



# NERVOUS WATERS

A higher form of fishing

ARGENTINA - CHILE - THE BAHAMAS



*A Higher Form of Fishing*

*Nervous Waters is the leader in international Fly Fishing luxury destinations, with a collection of 9 lodges spread out across Argentina, Chile, and the Bahamas. We offer a plethora of coveted gamefish including bones and tarpon, sea-run and resident brown trout, rainbow trout, and golden dorado, pacú, and pirá pitá. Built around the best resource destinations, our lodges offer a level of service on par with the finest boutique hotels of the world, yet each shines with its own personality. The quality of our lodges is only surpassed by the dedication and expertise of our management and guiding teams who have spent decades mastering their craft, and their waters. Constantly on a quest to do even better, there is truly no family of angling destinations that compares.*

## **OUR MISSION**

*Provide the committed angler a unique and unmatched experience in hospitality and in sport on the best fisheries. Take full part in the local community while employing sustainable conservation both at the lodges and on the water with an eye toward our children, and future generations.*

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## OUR ORIGINS

We started our first lodge as something of a family holiday hobby; building a small 6-angler lodge in Río Grande, Tierra del Fuego. I was one of the guides, we rented tiny cars to fish from, and I brought Doug Larsen as the foreign expert to help us. We had a total of 12 fishermen the entire first season, and 18 the second. At that time, the Río Grande was thought to have the biggest sea-run-brown-trout on earth, a fact that was confirmed that first season, but more frequently in each season that followed as we were able to pass a groundbreaking catch and release law. It took us ten years to do it, but the Río Grande remains now as the only river in South America run with strict policies, and the fishing has benefited ever since it began.

The view I had back then was to spend a busy summer with our family and friends and save some bucks to buy my first used car. I loved being around fishing and fishermen, but at the time it wasn't a priority; making our guests happy was. I always say that if I had to choose a job in another life I would have liked to have been a butler in a big estate, like those featured in "Downton Abbey" or the movie, "The Remains of the Day;" so maybe those "butler genes" helped align my passions for service and sport.

We claim to be the first ever lodge owners to have catered for ladies, and we saw that it was important before many others did. At first we did it because making women comfortable with the amenities they would find at a 5 star hotel, would allow their husbands to come back year after year. Then the ladies started fishing, and more couples kept coming, and looking back I think that was our magic recipe. We have achieved the highest repeat client percentage in the industry and we generate excellent word of mouth. Simply our great clients tell their friends about us, and then their friends come to visit us as well. Word of mouth is still our biggest marketing action today.

Another good decision we made along the way was to follow our customers to their future trips — asking them where they were going next. That is how we began with bonefish, trout, bird hunting and stags. We then opened lodges in the very best locations for the particular species. We also took some chances — we opened the first lodge for freshwater Golden Dorado before anyone knew anything about this great game fish.

The aim is not to have a huge collection of properties, but to have the best collection one. If a location does not provide what it was expected, we simply close it, but thus far we have only closed two ventures in the last four decades, so our success ratio is pretty high. We open lodges or buy existing ones if it makes sense for our current customers, and our company's aim is to worship and take care of our clients as they are our most important asset.

The team theme is a huge part of who we are, we have great partners in most ventures and a team of highly trained experts at each lodge and our central office in Buenos Aires, but the idea is the same as it was in 1984. The vision then was to have fun doing what we loved in and near the outdoors, and more than 35 years later, that has not changed at all.

*Fernando de las Carreras, CEO & Founder.*



## THE ANGLING COLLECTION: FISHING BY SPECIES

*Sea-Run Brown Trout*

- 1 Kau Tapen Lodge
- 2 Villa María Lodge

*Golden Dorado*

- 3 Pirá Lodge
- 4 Suindá Lodge
- 5 Delta Lodge

*Brown & Rainbow Trout*

- 6 Northern Patagonia Lodge
- 7 Futa Lodge

*Bonefish*

- 8 Bair's Lodge
- 9 Abaco Lodge



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## WHY FISH WITH US?

