



NORTHERN NEUQUÉN · PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA

PATAGONIA TRASHUMANTE

FLY FISHING TRIPS

*Nomadic expeditions chasing wild trout through the rivers,
spring creeks and high lakes of Northern Patagonia.*

A TRIP THAT MOVES WITH THE FISH

Trashumante means to follow the seasons: the way Patagonian gauchos still move their herds from the winter lowlands to the high summer pastures deep in the mountains. We fish exactly the same way.

Every morning we leave the road behind and push deep into the cordillera, reading the water and chasing wild trout wherever they are feeding best that day. It is the opposite of a fixed lodge on a single beat: no crowds, no fences, no fighting for water. Just small groups, born-and-raised local guides, and a different stretch of untouched river every single day.

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RIVERS TO FISH

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WILD FISHING ZONES

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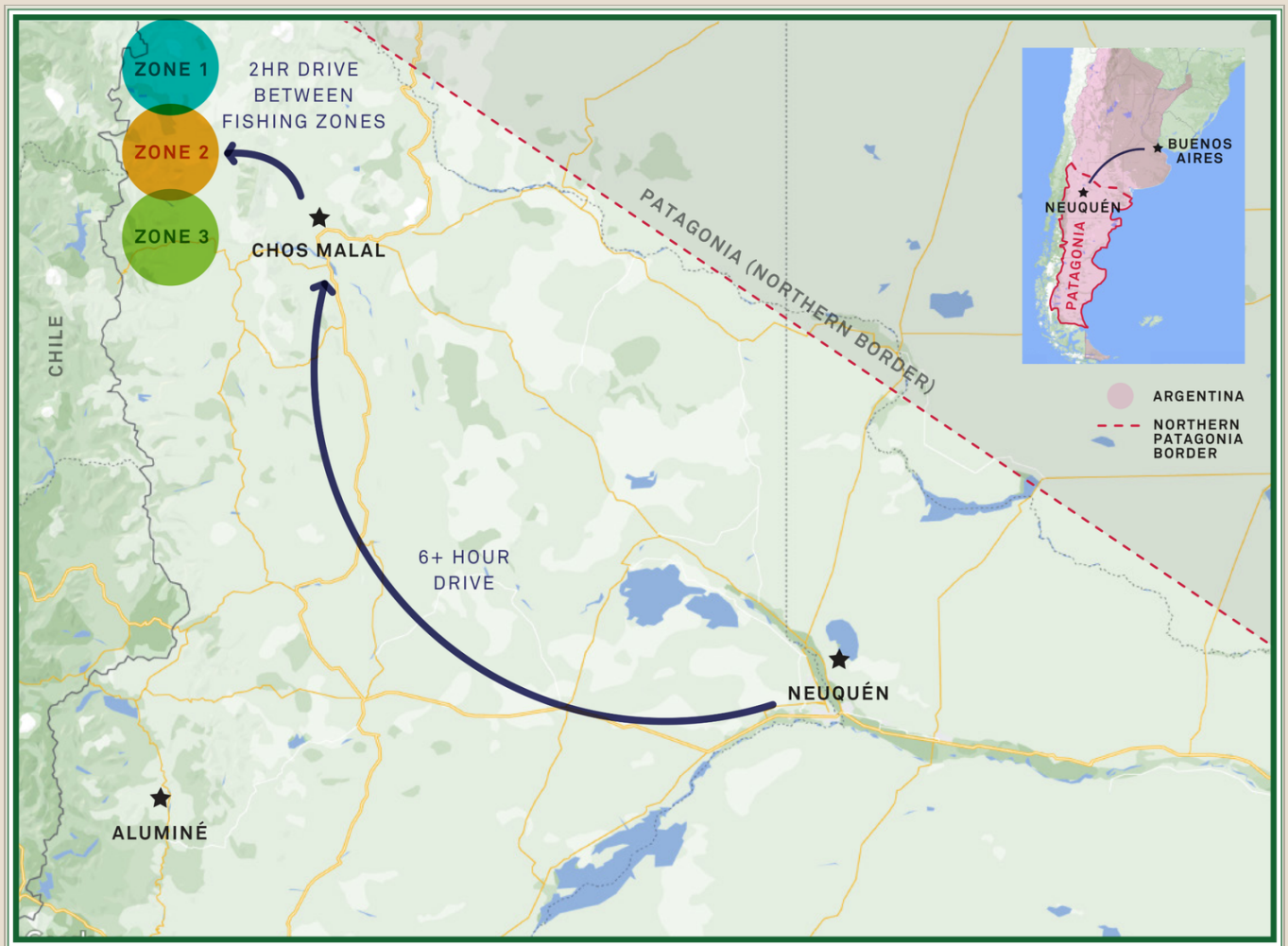
ANGLERS, MAX

