



ESTANCIA CRISTINA Fly Fishing

General Information.

HOW TO GET TO ESTANCIA CRISTINA.

Estancia Cristina is located in a unique corner in Los Glaciares National Park.

The access to Estancia Cristina is only possible by boat. From El Calafate you reach the harbor of Punta Banderas after traversing 45 kms on Route 11 and 9. Once at the harbor, our vessels depart daily at 08:30 am, reaching the Estancia around 11:30 am (after sailing the Upsala arm).

The returning journey is made by boat to the same harbor.

SPORTFISHING SEASON.

At Estancia Cristina, the sportfishing season begins on 11/01/15 and ends on 05/01/16 inclusive, according to the Continental Patagonia General Sportfishing Rules and Regulations.

SPECIES.

Exotic fish species that can be taken in Estancia Cristina:

- **Salmons (*pacifics salmons, Oncorhynchus spp.*)** : are originally from the North Pacific in a very wide zone of distribution that extends to both sides of the ocean. After intensive breeding was practiced in Chile, and in order to develop a commercial hatchery using sea ranching techniques in the mid 80's, salmons of the Chinook and Coho species started to appear in watersheds that drain into the Pacific (Rio Pico, Corcovado river, Pueyrredon lake, Puelo river, Futaleufu river and Caterina River).

The Pacific salmons have a distinguishing characteristic, they die after spawning and this produces a high increase in organic matter, which



the ecosystems are not prepared to assimilate. They also display an aggressive behavior when they are breeding as the male fight for dominance and when the fingerlings emerge from their nests and begin their migration to the ocean. Nevertheless, their high rate of growth because of a life in the ocean makes them very attractive for the sport fishermen looking for a trophy.

- **Trouts (rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*)**: Is the most widely spread trout in Patagonia. There is an anadromous variety in the Santa Cruz river which migrates to the sea in search for food. This form is distinguished by a wide purple band at each of the flanks. The back of this trout is olive green with silver sides, and a white belly. It shows round black spots almost in all the body and its lateral fins and caudal are profusely mottled. When they live in lakes their color is more obscure at the back, the silver flanks and the white belly. Their diet is varied, they live on invertebrates mainly.



Fishing Methods, Equipment and Lures.

AUTHORIZED FISHING METHOD.

Fly fishing. The use of a lure known as a “fly” joined to a special line for fly casting or taper, cast with the appropriate a rod -of one or two hands- made specifically for fly fishing; the weight is in the line rather than the lure.

AUTHORIZED LURES.

Fish must be caught only with artificial lures and with one hook (single, double or triple). When using a lure with more than one hook, all remaining hooks left must be removed or rendered harmless so as not to harm the fish. In waters with mandatory catch and release, only one single barbless hooks or hook with flattened barb is permitted. The use of lures with batteries is forbidden to avoid contamination.



NUMBER OF FISHING RODS.

Each fisherman cannot simultaneously use more than one fishing rod.

Fishing environments in Estancia Cristina.

- **Pearson Lake:** Glacial Lake. Located 11 miles from the Estancia. Access only walking or by horse. Chinook salmon and rainbow trout.
- **Caterina River:** It has 11 miles long. It is born and dies inside the Estancia valley. Easy to wade. Chinook salmon and rainbow trout. The waterway of this river is only half a mile from the Estancia.



The river is only 8 km since its source, in Lake Anita, until its estuary in the Argentine Lake with wells ideal for fishing rainbow trout (*oncorhynchus mykiss*). In the month of February the river becomes a unique place for salmon Chinook fishing (*oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) specie that come to spawn and die. In the first stage of entering the river the fishing gets interesting since the

fish fight and struggle, weighing up to over 12kg each.

Rainbow trout are not as big in size, but the amount and quality of the fishes make this remote place, unique.

- **Fishing Lagoon:** It has 8 acres of surface. It is located 5 miles from the Estancia (1 ½ hs walking). Access only walking or by horse. Rainbow trout.

