

# PATAGONIA RIVER RANCH

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WAKE FOREST  
UNIVERSITY

Feb 10 - 17, 2024

*Somewhere ~ out there ~  
Near 40° South Latitude ~  
There is a very special place...*







This is your invitation for a unique and remarkable opportunity. From Feb. 10-17, 2024, enjoy the natural and cultural majesty of Argentina's Northern Patagonia region in unrivaled company – with others who love Wake Forest.

Preparations are under way for a group of up to 16 travelers to venture to the banks of the storied Chimehuin River near the base of the Andes. Our stay at the magnificent Patagonia River Ranch will be an educational and recreational experience with activities and memories for everyone.

The Northern Patagonia region is home to some of the best fly fishing in the world. English-speaking native Argentine guides with an intimate knowledge of the region's most famous waters as well as the flora and fauna of Patagonia will be assigned to each guest. The guides can teach beginning fly fishers in both the sport and the art form of fly fishing, and they can offer pointers and advice for more advanced anglers. Along the rivers and on the ranch, guests will often see wild parakeets, guanaco, falcons, fox, and red deer. More reclusive animals of the region such as the Geoffrey's cat and the Colocolo cat, which are small, wild leopards, may be encountered occasionally.

Guests may also choose from a variety of land-based adventures that highlight the region's breathtaking merger of mountain and river. These include cultural tours of the area; a visit to a local bird sanctuary; horseback riding; hiking; mountain biking; traditional Argentine cooking classes; and many others. Others may choose to simply wander the ranch's extensive vegetable gardens or relax in the magnificent rose gardens on the property.

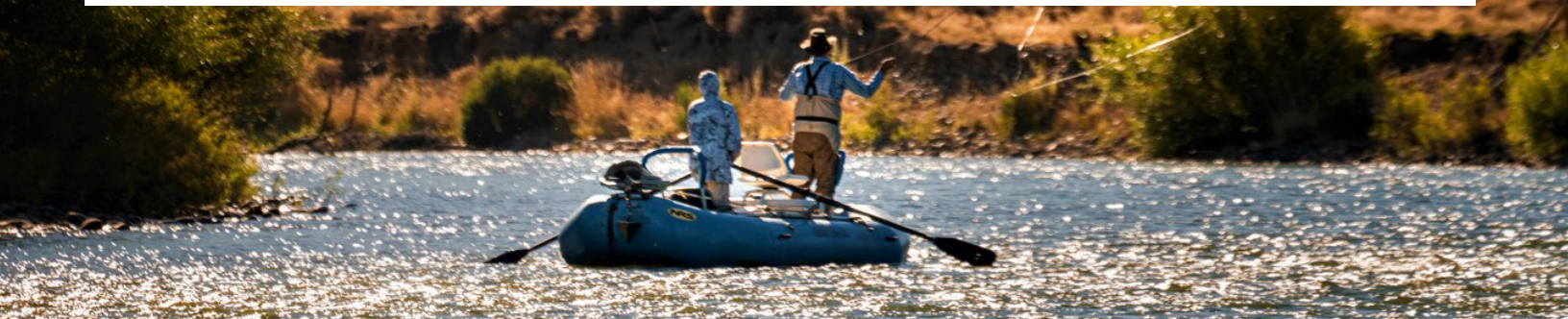
The average high temperature in the region in February is 68 degrees. It doesn't disappoint. The details as we know them now are included in the attached brochure.

Contact Jake Ragsdale of Patagonia River Ranch and reference the Wake Forest trip to reserve your spot. The Ranch is world-renowned for its rare combination of delightful amenities and casual atmosphere. Tim Snyder ('88), an avid fisherman and associate vice president at Wake Forest, is helping to organize this trip and will be happy to answer any questions not addressed by the accompanying materials.

We hope you can join other Wake Foresters in this compelling expedition.

Sincerely,

Kelly Meachum McConnico ('00)  
Assistant Vice President, Alumni Engagement  
Wake Forest University





*COMPARABLE FLY FISHING RANCHES MAY EXIST...  
...BUT ONLY IN YOUR DREAMS*



"It's hard for me to imagine that there can be any better fishing anywhere in the world."  
-William C.

**BLUE LABEL CLUB**  
Land a 25+ inch trout to earn your spot in this exclusive club of PRR.



# THE FISHING PROGRAM

*Imagine the trout fishing experience of a lifetime*

Our central location on the banks of the legendary Rio Chimehuin gives us unique and easy access to seven different rivers that you have the opportunity to fish during your stay. In addition to the Chimehuin itself, you will also be given the chance to fish the Caleufu, Collon Cura, Alumine, Malleo, Quemquemtreu, and the Quilquihue.

As a guest, you will unpack your bags only one time and then settle in to enjoy the very beautiful ranch and casually elegant guest lodge. When it's time to fish, you will be paired with an expert fishing guide. The guides you will be fishing with are all native Argentine, fluent in English, and have grown up fishing the waters of Northern Patagonia. Whether you're a beginner or a more experienced angler, your guide will give you the instruction you need as well as help you read the gin-clear rivers to land trophy-size trout.