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WILD TROUT SPECIES

THE FAR NORTH OF PATAGONIA

Warmer, drier and higher than the famous rivers to the south, our water sits at 1,000–1,500 m in the shadow of Domuyo Volcano, the highest peak in all of Patagonia at 4,702 m. Three fishing zones lie 1–2 hours west of Chos Malal, born in the Andes and draining into the Río Neuquén.



3 zones

West of Chos Malal, roughly two hours apart from one another.

14 waters

From spring creeks to big rivers, fished by season.

4,702 m

Domuyo Volcano presides over the whole region.



WILD, NEVER STOCKED

The trout here are wild and self-sustaining: most have never seen a hatchery, and many have never seen a fly. Rainbows and browns average 12–18 inches, but fish of 20–24 inches and better are common. This is why anglers travel to the end of the world: a real shot at a wild fish of a lifetime.

BROWN TROUT

The wary, hard-fighting prize of the freestone rivers and spring creeks.

RAINBOW TROUT

Acrobatic and fast, cruising the big rivers and high lakes at first light.

DRY-FLY CULTURE

Sight-fishing to feeding fish: hunting and fishing at once, on new water.

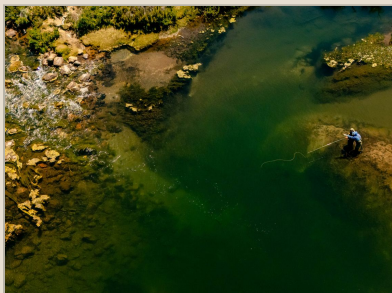
WHERE WE FISH

From glass-clear spring creeks to canyon freestone, every kind of trout water lies within a day's drive of Chos Malal, and all of it is fished on foot, by wading.



01 FREESTONE RIVERS

Sight-cast to wild browns holding over bright gravel runs and broken riffles.



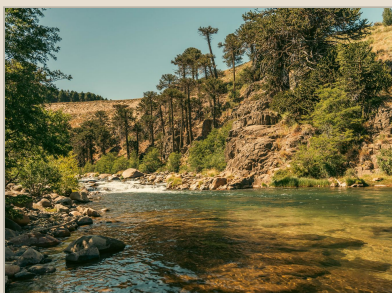
02 SPRING CREEKS

Slow, glass-clear and technical: dry-fly fishing at its most demanding.



03 BIG RIVERS

Wide, powerful water where the largest browns and rainbows hold and hunt.



04 BACKCOUNTRY BEATS

Walk-and-wade into remote canyons that almost no one else reaches.

NORTHERN NEUQUÉN

A high desert cordillera of volcanic canyons, araucaria forest and braided valleys, and almost no other anglers.

A DAY ON THE WATER

06:00

FIRST LIGHT

Breakfast by the truck as the valley wakes and the morning rise begins.

09:00

LONG MORNING SESSION

Wade and sight-fish the best runs through the heart of the morning.

14:00

STREAMSIDE ASADO

A late lunch from the tailgate: Patagonian charcuterie, fresh bread and a cold lager.

16:00

SIESTA OR MOVE

A short rest, or transfer to fresh water for the afternoon.

21:00

EVENING RISE

Fish the long Patagonian dusk until the last light leaves the ridge.



EVERY DAY BREAKS FOR AN ASADO BY THE RIVER

THE FISHING, IN DETAIL

Simple, effective and endlessly varied: the fishing here rewards a light touch and a willingness to keep moving. Here is what to expect through the season.

