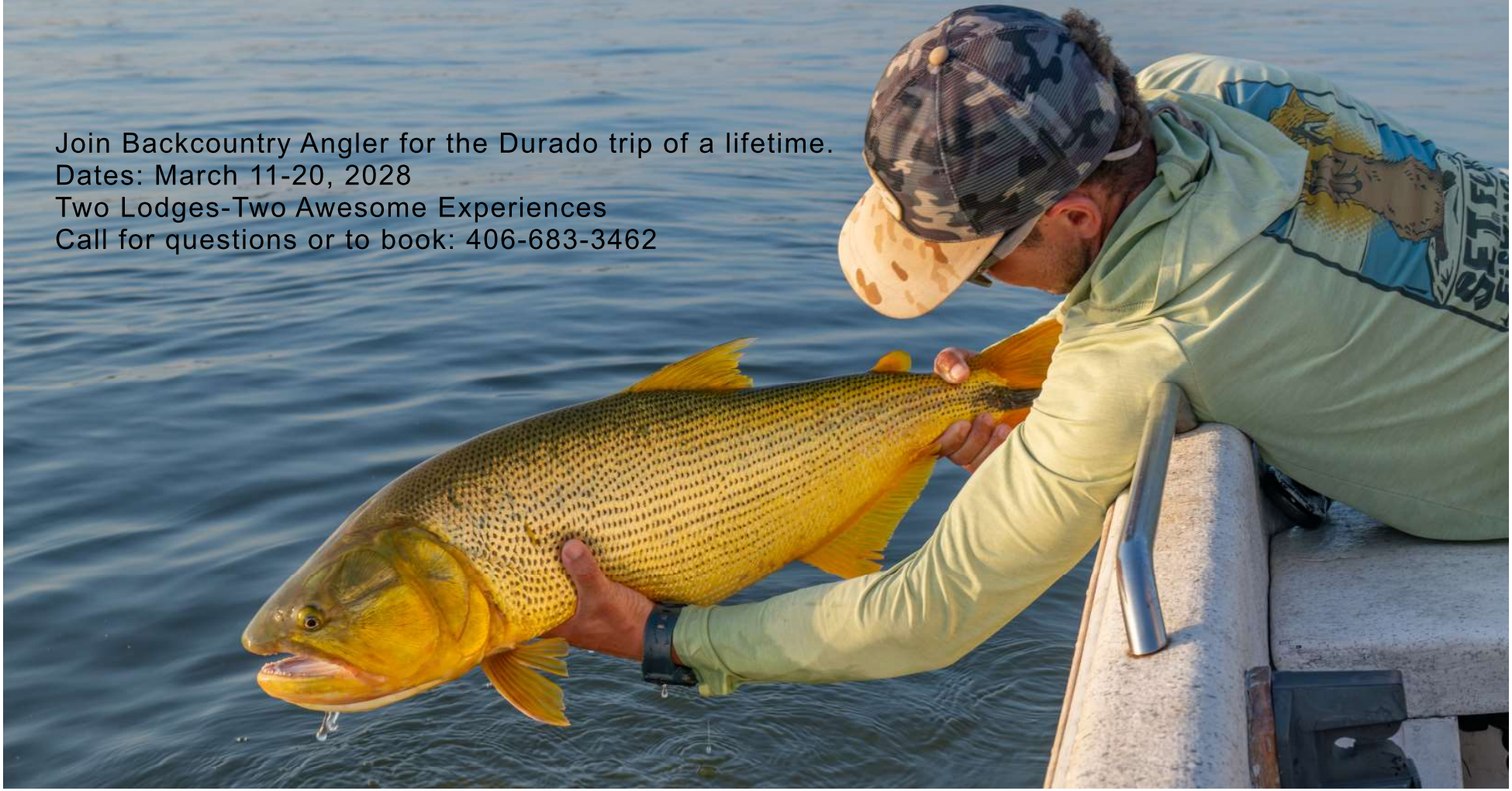


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Set **Golden Dorado** *Corrientes, Argentina*

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A living neon torpedo, a flash of gold muscle that explodes from the water with the fury of a heavyweight boxer. Welcome to South America's most electrifying game fish.

Landing a **Golden Dorado** is a badge of honor, a testament to your skill as a "master of puppets". These are no sluggish catfish; they fight dirty, thrashing and bulldogging their way to freedom. A missed strike is a heart-stopping spectacle, leaving you breathless and humbled.

