

Combo Parana on the Fly and Ibera Wetlands

Driftless Angler Hosted trip

April 10th-17th

*DAY 1: Fly from Buenos Aires to Corrientes airport - Private Transfer to **Parana on the fly, Itati Lodge** for welcome dinner*

DAY 2 to 4: Three (3) full day fishing at Upper Parana river staying at Itati Lodge.

*DAY 5: Early morning transfer from Itati to La Alondra Lodge (two hours drive)
Full day fishing at Ibera Wetlands - Stay and dinner at the Lodge*

DAY 6 and 7: Two (2) full day fishing at Ibera Wetlands and staying at La Alondra Lodge

DAY 8: Fly from Corrientes back to Buenos Aires

This trip of 7 nights and 6 full days fishing has a cost of \$5,450 per person sharing boat, guide and room every 2 anglers. See details attach. A maximum of 4 boats and total of 8 anglers is allowed to fish at Ibera Wetlands.

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- All lodging as described on the itinerary
- All meals, beer and wine
- Full-time guide and coordinator during the trip
- Transportation between local airport and the lodges
- All the special services described on the itinerary
- Fishing license, all flies and fishing gear.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- International and local flights
- Airport transfers in Buenos Aires from and the International airport and local airport.
- Laundry
- Gratuities

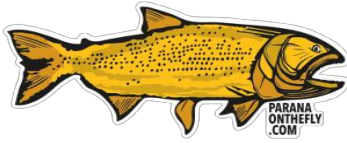


About Ibera Wetlands. [\[more Info\]](#)

The Iberá Wetlands (Spanish: *Esteros del Iberá*, from *Guaraní y berá*: "bright water") located in north central Corrientes Province, Argentina, is one of the most important and largest fresh water reservoirs in South America. Estimated to be 5,800 – 7,700 square miles, it is second in size only to the Pantanal in Brazil. In 1982 the Ibera Provincial Reserve was created and protected 5,000 square miles of these wetlands, the largest such area in Argentina. Plans are ongoing to increase the area's protection and hopefully in the future it will be granted national park status.

Thorough research, by the Natural Reserve authorities, concluded that this area was both viable and sustainable for the practice of catch and release fly-fishing for Dorado (*Salminus Maxillosus*). In 2017, through the establishment of a special Natural Reserve Permit, our operation was granted exclusive fishing access to this area. This permit gives us sole outfitter access to the wetlands endless miles of bogs, swamps, lagoons and lakes that are prime habitat for Dorado. Exclusive and unspoiled this is one of the premier Dorado fisheries in South America. The Ibera Wetlands is truly an experience not to be missed.

Our accommodations will be the boutique lodge [La Alondra](#), which is a short 20-minute drive to the dock. This unique and charming property is the result of the transformation of a traditional Argentine home into a beautiful lodge. Features include: four air-conditioned bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, a dining room, and a common gathering room. This is an excellent place to relax and enjoy a glass of wine after a day of fishing. Meals are chef prepared and offer a nice mix of regional specialties and international cuisine. Lodging accommodations are based on double occupancy. However, depending on the week we may have a few single occupancy rooms available for an additional charge.



About Itati (Upper Parana) . [\[more info\]](#)

Parana on the Fly Lodge is our exclusive location to fish for Dorado, the world's premier freshwater sport fish. The lodge is located on the upper section of the Parana River, approximately 90 miles downstream from the Yacyreta Dam. As a tail water, this stretch of river is known for its clear and stable water flow. Having these predictable fishing conditions is vitally important for the internationally traveling anglers.

The lodge is located less than 30 yards from our private docks so our guests spend less time traveling and more time fishing. We can accommodate up to 10 anglers in 6 fully air-conditioned rooms. A separate, fully air-conditioned clubhouse serves as the dining room, lounge and kitchen. Chef Orlando, prepares delicious meals that include both traditional and international cuisine. Fine Argentinian wines accompany both lunch and dinner.

Our expert guides have years of experience fishing these waters on their own and with guests. They have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of this world -class fishery.

Daily flights from Buenos Aires make the lodge easily accessible. The lodge is a short 45 minute drive from the local airport in Corrientes.