What started as a family business, with one lodge near one river, has blossomed into a company renowned for revolutionizing the way fly anglers view fishing travel. In 1984 it all began with Kau Tapen on the Río Grande... and a vision of just how good a lodge could be. More than 35 years later, we've gone on to define the realm of high-end fishing experiences worldwide, with the largest luxury lodge portfolio in the business – and with distinguished sister operations in bird hunting. Expectations continue to evolve and Nervous Waters strives to be on the leading edge, constantly retooling and rethinking the modern sporting lodge with a focus on what's important to anglers. By carefully aligning operations with guests' needs, we've achieved remarkably high return rates.

- A cadre of unique and stylish lodges, each independent but drawing from the integrity of the larger structure.
  - Each lodge strategically located to pinpoint and access the very best fisheries.
  - 5 star amenities, à la carte menus, best wines, spa services, and attention to detail that goes above and beyond.
  - Our focus is always on the guest. Those that return again and again are paying us the highest compliment.
  - A vision to the future, protecting our resources for generations to come via catch-and-release and numerous research projects.
  - Trained guides and managers that are on time and on task; details and service are finely tuned for anglers.
  - A commitment to the very best in vehicles, boats, gear, and all things fishing.
  - Fine hotel-style amenities, with chefs and professional staff that understand fishing and creature comforts equally.
  - A 24-hour concierge service for clients.
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# 1. KAU TAPEN LODGE

## WHERE IT ALL STARTED

Kau Tapen was the first fishing lodge on the Río Grande, opening its doors in the year 1984. Its name means “House of Fishing” in the Ona Language and here, in the heart of the Río Grande watershed, live the best pools on the river. If the walls of this magnificent lodge could talk, they would tell story after story of battles with huge trout over thirty-plus years. Kau Tapen Lodge embodies the fly fishing experience and to hundreds of anglers, it is their fishing home. On the river, short walks and shallow wading are the norm. Single or two-handed rods are both effective. Skate a bomber over a resting lie, or drift a nymph next to a cut-bank for Sea-Run Trout you’ve only seen in your dreams.

**Location:** *Río Grande, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina*

**Target species:** *Sea-run brown trout*

**Season:** *January to April*

**Capacity:** *12 anglers*

**Major air hub:** *Río Grande & Ushuaia*

**Equipment:** *Single & double handed fly-fishing rods*

**Fishing method:** *Wading*





*Kau Tapen is located on the heart of the Rio Grande, the most productive sea-run brown trout fishery in the world, and the easiest river you'll ever wade, with a gravel bottom and even flow.*







## 2. VILLA MARÍA LODGE

### IF YOU ARE TOUGH ENOUGH

Villa María is the second of the De Las Carreras family lodges to open on the Río Grande after Kau Tapen, and has offered small private groups exciting fishing on some of the most productive pools in the lower river since 1994. Unlike Kau Tapen, which is located on the middle river, Villa María offers anglers first crack at newly arrived Sea Trout on the lower Río Grande. For fishermen who enjoy the challenges and rewards of two-handed rods, this is a dream come true! With friendly and dedicated house staff and guides, Villa María is very well suited to caring for small groups of friends and family.