Corrientes translates to "Currents" in english. Does this fact not tell you enough about its rivers and legendary fishing culture? Amidst the symphony of nature awaits a worthy opponent. Be prepared, this fish isn't just a catch, it's an experience that will leave you forever hooked.





The Golden Dorado Obsession Begins:

Years ago, our quest for these magnificent golden dorado began at Itati Lodge. We chased the giants, learned from countless mistakes (quite a few!), and eventually cracked the code. It was a triumph, but a nagging feeling remained. Was there more to the world of golden dorado?



A Hidden Gem Emerges:

Our passion for conservation led us to an incredible opportunity. Following CLT and Corrientes Province conservation and rewilding ideals, we embarked on a mission to find a truly untouched golden dorado paradise.

And then, we found it. The exclusive west bank of the Ibera Marsh, a sanctuary of untouched beauty. At La Alondra'i Lodge, only fly fishing and catch-and-release practices prevail, ensuring the magic remains for generations to come.



Action & Fun, the lodge that you were looking for!

Our journey led us to the **Ysoro Wetland**, a vibrant fishery teeming with golden dorado! This action-packed paradise is perfect for honing your skills and experiencing the thrill of catching golden dorado. From expert instruction to non-stop golden dorado battles, **Jetu'u** delivers every time.

jetu'u Lodge

Ysoro wetland & middle Paraná river

We heard golden dorado fishing can be elusive. At Jetu'u Lodge lies the tipping point for any angler unsure about embarking in this adventure. Perfect your casting and witness these 3-7 pound warriors erupt from the water in a vulgar display of power. It's a thrilling baptism by fire, preparing you for the true monsters that lurk just beyond.

The beauty of Jetu'u lies in its adaptability. This haven caters to all skill levels, whether you're a seasoned pro or a curious beginner. It's the perfect launching pad. Start by mastering dorado techniques before venturing to the giants at Itati Lodge. Headed to Ibera marsh? Don't miss the fun of the open waters of the Paraná's mid-section at Jetu'u!

Year-round accessibility. Enjoy short summer escapes or exciting winter cast-and-blast add-ons. No matter your travel plans, Jetu'u awaits.

THE AREA

The Ysoro Marsh, pulsates with life. A natural nursery birthed from the spillover of the Paraná River. Golden dorados hone their fighting spirit in this fertile ecosystem where diverse wildlife make your visit unique and picturesque. Local "Paisanos" raising cattle and navigating among islands on wooden canoes bring a colorful background.

Located in the Stella Maris Hamlet it was declared a Province Natural Reserve in 2023. Short and direct connection with the main river creates a traffic of large golden dorado inside the wetlands especially when waters are dropping.



LODGE

Location: **Ysoro Wetlands, Corrientes Province, Argentina**

Capacity: **up to 8 anglers**

Accomodation: **4 shared rooms with private bathroom**

Notes: Boats are docked just a few yards away from the rooms

FISHING

Season: **Year Round**

How: **16' skiff 40 HP minnkota 55lb and push pole. 1 angler at the time, and 2 anglers fishing simultaneously**

Waters: **Ysoro Wetlands and mid section of the Paraná River.**

Species: **Golden Dorado + side catches (Pacui, Vampire fish, wolfish, catfish..)**

GEAR

6wt at Ysoro Wetland

8wt at Parana River

Tropical WFF for each rod and Clear Wet Tip intermediate for dorado in #8

Leader MONO (avoid fluorocarbon) in 0,50 mm - 0,70 mm - 0,80 mm - 0,90 mm

Wire Tippet 40lbs

THE FISHING

Action guaranteed, giving you the chance to tune up with strip setting and acrobatic fights.

Lagoons and channels makes Ysoro Wetlands an intimate environment. Short distance casts, smaller flies, lighter rods and surface patterns make Jetu'u such a friendly fishery for all anglers no matter skill levels. Apart from GD you will encounter a great variety of other species.

16' skiffs with casting platforms at bow and stern allows 2 anglers to fish simultaneously. Guide maneuvers to the perfect spot with remote control Minnkota Motors.











