



Argentina Tackle and Gear List

Since we will be fishing in a mountainous area, expect weather changes daily. You should plan on dressing in layers and on the worst possible weather you can think up. You will see temperature ranges from 35-95 often in the same day. Do not leave home without a **good fleece jacket** and a good **gore-tex raincoat**. Remember that fleece and wool will keep you warm even when wet. Do not plan on wearing denim around the water, because once it is wet then it stays wet. ***Also be sure to divide your stuff up, carry at least one change of clothes, jacket and raincoat on the plane with you, along with one reel, and one rod.***

Following is a list of gear, clothes, etc, that clients have found helpful in the past. Now the constraining part of packing you will be limited to 100 pounds of gear and a maximum of two checked suitcases by the airlines. I try to limit mine to around 60 because it will weigh more on the return trip when boots, waders, etc. are wet.

- **Bring a photo copy of your passport to carry with you on the river with your fishing license so you do not ruin your original.**
- Waders, good quality and be sure that they do not leak
- Wading boots with felt or Vibram soles(no cleats will be allowed in the boats) also felt boots must be cleaned in a solution of Clorox water to kill all foreign stream born insects, mussels, bacteria etc.
- Rain coat, gore-tex is recommended
- Medium weight wind stopper fleece jacket
- Fleece vest
- Polarized sun glasses
- Camera
- Hats, one with a full brim, one baseball cap
- Thermal underwear
- Fleece wading pants
- Long sleeve quick dry shirts
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- Personal toiletries
- Medication that you may need
- T-shirts
- Underwear
- Warm socks for wading

- If traveling in December-March you may want wet wading booties.
- Small flashlight or Petzel head lamp for around camp
- Sun screen **the best you can find at least 50 block**
- Chap Stick with sunscreen built in at least 15 SPF
- Insect repellent
- Wading staff
- Vest or pack for fishing gear
- Day pack for a change of clothes on days we travel away from the lodge in the event you go swimming

Now for the fishing gear

While there are some fly shops in the area we will be staying, getting to the shops during there hours of operation can be difficult. Also you may find the need for supplies while you are on a float and camp trip so be prepared. The guides will also have flies but you may find yourself up the river or in a different location than your guide at points in the trip so it is nice to have some of your own stuff. There is no way to predict every fishing situation that you may encounter but, after years of traveling in Argentina to here is the list of tackle that we recommend.

For San Martin, Esquel and Surrounding Streams

Rods

- At least two rods per angler in the event that one gets broken.
- Do not bring a rod smaller than a 4 wt and bring at least one very good 5wt.
- 8'6" to 9'6" rods are ideal.
- A good 6 wt is very nice if the wind blows, which it often does.
- You can also cheat the wind by loading a 5 wt fly rod with a 6wt line

Reels

- Two good reels with working drags; they should balance your rods.
- Spare spools for your reels

Lines

- Weight forward floating lines in good condition and in line weights to match your rods.
- If you plan on streamer fishing bring one sink tip 175 grains to 200 grains

Leaders

- Three 9' 3x
- Three 9' 4x
- Two 9' 5x

Tippet

- One spool each 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, fluorocarbon is highly recommended.

Flies

The quantity of flies you use will be based on your ability. The fly list are divided into two seasons please match the list to your trip date.

Fly List Early Season (Nov to Feb 10th)

Streamers

- Woolly buggers black, olive, white size 4-8
- Clouser Foxee red minnows size 6-10
- Near Nuff Sculpin Tan size 6
- Coffey's Sparkle Minnow size 6 (black light)
- Weamer Streamer size 4 (olive)

Nymphs

- Kevin's Stonefly size 6-10
- BH Copper John size 14-20 (red, copper, black, olive)
- BH Prince Nymph size 12-20
- BH Lighting Bug size 12-16 (silver copper, black)
- BH Pheasant Tail size 12-20
- BH RL Hares Ear size 12-16
- Inchworms size 10-18
- Trina's Carnage Hopper Tan size 8-10

Dries

- Adams or Para Adams size 12-18
- Royal Wulff Size size8-16 Swishers Foam PMX size 10 (black, gold)
- Willy's Ant size 6-8 (red)
- Elk Hair Caddis size 12-16 (yellow, tan)
- Gould's Half Drowned Hopper Size 10
- Fire Beetle Size 16
- Sparkle Flying Ant #14
- Parachute PMD size 14
- Parachute Brown Drake size 8

Fly List for Late Season Feb (10th to May)

Streamers

- Woolly buggers black, olive, white size 4-8
- Clouser Foxee red minnows size 6-10
- Near Nuff Sculpin Tan size 6
- Coffey's Sparkle Minnow size 6 (black light)
- Weamer Streamer size 4 (olive)

Nymphs

- Kevin's Stonefly size 6-10
- BH Copper John size 14-20 (red, copper, black, olive)
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Dries

- Trina's Carnage Hopper Tan size 8-10
- Fire Beetle Size 16
- Disco beetle size 16-18

- Para Ant Clack size 16-18
- CDC Flying Ant size 14 (black)
- Swishers Foam PMX size 10 (black)
- Adams or Para Adams size 12-18
- Royal Wulff Size size8-16
- Elk Hair Caddis size 12-16 (yellow, tan)
- Parachute PMD size 14
- Parachute Gray Drake size 12

Other supplies to bring

- A shot assortment aaa-6
- Hemostats
- Fly floatant
- Strike indicators
- Wader belt