

# El Patagon Lodge Guests

We are frequently asked what one should bring on a fly-fishing expedition with Southern Chile Expeditions, S.A. We have assembled information, that we believe will answer most if not all of your questions. Should there be other information you require or questions that are not covered here, please do not hesitate to contact us. A copy of this information is posted in the Dry Room at El Patagon Lodge for your reference.

## Fly Line, Fly Rods & Flies

**Sinking Lines** - First things first. We assume, without exception, that our guests are joining us with the intention of catching fish. At El Patagon, one has the option of fishing dry flies exclusively all season long, with a great deal of success. You may not catch as many fish, in total, if you do not also fish with wet flies. If you wish to fish wet flies, you **must** bring the type of fly line required to best present wet flies.

Most of your casts, when fishing wet flies, will be made toward riverbanks and shorelines into shallow or slow moving pocket water. Fishing wet flies in this manner will increase your overall odds of catching fish. Our guides and guests have found the types of fly-lines listed below provide positive and consistent results while fishing wet flies.

- ❑ Wet tip type fly line ranging from a type IV to a type VI.
- OR
- ❑ A versa tip type fly line that has multiple changeable tips.

If you have two spools for your fly reel, you may have one spool set up with your floating line and the other spool with your sinking line. If you wish to use only one spool, the Versa Tip fly lines normally include a floating line, a wet tip intermediate type III and a wet tip type VI. You can cover all fishing conditions at El Patagon with this type of fly line and interchangeable tips and do so with one spool for your reel.

The fly-line you purchase must correspond to the rod weight you will be using, e.g. buy a # 6 Wet Tip IV line for a #6 weight rod. For those who wish to “load” their rod faster, you may consider purchasing a fly-line that is one size bigger than the rod, e.g. buy a # 7 Wet Tip IV line for a #6 weight rod. **Bear in mind that we are fishing in moving water and the opportunity to snag and break off your fly line does exist.** So, bring an extra sinking fly line for your rod--just in case. **Again, you must bring sinking lines if you wish to fish wet flies!**

**Floating Lines** - You will need a floating line sized to your rod. Bring a dry fly line that you have found best suited to your casting abilities, comfort level and preferences. Again, if you wish to “load” your rod faster, you may purchase a line one size greater than the size of the rod for which you are purchasing the line.

**Rods** - We recommend rods ranging from #5 to #7 weights. We use #5 weight, 9 foot rods, for dry flies and nymphs and #6 or #7 weights, also 9 feet in length, for streamers and wet flies. Each rod should be set up with the appropriate lines for that rod length and weight. If you are limited to bringing just two rods then bring rod sizes #6 and #7. Your personal preference will determine whether to employ separate floating and sinking lines or a versa tip line.

**Equipment Rental** - We have a limited inventory of fly-fishing equipment available for rental. This equipment is available for those who may not have their own fly-fishing equipment or those who lose or break their equipment. Should you wish to rent a rod and reel you must let us know, in advance, so that we may reserve it for you in accord with our inventory.

Sage VPS 4 & 6 weight 9 foot with sage reel and Scientific Angler's Express Wet Tip IV sink tip or floating line	\$60 per day	\$150 per week
Stocking foot Waders and wading shoes	\$20 per day	\$50 per week

**Flies** - the following chart identifies the flies we recommend that you bring with you. Our guides will also provide you with some of the local patterns that we use during specific times of the season. For fishing at El Patagon Lodge, we recommend that you bring a fly assortment with a distribution comprised of 50% wet flies, 50% dry flies. Or if you wish to fish one type exclusively, bring only that type. Don't worry about losing your best bugs. Our guides will be pleased to tie more flies for you during your stay with us.

