



SPRING CREEK LODGE – NORTH PATAGONIA

Spring Creek Lodge's central location allows for easy access to northern Patagonia's world-class trout waters. Five of the region's most famous rivers, several spring creeks, and pristine mountain lakes are all a short drive away. This region is a dry fly mecca.

The Lodge, located on the banks of **the upper Chimehuin River**, has a 12-guest capacity. Six cabañas each feature two individual bedrooms with a shared bath, living room and outdoor porch. Gourmet dinners are served in the clubhouse while you enjoy the stunning views of the *Lanin Volcano*. The clubhouse also has a common sitting area and bar for you to enjoy a glass of wine or your favorite beverage.

SEASON	SPECIES	IDEAL FOR	OTHER ACTIVITIES	WIFI
November through May	Brown, Rainbow and Brook Trout	Solo Anglers, Couples, Families and groups of Friends	Horseback riding, golf, hikes, tours and more.	WiFi connection available

How to get there

The closest airport is *San Martin de los Andes (CPC)*, which is located 20 minutes from the lodge. Aerolineas Argentinas Airlines offers 2 daily direct flights from Buenos Aires.





Another alternative is the *Bariloche Airport (BRC)*, which is a 3-hour drive to Spring Creek Lodge. This airport is served by 12 daily direct flights from Buenos Aires and other cities within Argentina. Aerolineas Argentinas Airlines and LATAM Airlines both provide direct daily flights from Buenos Aires.

Fishing

The area between *Junín de los Andes* and *Alumine* in Northern Patagonia is the most prolific dry fly fishing region in the world. The variety and abundance of fishable water would allow you to fish a different location each day for more than 100 days. Dry fly fishing is available throughout the entire season, November through May.

During your stay at Spring Creek Lodge or Casa de Campo Lodge you can also choose to experience 2 or 3 day floats that incorporate overnight camping at an **Andes Drifters Deluxe River Camp**. This option is available on several of the larger rivers that we float.

Our seasoned guiding team, many with over 20 years of experience, have the expertise and knowledge to have you fishing on the best waters at the best times.

NOTE: Below is a sample itinerary for a typical week of fishing at **Spring Creek Lodge**. Additionally, you will also find a list of non-fishing activities that are available. If you, or anyone in your group, would like to participate in any of these activities please let us know prior of your arrival date. This will allow us ample time to coordinate everything and agree upon a final itinerary before your stay begins.

The 7 nights of lodging with 6 days of fishing itinerary has a cost of \$5,250 per person. This is based on double occupancy, individual bedrooms, and one guide per two anglers.



Driftless Angler Hosted trip.
January 9th-16th

DAY 1 Saturday: Fly to Chapelco Airport – Check in at Spring Lodge – Lunch Reception at the Lodge – Afternoon Float at Chimehuin River – Welcome Dinner & Argentine Fine Wine Tasting at Spring Creek

Your guide will be waiting for you upon your arrival at the *San Martin de los Andes Chapelco Airport (CPC)*. A private transfer vehicle will drive you to **Spring Creek Lodge** where you will enjoy a welcome lunch reception. Afterwards, you will have a short float on the waters of the famous **Chimehuin River** while you anticipate the evening's hatch. This river is renowned for having some of the regions best mayfly hatches. We will primarily be targeting brown trout.

In the evening, when you return to the lodge, there will be an Argentine wine tasting. You will be introduced to our wine regions and sample a representative wine label from each area. This will give you the opportunity to better understand our wines and the variety and richness of our vineyards. Afterwards the chef will surprise the group with one of his gourmet dinner creations, of course accompanied by more of the best wines of our country.

Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

Meals: Lunch, reception at the Lodge and Wine Tasting & Welcome Dinner, at Spring Creek





DAY 2 Sunday: Alumine River Float Trip – Evening Tango Dancing Show at the Lodge

The **Alumine River** is a large size stream that runs from north to south in a deep canyon in the foothills of the Andes. Today we will float on an eight miles section of the river looking for rainbow and brown trout that range from 18 to 20 inches. There will be suitable water to drift slowly as we sight cast to rising trout. We'll also have the opportunity to cover the riffles with hopper and droppers, which can be very effective. For those who are enthusiastic about streamer fishing there will be the chance to tempt some of the large brown trout that live along the banks.

Tonight when we are back at the lodge there will be a tango dancing performance. Local dancers, Marcos & Analia, will surprise us with their abilities as you experience the magic of the tango.

Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, at the Lodge Lunch, riverside and Dinner & Tango Show, at Spring Creek

DAY 3 Monday:

Walk & Wade the Upper Malleo River – Local Folk Music Band Performance at Spring Creek Lodge

The **Malleo River** is famous for being one northern Patagonia's best dry fly fishing trout streams. This river is medium sized and is populated with rainbows and browns that average 16 to 20 inches. However, many corners hide some trophy size brown trout.

