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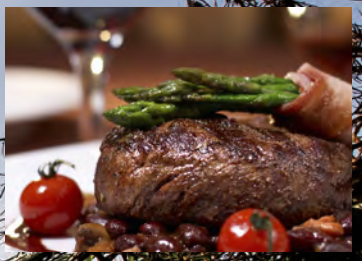
ARGENTINA – URUGUAY

# HUNT ARGENTINA OR URUGUAY!



- *Five hunters*
- *Five days/five nights*
- *Classic South American cuisine*
- *Argentinian wine and beer*
- *Spacious accommodations*

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**Congratulations! We hope you are excited about coming to Argentina or Uruguay for a wingshooting experience of a lifetime. We are going to do everything we possibly can to make your visit the best that it can be. Although your hunt may either be a donated hunt or a special events hunt, we want to assure you that there will be no difference whatsoever in the hunts, the quality of services, the accommodations, the culinary delights, the spirits, or our usual charming wit. The overall experience will be identical to one of our regular full figure hunts. In order that we may assist with special needs or unique requirements please feel free to share with us any specific dietary restrictions or any physical limitations related to specific hunters. We don't tolerate finicky eaters and we can't do much for poor eyesight when it comes to bird alibis, but we can guarantee plenty of opportunities to practice and improve!**

**Let us emphasize a few things. We are able to offer this hunt package due to the fact that bringing hunters to our lodges gives us an opportunity to demonstrate our excellence and to keep our lodges fully operational. This hunt has been provided as a dove hunt and is not designed for non-hunters. This is primarily a dove hunting trip, but we can arrange other types of wingshooting during certain times of the year. There are additional costs for these special kinds of arrangements and extra hunt opportunities need to be scheduled to precede or follow the confirmed dove hunting week. We need to know as quickly as possible if there are special hunt requests. This dove hunt was donated for five (5) hunters. It is possible that we might be able to add additional hunters depending on guest capacity for the specific week you are scheduled. There will be an additional charge of $850 total for each additional hunter for the entire hunt. If a non-hunter is part of the group, there will be a supplementary fee of $1,450 per non-hunter for the week. The possibility of adding additional hunters/non-hunters or any other scheduling issue/request needs to be coordinated with/through Brian or Kristy Espy (reserve@mgwoutfitters.com or 334-569-9624 or 334-569-9724). Due to various logistical considerations, it is impractical for us to coordinate and maintain this type of scheduling while here in Cordoba, Argentina and Soriano, Uruguay. Therefore, please use Mr. or Mrs. Espy as your initial and ongoing contact point for hunt preparation, orientation, travel tips, date swapping potential, additional hunters, or special hunting possibilities. Please remember this hunt has been purchased for fundraising purposes and is not transferable without the express written consent of Brian or Kristy Espy. For additional information, please visit our website at mgwoutfitters.com. We look forward to enjoying the experience with you and making new friends and we hope you come back in the future.**

**Ariel Goldman/Junior Maers/John Whiddon**

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# High Volume Dove Hunt
# Cordoba, Argentina or Soriano, Uruguay

- This Dove hunt is for five (5) "hunters"
  - The actual value of this hunt is $14,000 ($2,800 per hunter).
  - Hunters may be added on a space available basis for an additional modest, discounted fee of $850/hunter. If a non-hunter is part of the original 5 there will be a supplementary fee of $1,450 per non-hunter for the week.
- 5 days/5 nights of wingshooting in the best dove hunting region in the world with no limit on doves.
- Other wingshooting opportunities available – see General Questions and Answers
- Sporting arm is shotgun. (20 ga Benelli Montefeltros are available for rent)
- Soft drinks and water provided during the hunt - Open bar after the hunt. Based off of insurance requirements, safety considerations, convenience and courtesy to other staff or hunters, MGW reserves the right to restrict the use of alcohol in certain conditions or situations at the discretion of whomever is running the lodge.
- You will enjoy the accommodations at one of several MGW lodges. The lodges are all conveniently located and are easily accessible. The lodges routinely share two beds per room with air conditioning/heat and large bathrooms and showers. At the La Volanta lodging location, the rooms are extremely large and we regularly bring a 3rd bed into the room in order to accommodate an additional hunter. We always attempt to make the group leader aware of these circumstances prior to arrival and at the time of booking confirmation. 2 beds per room are used at all other lodging locations.
- When hunting is over for the day:
  - Relax in the swimming pool (weather permitting)
  - Enjoy traditional dining alternating among anticipated beef selections, typical native cuisine, and fine Malbec wines (many hunters come as much for the desserts as they do the birds).
- Group Transportation to and from the fields during the hunts, field guides, gun cleaning, and laundry services at the lodge are all included in this hunt package.
- Not included in this offer: airfare, ground transportation to and from the airport and shotgun shells (see pricing below), gun permits if you are bringing a firearm into the country, gun rental ($75/hunter/day), license ($375/hunter in Argentina & $395/hunter in Uruguay - 5-day license required), and discretionary staff gratuities.