**Location:** *Río Grande, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina*

**Target species:** *Sea-run brown trout*

**Season:** *January to April*

**Capacity:** *6 anglers*

**Major air hub:** *Río Grande & Ushuaia*

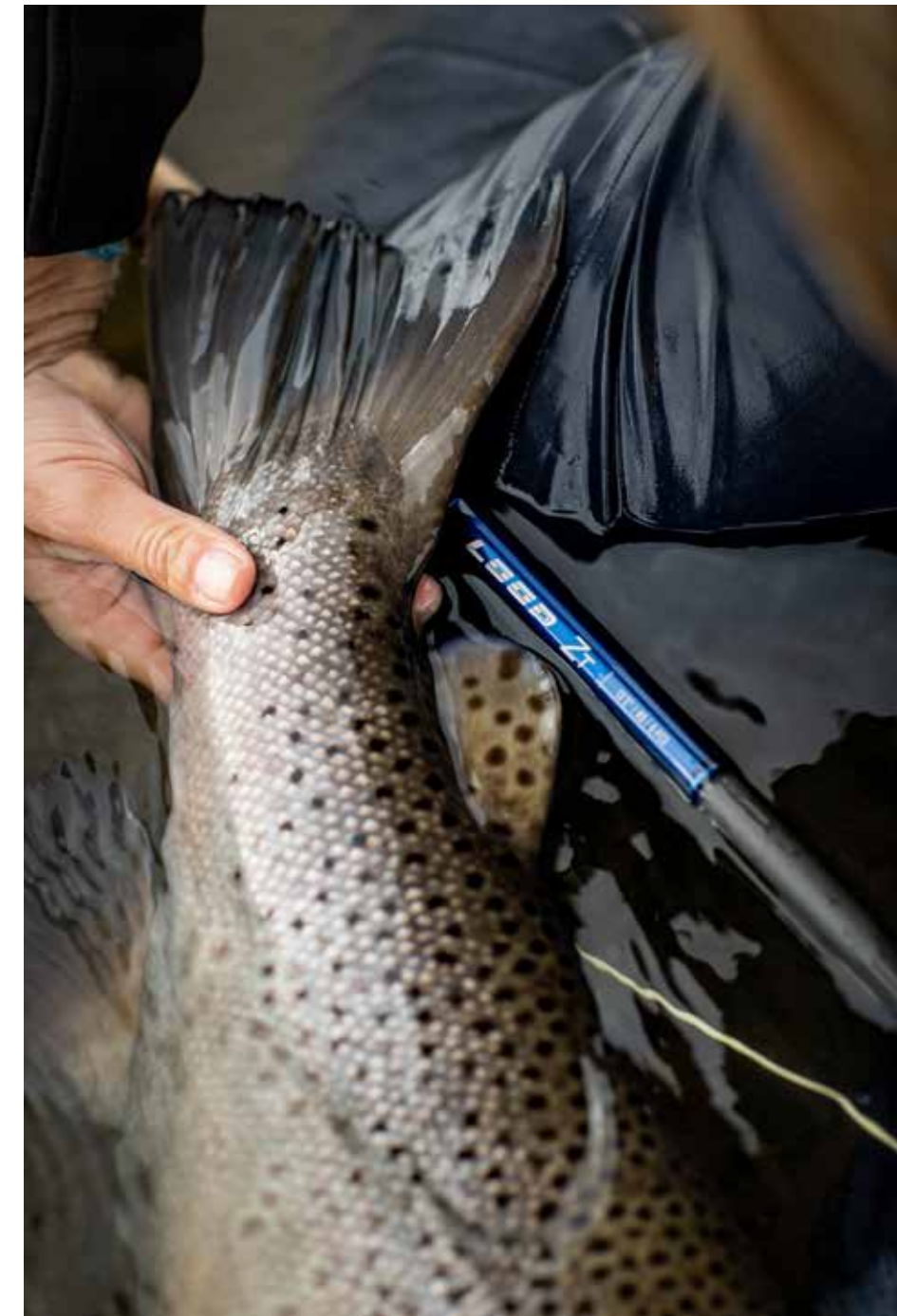
**Equipment:** *Single & double handed fly-fishing rods*

**Fishing method:** *Wading*





*The lodge is located within the expansive 130,000-acre Estancia José Menéndez, which was established in 1894. The Estancia is one of the 5 largest sheep ranches in the whole of Patagonia, processing and sheering tens of thousand of sheep every spring.*





## 3. PIRÁ LODGE

### IN THE SEARCH OF GOLD

Esteros del Iberá Reserve (from the Guaraní language, meaning “*Bright Waters*”) is one of South America’s most important freshwater reservoirs. Ranked as the second-largest wetland in the world after the Pantanal in Brazil, it’s also enormous. The area encompasses more than 3 million acres of flowing water – gin-clear creeks, shallows, lakes, swamps, and lagoons. Pirá Lodge, in northern Argentina’s Corrientes Province, strategically places anglers at the southern tip of the expansive wetland; a habitat-rich bottleneck where the marsh and Corriente River ecosystems converge. Here, the Dorado is king.