THE LODGE

Jetu'u offers 4 rooms that accommodates 8 anglers. Every room face the gallery where the outdoor breakfast area allows the day to start looking at the Wentland. The main dining room and bar are home for cocktail happy hours every day before dinner. Jetu'u special charm welcomes our guests to the local culture and traditions.

DAILY OUTINGS

7:30 AM Breakfast
8:30 to 12:00 PM morning fishing session
12:30 PM Back to the lodge for lunch and "Siesta"
3:00 PM to 7:00PM afternoon fishing session
8:00 PM "Picada" cocktails and Dinner

La Alondra'i

and the camps inside the Ibera Wetlands

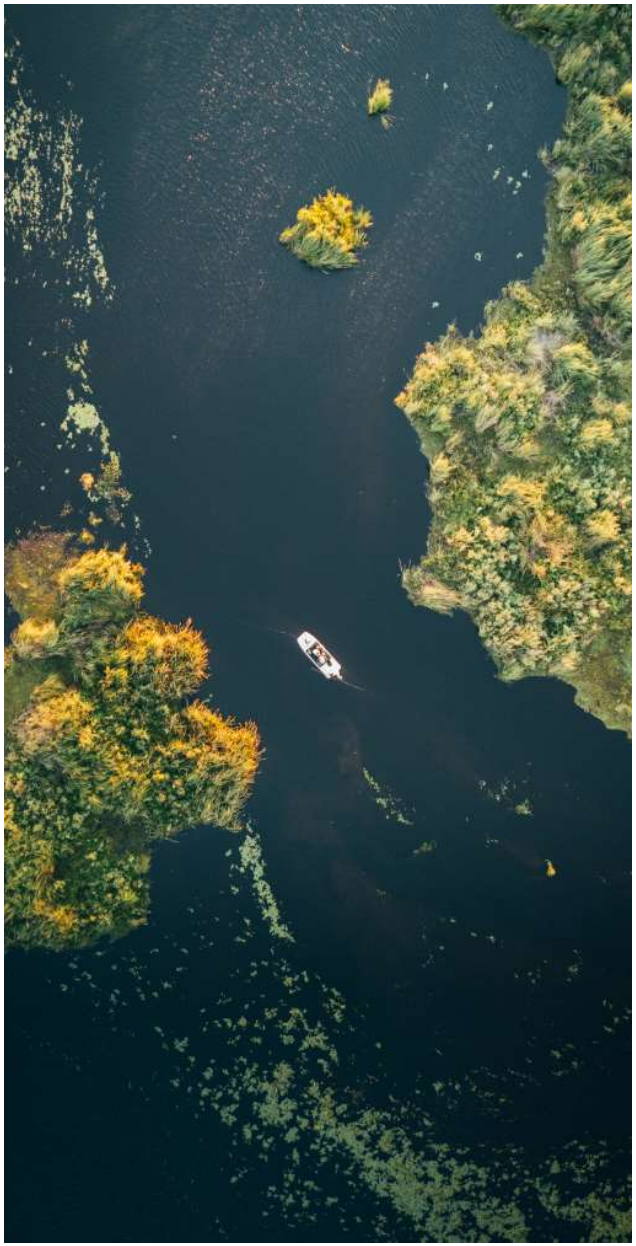
"Ibera" means "shiny water" in Guarani. Thousands of years ago, the Paraná River dramatically changed course, leaving behind a vast freshwater treasure. Rainfall filled the former river bank, inspiring myths and legends. We're honored to be the only outfitter in Argentina's newest national park, protecting this pristine wilderness.

THE AREA

Ibera, the world's second-largest freshwater aquifer, doubles the Everglades in size. Crystal-clear waters and untouched landscapes make it a paradise for birdwatchers and wildlife enthusiasts. We operate in 70% of the Ibera system, offering an exclusive experience.

THE FISHING

Imagine targeting Golden Dorado in a maze of clear-water channels; an intimate and unforgettable experience. Expect plentiful medium-sized fish (4-8 lbs) with chances of trophy catches (15-20 lbs). We use small, maneuverable skiffs with guides poling from the stern.



LODGE

Location: Concepción del Yaguareté Corá, Corrientes, Argentina

Capacity: up to 8 anglers

Accomodations: 6 rooms with private bathroom.

FISHING

Season: September through December, February through May.

How: 16' skiff 40 HP and push pole. Base camp, and satelite camps.

Anglers take turns to cast 1 at a time.