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| Premium Shotgun Shells | | Premium Shotgun Shells | |
| $17/box | US Cash paid in Argentina | $17/box | US Cash paid in Uruguay |
| $18/box | Personal Check paid in Argentina | $18/box | Personal Check paid in Uruguay |
| $19/box | Credit Card paid in Argentina | $19/box | Credit Card paid in Uruguay (Visa only) |
| | No Prepayment options in Argentina | $17/box | Prepayment – min. 100 boxes/hunter – Check or Credit Card (3.5% convenience fee) |
| Airport Roundtrip Transportation | | Airport Roundtrip Transportation | |
| $125/person | US Cash paid in Argentina | $250/person | US Cash paid in Uruguay |
| $135/person | Personal Check paid in Argentina | $270/person | Personal Check paid in Uruguay |
| $140/person | Credit Card paid in Argentina | $280/person | Credit Card paid in Uruguay (Visa only) |
| No Prepayment Options are Available for Roundtrip Airport Transportation | | | |

- **The hunt must be taken within 2 years of the date of purchase/event. If the hunt cannot be taken within 2 years, the purchaser may extend their options by paying a $150/hunter extension fee. If a hunt group cancels their confirmed hunt date within 90-days of departure, there will be a $250/hunter re-booking and extension fee. This hunt is not transferable without written consent of the outfitter's agent, Brian or Kristy Espy.**
- **Within 2-weeks of obtaining the hunt, the purchaser should contact: Brian or Kristy Espy (reserve@mgwoutfitters.com 334-569-9624 or 334-569-9724) for initial hunt scheduling and additional information.**
- **HUNT RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH BRIAN OR KRISTY ESPY WITHIN **SIXTY (60) DAYS** FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE. IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THE BOOKING DATE, MGW MUST BE IN RECEIPT OF THE LICENSE FEES FOR EACH HUNTER. IF THE GROUP CANCELS WITHIN 90-DAYS OF DEPARTURE, THE GROUP FORFEITS THEIR LICENSE FEES. IF THE GROUP CANCELS OUTSIDE OF 90 DAYS, THE LICENSE FEES WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL. IF THE GROUP RESCHEDULES, THE LICENSE FEES WILL APPLY TO THE EXTENDED PERIOD.**
- ***Costs in this package may be subject to minor modifications due to governmental changes or economic mandates.***

# GENERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. **Beyond what I have already paid for the hunt what additional costs will I incur?**
   a) ***Airfare: We recommend that you reserve your hunt dates as quickly as possible after purchasing the hunt, and immediately book flights to obtain the best itineraries and prices.***
   b) ***Gratuities for field guides, hunt guides/coordinators, drivers, laundry services, gun cleaning and lodge staff. Massage services are extra and require a 24-hr notice. Please note that gratuities are strictly discretionary. A high percentage of our hunters are normally generous and appreciative of the high level of service that they receive and tip a larger amount than what is outlined below:***
      i. ***Each hunter individually tips their field guide at the end of the week (as a rule of thumb, typically around $50/day)***
      ii. ***At the end of each week each hunter generally provides the outfitter with a discretionary gratuity in the range of $200 - $300 for the entire week to be dispersed among all staff, including drivers, other than field guides***
   c) ***Hunting licenses are $375 in Argentina and $395 in Uruguay for the entire hunt week. Hunting licenses for the group are purchased at time of booking in order to confirm the selected dates. If the group cancels within 90-days of departure, the group forfeits their license fees. If the group cancels outside of 90-days, the license fees will be refunded in full. If the group reschedules, the license fees will apply to the extended period. Note: it is acceptable if a hunter or group decides not to hunt all 5 days. However, all hunters will be charged for a minimum 5-day hunting license. The license may be paid using either a credit card (plus a 3.5% convenience fee) or a check.***
   d) ***Gun rental (optional) $75/day ($85/day if using a credit card). Hunters will only be charged for the days they actually rent the gun.***
   e) ***Shells – see the pricing chart below and please see question #4 and answer.***
   f) ***Transportation to and from Cordoba, Argentina or from Montevideo to Soriano, Uruguay – see pricing chart below.***
   g) ***If the hunting group has added additional individuals beyond the original number purchased there is a $850 per hunter charge for the entire hunt stay. If a non-hunter is part of the group there will be a supplementary fee of $1,450 per non-hunter for the week. *<u>Please see question #9 and answer.</u>***
   h) ***For special request hunts beyond the scheduled dove hunts there will be a prearranged agreement between outfitter and hunter(s). <u>*Please see question # 8 and answer</u>***