**Location:** *Iberá Marshlands, Corrientes, Argentina*

**Target species:** *Golden Dorado*

**Season:** *October to May*

**Capacity:** *14 guests (up to 10 anglers)*

**Major air hub:** *Corrientes & Resistencia*

**Equipment:** *Single handed fly-fishing rods & spinning*

**Fishing method:** *Deck of the boat & wading*











## 4. SUINDÁ LODGE

### CHASE FRESHWATER'S GRANDEST SLAM

Suindá is a Dorado angler's dream, strategically located near the town of Itatí, in the province of Corrientes. The region houses one of the most productive sections on the Upper Paraná River, a clear-water fishery that consistently kicks out good numbers of large Dorado. Its secret lies in its structure: generally fast-flowing runs, coursing over beautiful rock gardens. You'll also sight-fish sandbank zones, where, when the conditions are right, colossal Dorado hunt Sábalo baitfish that seasonally congregate in big schools.

**Location:** *Itatí, Corrientes, Argentina*

**Target species:** *Golden Dorado, Pacú & Pirá Pitá*

**Season:** *October to May*

**Capacity:** *10 anglers*

**Major air hub:** *Corrientes & Resistencia*

**Equipment:** *Single handed fly-fishing rods & spinning*

**Fishing method:** *Deck of the boat & wading*









## 5. DELTA LODGE

### DORADO FISHING IN BUENOS AIRES' BACKYARD

Those stopping over in Buenos Aires with a day or two to spare must see and fish the nearby Paraná River Delta, just 45-minutes from the city. Dorado specialist Noel Pollak will be your host at the first fly-fishing lodge operation in the region. The unique fishery allows you to cast within view of city skyscrapers or tuck inside braided wetlands teeming with Golden Dorado and Tarariras (the Wolf Fish). You'll also see spectacular wildlife amid the lush indigenous vegetation. Top-shelf fly-fishing equipment is included, as well as the delicious Argentine meals and all-inclusive drinks Nervous Waters is known for. Delta Fishing trips deliver an exquisite natural experience, located just a short double-haul from the cultural epicenter of Buenos Aires. Let us show you this special getaway.

**Location:** *Buenos Aires, Argentina*

**Target species:** *Golden Dorado & native species*

**Season:** *October to May*

**Capacity:** *8 guests (up to 6 anglers)*

**Major air hub:** *Buenos Aires*

**Equipment:** *Single handed fly-fishing rods*

**Fishing method:** *Deck of the boat & wading*











## 6. NORTHERN PATAGONIA LODGE

### PATAGONIA'S LEGENDARY WATERS

Edging the idyllic Chimehuín River, Northern Patagonia Lodge's location in the heart of Northern Patagonia makes it a strategic hub for visiting anglers from around the world. In addition to floating and wade-fishing our namesake river, you'll also find incomparable trout fishing on the nearby Collón Curá and Aluminé rivers, as well as on trophy lakes such as Huechulafquen, Paimún, Tromen, and Curruhé. Off the water, relax in style – enjoying ultimate service, excellent cuisine, and a full selection of Argentina's renowned wines back at the lodge. Or take advantage of our two-night deluxe tent camp options for a true one-of-a-kind Patagonia experience.

**Location:** *Junín de los Andes, Argentina*

**Target species:** *Rainbow & brown trout*

**Season:** *December to April*

**Capacity:** *12 anglers*

**Major air hub:** *San Martín de los Andes*

**Equipment:** *Single handed fly-fishing rods*

**Fishing method:** *Drifting on boats & wading*









*Go back to basics with the Unplugged camps experience alongside our partners from PRG, including a high level of service and amenities, as well as the possibility to fish unpressured waters.*

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*Nervous Waters: The Angling Collection*

## 7. FUTA LODGE

### THE MAGIC VALLEY

Across the border from Esquel, Argentina, and hemmed in by the dense Coihue forests of the Tenth Region of Chile, you'll find the mighty Futaleufú. Its name means "Big River" in the native Tehuelche language. And it's an apt description for this glacial-fed giant that houses a renowned rainbow and brown trout fishery. Through the season, resident trout key on mayfly, caddisfly, stonefly, and terrestrial hatches, while anglers explore endless miles of classic fly water in search of exceptional fish. Join us at Futa for a fly-fishing experience the way nature intended immaculate and all-consuming.