SEASON

November through May, with the heart of the season in the summer months of mid-December to mid-March. Wet-wading through summer; waders in the early (Nov/Dec) and late (Apr/May) weeks.

SPECIES & SIZE

Wild rainbow and brown trout averaging 12–18 inches, with fish of 20–24 inches and larger common through the season.

CAPACITY

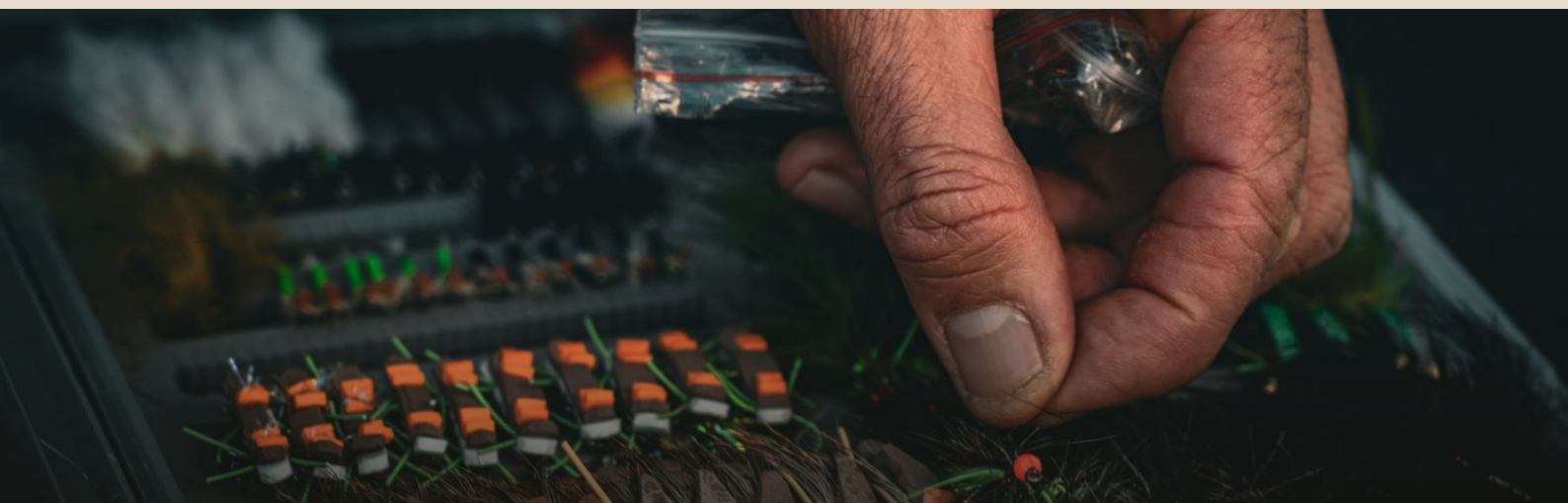
Six anglers maximum per trip, fished in small groups with born-and-raised local guides, two anglers per guide.

TACKLE

Mostly 5- and 6-weight rods with floating lines: dry flies and terrestrials, or dry/dropper rigs. Streamers and Euro-nymphing are always on the table.

THE RHYTHM

A long morning session after breakfast, a late streamside lunch, a short siesta or transfer to the next zone, then a final session into the late afternoon and evening. Rinse and repeat.



CAMP, CABIN & TABLE

Where you sleep follows the fishing. Some nights it is our comfortable riverside glamping; others, a modern three-star hotel or a modest cabin, always a stone's throw from a trout river. The final mix depends on which waters we decide to fish during your stay.

GLAMPING

Comfortable riverside camps, right on the water, under Patagonian stars.

HOTELS

Modern three-star hotels, also beside the river, for the road nights.

CABINS

Modest, cosy cabins tucked beside remote trout water in the backcountry.



AT THE TABLE

Classic Argentine cooking: simple picnics at midday and a proper plate at night, all paired with first-rate wines and beers. And, depending on the length of your stay, one, two or three great **asados** of beef and chivito, the local specialty of northern Neuquén.