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2. **How do I pay for my expenses at the end of the week?**
   ***Cash in US currency will always be accepted and should be used for gratuities for field guides and other lodge staff. Personal checks or credit cards may be used with a convenience fee applied. All major credit cards are accepted in Argentina while only Visa is accepted in Uruguay.***
3. **Do I need to exchange US dollars for pesos?**
   ***No - US dollars are accepted throughout Argentina and Uruguay (100 dollar bills are preferred and change is available).***
4. ***MGW attempts to use only premium shells. Our experience with less expensive shells is that they are inferior and they do not work as well in autoloaders. Hunters come a considerable distance to hunt and for only a slight monetary difference, most have indicated that they prefer to keep hunting and enjoying themselves instead of being frustrated with unreliable shells that cause gun malfunctions and jams. Please note that the cost per box is subject to slight fluctuations due to lead and powder market conditions, government regulations, or taxes.***
5. **What kind of Shotguns are available for rental?**
   ***The guns we typically use for rental are Benelli 20 gauges in Argentina and a variety of 20 gauges in Uruguay (Benelli and Franchi) as well as 28 gauge O/U options. Due to the increases in registering foreign firearms and additional hassles upon arrival in Argentina or Uruguay, there is little cost savings in bringing your own shotgun. However, if you have an unusual gun fit, a favorite type of gun or prefer to shoot a 28 gauge in Argentina or smaller bore then you probably should consider bringing your own firearm. If you decide to bring your own firearm(s) it is highly recommended that, in addition to your*** **FIREARM REGISTRATION FORM**, ***you should also have in your possession a completed and "Certified"*** **Customs Form 4457, CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS TAKEN ABROAD** **& the** **REGISTRO NACIONAL de ARMAS y EXPLOSIVOS** ***if traveling to Argentina. We recommend that you bring 3 hand written copies of each form (NO photocopies!) and 3 blank copies of each Argentine form. If you are bringing a gun you should plan to clear customs in Cordoba (We STRONGLY suggest that you do not connect in Buenos Aires, and you should contact us for guidance before purchasing your airfare as you should remain on the same airline). The following information should be provided no later than 45 days from departure - failure to provide this information within this time frame may result in your firearm not clearing customs. We need to know the Make, Model, Serial #, Gauge, Number of Barrels, and the address where the gun is registered. In the case of a semi-automatic shotgun, we will need a copy of the form obtained from the Argentine Consulate Office. Offices are located in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, New York City, Houston, and Chicago. Double Barrel guns are not required to obtain this form. No additional forms are required if entering Montevideo, Uruguay – the outfitter handles all of the paperwork. If bringing guns into Uruguay, you may bring up to 3 guns per hunter at a rate of $250/hunter paid to the lodge.***
6. **What is the best way to get to Cordoba or Montevideo?**
   ***There are many routes available, but if you are coming just to hunt doves we recommend that you attempt to make connections that will allow you to fly directly into Cordoba (COR) or Montevideo (MVD) and clear customs. This is critical if you are bringing your own firearms (please contact us directly if you are planning to bring a firearm before you purchase your airfare). MGW cannot be held responsible to assist any hunter attempting to bring guns into Argentina through Buenos Aires. The most popular connecting cities in order of preference are Miami, FL (MIA), Santiago, Chile (SCL), Lima, Peru (LIM), Panama City, Panama (PTY), or the Buenos Aires International Airport (EZE) (avoid AEP – the Buenos Aires Domestic Airport). *Hunters should plan their travel to arrive in COR or MVD on a Monday and depart on a Saturday. Pickup times in Cordoba on Monday are available from 7 AM – 7PM. Pickup from the airport in Montevideo is at 11AM – earlier arrivals will be provided with a city tour while waiting for later groups. If your group wishes to hunt in Argentina on Monday afternoon, please plan to arrive by 9:30 AM (early as possible if hunting in May-August). Please confirm which airport should be your final destination based on the lodge that you are visiting. Hunters may leave prior to Saturday but are still subject to the 5-day license fee. It is recommended that hunters coordinate the schedule of their arrival and departure times. Departures from the lodge on Saturday begins at 4 AM and the last transportation service leaves at 11 AM. Due to the distance to the airport from Estancia Ninette in Uruguay (4.5 hrs), there is generally only one transport to airport. Those departing later than the earliest departing group may have the option to hunt on Saturday or receive a tour of Montevideo and lunch.***
7. **How do I contact the Outfitter once I arrive at the Airport?**
   ***The COR and MVD airports are extremely modest. Once you exit the plane, go to the immigration area. Once your Passport has been stamped you will exit the immigration station and enter the baggage claim area. Once you claim your luggage (often baggage handlers identify MGW clients and you will receive priority service with baggage handling and Customs) and clear the Customs area, you will be identified through the bag tags and MGW Outfitter hats that you will be provided and greeted by the Outfitter's representative. You will then be transported to the lodge. Approximately 2-weeks prior to your departure 2 bag tags and 1 hat per hunter will be provided to the group leader. Approximately 1-week prior to departure, contact/emergency information will be provided to the group leader.***