**Location:** *Futaleufú, Chile*

**Target species:** *Rainbow & brown trout*

**Season:** *December to March*

**Capacity:** *8 guests (up to 6 anglers)*

**Major air hub:** *Esquel*

**Equipment:** *Single handed fly-fishing rods*

**Fishing method:** *Drifting on boats & wading*











## 8. BAIR'S LODGE

### IN THE BONEFISHING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Stalk tailing bonefish on the world-famous flats and marls of South Andros Island — the first choice of seasoned Bonefish anglers in pursuit of the most productive and scenic flats the Bahamas offers. Bair's Lodge is ideally located within striking distance of the remote south and west-side fisheries, while also offering wind reprieve across endless miles of flats in the adjacent creeks. Our lodge has come to represent the benchmark in terms of quality guiding, delicious food, comfortable accommodations, and courteous hospitality.

**Location:** *South Andros, Bahamas*

**Target species:** *Bonefish, Permit & Tarpon*

**Season:** *October to June*

**Capacity:** *12 anglers*

**Major air hub:** *South Andros*

**Equipment:** *Single handed fly-fishing rods*

**Fishing method:** *Deck of the boat & wading*









## 9. ABACO LODGE

### ON THE MARLS

Abaco Lodge is the only fly-fishing operation with direct access to the vast Marls of Abaco, one of bonefishing's most storied destinations — an expansive, unpressured flats system with unrivaled numbers of bonefish. Twenty fish days are not uncommon, with 200 square miles of prime habitat awaiting anglers. Abaco's Marls-side headquarters also means no trailering, no fuel stops, and more time fishing. Push back from the breakfast table and walk to the dock, where the island's most knowledgeable guides and our fleet of Hell's Bay flats skiffs greet you. Back on dry land private rooms, fine dining, and attentive service ensure ultimate comfort after a full day's fishing.

