reduced between 22:00 and 08:00 hours.

To call from abroad to Argentina, dial 011, then the country code 54, then the number of the place you want to call, area code first.

For domestic calls within Argentina, the number 4 has to be dialed first. Then dial “0” before the area code and number.

To call from one part of Argentina to another you will need to dial the region code first: 1 for the city of Buenos Aires & outskirts, 2 for the Southern part of the country, and 3 for the Northern part of the country.

For international calls from Argentina,, dial “00” and the country code (USA is “1”), and then area code and number.

Health Services: Medical services are good, but may not meet U.S. standards. Hospitals & doctors often expect immediate cash payment for health services. U.S medical insurance is not always valid outside the U.S. Supplemental insurance that covers overseas medical cost. Provisions for medical evacuation is recommended.

Staying Healthy in Argentina: In general, there is very little risk of infectious disease in Argentina. In the south, the risk would be equivalent to what it would be for a trip to Colorado. Most people who have problems, pick up something either during their plane flight to Argentina, or in Buenos Aires. Commonly, those who do get sick, often do so on their 3rd day in Argentina. Colds & stomach problems are the most common.

To reduce the risk, use common sense and follow these basic guidelines:

- Always wash your hands before eating and after using the toilet.
- Use discretion when eating from open-air stands.
- Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids to avoid dehydrating.
- Drink bottled water while in Buenos Aires
- Take it easy the first few days.
- Take Pepto-Bismol, yogurt, or papaya enzyme tablets throughout your stay.
- Ease into local eating and drinking habits.

Potable Water: It is recommended travelers only drink bottled water while in Argentina. In the South of Argentina, water quality is excellent and, generally, very safe. However, bottled water is recommended and is available to guests at all our lodges.

Food in Argentina: Argentina is well known for exceptional beef and lamb, barbequed in the famous *asado* fashion for holidays & festivals over an open fire. With its vast coastline on two oceans, though, Argentine cuisine incorporates a wonderful variety of fresh seafood as well. Contrary to what many travelers think, Argentine cuisine is not spicy.

Wines and Liquors in Argentina: Argentina’s wines are among the finest in the world, and all dinners will be accompanied by one of a variety selected from the country's top vineyards. Argentina is currently the world’s 5th largest producer of wine. Mendoza, with over 370,000 acres dedicated to viticulture, is the power house behind Argentina’s colossal industry. Argentine merlots and malbecs are world-class.

Taxes and Service Charges: Foreign travelers are exempt from paying the VAT (value added tax) of 21% for certain products & services. At the airport, you can recover the 21% VAT, if you have purchased local products for an amount greater than \$200 (per invoice) in shops which are members of this plan.

Time Zones: During their summer months, Argentina is on the same time as the east coast of the U.S. In winter, it is 2 hours ahead of EST, and 5 hours ahead of PST.

Luggage: In case of loss (this occurs very rarely in Argentina), report it immediately to your airline representative before leaving the airport. Your lodge representative can help with this & arrange getting your bags out to the lodge. Please pack as light as possible. We recommend carrying a travel rod & reel with you on the plane in the unlikely event that luggage is lost.

Recommended Travel Agent for South America: Holdy Tours

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International Travel to and From Argentina from U.S.A. All airlines flying into Argentina arrive at the Ministro Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport of Buenos Aires, 35 km from the city center and connected to it by the Teniente General Ricchieri motorway. Upon leaving the country a tax of \$ 23.50 must be paid.

Airlines that Service Buenos Aires: American, United, Continental, Delta, Lan Chile, Aerolineas Argentinas, and Varig.

Flying Times to Buenos Aires from: Los Angeles: 13 hours, Dallas: 11 hours, Houston: 10 hours, Miami: 9 hours New York: 11 hours, Chicago: 11 hours.

Carry-on Restrictions: Each airline has their own specific restrictions on carry-on luggage. Please be sure and contact your airline directly with any questions you may have. You may also try checking the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) website at www.tsa.gov/public/ for up-to-date information on carry-on guidelines.