A SAMPLE 10-DAY ITINERARY

Because we are so remote, we recommend trips of at least 5 and up to 10 fishing days. Here is a sample of a 10-fishing-day programme across all three zones. Everything is all-inclusive from our base in Chos Malal. All you have to do is get to us.

DAYS 1-2

TRAVEL

Fly from the U.S. to Buenos Aires, an overnight leg, and rest.

DAY 3

ARRIVAL · HOTEL

Fly to Neuquén and transfer to Chos Malal. First night in a riverside hotel.

DAYS 4-6

ZONE 1 · CAMP & CABINS

Fishing days 1-3. Settle into the first zone, camping and in cabins by the water.

DAYS 7-9

ZONE 2 · CABINS & CAMP

Fishing days 4-6. Move west into new water and a different character of river.

DAYS 10-13

ZONE 3 · CAMP & HOTEL

Fishing days 7-10. The most remote zone, finishing back near Chos Malal.



5-10

Days on the water. Shorter and custom itineraries are always available. Tell us your dates and we will build the trip around them.

GETTING HERE

Remote, but not complicated. Two flights and a scenic drive carry you from almost anywhere in the U.S. to the water, and we handle every leg once you land in Argentina.

THE ROUTE

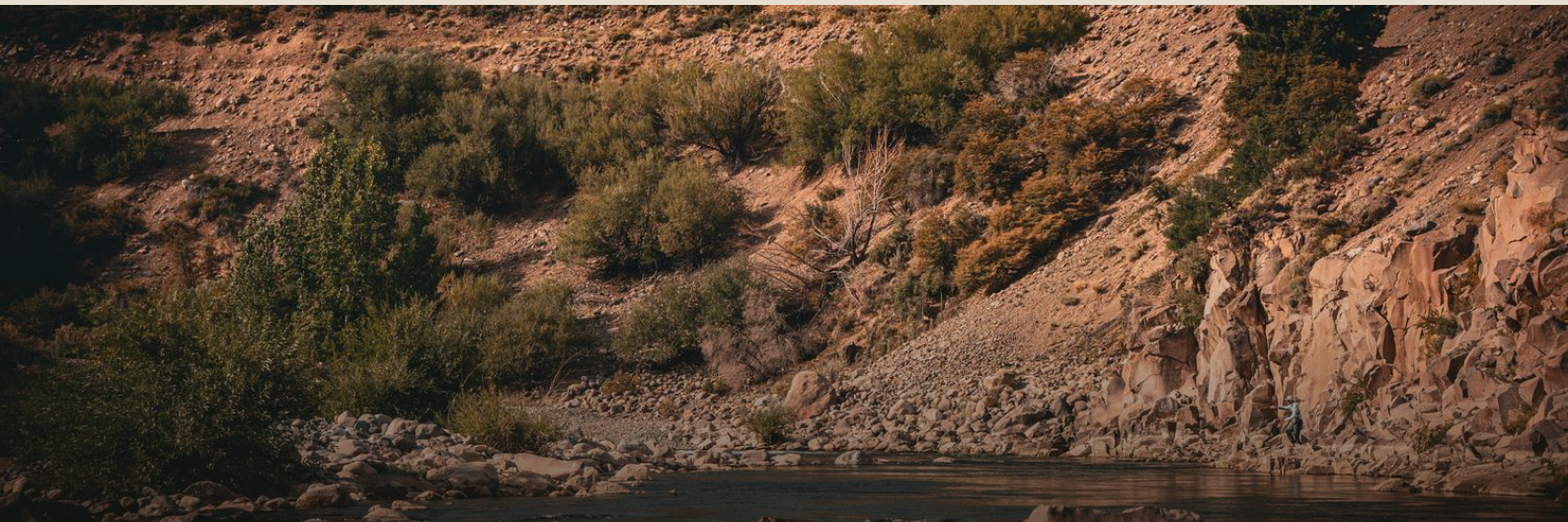
9–10 h	U.S. → BUENOS AIRES Non-stop overnight flights daily from Miami, Atlanta, New York, Dallas & Houston.
1 h 30	BUENOS AIRES → NEUQUÉN A short domestic hop to the capital of Neuquén province.
6 h	NEUQUÉN → CHOS MALAL A scenic drive north to our base town in the cordillera.
1–2 h	CHOS MALAL → THE ZONES The final leg by 4×4 to the water, and the fishing begins.

