

**A ticket to the Rio Grande**

There are flight connections from most major airports to Buenos Aires. A three-hour connecting flight takes you to Rio Grande Airport. From there it's a one or two hour drive by shuttle service, depending on the lodge. Arrival and departure on Saturdays. We recommend overnight stays in Buenos Aires on arrival and departure days.

**Book now!**

Prime season for sea trout fishing on the Rio Grande lasts from December to mid April, during Tierra del Fuegos's summer and autumn season.

**Prime spot**

World-class fishing for sea trout on the Rio Grande! Average weight is 10 to 12 pounds. 20-pound specimens are not unusual, while huge sea trout can tip the scales at 30 pounds. It is fly fishing only and the beats are exclusively fished by the guests of the lodges.

**Rod and reel**

**Single handed rods:** 9-10 ft, 8-9 weight, floating and sinking lines with 150 yards (140 metres) of backing on a solid reel.

**Two handed rods:** 13-15 ft, 9-11 weight, floating and sinking lines, 150 yards (140 metres) of backing on a solid reel with drag system.

**Fly patterns:** traditional Atlantic salmon flies, trout streamers, bombers and nymphs. Most Rio Grande trout were traditionally taken on large streamers, probably because these were the most popular lures. But in low-water conditions, more large sea trout are taken on smaller wet flies, nymphs and dry flies, so it's best to pack an ample range of these flies in different patterns and sizes.

# Argentina

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**Under the Southern Cross**

Magnificent sea trout, wild mustangs, guanacos, mountain goats and Pampas foxes - fishing in Southern Argentina keeps its promises: superb fishing vacation in an unspoiled landscape with a fascinating diversity of fauna and flora. It is probably the best fishery for sea run brown trout.



Toon Ken Lodge

**Fame and glory**

Brown trout were first introduced to the Rio Grande about hundred years ago by British pioneers. Hardly anybody expected then that it would emerge to a world class fishery. The brown trout took off the sea only to return as much bigger sea trout. Over decades one of the strongest sea trout populations developed. Today the Rio Grande is world famous for its magnificent fishery. Fly fishers from all over the world flock from December to April to the river in order to pursue the big sea trout.

**Poolside**

Fishing options on our stretches of the Rio Grande are varied and exciting. Fish will hold in the pools with their fine gravel beds and in the undercut banks and fast runs. Most of the river is not over deep, making it perfect for fly fishing and easy wading. The pools on the Rio Grande are easily reached by car, driven by your Guide. Fishing techniques on the Rio Grande are not complicated and experienced steelhead and Atlantic salmon fishermen immediately will feel "at home". Classic salmon flies as well as modern fly patterns are presented to the sea trout, with dead drifts and quartering downstream casts. Skated dry flies and the riffing hitch are successful as well. Once hooked the powerful sea trout will test our equipment and skills to the limit.

**Silver bullets**

The sea trout enter the Rio Grande as silvery, energy laden fish. After some time they change colour and develop the typical markings of brown trout. The lucky angler might catch a male fish with its distinctive hooked jaw - a much sought after subject for the camera.

**The wind**

Wind is no stranger to the Rio Grande - but it does have its advantages! Generally, it blows in from the west, promoting long and accurate downstream casting. The wind dies down towards evening. During the day it ruffles the surface of the water to create ideal conditions for memorable catches.

**Kau Tapen Lodge**

Kau Tapen Lodge is the oldest and most exclusive lodge on the Rio Grande. It holds the most productive pools of the Rio Grande. 12 rods are allowed on its beats. The



standard of the lodge leave nothing to wish for. Kau Tapen is also famous for its gourmet dining, with Argentina's famed beef and fine wines and delicious desserts. Clients will also find a fully equipped tackle shop with flies, rods, reels, lines, and suitable clothing.

**Toon Ken Lodge**

Toon Ken Lodge is the newest and most modern lodge, on a very attractive stretch of the river. It guarantees an unforgettable fishing experience for a maximum of six guests at one time. Some of the pool are shared with Kau Tapen Lodge. The main building of the lodge is located on a bluff

overlooking the Rio Grande. Guests are impressed by the stylish interior, the gourmet cuisine and the excellent wines.

**Cameron Lodge**

Cameron Lodge lies upstream of Toon Ken Lodge, in the Chilean part of the Rio Grande. The lodge is less than one hundred yards from the most important tributary of the Rio Grande, the Rio Blanco. 10 rods fish here at a time. Besides sea trout Cameron Lodge offers also an attractive fishery for resident brown trout. Guests enjoy a comfortable stay and a promising and varied fishery at Cameron Lodge.