Immerse yourself in a fishing experience most anglers only dream about. Lifelong devotees to fly fishing will discover an unparalleled opportunity for record-setting large trout at Patagonia River Ranch, and less experienced anglers will be spoiled right off the bat.

Your guide is eager to show you pristine waters thriving with unpressured fish that are ready to attack your fly. We invite you to come fish with us this season and enjoy the magic of Patagonia River Ranch!



# WHAT TO EXPECT

We are proud to provide top quality boats, trucks, trailers, tackle and other essentials that make our fishing program easy and comfortable for our guests. We offer both float and wade fishing with exclusive access to otherwise impossible-to-reach areas of the rivers.

We use 6 and 7 weight rods with floating and sinking lines. These rod weights are needed to handle the size, strength and aggressiveness of the trout here. Dry flies (small and large patterns), nymphs and streamers are all productive throughout the season.

Because our fishing season starts in what is considered early summer in Patagonia and ends in mid-fall, we suggest being prepared for a range of weather conditions and temperatures. You can expect temperatures similar to the Rocky Mountain West where it warms up during the day and is cool at night.

*\*Fishing equipment is included at no additional cost\**

- DIRECT ACCESS TO 50 MILES OF PREMIER FISHING ON THE CHIMEHUIN
- AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR BIG FISH - FLOAT & WADE FISHING
- EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH ONLY 16-18 GUESTS
- LUXURIOUSLY RUSTIC LODGE WITH THE FINEST OF COMFORTS



*The Shangri La of Fly Fishing...*



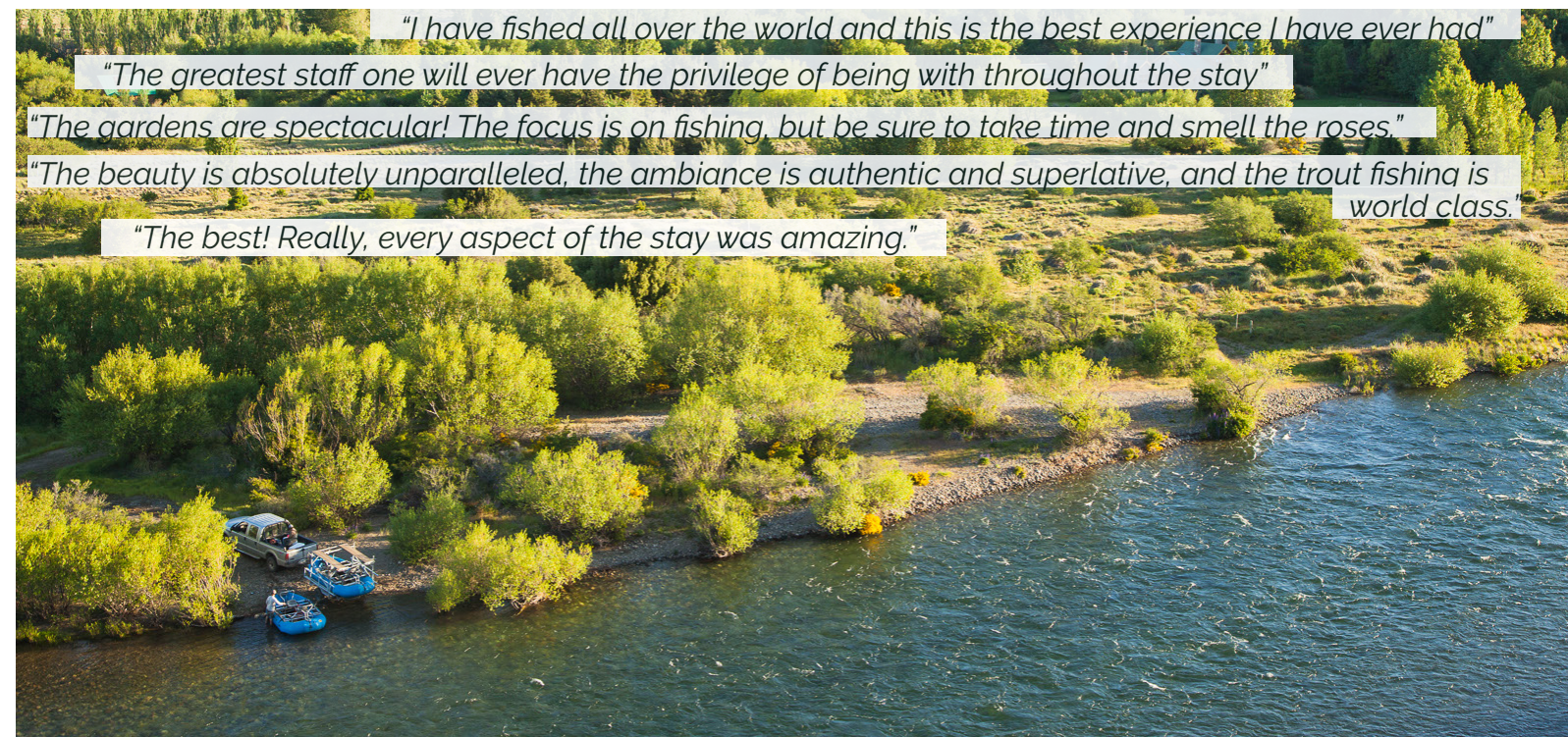
## THE RANCH

Located in the very center of the most prolific 50-mile stretch of fishing water of the legendary Rio Chimehuin, Patagonia River Ranch is both private and pristine. Our casually elegant, yet rustic guest lodge will provide for your daily comfort while you enjoy gourmet Argentine cuisine, ranch-grown vegetables, and our award-winning rose gardens.