We will fish a mix of small terrestrials and dry flies in the white water riffles and edges. Today you'll be served a pack lunch riverside while enjoying the view of the snowcapped Lanin Volcano.

Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

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



DAY 4 Tuesday: Lower Chimehuin River Float Trip

Today using our exclusive private access, we will float the most productive and inaccessible section of **Chimehuin River**. This 12-mile stretch is famous for the best mayfly and caddis hatches in the region.

Dry fly fishing is typically productive throughout the day. We will be targeting rainbows and browns that range in size from 16 to 23 inches. When we return to the lodge the chef will be waiting with another tasty dinner.

Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, at the Lodge Lunch, riverside and Dinner, at the Lodge

DAY 5 Wednesday: Lake Tromen Sight Fishing with Dries for Rainbows, Browns and Brook Trout – Dinner and Second Argentine Fine Wine Tasting at the Lodge

This morning we will head northwest to the base of the *Lanin Volcano* near the Chilean border. **Tromen**, a lake of glacial origin, is the natural source of water for the **Malleo River**. The pristine and crystal-clear waters are perfect for allowing you to spot large rainbows, browns and even brook trout. Sight casting to fish cruising the shoreline will make for an enjoyable day.

We will stop at a beautiful secluded beach for a picnic lunch while enjoying the views of the *Lanin Volcano*. This evening, after we return to Spring Creek Lodge, we will enjoy a second wine tasting. Tonight's event will focus on discovering the other world class grapes that our country produces. You





will taste Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Tempranillo. We will select several different labels to walk you along the diverse wine regions of Argentina.

Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, at the Lodge; Lunch, picnic on the lake beach and Dinner & Argentine Fine Wines Tasting, at Spring Creek Lodge

DAY 6 Thursday: Calefu River 2 Day Float Trip – 1st DAY – Andes Drifters Deluxe Camp

This morning we will checking-out from Spring Creek Lodge and begin our two day adventure floating the scenic **Calefu River**. The float commences in a beautiful whitewater canyon with unique rocky formations. As the float continues we move to the steppes of the Andes and then into a desert environment. This landscape transition in itself makes for a phenomenal sightseeing experience. Throughout the entire float you will have nonstop action for browns and rainbows on hopper and attractor dry flies. The majority of fish range in size from 14 and 24 inches.

Our **Andes Drifters Deluxe Camp**, located on an island, will be waiting for us when the fishing day concludes. Tonight you will enjoy a delicious and authentic “Argentine Asado” grilled on the open flame. This will be served with great sausages, a variety of salads and great wines.

About Andes Drifters Deluxe Camp

Andes Drifters Deluxe Camps allows you to fully immerse yourself into the Patagonian experience. Imagine a day where you fish the river, creek, or lake of your dreams and conclude the evening gazing into the southern night sky, listening to fish stories around the bonfire.



Our camp cooks have mastered the art of cooking over an open fire. Be ready to delight your taste buds with unique Argentine asados, roasted lamb prepared gaucho style, and much more.

Many years of providing this experience have allowed us to redefine camping. Andes Drifters dedicated camp staff will pamper you so that you never have to lift a finger!

Lodging: Andes Drifters Deluxe Camp

Meals: Breakfast, at the Lodge; Lunch, river side picnic and Dinner, at Andes Drifters Camp

DAY 7 Friday: Caleufu River 2 Day Float Trip – 2nd DAY – Return to Spring Creek Lodge & Dinner

Today will be our second and last day floating the **Caleufu River**. The lower section of the stream provides lots of surface action with trout looking for our dry fly and hopper patterns. We will reach our takeout late in the afternoon.

This evening you'll have your farewell dinner at the lodge while listening to a private performance from *Las Voces del Lanin*. This local band performs a mix of music from Argentina and South America.

Lodging: at Spring Creek Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, at camp; Lunch, riverside and Folk Music Concert & Dinner, at Spring Creek

DAY 8 Saturday: Private transfer to San Martin's Chapelco Airport – Fly Back to Buenos Aires and then back home

This morning you will be privately driven to *Chapelco Airport* to catch your return flight to Buenos Aires and then back home.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Due to our close proximity to *San Martin de los Andes* our guests can experience a cultural immersion through a variety of different activities. We offer numerous options for visitors seeking either outdoors or lifestyle experiences.

The great fishing combined with numerous outdoors and lifestyle activities makes **SCL** the ideal location for a family vacation.

