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ARGENTINA HIGH-VOLUME DOVE SHOOTING OVERVIEW



Beautiful Estancia La Catalina



are welcomed upon arrival at Estancia La Catalina or Estancia Del Pilar, lodges that combine the elegance and tradition of yesteryear with the comfort and convenience of modern living. During your stay you will feel that you are staying with friends, enjoying a wonderful mix of great Argentina hunting and relaxed country estate living.

"We all felt we were treated as royalty and that nothing could have been any better. Seldom in my experience has a product actually been better than advertised"

Gene White,
El Dorado, KS

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Over the last two decades, Cordoba Province has become synonymous with the phrase "high-volume dove hunting." The region has a delightful climate that allows grain crops such as corn, sorghum, wheat and peanuts to flourish most of the year. This enormous food supply is bordered and interspersed with dense hillside roosting cover, and the combination of food source and roost has produced a population of *Zenaida Auriculata* estimated to be over 20 million birds — Argentina doves that do not migrate, reproduce up to four times annually and provide literally year-round shooting.

With Miles & Miles Outfitters, not only will you have the Argentina bird hunt of a lifetime, you will find that every detail has been taken care of — from the effortless clearing of shotguns at the airport, to roomy, new vehicles, to exclusively leased shooting fields, to excellent accommodations and fine dining.

You will feel instantly at home when you

"Thanks to Rod & Gun for an outstanding job on our recent trip to Cordoba with Miles&Miles. I shot more doves on those four days than I did in ten years of hunting in Mexico—including one 700 bird afternoon!"

Tom Hudgins, Dickson, TN

- Miles & Miles have a fantastic selection of high-quality shotguns available for rent, including new Benelli and Beretta autoloaders and higher-grade Beretta and Rizzini over/unders. Of course, the guns are transported to and from the field for you, and cleaned after each use.
- Miles & Miles have private access to many of Cordoba Province's finest dove shooting ranches and roosting areas; they take pride in offering a variety of bird shooting styles and options. Hunts are literally as close as five minutes travel—right on the lodge property, and very rarely do they require more than 30 minutes travel.

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- Miles & Miles provide only high-quality shells, as is not always the case with other Cordoba dove hunting outfitters.
- Miles & Miles love high-volume shooters and have a Club 1000, a Club 2000, and a Club 3000, award prizes for shooters achieving those milestones, and place each name on a beautiful hand-carved board.
- The meals and service are truly five-star. Professional masseuses are always on hand to administer to sore shoulders.
- Rod & Gun Resources provides each guest with very detailed “Argentina Dove Hunting Pre-Trip” information that is the best in the industry.
- Rod & Gun Resources offers single rooms as a general policy and we make our groups private for as few as four hunters.
- Rod & Gun Resources is pleased to make detailed arrangements for hotels and excursions elsewhere in Argentina before or after the hunt. Our staff frequently visits these properties and destinations and are experts in advising clients and arranging itineraries

HOW TO GET THERE: Because Cordoba City is second in size only to Buenos Aires, there are numerous international and domestic flights, arriving and departing the nearby Cordoba’s Pajas Blancas International Airport from all other major airports in Argentina. Although there is no nonstop flight service from the U.S, connections in Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires will generally put you in the field by plenty of time for a full afternoon shoot on arrival day.

RATES: \$2,085* per person for a 3 night/4 day shooting package; \$2,780* per person for a 4 night/5 day shooting package.

INCLUDED: Deluxe accommodations, services of professional hunter-guides, all meals in the shooting area with wines, beer

and open bar, daily gun cleaning, all ground transfers between the Cordoba airport and La Catalina/Del Pilar, and in the shooting area, pick-up boys as required, all payments to land owners for shooting rights, meeting and customs assistance in Cordoba, taxes and service charges.

EXCLUDED: Commercial air travel, shotshells at \$12/box, all gratuities, telephone calls or faxes, items of a personal nature, Cordoba Province hunting license at \$65/day, gun rental at \$75/day and any Buenos Aires-related expenses, such as hotels, transfer fees, etc.

DEPOSIT: A 50% deposit per person is required to confirm a reservation. Deposits are nonrefundable unless client replacements are found by canceling party. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.