Species: Golden Dorado

GEAR

8wt rod

Tropical WFF line

Leader MONO (avoid fluorocarbon for thickness and abrasion) in 0,60 mm - 0,80 mm - 0,90 mm - 1,00 mm

Wire Tippet 40lbs

THE LODGE

La Alondra'i, a historic 100-year-old house, lies in Concepcion del Yaguarete Cora, offering a glimpse into Gaucho culture. Restored to its former glory, it features 6 spacious rooms that open to a gallery over a central yard. Two different dining rooms give ambiance for breakfast and dinners. Local artisans and musicians regularly visit the lodge to bring cultural immersion and entertainment.

DAILY OUTINGS

7:30 AM Breakfast after waking next to the water in our camp
8:30 to 6:30 PM Full day outing fishing with Lunch in an island
7:00 PM Back to the next Camp
8:00 PM Dinner



THE CAMPS, WITHIN THE IBERA MARSH

Ibera marsh is so vast and intricate that after months of scouting and exploring, searching for the best program, fishing and meeting locals, sharing and helping, we realized that what we were doing was exactly the best experience possible. It was a revelation.

"Ibera Rugua" is the Base Camp. Omar's cabin. Local paisano, true esterero, we are lucky to be friends with and enjoy his hospitality. 2 Cabins for groups up to 8 anglers.

El Disparo is our southernmost camp. 8 Walk in tents, set over elevated wooden platforms offer a unique view of the marsh in comfort.

Yaguareté ava, to the north, is the smallest and most remote of them 3.









Itati Lodge

Upper Paraná River

Home of the largest golden dorado on the planet, where it all started, the Upper Parana River is the destination where anglers have the opportunity to connect with a lifetime TROPHY.

At Itati lodge focus is the name of the game, each and every cast might be it, each every strip can hide the monster, be ready, be there.

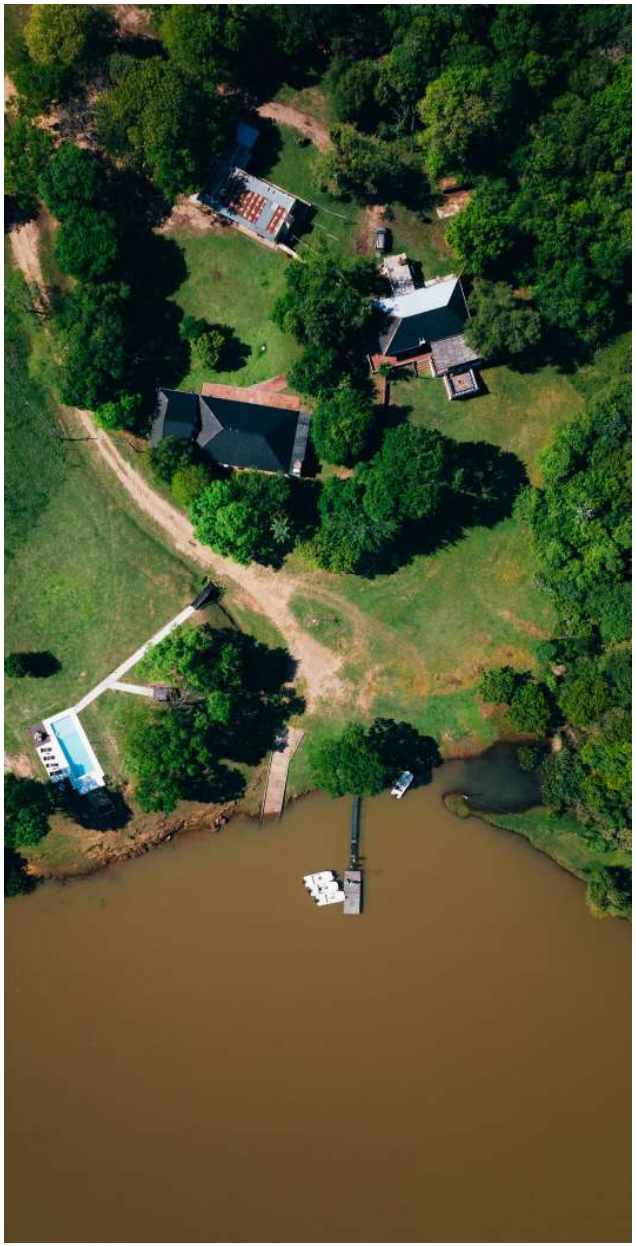
Another feature of the Upper Parana River is the possibility of targeting Pacu and pirapita under jungle trees hanging over the banks.