**Location:** *Great Abaco Island, Bahamas*

**Target species:** *Bonefish, Permit & Tarpon*

**Season:** *October to June*

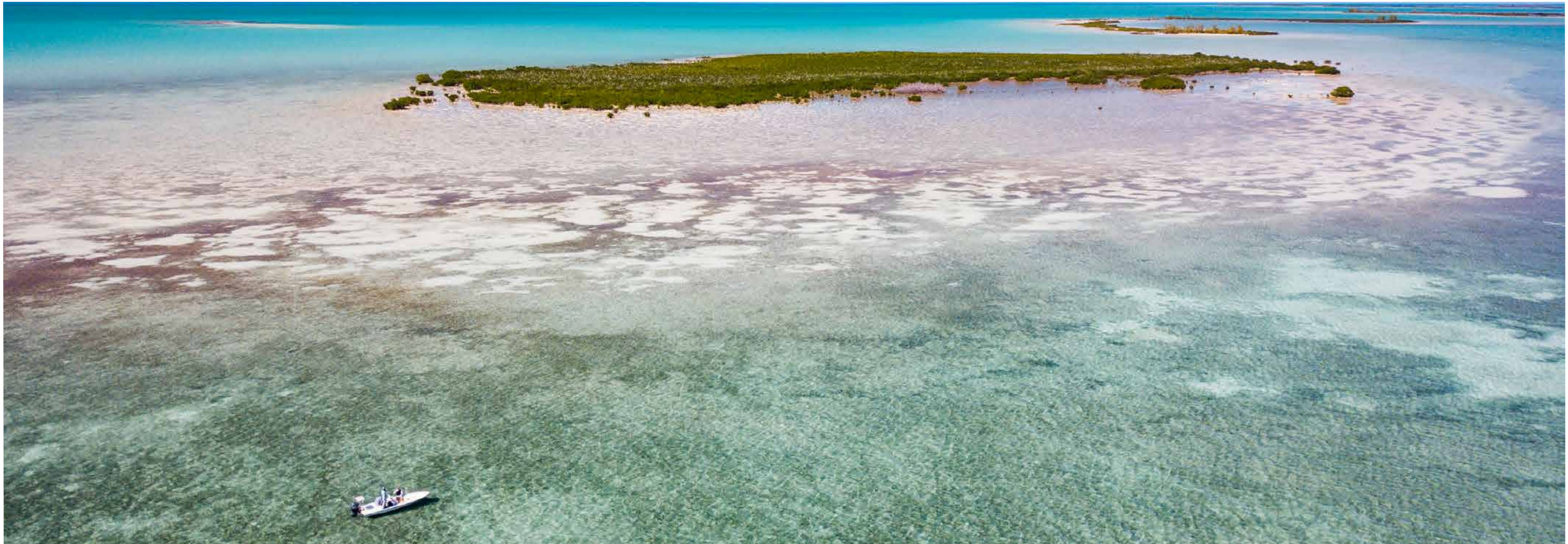
**Capacity:** *12 anglers*

**Major air hub:** *Marsh Harbour*

**Equipment:** *Single handed fly-fishing rods*

**Fishing method:** *Deck of the boat & wading*





*Abaco Lodge is the sole bonefishing resort in the Marls, an immense area enveloped by a designated National Park; inside its perimeters lives one of the top-rated bonefisheries in the Bahamas.*









*Paraná River Outfitters*  
A BIGGER DORADO EXPERIENCE

*Endorsed by Nervous Waters*

PRO melds Nervous Waters, one of Argentina's most renowned outfitters, with some of the finest Golden Dorado guides worldwide. Situated in the middle section of the Río Paraná – South America's second-longest river and watershed – this subtropical winter fishery (June to November) targets the peak of the river's legendary Dorado migration. The annual inflow of Sábalo brings the season to life. Aggressive Dorado gorge on the baitfish, growing to sizes of 10 to 40+ lbs. After two full years of scouting, our guides are keyed in on the habits and habitats of these formidable and complex fish. You'll sight-fish to monsters prowling the river's long sandbars, explore remote backwater creeks, and you'll cover everything from woody structure to cut-banks and deep channels.

**Location:** *Corrientes, Argentina*

**Target species:** *Golden Dorado*

**Season:** *June to November*

**Capacity:** *10 anglers*

**Major air hub:** *Corrientes & Resistencia*

**Equipment:** *Single handed fly-fishing rods & spinning*

**Fishing method:** *Deck of the boat & wading*



*Situated in the middle section of the Río Paraná, you'll explore remote backwater creeks and fish every structure the river offers, from submerged trees to cut-banks and deep channels.*







*A collection of family-owned sporting lodges*

### OUR OTHER SPORTING LODGES

*The Kautapen Group is a collection of 24 fishing and hunting lodges throughout Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and The Bahamas. Since 1984 we've built decades of experience in high-end sporting travel, and we are proud to offer a level of service at our properties that matches the finest boutique hotels in the world, each with its own personality: Attention to detail is our highest priority both in the lodge and in the field. Each property has been carefully selected to give our guests direct access to the highest quality sporting opportunities, and luxurious accommodations that allow guests to unwind and recharge after the day's adventures.*



### SEASONS BY SPECIES

#### ARGENTINA, CHILE & URUGUAY

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SEA-RUN BROWN TROUT	••	••	••									•
DORADO	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
PACÚ	••	••	••	••	••				•	••	•	•
PIRÁ PITÁ	••	••	••	••	••				•	••	•	•
BROWN TROUT	••	••	••	••	••						••	••
RAINBOW TROUT	••	••	••	••	••						••	••

DOVES	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
PERDÍZ					••	••	••	••	•			
DUCKS					••	••	••					
PIGEON				•	••	••	••	••	••	•		

WILD BLACK BUCK					••	••	••	••	••	••	••	•
AXIS DEER					••	••	••	••	••	••	••	•
RED STAG			••	••	••	•						
FALLOW DEER			••	••	••	•						
WILD BOAR					••	••	••	••	••	••	••	•

#### BAHAMAS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BONEFISH	••	••	••	••	••	••	•			••	••	••

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