8. **Is it possible to hunt something other than doves during the scheduled hunt week?**
   ***Other wingshooting opportunities are possible, but these hunts are strictly supplemental and need to be scheduled to precede or follow the scheduled dove hunting week. These opportunities have limited availability so your interest in such hunting opportunities should be expressed early in the planning process.***
9. **What do I need to do if I want to add additional hunters beyond the original number purchased?**
   ***The first thing that needs to be done immediately after the purchase of a hunt is to contact BRIAN or KRISTY ESPY in order to determine available open hunt weeks, and reserve your selection. The availability of additional slots beyond the original number purchased is dependent entirely on existing available slots at the time of contact and the receipt of $850 per additional person. All hunt bookings are reserved on a first come first served basis. In order to add additional hunters, a check should be made out to Whiddon Wingshooting and the phrase "add hunter(s) - Group Leader's Name" placed in the memo line. The check should be mailed to Brian & Kristy Espy, 124 Reid Cir, Deatsville, AL 36022. A credit card payment can be arranged also.***
10. **Are there better times than others to shoot doves in Argentina or Uruguay?**
    ***No, the birds are there all year long! You should have an opportunity at your calendar's convenience to shoot until your heart's content! Argentina and Uruguay's season is open throughout the year. A 10-yr average temperature chart has been provided to assist you with your weather considerations. Please note that there is not a wet or dry season.***
11. **What communication capabilities are available at the lodge?**
    ***The lodges have satellite cable connection and Wi-Fi capabilities. Also, the outfitters have phones available if an unusual or emergency situation arises and a call needs to be made to the states. We have found that International Texting works well out in the field and the application "What'sApp" installed on your device in airplane mode works best for verbal communication using the Wi-Fi in the lodge.***
12. **Do we need to bring electrical adaptors for our appliances?**
    ***Our La Volanta lodge is capable of handling both US and other types of electrical connections, but you should bring an adaptor if you are hunting out of any other location. However, we recommend that you bring an adaptor for international travel purposes while in the airport or other locations abroad away from the lodge. Please note that Uruguay and Argentina use different plugs so make sure that you bring the correct adaptor. You may consider bringing a converter if the device that you plan to bring does not have a converter built into the plug (most electronic devices have this feature built in).***
13. **Does the Outfitter have a fully stocked bar?**
    ***We feature premium Argentine beer and outstanding red Malbec wines. Red liquors especially American/Canadian bourbons, whiskeys and blends are difficult to obtain in Argentina and Uruguay. Therefore, if that is your beverage of choice, we would recommend that you pick up your favorite brand at the Duty Free store located within the airport at your connecting flight prior to arrival into Argentina or Uruguay. (If you want to make Junior or Ariel really happy, you can always throw in a package of grits, mixed nuts, Worcestershire sauce, or your favorite hot sauce in your luggage which are all difficult to obtain in South America). In addition, based off of insurance requirements, safety considerations, convenience and courtesy to other staff or hunters, MGW reserves the right to restrict the use of alcohol in certain conditions or situations at the discretion of whomever is running the lodge.***
14. **Which lodge will my group and I be staying in?**
    ***MGW uses discretion to determine the best lodging facility for your group to provide the best experience possible. Factors that determine the location are weather forecasts for the scheduled hunt week, group size and quality of the expected hunt based on bird scouting reports, other hunt opportunities planned to precede or follow the scheduled dove hunt, etc. That said, at the time of booking, you will have the opportunity to select the lodge that most interest you, but in rare cases, due to reasons mentioned above, we sometimes must make an alteration to the initially planned lodge. Each group should know that we have your best interests in mind when making any last minute changes to the pre-determined plans and the quality of the hunt, culinary delights or the overall experience will not be compromised.***
15. **Is there anything else to do during the hunt week outside of hunting?**
    ***This is a hunting trip, designed for hunters. We are not set up to accommodate general tourists. That said, we cater to the needs of hunters before, during and after the hunt and do not have the staff available to conduct general tours, etc.***
16. **If I have other questions about hunts, the lodge, travel, weather, etc. who do I contact?**
    ***The quickest and best way to get your initial questions answered is to first contact:***
    **BRIAN OR KRISTY ESPY 334-569-9624 or 334-569-9724 reserve@mgwoutfitters.com**