THE AREA

Upper Parana starts as tail water of Yacyreta Dam and flows for 135 miles until the junction with Paraguay River. The clearest water conditions you can encounter anywhere in the Parana making it ideal for fly fishing. The most productive spawning area of the system allows older resident fish to live year round and migratory fish that arrive for the spawn.

THE FISHING

Parana is the size of the Mississipi, presenting very enticing and super varied structures where we tar-



LODGE

Location: Itati, Corrientes, Argentina

Capacity: up to 10 anglers

Accomodation: 5 shared rooms with private bathroom

FISHING

Season: September through May. Avoid January and February for comfort.

How: 17’ skiff 90 HP minn kota 80lb. docked 50 feet from the lodge

2 anglers fishing simultaneously

Waters: The main river, adjacent channels and flats.

Species: Golden Dorado, Pacu and Pirapita

GEAR

8wt rod for Dorado.

6wt rods for Pacu and Pira-Pita

Tropical WFF for each rod, Clear Wet Intermediate and mini sinking tips

Leader MONO (avoid fluorocarbon for thickness and abrasion) in 0,60 mm - 0,80 mm - 0,90 mm - 1,00 mm

Wire Tippet 40lbs

get these golden dorados. The big ones rely a lot on rock structures to ambush their prey fish, the sabalo. Rocky banks and islands are our favorite places to target them. Sandbars with light coloration, cutbanks and island points where jungle trees have fallen into the waters are great too.

Pacu and Pira Pita action is out there for the taking, a fun break to heavy #8 adding more fish species to your list.

17' skiff boats with platforms at bow and stern making two angler to fish simultaneously. Boats are equipped with 100 HP outboard and a Minnkota 80 lbs at bow which is remote controlled by guides to hold position in the hot spot we are targeting. Additionally guides may use a push pole while fishing the flats.

THE LODGE

Placed on an elevated bank that overlooks the Parana, Itati Lodge offers accommodations in 6 rooms for 10 anglers. Dining room table inspired by the river size, where breakfast, lunch and dinners are served will not go unseen. Our guests enjoy an entertainment night by local musicians and dancers performing Chamame, the regional folk music.

Short 50 yards walk of "shame or fame" from your room to the Skiff with a short boat ride to the best action spots. The lodge is conveniently located 40 min away from Corrientes CNQ airport