IMPORTING GUNS INTO ARGENTINA:

The process of taking your shotguns to Argentina is simple. Rod & Gun Resources will send you a one page “gun permit pre-registration” form—you just fill it out and have it back to us no later than 30 days prior to your departure. That’s it. We will fill out the required Argentine technical form—ficha tecnica—and send it (with three copies) to you, along with your other final documents. **KEEP IN MIND THAT IT TAKES LONGER TO CLEAR THE GUNS AT CUSTOMS THAN IT DID PREVIOUSLY—SOMETIMES AN HOUR OR MORE—SO YOU MIGHT CONSIDER RENTING SHOTGUNS FROM THE OUTFITTER.**

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL/REFERENCES:

An excellent video, color brochure and of course references are available.

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ARGENTINA HIGH-VOLUME DOVE SHOOTING THE SHOOTING



Argentina's eared dove is a species endemic to most of South America, about the same size and coloration as our mourning dove. Like doves worldwide, they offer fast and challenging shooting — the difference here is their monumental numbers.

On a typical day, hunters will fire from 1000 to 2000 shotshells, or even more, depending on conditions and personal inclination. During some periods it is possible to look across a landscape and see flocks of five to fifty Argentine doves



Taking a siesta under a nice, cozy Argentina dove blanket.

traveling at virtually all points of the compass. Shooting stands are generally positioned along flight lines to access doves exiting and returning to the roost.

Each hunter is provided with a young man who assists with shells and drinks, keeps the area around the shooter picked up, serves as a loader if requested and of course, picks up fallen doves. Many of the birds are retrieved immediately after the hunters depart, so as to not interfere with the shooting.

The hunting for eared doves in this area is excellent 12 months a year, and in certain



High-volume hunting year round.

months — February through July — outings can include field and decoy shooting for wild pigeons (spot-winged, picazuro), either in combination with the doves or as a dedicated shoot.

And of course, all of this shooting is broken up midday for a wonderful lunch at the estancia or more often, with a classic Miles field lunch — an asado of grilled steaks, sausages, ribs, robust wines, salads and fresh breads, followed by some rest and relaxation and then a return to the field.



Argentine-style grilled asado picnic.

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ARGENTINA HIGH-VOLUME DOVE SHOOTING ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations at either of Miles & Miles Cordoba lodges are comfortable — even opulent — and each offers private rooms, congenial and attentive service from the best in English-speaking hosts, and all the uniqueness and charm of a private country manor,



Soak away the pain of a sore shoulder.

seating/cocktail areas that flow into the spacious dining room; the bedrooms extend out in two wings from the main area.

For smaller parties, Miles & Miles has a second classic six-bedroom estancia, Del Pilar, which has a lovely swimming pool and is located on a 4,000 acre ranch containing several of the area's best dove and pigeon roosts. Drives to the field are often only minutes!

One last luxury item: at both estancias a professional massage therapist is available at all times to relax and reinvigorate exhausted limbs and sore shoulders.



Dove and pigeon headquarters at Del Pilar.

but with the convenience of a small, European-style hotel. Dining is uniformly terrific, featuring famed Argentine beef, Italian and German specialties, game dishes and delightful red wines.

Estancia La Catalina has been designed from the ground up to be the exact lodge that an American sportsman would enjoy on a trip to Argentina. Hand-hewn beams, tile floors, lots of heavy wood, beautiful landscaping, huge hot tub, ten oversize bedrooms with either king or double beds, and all of the architectural touches found in the classic old estancias. The great room features comfortable



La Catalina's dining room with adjacent bar.

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ARGENTINA HIGH-VOLUME DOVE SHOOTING OTHER ACTIVITIES

Guests may opt to see a polo match, horseback ride, play golf at nearby Ascochinga Golf Club; enjoy a day visiting the area's historical sites, including the 450-year-old Jesuit mission; enjoy a little pampering in one of Cordoba's lovely day spas followed by lunch at a fine restaurant; or take advantage of the Argentine peso's relative weakness against our currency (currently 2.8 pesos to the dollar) and do some serious shopping for silver, leather and fine handmade goods.



Argentine polo.



Jesuit Mission.



Massage room at La Catalina.

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