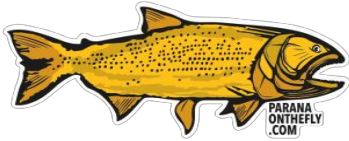




If you are looking to catch the Dorado of a lifetime a trip to Upper Parana is a must. This section of the Upper Parana is home to the largest Dorado in South America. Every season we land a handful of fish above 40 pounds.

The lodge is located a few miles upstream from the small town of Itati. Secluded and private this is an excellent location for you or your group to fully enjoy this unique experience. Accommodation is based on double occupancy with en suite bathroom. However, depending on the week we may have a few single occupancy rooms available for an additional charge.

Our local chef will delight you with the areas traditional meals and fine Argentine wines. A selection of liquor is also available at the lodge bar.



The Fishing

The mythic Dorado is clearly the primary fish to be targeted. Dorado ranging in size from 4 to 12 pounds are quite common and caught in good numbers. Each season several trophy fish above 40 pounds are landed.

Fishing is done from 14 foot Skiff style boats that are equipped with 40hp four stroke motors. Additionally, each boat has a bow fitted electric trolling motor. These remote control engines allow the guides to silently approach each fishing area. In the Ibera Wetlands fishing takes place primarily in tight channels, lagoons and adjacent to the floating grass islands. On the upper Parana you'll fish along the numerous river branches and channels casting towards cut banks, fallen trees and rock outcroppings. All of this structure is ideal habitat for a natural predator like the dorado.

Pirapita, Boga and Pacu

Pirapita, known locally as the "salmon of the river" ranges in size from 2 to 12 pounds. Once hooked, this extremely hard fighting fish is known for its acrobatic displays and multiple jumps. Being an omnivorous species, they are fished using large attractor flies that imitate insects, fruit, mice and even flowers. We target them on lighter equipment, 6 and 7 weight rods.





Fishing for pirapita provides the perfect mid-day break from fishing large flies to dorado.

Pacu, is often referred to as the “permit of the river”. Like Pirapita they are also omnivorous and often found feeding on or near the surface on fruits and insects. This can create great sight fishing possibilities. Pacu are not known for their jumping ability but pound for pound are extremely hard fighting.

Season and Weather

Our water conditions are stable and predictable throughout the season therefore every month fishes equally well. However, the outside temperatures and humidity are something to consider when planning when to visit. Due to the fact that Upper Parana closes for the months of November and December the combination package is not available. During those two months we only offer Dorado fishing at our Iberá location.

January through mid-March:

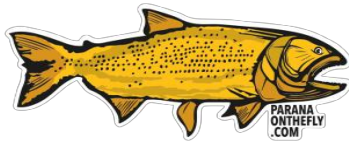
Very warm and humid. Average daytime temperature will be near 100 F and 80-85 F at night. Nighttime temperature shouldn't be an issue as all common areas and bedrooms are air-conditioned.

Late April through May:

Daytime temperatures between 70-80 F and nighttime temperatures between 45-55 F. These cooler temperatures will push the smaller fish into deeper water. This can improve your odds of catching larger Dorados but the net result could be fewer smaller fish.

September and October:

Usually sees daytime temperatures between 75-90 F and nighttime temperatures in the 55-65 F. Surface flies such as mouse and lizard patterns are effective during this time of year.



Between mid-January and mid-February and then again between mid-March and mid-April: The pacu and pira pita feeding activity increases. These fish are omnivorous and take advantage of ripened fruit and beans that fall this time of year from overhanging trees.

The Gear

We recommend #8 and #6 weight, fast action rods that are 9 feet long. Reels need to have good drag systems and include 30 pound backing. Fly lines should be tropical due to the warm water conditions and air temperature. Tropical WF Floating Line and Intermediate Clear Tip lines work the best.

The leaders should be 9 feet long ending with 20/25 pound test saltwater regular (not fluoro carbon) followed by a 30 pounds wire bite tippet. The wire bite tippet protects against the Dorado's sharp teeth. Check our **Gear and Tackle suggestions** for this area.