



*Challhuaquen Lodge, Patagonia*





# About Challhuaquen



Challhuaquen Lodge, which in the Mapuche language means “fishing place”, is located just 45 minutes from the town of Esquel. This beautiful, secluded lodge sits on the bank of the Futaleufu River offering incredible views of the snow capped Andes Mountains inside the Los Alerces National Park. This fly fishing lover’s paradise combines its privileged location in the heart of the Argentinean Patagonia with its sophisticated facilities, the quality of its services and world class fishing.

# The Outfitter

Challhuaquen began as a dream between four businessmen who had a true love and passion for the art of fly-fishing. For years these three spent time on the water searching for an area that could offer not only the best fly fishing but breathtaking scenery and would give guests a sense of what it meant to visit Patagonia. After years of planning and with the help of the late, legendary fly fishing guide Guillermo Saguí, Challhuaquen opened its doors and has been delighting visitors ever since.



# The Fishing

When we speak of trout fishing in Argentina, the Lakes Region quickly comes to mind as it contains a number of excellent streams, spring creeks and rivers. Just out the back door of the lodge you have the Futaleufú which is a large river containing lots of flat water, riffles and deep pools all of which give you a chance to catch good numbers of fish on dry flies as well as nymphs. As anglers travel north from the lodge they find the famous spring creek Arroyo Pescado which is widely regarded as one of the best spring creeks in the world. This stream is born on private property and it's a place full of tales about the Butch Cassidy gang and their misdeeds in the area, narrated by the land-owner. The final area lies inside the national park and is a full day float down the Rivadavia which offers deep aquarium like pools full of large, wild, Patagonia trout.



# The Accommodations

Challhuaquen Lodge, perched high on the banks of the Futaleufú offers guests six rooms 6 double rooms with

private bathroom and a view of Futaleufu River and the National Park Alerces. The lodge offers an open bar, fly tying area and a large living room with vaulted ceilings where guests relax after dinner alongside a roaring fire.





# Getting There

The most common way to reach Challhuaquen, is on an overnight flight from the United States landing in Buenos Aires the following morning. Once in Argentina, you will have a domestic flight to the city of Esquel followed by a comfortable transfer to the Lodge. The trip dates are set to coincide with the domestic flights between Buenos Aires and Esquel.



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