

Argentina Trout Trip in Northern Patagonia

Spring Creek Lodge & Limay River Float Combo

Saturday February 24th to Sunday March 4th

DAY 1 Saturday February 24th: Arrive to Chapelco Airport and Transfer to Spring Creek Lodge – Lunch & Relax – Chimehuin River Float Trip – Wine Tasting & Welcome Dinner

At your arrival to San Martin de los Andes Local Airport (CPC) your guide will be waiting for you to privately drive you to Spring Creek Lodge.

This lodge is Located on the Banks of the Chimehuin River near the town of Junín de los Andes and 40 minutes away of San Martin de los Andes. The lodge is very nice with great food and service.

The facilities are 6 independent Chalet units where you will be accommodated. Each unit has their own two rooms and one full bathroom, large sitting area and covered porch around a group of lagoons overlooking the Lanin Volcano. So every angler will have his own private room.

The meals will be served at the Club house and common meeting area, which is, a large comfortable dining room along with a bar and sitting area.



After enjoying a delicious welcome Lunch Reception it will be the perfect time to break the ice with Argentine trout, we will do a short float on the waters of famous Chimehuin River waiting for the evening hatch. This river is famous by having the best mayflies hatches of the region and we will be trying to catch some of the chunky brown trout that leave on this waters.

This evening when back at the Lodge it will be the perfect timing to enjoy of Argentina Wine's tasting. You will enjoy an introduction to our wines regions and sample each area with a representative wine label. You will learn some about our wines and the variety and richness of our vineyards. Afterwards the Chef will surprise the group with one of his gourmet creations for dinner, of course accompany for some more of the best wines of our country.



Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

Meals: *Wine Tasting & Welcome Dinner*, at Spring Creek

DAY 2 Sunday February 25th: Alumine River Float Trip – Dinner at Spring Creek Lodge

This is a large size stream that runs from north to south on a depth canyon on the foothill of the Andes. Today we will float a section of 8 miles of this great stream looking for rainbows and brown trout in a range 18 to 20 inches. This section of the stream is ideal for those who enjoy trying different techniques. We will have suitable water to sight fish for rising trout, drifting and searching until spot those rising fish. Then we will have time to slowly cover the riffles with hopper and droppers; resulting this lot of times as a very effective technique. And then for those who are enthusiastic of streamers fishing we will have the chance to tempt some of the large brown trout of this stream.



Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

Meals: *Breakfast*, at the Lodge *Lunch*, riverside and *Dinner*, at Spring Creek

DAY 3 Monday February 26th: Walk & wade the upper Malleo River – Local Folk Music Band for dinner at Spring Creek Lodge

Malleo River is famous as one of the best streams of Northern Patagonia for dry flies. This river is a medium size one populated with rainbows and browns in average 16 to 20 inches hiding some trophy brown trout in every corner. We will head to the upper stretched of the stream where some of the best trout of this stream hide.

Your guide will take lunch on a backpack and you will enjoy of a day walking with the amazing view of Lanin volcano behind you all the time. We will fish a mixed of small terrestrials dry flies with some good hoppers and the white water riffles edges.



This evening after fishing the magic time, we will return to Spring Creek to enjoy another delicious dinner while enjoy the private performance of Las Voces del Lanin, this Local Band will perform different style of music from Argentina and South America.



Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

Meals: *Breakfast*, at the Lodge *Lunch*, river side and *Dinner*, at Spring Creek

DAY 4 Tuesday February 27th: Lake Tromen Sight Fishing with Dries for Rainbows, Browns and Brook Trout – Evening Tango Dancing Show & Dinner at the Lodge

This morning we will head northwest near the border with Chile and right on the base of Lanin Volcano to spend the day fishing at Lake Tromen. This beautiful, natural lake of glacial origin is the natural source of water for the Malleo River and is features pristine and crystal-clear waters. You will be able to spot large rainbows, browns and even brook trout on the different shore structures, creating sight fishing opportunities.