17. **What are the essential items that I need to take on the trip**
    a. ***Ear & Eye protection***
    b. ***Shoulder/recoil protection (we have found that Evo Shield makes the best pad – the Shooter Shield (which has been discontinued and difficult to find), Cabela's and Beretta also make shirts that have a pouch for a recoil pad – we recommend a tight shirt to limit the amount that the pad may slide around)***
    c. ***Sun block & insect repellent wipes (optional)***
    d. ***Band-Aids, medical and electrical tape, or (anything to prevent the rubbing of a blister)***
    e. ***Shooting vest, shell pouch, or shooting coat***
        i. ***Items 'd' & 'e' are not necessary if you allow your field guide to load your shotgun***
    f. ***Cap, visor, or some sort of head protection for sun***
    g. ***Shooting gloves – we have found the FootJoy Rain Grip golf gloves to be most effective***
    h. ***Lightweight, comfortable boots (comfortable, waterproof hiking boots are ideal)***
    i. ***Lightweight ("Under Armour" type) layered clothing for cool weather shooting***
    j. ***Light rain gear just in case***
18. **Do I need to be able to speak Spanish?**
    ***No – the outfitters who run the lodge speak fluent English. However, if you want to enhance your trip abroad try communicating with the lodge and field staff in their native language. It will be fun and make the trip even more enjoyable. Laughter is the same in any language. Here are a few phrases and words to get you started. Keep in mind the single most important phrase you need to remember is: "Como se dice?" which means, "How do you say?" Then you can point to a tree or a table or any object and learn the word. Some other useful things to learn might be:***
    a. ***Tengo sed "I'm thirsty"***
    b. ***Tengo hambre "I'm hungry"***
    c. ***Que hora es? "What time is it?"***
    d. ***Necessito el cuarto de bano "I need a restroom"***
    e. ***La paloma esta muerta! "Dead Dove!"***
19. **How do I need to handle the COVID-19 protocols for entry and exit of the country?**
    ***COVID-19 protocols are ever changing and steadily declining. For this reason, you will be provided with instructions as time nears for your departure.***

*** <u>REMEMBER THAT THESE HUNTS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF BRIAN AND KRISTY ESPY</u>. <u>CONTACT BRIAN OR KRISTY ESPY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <reserve@mgwoutfitters.com> or 334-569-9624 or 334-569-9724</u>.**

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## *MGW: Species, Seasons, Costs*

| SPECIES | SEASONS | TOTAL/PERSON | LODGES | NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dove | Year Round | Purchased with Package | La Volanta<br>La Dorada<br>(Cordoba, Argentina)<br>Estancia Ninette<br>(Soriano, Uruguay) | No Limit |
| Pigeon | Year Round | $750/day | Potrerillos de Larreta<br>(Cordoba, Argentina) | Limit: 100/day<br>1½ hrs from La Volanta or La Dorada |
| Perdiz | May 1 – July 31 | $850/day | Estancia Ninette<br>(Soriano, Uruguay) | Limit: 10/day |
| Duck/Dove Combo | May 1 – Aug. 31 | $3300/person | Reserva Rio Grande<br>(Santa Fe, Argentina) | Ducks - Limit:25/hunt<br>Doves – No Limit |
| Golden Dorado | Jan. 1 – April 30<br>Oct. 1 – Dec. 31 | $750 for two 5-hr trips | Estancia Ninette<br>(Soriano, Uruguay) | Catch & Release<br>2:1 Fishermen to Professional Guide Ratio |

# HUNTER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

**In order to facilitate your Argentina or Uruguay Dove hunt and provide the most appropriate logistical coordination possible, you will need to provide important information. The Pre-Trip Form should be accessed through our home page mgwoutfitters.com, filled out and submitted on-line as soon as possible (no later than 45-days from departure) in order to coordinate lodge bookings.**

**Please send all other information to:**
**Brian or Kristy Espy (reserve@mgwoutfitters.com)**

**Anything that needs to be mailed should be sent to:**
**Brian or Kristy Espy**
**124 Reid Circle**
**Deatsville, AL 36022**

**Each hunter should fill out a Pre-Trip Form indicating the Group Leader's name so the system will file it properly ensuring your license purchase and timely pickup and drop off at the airport.**