TRANSPORT



Our site guides will be able to transfer by 4x4 to any of the places available for this activity. They will inform about the places and species that can be fished at the Estancia.

Important: Estancia Cristina does not have fishing guides enabled, so prior knowledge of the activity is recommended as it is not offered guide for the activity.



Recommendations.

RECOMMENDED FISHING EQUIPMENT.

- For **Chinook salmon** fishing it is recommended to use number 8/9 fly fishing gears; powerful reels with excellent brakes; 90 yards of backing on the reel; 130 inches 0X leaders and 50 inches 0X tippets (salmons of more than 30 lb have been caught on the river). The most useful flies are withe and black zonkers, Sili legs wooly bagger, regular wooly baggers and all kind of streamers with flour colors on hooks number 4.
- For **Rainbow trout** fishing we recommend fly fishing gears number 4/5. The average size of the trout is about 2 lb. We recommend streamers and nymphs, although dry flies can be useful to on summer (due to the cold weather the insects are less developed comparing with Northern Patagonian areas).

SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS.

- Foreign fishermen must use only brand new equipments or disinfected.
- It is obligatory for anglers, fishing guides and other providers of services related to fishing, disinfecting equipments, boats and vehicles in the opportunities and conditions required by the enforcement authority.



Important: Foreign fishermen or fishermen that come from other areas of the country must use only brand equipment's (waders and wading boots).

When anglers moves into Patagonia, from a watershed to another, is strongly recommended to disinfect the equipment (wash waders and wading boots with hot water - 60° C – or 2% chlorine bleach – 200 ml of chlorine with 10 liters water).



Fishing Licenses

The fishing license is personal and not transferable. In order to fish a personal fishing license is required. It is not included on the Lodge Program rate, and can be obtained at the Estancia or the National Park Administration office at El Calafate.

Liceses Categories	Rates – AR pesos
For Argentine Fishermen or foreign residents	
<i>Daily License for Country Resident</i>	AR\$ 60.-
<i>Weekly License for Country Resident</i>	AR\$ 120.-
<i>Seasonal License for Country Resident</i>	AR\$ 240.-
<i>Seasonal License for Resident Minors, ages 13 - 17 inclusive</i>	AR\$ 60.-
<i>License for Retired Senior Citizens, Pensioners, Minors (under 13), and Disabled persons with ID</i>	No Charge
For non-resident foreign fishermen in Argentina	
Daily License for non-resident in Argentina	AR\$ 360.-
Weekly License for non-resident in Argentina	AR\$ 1080.-
Seasonal License for non-resident in Argentina	AR\$ 1440.-

Important Restrictions.

MANDATORY RELEASE.

In the waters during the mandatory release period, only a single barbless hook or hook with a flattened barb is permitted and all fish must be returned immediately, live and unharmed following the procedure indicated appropriate.

PROHIBITIONS.

The following activities are prohibited throughout Estancia Cristina:

- Fishing from boats in lakes and other bodies of water within a 200 meters radius of a mouth of a river or brook.
- Underwater fishing.
- Using explosives, toxic substances, or any other element that could endanger aquatic life in aquatic environments.
- Fishing with nets, traps, harpoons, trot-lines, unattended lines, draghooks, firearms or chumming.
- Obstructing the free transit of fish such as using screens, traps, dams, or any other method.
- Delaying in the mouths, without rotating, stopping in waters where another angler is advancing.
- Causing contamination or damage to waters or the surrounding environments, in any way (Ex: washing of cars next to a water ways, littering, to remove or cut aquatic vegetation to accede or enter at a fishing site).
- Leaving traces of fishing lines, lures and wrappers on the shores or in the water.
- Lighting a fire outside of an authorized area.



- Fishing in rivers and brooks up or down river from all installations which hinder the free transit of fish, for example, dams; at less distance than determined by the acting authority.
- Possession fish of any species, which were captured in the wild.
- Transporting live fish of any species or development stage without the authorization of the acting authority.
- In all the Patagonian waters exclusive for a particular fishing method, the carrying of other fishing gear that do not correspond to the authorized method is not allowed.