Aerolineas Argentinas Domestic Checked Baggage: (domestic flights only)

Total weight of luggage *economy class* – 15 kilograms (33 pounds)
Total weight of luggage *first class* – 30 kilograms (66 pounds)

Excess Baggage Rates:

Typically 4.50 Argentina Pesos or US\$1.50 per kilogram

General International Checked Baggage (all airlines) *Costs may be different depending on class of ticket*

Two (02) bags not to exceed 23 kilograms (50 pounds)
Any piece weighing over 23 kilograms (50 pounds) total weight and less than 32 kilograms (70 pounds) will be charged with US\$25.

Immigration Requirements for Entry Into Argentina: A current passport is required, with or without visa depending on your nationality. For all U.S. citizens, passports must be valid for a minimum of three months beyond the visitor's proposed date of departure. U.S. citizens do not need a visa for visits of up to 90 days for tourism and business. U.S. citizens who arrive in Argentina with an expired or damaged passport may be refused entry and returned to the United States at their own expense. All visitors must be in possession of a return passage to a country for which they have a right of entry. Consult with your nearest Embassy or Consulate. Visitors coming from countries not bordering Argentina are exempt from all taxes on traveling articles and new articles with a value not more than US \$300 and are allowed an additional \$300 dollars if they are purchased in the duty free shops within the national territory. No vaccination certificate is required for entry into the country, except for passengers coming from countries where cholera and yellow fever are endemic.

Customs: Generally, foreign tourists (especially tourists carrying fly rods) are not bothered by customs officials upon entry. You are allowed to bring personal items such as clothing, footwear, toiletries, personal medications, as well as any fishing equipment needed during your stay. It is prohibited to enter the country with plants, or perishable food. You are allowed to enter Argentina with 2 liters of alcoholic drinks, 400 cigarettes and 50 cigars.

Expensive camera and video equipment should be declared and brought out with you when you leave.

Airport Transfers: The companies Manuel Tienda León (Av. Santa Fe 790, Tel. 4315-0489) and San Martín Bus (Av. Santa Fe 1162, Tel. 011-54-11-4816-7676) offer a half-hourly bus service between its offices in Buenos Aires and Ezeiza Airport from 04.00 to 21.00 hours. The fare is \$15- \$20 and the trip takes 40 minutes. There are also taxis and chauffeur-driven rental cars, between \$35 and \$60. City taxi transfers to the airport are expensive and don't usually have the luggage space for all the baggage that groups of anglers carry. Specific information on airport transfers and city hotels will be sent to you.

Remember, there are two airports in Buenos Aires, Domestic & International. The domestic airport is about 20 minutes from the downtown area, and the International is about 45 minutes. You will need at least two hours for auto transfer between the International Airport "Ezeiza" and the Domestic Airport "Jorge Newbery" Domestic airport taxis are about \$25-\$30 from your downtown hotel.

Reconfirming your Airline Reservations: South American airlines are notorious for over booking flights by as much as 30%. It is critical you reconfirm all your flights, both domestic and international, at every interval during the trip. This means when you arrive in Buenos Aires, either reconfirm your domestic flight to the day before, or have the concierge do it for you. If you miss that flight, there may not be another for 2 days, so it is very important.

Airport Departure Taxes: International: Upon leaving the country of Argentina a tax of \$25.00 will be collected from each traveler. Domestic: The domestic airport departure tax ranges from \$15 to \$20 per traveler.

Recommended Hotels in Argentina:

- Claridge Hotel: 011 54 11 4314-7700 or 2020 • www.claridge.com.ar • reservations@claridge-hotel.com
- Alvear Palace Hotel: 011 54 11 4808-2100 • FAX: 011-54-11-4804-9246 • www.alvearpalace.com, info@alvearpalace.com
- Elevage Hotel: 011 54 11 4891-8000 • FAX: 011-54-11-4891-8017 • reservas@elevage.com.ar
- Four Seasons/Park Hyatt: 011 54 11 4321-1200 • www.fourseasons.com/buenosaires
- Caesar Park: 011 54 11 3049-6666 or 1100, www.caesar-park.com

Touring in Buenos Aires: The city tour agent that we recommend is Peter Bidovec of Lopez and Associates. Lopez & Associates : Phone: 011-54-11-4894-1240 ~ Fax: 011-54-11-4894-1239. Email: peteranbi@yahoo.com Peter's cell Phone: (international) 011-54-911-6444-6647 or (dialed from Buenos Aires) 15-6444-6647.