- *Seven Lakes Road Tour, lunch at El Mirador in Villa la Angostura, and Nivinco Falls, Hike. Dinner at the lodge.*

Today you will experience the most scenic drive in Patagonia. The **Seven Lakes Road**, in the heart of Northern Patagonia, connects the towns of *Bariloche* and *San Martin de los Andes*. Your first stop will be the picturesque mountain town on *Villa la Angostura*. Here you will have time to explore town prior to lunch at **El Mirador** Restaurant that overlooks *Lake Nahuel Huapi*.

Next stop at **Nivinco waterfall**, we will take a gentle hike to reach this beautiful drop on the **Pichi Traful River** on a pristine and secluded spot.

- *Full day Horseback riding with Argentina style lunch, at Ranch Iolog with Yvonne Corbett and Raul Pisales. Dinner at the lodge.*

Today you can enjoy a memorable day of horseback riding in the company of Yvonne Corbetts. Yvonne is a skilled rider with years of experience and knowledge of not only horses but also the surrounding area. Your ride will take place in the nearby pristine native forests that offer panoramic views of the glacier formed Lake Lolog.





Following your ride you will enjoy a traditional Argentine lunch prepared by ranch owner Raul Pisales. Raul is more than happy to share his cooking secrets while preparing beef and a large selection of veggies in his wood fired clay oven. Great Argentine wine and salads will also accompany the meal.

- *Hike to Achen Niyeu trail, and thermal bath in Lahuenco. Dinner at the lodge.*

Today you will enjoy a hike to the top of the Achen Niyeu Volcano located in the northwest portion of the Lanin National Park. The hiking terrain includes walking over volcanic black sands and through trees, shrubs and canes, which are native to the area. Eventually the trail ascends to the volcanic crater with views of the Huanquihue and Lanin Volcanoes, Carilafquen and Lolog Lakes and the Auquinco Valley.

After the conclusion of the hike will have time to relax in the parks natural thermal hot springs. Don't forget to pack your bathing suit!

• Technical difficulty: LOW • Physical requirement: MID • Distance round trip 15 km: (estimated time 7 hours) • Accumulated elevation: 2,400 feet. • Maximum height: 5,600 feet over sea level

- *Visit Avataras Organic farm with lunch. Afternoon still water kayaking at lake Machonico. Tango Show and dinner at the lodge.*

This morning after breakfast you will depart to the Meliquina Lake area where you will visit Avataras Meliquina Farm. The owner and manager of this amazing complex formerly owned the most distinguished restaurant in Patagonia – Avataras Restaurant. Today's six-course gourmet meal will be prepared with farm to table fruits and vegetables grown on the property.



After a memorable lunch it's time for some guided kayaking on nearby Lake Machonico. The kayaking session will take place in the protected waters of the pristine river that connects Lake Machonico with Pichi Machonico.

During the evening at the lodge, Marcos and Analia will delight us with their tango show.

- *Zip line at Miramas, lunch downtown at Cala. Afternoon cooking class Argentinean recipes. Dinner at the lodge.*

Visit the Chapelco Mountain Range's Miramas Complex for a zip line adventure. Later hike in the surrounding Lengua Forest and enjoy its unique panoramic views of the areas lakes and high peaks including the Lanin Volcano.

In the afternoon head to downtown San Martin de los Andes for wood oven baked pizza and empanadas at Pizza Cala. This can be followed by a discussion of the towns and surrounding areas history while taking-in the panoramic views above Lake Lacar.

This afternoon you can also participate in a cooking lesson featuring traditional Argentine cuisines.





- *Morning shopping tour, lunch in town, tango dancing lesson, and visit Georg Collection. Dinner at the lodge.*

This morning treat yourself to a shopping excursion to the unique local shops in downtown San Martin de los Andes. A light lunch will follow to energize you for your afternoon tango lesson! Local dancers Marcos and Analia will demonstrate their dance moves and introduce you to the magic of the tango. You'll see and now understand why Argentines have such a passion for this dance style.

Later, you will have a private visit to the Georg's Collection – a museum and gallery that primarily features the works of Georg Miciu. Also featured are works in photography by Eliseo Miciu and silversmith by Emiliano Celiz.

There are more activities we can offer in the area, (per example *golfing, biking, archeological tours and bird watching* among others.) this is just a sample. If you let us know your preference, we will be able to design your program.

INCLUDED ON THE TRIP PRICE

- All lodging as described in the itinerary
- All meals, beer and wine.
- Full time guide and coordinator during the trip
- Transportation between local airport and the Lodge
- All the entertainment shown in the program
- Fishing license
- All flies and fishing equipment you might need for the trip
- Single rooms in a chalet with 1 full bathroom share every two anglers

NOT INCLUDED ON THE TRIP PRICE

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