We will stop at a beautiful secluded beach for lunch where you will have the chance to catch some trout from shore while enjoying a picnic and contemplating views of the Lanin Volcano.

This evening after we return to Spring Creek Lodge we will enjoy a second wine tasting, this time focusing on discovering the other world class grapes that our country can produce on diverse regions such as Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabert Sauvignon, Syrah, Tempranillo, etc. We will select four different labels to walk you along the diverse regions of Argentina once again.



Tonight when we are back at the Lodge we will be treated to a Tango Dancing Show. Local dancers Marcos & Analia will surprise us with their abilities and magic of the tango, followed by another delicious dinner.



Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

Meals: *Breakfast*, at the Lodge *Lunch*, river side and *Dinner*, at Spring Creek

DAY 5 Wednesday February 28th through DAY 8 Saturday March 3rd - Limay Medio River four (4) Days Float Trip

The morning of DAY 2 after enjoying breakfast we will check out Hosteria El Ciervo to start with our four (4) days float trip with 3 nights camping on the river islands with our Deluxe Camp Service.

The Float

We will be floating a total distance of 29 miles on daily section between 7 to 9 miles, combining fishing from our boats as much as wading on great runs and pools.

Every day by evening time we will reach Andes Drifters deluxe camp site. A crew ahead of us will set up tent with cots; inflatable mattress and sleeping bags good for 0 degrees. The camp facilities will provide hot water and hot shower. Toilet tent will be available. Electric power by generator will provide lights to the entire camp and will be available for you to charge any electronic device like cameras, tablets, etc. Also a dinning tent with drinks and Hors D'oeuvres will be waiting for us at our arrival. All of this will be followed by a Patagonian Lamb cook the iron cross at "the gaucho style" accompany with great wines and fresh salads or a traditional Argentine asado as other regional exquisites prepared by the camp master Chef. Then we will enjoy of the firewood and the majestic sky full of stars as only in Patagonia is possible to see.





We will be floating the best section of Limay Medio in search of large migratory brown and rainbow trout that populate this river. We will be stopping on Andes Drifters deluxe camp sites every night located on a different island of the river.

The Fishing

The Limay Medio River is a tail water river of very large size. Starting as drain from the bottom of the upstream reservoir with a 700 feet dam wall; it provides very stable water temperature and gin clear water that create an ideal environment for fish populations.

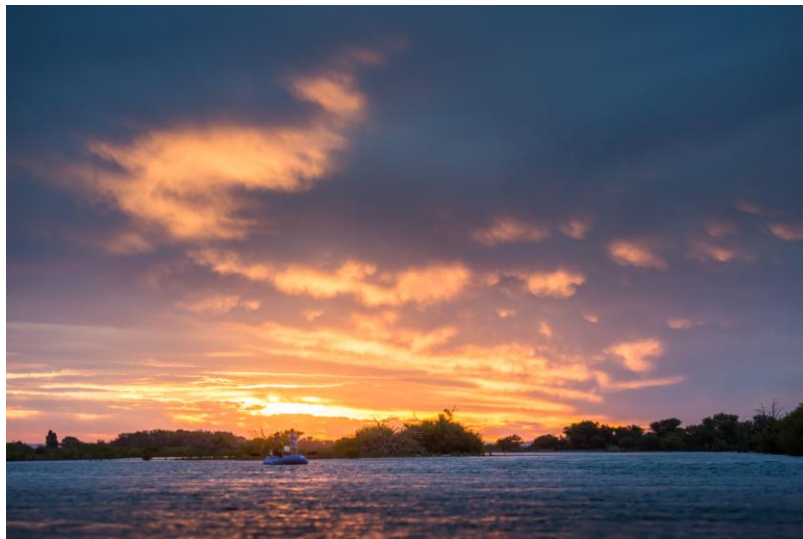
Among the trout this river is home of several minnows and mid size fish species that find a great environment to grow and survive on this river. These species such as pueyen, pejerrey, brage aterciopelado (similar to sculpin) and otuno are the main meals and the reason for these trout to grown this healthy and reach this tremendous size. The first two species, pejerrey and puyen, do every year a massive spawning migration by early summer from different parts of the river to the huge Reservoir where river flows to. Later on by middle summer (early February) this minnows already spawned return to their home in the main river and generates lot of migratory trout to follow these schools with millions of individual minnows.

