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## Fly Fishing - Argentina, Rio Guanaco 1.-11.1.2027

**Great new Fishmaster destination. Fly fishing for King Salmon on Rio Guanaco in Patagonia in Argentina. Fishmaster will arrange a hosted fly fishing trip to Rio Guanaco on 1st – 11th January 2027** (in destination 2nd-9th January). Rio Guanaco is a relatively new and very interesting King Salmon fishing destination. The 2024/2025 season was the first full fishing season on the Guanaco River, during which time anglers caught some great King Salmon from the river, weekly catches ranging from 15 to 35 king salmon per group. The largest King Salmon caught on the Guanaco River have weighed over 27 kilos.

**RIO GUANACO.** Chinook salmon reach the Guanaco River from the Atlantic earlier than any other river in the system, offering a unique opportunity to find bright-fresh salmon throughout November and December. A strong run of kings continues to provide excellent fly fishing well into mid-February.

Each day you will have the chance of hooking a good number of big fish. Carving a dramatic path through a breathtaking canyon, the Guanaco offers unparalleled views of the Andes, making it more than just a premier King Salmon fishery.

**FLY FISHING.** Rio Guanaco is a small/ medium size, 15-25 m wide river. While the pools can be covered adequately with a single-handed rod, double-handers have become popular and deal with big King Salmon more efficiently. Pools are varied and interesting, ideal fly water.

There is always local fishing guide available per 2 fly anglers. Local fishing guide will take you by car to the river and show where to cast. They know the fishing places like their own hands and their english is adequate. Both single and double handed fly rods can be used on Rio Guanaco (AFTM class 8-9, rod length 9'-13'). Fly fishing is 'catch and release' only.

**FLY FISHING TACKLE.** For fly fishing for King Salmon on Rio Guanaco we recommend 12-13 ` feet double handed rods for lines #8-9 and suitable fly reels with good brakes. Single handed rod of 9-10' for lines 8-9 will be also fine. Versi tip shooting heads and also skagit lines with 10-12 feet long intermediate, T-11 and T-14 tips work well here.

**FLIES.** Popular fly patterns for Rio Guanaco: Intruders in chartreuse/ blue, black/ blue, pink. Only single or double hooks are allowed.



**ACCOMODATION.** The accomodation for fly fishermen is in the La Sofia Lodge. The estancia house has been totally renovated to the fishing lodge, allows anglers and guests to enjoy spacious bedrooms, large and fully appointed private bathrooms, a warm and welcoming sitting lounge, and a dining room. In the dining room of the lodge the guests will enjoy delicious local meals. All meals, wine and beer is included in the price. With 24/7 electricity and internet access, you will stay connected while enjoying the wilderness.



**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.** Hosted Fishmaster fishing trips. Jouni Rauha will travel with as a host. Anglers will take a flight to Buenos Aires and continue with domestic flight to El Calafate. Guides will pick you up at airport and take you to the lodge by car, it is about 2 hours car drive to the Rio Guanaco destination. After fishing week guides will take anglers back to El Calafate airport and they will continue with domestic flight to Buenos Aires. You will likely need to overnight in hotel in Buenos Aires before departing next day to your international flight.



**Dates:** 1st – 11th January 2027 (in destination 2nd-9th January)

**Trip length:** 6 fishing days, 7 nights in destination, 1 night in Buenos Aires

**Group size:** 1 host + 6 persons = 7 anglers

**Price includes:** Car transport from/to El Calafate airport, Car transports during the week, Accomodation, Guiding, Fly Fishing, Meals, Wines, Beers

**Price excludes:** Flights to/from Buenos Aires/El Calafate, Hotel and taxi and meals in Buenos Aires (200-300 USD/person), Fishing license (140 USD/person), Gratuities (650 USD/person), Strong alcohol



**Trip Schedule:** (Example, changes possible)



**1.1. Friday.** Meeting at Amsterdam airport at 19:00. KLM connecting flight KL701 departs in the evening at 21:20 towards Buenos Aires.

**2.1. Saturday.** Flight arrives in Buenos Aires at 7:15 in the morning. Transfer by taxi to Buenos Aires Jorge Newbery Domestic Airport (AEP). Aerolineas flight departs at 12:10 and arrives in El Calafate at 15:25. At 18:00-20:00 transfer by guides' cars to Rio Guanaco River to La Sofia Lodge, approximately 2 hours drive. Check in to La Sofia Lodge. Dinner at the lodge.

**3.1. Sunday – 8.1. Friday.** Breakfast at the lodge at 7:30. Departure to fish at 8:30. Return to the lodge at 12:30. Lunch at the lodge at 13:00. Siesta in the afternoon until about 16:30. Return to the river, fly fishing on the Rio Guanaco until 21:00. Return to the lodge. Dinner at the lodge at 21:30.

**9.1. Saturday.** Breakfast at the lodge at 7:30. Check out from the lodge, 9:00-11:00 car trip with guides from the lodge to El Calafate airport. Aerolineas flight from El Calafate departs at 13:55. Flight arrives in Buenos Aires at Jorge Newbery (AEP) airport at 16:55. Taxi to the city center hotel. Check in to the hotel. Free program in Buenos Aires.

**10.1. Sunday.** Breakfast at the hotel. Free program in the morning in Buenos Aires. Check out from hotel at 12:00. Taxi from downtown hotel to Buenos Aires (EZE) Ministro Pistarini International Airport at 12-13. KLM flight KL702 departs at 16:55.

**11.1. Monday.** Flight lands in Amsterdam at 10:15.

## **Argentina, Rio Guanaco - Tackle List**

### **General**

Warm hat with bill  
Polarized sunglasses  
Long sleeve shirts, sweaters, fleeces  
Short sleeve shirts, t-shirts (several)  
Underwear  
Warm, long underwear to use under waders  
Fleece pants, fleece shirt  
Long pants  
Warm socks, several  
Sandals or camp shoes  
Raingear or wading jacket  
Sunblock  
Camera, memory cards, extra batteries, battery charger  
Backpack (to carry camera & other gear)  
Small flashlight  
Mobile phone  
Plastic bags or waterproof bags for laundry and wading boots.  
Books, magazines  
Passport  
Airline tickets and other travel documents  
Pre-trip information, maps, Fishmaster phone number (+358-400-824530)  
Credit card, cash: USD dollars 1000-1200 for tipping etc.  
Notebook and pen  
Toiletries, including; tooth brush, shampoo, hand lotion, bandages, roll of athletic tape  
Razor  
Pain killers, Prescription medications  
Adapter for electronic equipment

### **Fishing Equipment**

Fly rods, rod tubes  
Fly reels, reel covers, spare spools  
Fly lines, leaders  
Fly boxes, flies  
Waders, wading belt, repair kit for waders  
Wading boots  
Pliers (rustproof)  
Hook hone/file  
Extra spools monofilament: 0.40, 0.45, 0.50  
Needle clippers  
Hemostats  
Tape measure