Peter can make arrangements for tango and dinner shows, trips to Iguazu Falls, boat trips for the day on the Parana River Delta, dinner and hotel reservations and recommendations, etc.

Restaurants in Buenos Aires:

A Parrilla is a restaurant specializing in the Argentine *asado*, or barbeque. In addition Buenos Aires offers very a cosmopolitan selection of excellent restaurants and cafes.

- Las Lilas - This isn't the most famous steak house in the world, but it might be the best! Reservations are a must!
- El Verde: - This restaurant is right around the corner from the Lancaster Hotel. It is a small and cozy restaurant, with excellent meat, chicken and pastry dishes, great wines, modest prices, and live music. Truly Argentine!
- Lola's - Address: Roberto M. Ortiz 1805 Recoleta. (opposite the park). It is open from 12:00 midday to 3:00PM and from 7:00PM to 1:00AM. All credit cards are accepted. A well known restaurant of Mediterranean cuisine.

- The Dora -Address: Ave del Libertador 13041. It is open for lunch and dinner from Monday through Saturday and serves generous portions of quality steak and seafood entrees for moderate prices. Be sure to have cash on hand, no credit cards are accepted.
- La Chacra - On Cordoba Ave, this is some of the best beef in Buenos Aires. It has an excellent choice of wines, and the price is very reasonable.
- Restaurant 9 de Julio, on Av. 9 de Julio
- Retiro and La Rurale on Av. Suipacha
- Las Nazarenas, Reconquista 1132
- La Cabrera Restaurante

Night life in Buenos Aires begins very late in the evening by gringo standards. Most restaurants don't even begin serving dinner until 9:00 p.m. in the summer. Floor shows usually begin about 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. Nightclubs and bars typically get going around 2 a.m.

Tipping in Argentina:

In Buenos Aires, as in Europe and other South American cities, a general rule for tipping for service in restaurants is 10%. Tipping is not customary in bars or taxis.

Shopping in Buenos Aires: Florida Street and Santa Fe Avenue are lined on both sides by a myriad of shops and boutiques. Florida Street is for pedestrians only and has to be experienced, at least once. More luxurious boutiques can be found in the Recoleta neighborhood. Most shops in Buenos Aires are open all day until 7:00 pm on weekdays, 1:00 pm on Saturdays. Many shops are closed on Sundays. Look for Artisan articles such as knives, mate vessels, silver jewelry (inca rose), fine leather objects (purses, wallets, jackets, belts), carved leather, fur coats, native clothing, wood or rock carvings, clothing and antiques.

Recommended Ushuaia Hotels:

- Las Hayas – Five-star hotel with view of the bay. www.lashayashotel.com

Reservations: lashayashotelushuaia@fibertel.com.ar / (011 54-2901) 430710/8 - Fax: (011 54-2901) 430719
Reservations: (011 54-11) 4393-4750 / (54-11) 4393-0621

- Posada Fueguina – Three-star, Laserre 438, CP 9410 Ushuaia, Tel/Fax: 011 54 2901 42-3467 / 4758 / 4759

Albatros Hotel – Three-star, with magnificent views of Beagle Channel, Av. Maipú 505 Ushuaia
Tel (02901):423206 / 422658 / 421438 / 423048, <http://tierradelfuego.org.ar/albatros/>

- Hotel Lennox – Four- star, Av. San Martin 776, 011 54 2901 436430, www.hotellennox.com.ar/en_home.html

Ushuaia Restaurant Recommendations:

- Kaupé Restaurant, home of recognized chef Ernesto Vivian, voted best restaurant in Argentina for 2005
- Chez Manu, great food and the best view of the bay and city.
- Tia Elvira, in the center of the city with a view of the docks and bay.
- Volver, on Maipu Street, all kinds of seafood, (ravioli stuffed with salmon, king crab and black hake), and the decor and atmosphere are wonderful.

2010 Buenos Aires Hotel and Transfer Service Information

ELEVAGE BUENOS AIRES HOTEL- Buenos Aires, Argentina

“PREFERRED RATES” You have a wonderful trip to look forward to in the beautiful country of Argentina. THE FLY SHOP Travel Staff has been to Argentina many times, and each year we look forward to our return with more anticipation than our first Argentine experience.

