



AUTHENTIC CUSTOMIZED PATAGONIA FLY FISHING EXPERIENCES SINCE 1985





Welcome

For 40 years, our pioneering, Beale family-owned Argentine business has turned our passion for fly fishing into a world-renowned service. We have been guiding anglers from all over the world to the foothills of Argentine Patagonia where our lodges are located. *We are proud advocates of Conservation and Sustainability in all of our operations.*

Whether you're a seasoned angler or a beginner, we offer custom-planned itineraries. We do this after listening to you about your interests and needs. On your trip, you will fish selected private and public waters and get to know our veteran guides and staff who are committed to giving you unforgettable fly fishing experiences and life long memories. We are the only company that allows fly fishing in more than 50% of the Andes area in the province, from Cholila to the Rio Pico area, covering close to 300 km of roads and over 40 fishing access points.

We invite you to join our extended El Encuentro family of returning guests and new friends to enjoy your customized trip and our personal service as well as access to world-class fly fishing while surrounded by the breathtaking scenery of the Andes. You can get *all* of this only with El Encuentro. We heartily welcome you to join us!



The El Encuentro Experience

El Encuentro features three appealing lodges to complement our robust, expansive fishing program. Our guests typically spend 7-10 nights with us. Your time can be split between El Encuentro Lodge, Brook Trout Base Camp, and our partner lodge, Valle del Carrileufu. By combining two or three locations into your visit, we can craft a trip that is individually suited to your lodging and fishing preferences. At our lodges, we put a priority on superb cuisine. Guests are treated to famed Argentine beef, lamb, and salads with organic vegetables from our kitchen garden. Superb Argentine wines are served at lunch, cocktail time and dinner. There are full

bars at all locations. No matter where you stay, you will be treated to a traditional Patagonian “asado” (barbecue) with the El Encuentro family – a most memorable dining experience!

Starlink satellite internet provides excellent connectivity in all our locations, so you can stay in touch with the world while enjoying the wilderness. This ensures you get the best of both worlds: adventure and comfort.



El Encuentro Lodge

El Encuentro Lodge is often called our “home lodge,” having been built by the Beale family as a special place to gather together with friends and family. The location is stunning, set directly above the Rio Futaleufu, overlooking the Andes. We can host up to ten guests: there are three rooms with private bathrooms in the main house that directly overlook the Rio Futaleufu, and two spacious in-suite rooms in an adjacent cottage.

Guests have often commented that our lodge feels like home as the small size of the lodge encourages camaraderie. You can see fish rising in the river from the lodge’s deck, where you can often enjoy an outside meal. There is also a beautifully designed riverside asado area and lawn terrace where cocktails can be enjoyed. Adjacent to the lodge are our expansive kitchen and flower gardens.



Brook Trout Base Camp

Brook Trout Base Camp is a special place in a strategic location, nestled on a peaceful bend of the Rio Corcovado. We can host up to ten guests in five tasteful and cozy casitas, with private full-service bathrooms. Our main common area is a large wall tent, with big windows and comfortable spaces for gathering and dining. The base camp operates with solar and wind energy. Two outside gathering areas include the lodge firepit and bar/asado area.



Valle del Carrileufu Lodge

Valle del Carrileufu Lodge is a comfortable and intimate lodge that offers a classic taste of authentic Patagonia, with its inviting common room that includes a large fireplace, local tapestries, and five bedrooms each with private baths where we can host up to ten guests. Its location offers terrific access to the north of Los Alerces National Park. Depending on your fishing preferences and the season, staying at this lodge provides close access to legendary rivers, spring creeks and lakes.



Our Fishing Program

The Patagonia region of Argentina has earned a reputation that offers some of the finest wild trout fishing in the world. And, El Encuentro is right in the heart of it all.

Some of the many featured and famed public fisheries that are available to you include the Futaleufu, Arrayanes, Rivadavia, Carrileufu, and Corcovado rivers. We also fish lakes in the national park including Kruger and Verde. And we fish the ponds of the Engano Basin and the “numbered” lakes in the Rio Pico area.

Along with your opportunities to fish these legendary waters, we have spent decades building relationships with local landowners to establish private access to a wide variety of lesser-known waters – including walk-wade streams and floating small lakes. Combining this diversity of waters with our commitment to tailoring your fishing experience to your needs and priorities, we promise you will get more than just a fly fishing adventure.



Our Seasons

Spring (November and December)

Enjoy mild conditions with a mix of long sunny days, occasional rain, and cool nights. Rivers and streams run higher and faster in the Spring. We typically have plenty of water clarity on where we will fish. Lush landscapes and colorful wildflowers are a wonderful addition to each day. The fish are more active and hungry after the long winter making them a little less finicky than in the late season. This early season sees the start of productive hatches, offering some terrific dry fly fishing when the conditions are right.

Summer (January to early March)

While it's cold and dark in the northern hemisphere, the fish are rising in sunny Patagonia. Warm days, plenty of hatches from early mornings into long evenings, crystal clear waters, and wild and active trout, combine to make this season the classic time to fish at El Encuentro. With warming temperatures in February, terrestrials become one of the key food sources for our trout, offering super fun dry fly fishing. In early March, we start to see the migration of a lake-run brook trout into some of our selected waters, for a uniquely dynamic fishing experience.

Fall (Mid-March to End of April)

March in Patagonia is a transitional month in which we can see 70 degrees and sun one day, and 40 degrees and snow the next. Our fly fishing and scenery gets better as the season shifts into fall. The majestic Andes get their first coating of snow, and fall colors begin to paint the hillsides and river valleys. Even our brookies and brown trout shine with bright colors! It's time to break out the waders, rain jackets, and puffy layers. The fish are looking to pack on the pounds, so streamer fishing can be lights out. Fall is also when the brook trout migration really comes alive.





Our Guides

Our veteran guides are the soul of the El Encuentro experience. Each knows that his role is to be your essential partner in creating an unforgettable fly-fishing adventure. Our guides realize how precious this time is for you, and will work hard to ensure that you have most enjoyable fishing, can refine your skills, and get to learn about Argentine culture and natural history.

All our guides are Argentine, multi-lingual and so appreciate the environment in which they work. Most guests at the end of their trip have become great friends with their guides and look forward to returning to fish with them.



Getting Here

Traveling to El Encuentro takes you through Buenos Aires to Esquel. All of our great fishing programs are located in the province of Chubut, in Argentine Patagonia. We provide detailed Pre-Trip information so you are well-prepared for your Patagonia adventure with us. Our staff will take good care from the moment you land in Esquel airport (EQS).



Our Patagonia Outdoor Adventures Program

For those of you looking to complement your fly fishing, and go deeper into our Patagonia, we can arrange a variety of adventures guided by local experts. This program offers a unique way to explore and learn about our remarkable region. These activities include:

- Birding
- Walking and Trekking
- National Park Excursion
- Horseback Riding
- Kayaking
- A Day Trip to Chile
- Cultural & Historical Touring
- Visits to local Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries



Let's Start Planning Your Trip

We can try to describe all the charms of El Encuentro, but you really need to experience us. Our fulfillment staff invite you to contact us to discuss your priorities, preferences, and preferred dates so as to craft an itinerary just for you or your group.

We look forward to welcoming you to Patagonia, Argentina!

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