CLIMATE & SEASON

Region	FAR N. PATAGONIA
Elevation	1,000–1,500 M
Weather (Dec–Mar)	SUNNY · DRY · WINDY
Jan / Feb	75–85° / 50–60°F
Dec / Mar	65–75° / 40–50°F
Base town	CHOS MALAL · 13K

FULLY GUIDED FROM CHOS MALAL

Airport transfers, 4×4 logistics, fishing licenses, lodging and every meal are handled for you. From the moment you land in Neuquén, all you carry is a rod.



SIDE B OF PATAGONIA

Patagonia Trashumante is the **Side B** of fly fishing in northern Patagonia: a completely different set of rivers, with different pressure, landscapes and climate (better and sunnier). Unlike the traditional experiences of southern Neuquén, where crowds of anglers and guides cover every run each day, our trips are entirely peaceful, silent and exclusive.

It is the best place in Argentina to immerse yourself in the culture of dry-fly fishing for trout: a blend of fishing and hunting, like the golden age when anglers first explored new water.



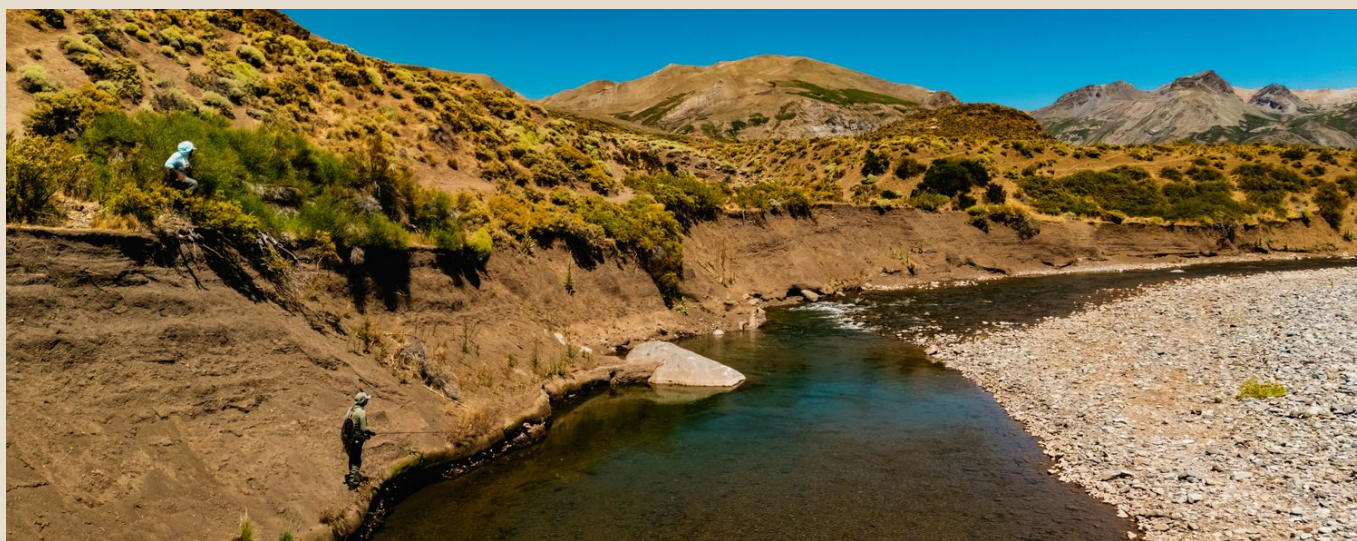
PLAN YOUR SEASON

AT A GLANCE

Season	NOV – MAY
Group size	1 – 6 ANGLERS
Based in	CHOS MALAL, NEUQUÉN
Level	ALL LEVELS

INCLUDED

- ▶ Expert born-and-raised local guides
- ▶ 4x4 transport to the water
- ▶ All lodging: camp, cabin & hotel
- ▶ All meals, wines & asados
- ▶ Fishing licenses



BOOK YOUR WEEK

Limited weeks each season.

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