All these are the reasons why when we fish Limay we are not fishing on a traditional spawning migration situation. We are fishing on migratory fish that are on the stream to feed and take advantage of incredible source of food; generating very aggressive fish. This feature also makes the migration be a lot more predictable not been dependable on water levels and temperatures.

We will be targeting migratory brown trout in a range 6 to 18 pounds and migratory rainbow trout in a range 4 to 9 pounds. A resident population of rainbows and browns it will be another very attractive reason that will keep our fun going with fish that average 18 to 24 inches and have the same spectacular strength than the migratory ones. Fun will be assured.

We will be combining two different techniques to feature these trout. First we will be covering pools and runs with shooting heads and swing slim minnows pattern that will be matching two different minnow species that populate this river. Second we will be covering drop-offs and riffle's edges with floating lines; here we will be using floating minnow patterns (popping on the surface) that will carry tinny minnows as trailers. This last technique is really visual and exciting as its gets.

Floating Minnows Action – Drop Off Panic <https://vimeo.com/153788221>



Lodging: Three (3) nights at Andes Drifters Deluxe Camp on Middle Limay River islands

Meals: *Breakfast*, at camp; *Lunch*, river side and *Dinner*, at camp. The dinners menu will be a combination of traditional Argentine meals, all of them mainly cook on the fire wood; such as lamb on the cross, the Argentinean asado, chicken on the disco, etc. of course all of them will be daily serve with variety of side dishes and fresh salads. Tasty desserts and the best Argentine Malbec's will be on the table every night

DAY 8 Saturday March 3rd End of Limay River Float – Transfer to Neuquén City – Howard Johnson Hotel – Dinner at Hotel Restaurant

After our last day floating the Limay (which will be a full day float) we will take out and drive to Neuquén City, located one and half hours distance. This Airport is served by two Airlines (LAN and Aerolineas) that will conveniently allow you to fly to Buenos Aires early next morning.

We will reach our takeout where a Van will be waiting for the group to be privately driven to Neuquén. We will spend the night hosted by one of the Andes Drifters guides staying at Howard Johnson Hotel next to Neuquén Airport. We will enjoy a delicious good bye dinner where you can share and talk about the memories of the trip.



Lodging: at Howard Johnson Hotel in Neuquén

Meals: *Breakfast*, at Camp; *Lunch*, at river side and *Dinner*, at Howard Johnson Hotel Restaurant

DAY 9 Sunday March 4th Fly from Neuquén to Buenos Aires and the Back Home

This morning after your breakfast at the Hotel you will be privately driven to Neuquén Airport in order to take your return flight to Buenos Aires.'

This trip of 8 nights and 8 fishing days has a cost of \$5,975 per person per person based on single rooms and tents plus shared guide and boat every 2 anglers

PROGRAMS RATES INCLUDE

- The full services of Professional Fishing guides (one guide per every two anglers), camp assistances and drivers
- Fishing License
- All lodging as describe on the itinerary
- All meals, soft drinks, beer and wine
- All transport during the trip will be with fully equipped 4x4 wheel drive vehicles
- Airport transfer in Buenos Aires from to Local Airport, International Airport and Hotel

PROGRAMS RATES EXCLUDE

- Accommodations prior to and after the fishing program describe
- Local and International Flights
- Laundry. *This will be available at Spring Creek Lodge for a cost of \$15 per bag of clothes*
- Gratuities