## THE TEAM

The all-Argentine staff includes experienced fishing guides, professional chefs and lodging staff. The dedicated host team and all other team members work tirelessly to make every aspect of your stay memorable.



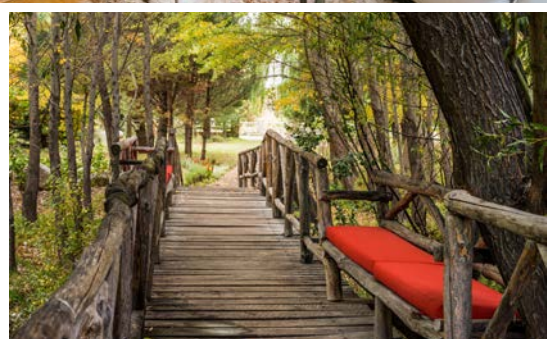
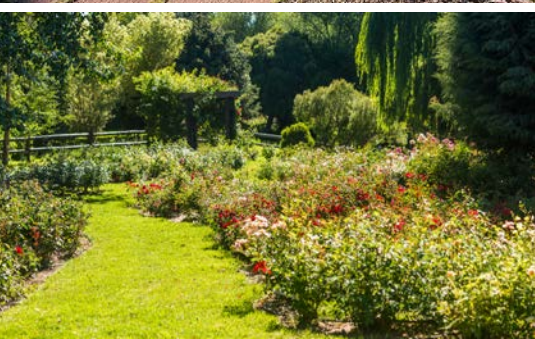
*"I have fished all over the world and this is the best experience I have ever had"*

*"The greatest staff one will ever have the privilege of being with throughout the stay"*

*"The gardens are spectacular! The focus is on fishing, but be sure to take time and smell the roses."*

*"The beauty is absolutely unparalleled, the ambiance is authentic and superlative, and the trout fishing is world class."*

*"The best! Really, every aspect of the stay was amazing."*





# NON-FISHING ACTIVITIES

**HORSEBACK RIDING › HIKING › KAYAKING › MOUNTAIN BIKING  
MUSEUM TOURS › CAMPING › COOKING CLASSES › GARDEN TOURS  
WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY EXCURSIONS › ART TOURS › SHOPPING**

We offer a number of activities for guests who are non-anglers or are looking to take a break from world-class fishing during their stay. A member of the Patagonia River Ranch staff will accompany guests on all off-ranch activities and will fulfill special requests whenever possible.

During your stay, we encourage you to plan a day trip into the city of San Martin de los Andes. You will find San Martin to be a charming artist town set along the banks of Lacar Lake with unparalleled vistas of the Andes mountains, unique shopping, and local art tours.

*Visit [sanmartindelosandes.gov.ar](http://sanmartindelosandes.gov.ar) for more information.*



# TRAVEL LOGISTICS

From start to finish, your trip logistics will be arranged by Aspen Travel and coordinated with a concierge team in Buenos Aires, LOL Argentina, for all your in-country logistics. You can be assured that the logistics of getting from your hometown to Patagonia River Ranch (and back again!) will be seamless and stress-free.

## FLIGHTS TO BUENOS AIRES

Overnight flights are available to Buenos Aires from all major U.S. gateway cities. Once in Buenos Aires guests will be greeted at the airport by an English-speaking member of the concierge team (if arranged ahead of time).

## ARRIVAL AND STAY IN BUENOS AIRES

The concierge team will drive you to your hotel, and will help you with the check-in process. Enjoy a welcome dinner and a Tango show, then relax until your morning flight to San Martin.

## FLIGHT TO SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES

We will meet you at the San Martin airport upon arrival and drive you to the Ranch (45 minutes).

## RETURN FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES AND BACK HOME

On Saturday the 17th, you'll be taken to the San Martin airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires. Our concierge team will arrange the transfer to the international airport for your journey back home.

## JOIN US!

**COST: \$8,115 per guest.**

Our rate is all-inclusive once you arrive at the ranch: guided fishing, all non-fishing activities, food, alcohol, laundry service, use of fishing equipment (rods, reels, waders, boots and flies) and fishing license.

Not included in rate: International and domestic flights, hotels, and gratuities for fishing guides and ranch staff.

### REGISTER NOW:

Jake Ragsdale, General Manager, Patagonia River Ranch

307.739.8093 | [Jake@patagoniariverranch.com](mailto:Jake@patagoniariverranch.com)

Reference the Wake Forest trip to reserve your spot.

*\*All activities are included in our rate, there are no extra charges\**



# A FLY FISHERMAN'S DREAM 🦋