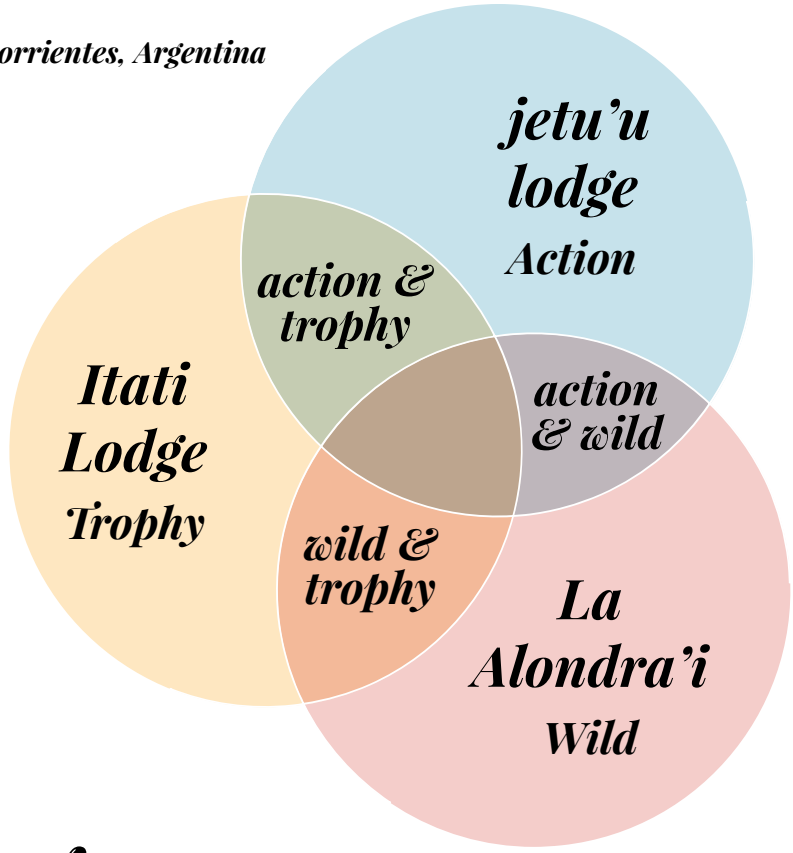








Set *Golden Dorado* *Corrientes, Argentina*



GD Programs

Designed to suit your needs! A Full week program combining 2 out of 3 fisheries or a short stay in one lodge. Travel seamlessly or budget friendly. Enjoy the best Golden Dorado fishing with the best hi volume dove hunting Argentina has to offer in our Cast and blast program.

At Set Fly Fishing we strive to offer a very flexible yet simple menu of programs for you to choose from. We are truly the only Argentine outfitter to be able to guarantee fun, strikes, water and fishing for Golden Dorado everytime.

Golden Dorado Combo

Combine 2 out of 3 fisheries in 1 week,

[Action + Wild] or [Wild + Trophy] or [Action + Trophy]

WHEN: Available on the peak season of the 3 fisheries.

September through May.

HOW: Fly in and out of Buenos Aires in a commercial airline*. Transfer to the first lodge, 4 nights - 3 full days of fishing. Wednesday morning connect lodges. 3 more days of fishing. Following Saturday, fly back to Buenos Aires on a commercial airline in time to connect with your international departure.

*Ask us about upgrading your trip with private flights from Buenos Aires and Between the lodges.

Shorter Stays in one Lodge

WHAT: Shorter program at one of our Golden Dorado Lodges, here is an option.

Four nights, three and a half days of fishing, including ground transfers between the local airport to the lodge.

WHEN: January, February, May, July to September, and Thanksgiving to mid-December

Cast & Blast

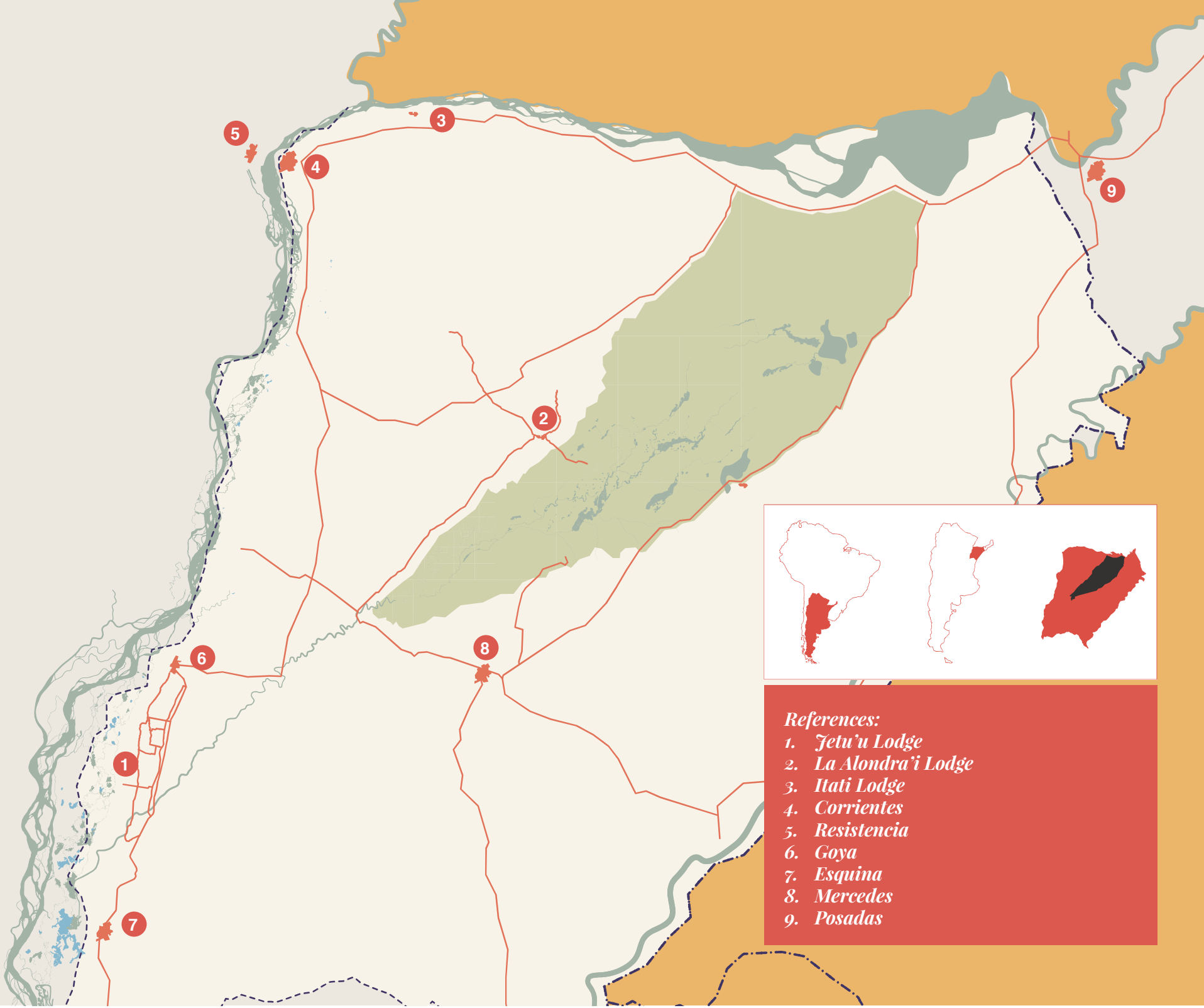
WHAT: Combine two and a half days of Golden Dorado Fishing at Jetu'u Lodge with two and a half non-stop shooting days for Dove at La Porteñita, in Cordoba.