#### DRY FLIES

**Chernoble Ant #4 - #6** orange & black combo  
**Foam Beetle #8 - #10** Black  
**Orange Stimulator #4 - #6**  
**Madam X #8**  
**Turk's Tarantula #6 - #8**

#### NYMPHS

**Prince Bead Head #12**  
**Pheasant Tail Beadhead #12 - #14**  
**Hairs Ear Nymph #12 - #14**  
**Bead head or weighted stone fly #8 - 12** black dark olive, light olive

#### WET FLIES

**Olive Cone head Crystal Buzzer #4 - #6,**  
**Black Cone head Wooley Buzzer #4, #6,**  
**Marabou Muddler Minnow #4** yellow / white  
**Mouse Pattern** (with tail, for big browns)

#### LEADERS

**7 foot length - 2X or 3X**

You will note that many of the flies we recommend you bring to Chile are already in your fishing vest. So do a quick inventory to establish what you have on hand and get the additional flies that you need. Or, if you wish to have an El Patagon Fly Kit reserved for you at the Lodge, your Agent can arrange this for you. These kits are available at \$100 and \$150 dollars (approximately \$200/fly). We have had local experts tie flies for these kits that are highly successful on our home waters. When you return home from Chile, any flies you have left over can be put to work on your favorite local waters.

### CLOTHING & PERSONAL ITEMS FOR FISHING EXPEDITIONS

To assure your comfort on the water, we recommend that you bring the following minimum clothing:

- warm sweater or pullover (such as a Synchilla product)
- medium weight Capilene or polypropylene undershirt
- medium weight Capilene or polypropylene long underwear pants
- wool or polypropylene socks
- fishing hat
- quality completely waterproof hooded rain jacket
- small day pack
- polarized sunglasses
- sunscreen
- camera & film with small zip lock bags to protect your camera

- ❑ flashlight
- ❑ personal medication
- ❑ small water bottle.

## FOOD AND DRINK

**Meals** - All meals are included in your expedition package price.

- ❑ **Breakfast** - Served at 7am and you will have a large selection of items from which to choose including, fresh fruits, cereals, bacon, pancakes, eggs the way you like them, to mention but a few of the selections available to you.
- ❑ **Lunch** - Served on the river, wine or beer is included.
- ❑ **Dinner** - Served at the end of the day at a time announced at the beginning of the day. You will have a cocktail hour before dinner. You will have a wide variety of national and international meals prepared for and served to you at your table in our dining room. Wines are included with your dinner.
- ❑ **Bar** - A limited selection of bar liquors is included in your expedition package. If you have a favorite bottle or brand, please feel free to bring it with you.

## ITEMS NOT INCLUDED AND OTHER INFORMATION

Listed below are a number of items not included in your expedition package price and other information that may be of interest to you.

- ❑ **Entry Fee** – Chile requires that you pay a \$100 one-time cash entry fee in USD.
- ❑ **Excess Luggage** - You are allowed 15 Kilos (33 lbs.) of luggage for in-country flights. If you are ticketed from your trip departure city to Puerto Montt and return, your International flight fare covers all of the baggage you boarded with at your point of departure. Other flights within Chile are subject to this weight policy and you will be charged per kilo for baggage weight exceeding 15 Kilos. This weight limit will apply to your flight to and from Chaiten.
- ❑ **Air Fare** – Round trip airfares for Puerto Montt and Chaiten are at your personal expense.
- ❑ **Laundry** -We have full laundry service available, clothes left with the maid service will be washed and returned within 24 hours.
- ❑ **Phones & Faxes** - There are no phones or faxes at the lodge. Telephones are available in La Junta where long distance and international calls may be made.
- ❑ **Internet Service** – There is no Internet service at the lodge. We do have Internet service at Yan Kee Way Lodge and can have emergency messages faxed to us in La Junta. Your agent will provide you with our phone, fax and Internet contact information.
- ❑ **Souvenirs** - You will have the opportunity to buy gifts to take home.
- ❑ **Tips** - Not included in your package price. We suggest that your tips be given to the head guide at the end of your stay. Your tip will be disbursed amongst the guides, maids, waiters, drivers and other “behind the scenes” personnel that have provided services for your stay. We also encourage that you make specific mention of anyone that you feel has done an outstanding job for you. The decision to provide a tip is entirely up to the client. Those who provide tips generally leave an amount that equates to 10% to 15% of their total package price.
- ❑ **Local currency** - The local currency is the Chilean peso. The exchange rate per U.S. dollar has fluctuated between 650 to 750 pesos during the last 12 months, maintaining an average around 725 pesos per U.S. dollar. If you require pesos, we can arrange to exchange dollars for you.

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