As a service to our clients, we have arranged for a substantially discounted rate for rooms at “**ELEVAGE BUENOS AIRES HOTEL**,” a classic and elegant, three star hotel. The rate offered our clients is substantially reduced from those rates you would pay either directly with the hotel, or through travel agents. There is no commission involved in The Fly Shop’s recommendation/referral to the Elevage.

The Elevage is located one block from Plaza San Martin and the Marriot Plaza and only a 5-minute taxi drive to the bus station, train station, the Port, Colon Theater, and Mayo Square. The recently refurbished hotel has many comfort features found in five-star hotels including; air conditioning, cable television, minibar, safety deposit box at no charge, internet connection, telephone with mail box, room service, and Hydromassage in every suite.

There is a beautiful outdoor swimming pool, health club, cigar bar, as well as a business center equipped with computers, fax machines, telephones, etc. We think the Elevage is the best way to begin your trip to Argentina.

Please fax or e-mail the attached form, or send your own correspondence to the Elevage, at your earliest convenience.

(If you do use your own stationery, mention you are requesting reservations at the preferred rate available to clients of The Fly Shop, or your charges will be significantly higher) **If faxing, please write in large, bold, legible print**

<u>Accommodations</u>	<u>Preferred Rate</u>	<u>Rack (regular) Rate</u>
Standard Single Room	\$130 (USD)	\$170 (USD)
Standard Double Room	\$130 (USD)	\$170 (USD)
Suites:	[A suite is a room + a living room]	
Jr. Suite -- Single or Double	\$156 (USD)	\$255 (USD)
Executive Suite	\$172(USD)	\$280 (USD)

Master Card, Visa, or American Express account number must accompany your reservations

Rates Include: Complimentary American buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant, access to the swimming pool and fitness center. Note: *Rates are subject to 21% VAT.* The Elevage Buenos Aires Hotel accepts American Express, Master Card, and Visa.

Cancellations: If cancelled within 48 hrs of arrival, a 1-night charge will be applied. No shows: 1 night charge applied

Reservation FAX Form

To: **Attention:** Natalia Villa, Tourism Division Manager

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The Elevage Hotel • Maipu 960, C1006CAN, Buenos Aires

Phone: 011 54 11 4891 8020 • **FAX: 011 54 11 4891 8099** • E-mail: reservas@elevage.com.ar

Please confirm these reservations by return FAX or mail at your first convenience!

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fax: _____ Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____ E-mail: _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Number: _____ Exp. _____

IN Date: _____ OUT Date: _____ No. of Nights: _____

Please reserve the following accommodations for me at the preferred, non-commissionable rate negotiated by The Fly Shop:

<u>Room</u>	<u>Type of bed</u>	<u>Net rate non-commissionable</u>
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Use my credit card (above) to guarantee the reservations, and I will pay in cash, travelers check, or credit card when I depart The Elevage.

Signature

Notes:

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1 Person	Group of 2	Group of 3	Group of 4	Group of 5/6	Group of 7/8
\$90/person	\$70/person	\$65/person	\$50/person	\$45/person	\$45/person

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Name:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fax: _____ Telephone: _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Number: _____

Exp. _____

IN Date: _____ **OUT Date:** _____ No. of

Nights: _____

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Nights: _____

Please reserve hotel accommodations for me at

Accommodation Options:

___ Single Standard ___ Double Standard Other

___ Use my credit card (above) to guarantee the reservations. I will pay in cash, travelers check, or credit card upon arrival at the hotel. Thank you.

Transfer Arrangements:

International Airport to Hotel:

Date/Airline/Flight #/Time of

Arrival: _____ No. of Pass.: _____

Hotel in Buenos Aires: _____

Hotel to International Airport:

Date/Airline/Flight #/Time of

Departure: _____ No. of Pass.: _____

Hotel in Buenos Aires: _____

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Date/Airline/Flight #/Time of

Departure: _____ No. of Pass.: _____

Hotel in Buenos Aires: _____

Domestic Airport to Hotel:

Date/Airline/Flight #/Time of

Arrival: _____ No. of Pass.: _____

Hotel in Buenos Aires: _____

Domestic Airport to International Airport:

Date/Airline/Flight #/Time of

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