Spectacular accommodations and impeccable customer service are guaranteed to create the finest Cast and Blast experience in Argentina.

WHEN: Available during July, August and September.v

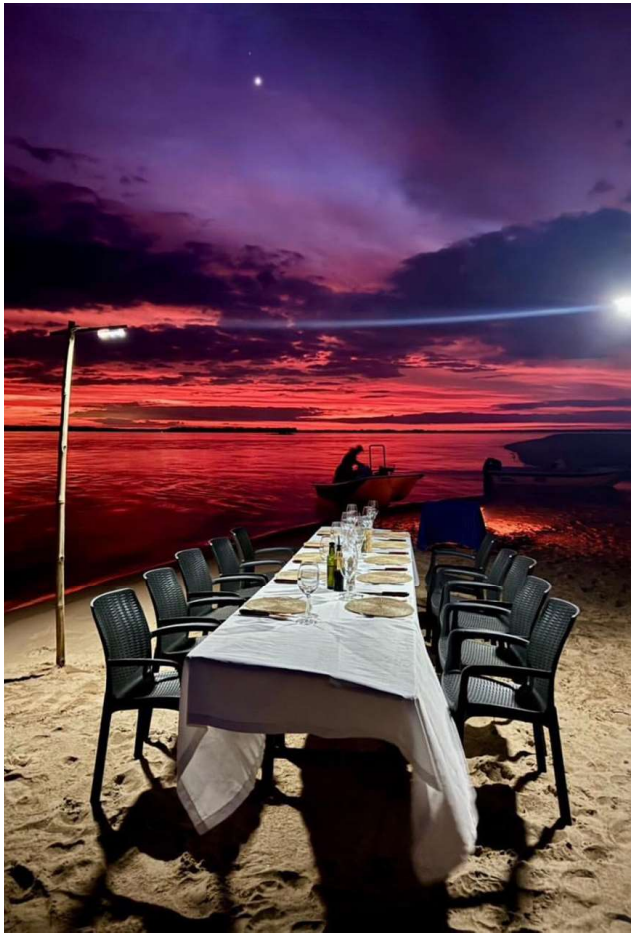





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ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CATCH...

Corrientes is a non-angler friendly destination. The entire province is so rich in Guaraní culture that even horseback rides will be a different experience on the wetlands. From thrilling outdoor adventures to laid-back excursions, every activity is thoughtfully tailored to your style and intensity, creating a personalized experience that feels just right. Wheter you want to mix your program up, or want to come with a non-angling companion, our excursions wont dissapoint.

Some of the most popular things we include in these programs are:

- Birdwatching / Nature safaris
- Hikes
- Boat trips
- Horseback rides
- Swimming with horses
- Kayak
- Mate Culture
- Visit local artisans
- Cooking Lessons for local recipes

And more!













Set **Conservation** *Corrientes, Argentina*

In the Wake of Golden Dorado:

Putting Science Behind Conservation and Management

Golden dorado are an iconic fish species of Neotropical watersheds. They are fierce predators that likely play an important ecological role in the waters they inhabit. Of course, their explosive strike, leaps, and beautiful colors put them on the bucket list of many anglers, with the recreational fishery helping to support the economy of local communities.

Like many freshwater fishes, Golden Dorado are facing a myriad of threats including overharvest, poor handling practices, habitat fragmentation by damming and water diversion, and a range of negative impacts from climate change. Although they are ecologically and economically important, scientific evidence necessary to inform the conservation and management of Golden Dorado is limited. Surprisingly, this is not unlike many other recreationally targeted fish species worldwide, however a considerable difference is the will and determination to undertake the science and ensure that related conservation and management actions are embraced by all stakeholders.

In the Wake of Golden Dorado is a collaborative project focused on filling knowledge gaps that can contribute to the conservation and management of the species. The project is founded on the passion of the collaborators to see Golden Dorado populations remain healthy and strong. Founding partners in the project include fisheries scientists from tArgentina (National University of the Northeast, (Corrientes), the United States (University of Massachusetts Amherst), and Canada (Carleton University), the government of the Corrientes province, and Set Fly Fishing. We hope to broaden the collaboration to build greater unity tied to the science-based conservation of Golden Dorado.

This project is capitalizing on two existing efforts – external tagging of Golden Dorado managed by the National University of the Northeast, and genetics/genomics research by the University of Massachusetts Amherst (supported by the International Game Fish Association). Combined, preliminarily results demonstrate that the Golden Dorado in the Parana River watershed could be critically important for the maintenance of Golden Dorado populations in adjacent river systems.

With that, we are embarking on a new phase of the project that includes using of electronic tags and manual and fixed stations to quantify the movements, habitat use, and migrations of Golden Dorado in the Parana River. Although the physical scale of the Parana River is immense, we have several novel solutions are in reach to help achieve our goals. For this research, we already have some funding and in-kind support, but much more is need.





Who is Dr. Andy Danylchuk?

In the wake of the Golden Dorado, Dr. Andy Danylchuk has made it his mission to ensure these remarkable fish remain part of our world for future generations. As a professor of fish conservation at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Andy's work extends far beyond academic research—it's a hands-on effort to protect the fish that captivate anglers across the globe.

Andy's fascination with Golden Dorado began when he encountered the deep passion of local anglers and conservationists in Corrientes, Argentina. They sought scientific knowledge to understand how this iconic species responds to the challenges of fishing and human impact. Andy stepped in to lead a project tracking the movement of Golden Dorado across their habitats, building a collaborative effort that includes scientists, recreational anglers, and local communities. His goal is simple yet profound: to use science to inform proactive conservation and management.

With over 200 published works, Andy has studied fish species all around the world—from bonefish in The Bahamas to arapaima in Guyana and tarpon in the U.S. Southeast—but his commitment to Golden Dorado is something special. His work in Corrientes isn't just about catching fish; it's about creating a lasting legacy for the species and the people who rely on them.

Recognized for his ability to connect with both the scientific community and everyday anglers, Andy's contributions have earned him awards such as the Excellence in Public Outreach from the American Fisheries Society and the Flats Stewardship Award from Bonefish & Tarpon Trust. An ambassador for Patagonia and advisor for Keep Fish Wet, Andy continues to inspire anglers to not only enjoy the sport but also take part in preserving it for the future.

If you're passionate about preserving the future of Golden Dorado and want to dive deeper into the science behind their conservation, Andy's work offers a unique opportunity to get involved. From the collaboration between scientists and anglers to the groundbreaking research on these powerful fish, there's much to discover. If you're interested in contributing to the "Wake of Golden Dorado" project, your support can help ensure these efforts continue. Join us in safeguarding the Golden Dorado for future generations—whether by learning more or making a donation to this vital cause.

If you are interested in contributing to this effort, please contact Dr. Andy Danylchuk (danylchuk@eco.umass.edu).



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