

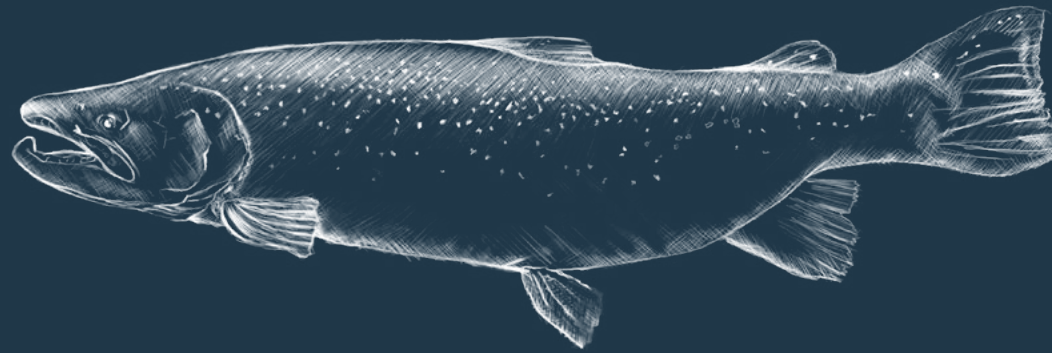


NERVOUS WATERS

A higher form of fishing

KAU TAPEN LODGE

RÍO GRANDE, TIERRA DEL FUEGO, ARGENTINA





In the heart of the Río Grande watershed, lie the best pools on the river, and the finest fish.



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Where it all started

In 1984, the first fishing lodge ever was established on the Río Grande, it's name; Kau Tapen. Which, in the Ona Language, means “House of Fishing”; a fitting name as you won't find a better “home” from which to target the world's largest sea-run brown trout. Today, several decades later, its legendary waters continue to inspire and delight both newcomers and well-traveled anglers.

With the wind, most days at your back, Anglers will fish either single- or two-handed rods to pursue the prized sea-run trout. From skating bombers through broad tail-outs and swing streamers across the river's best beats to drifting nymphs against deep cut banks, anglers use an assortment of various methods to chase the fish that will haunt you for the rest of your days.

WHY CHOOSE KAU TAPEN LODGE?

- Río Grande — the best trophy sea-run brown trout river in the world.
- The first and finest lodge on the Río Grande.
- Five-star accommodations, Incredible delicious a la carte menu served with local award winning wines.
- Twenty pounders caught weekly. 20 to 30+lbs Sea Run Brown trout are caught each season. Five IGFA World Records have been set at Kau Tapen.
- The most pools per angler per day. Only two anglers and their guide per beat. Fish new water every day!
- Extensive Beat options make it possible to find a pool where the wind is a help, not a hindrance.
- Unmatched service and hospitality. More than 75% of our anglers are repeat guests.
- An easy to wade river with a gravel bottom and an even flow.
- Fish are generally easy to reach, holding on current lines or against cut banks within casting range.
- In addition to the Río Grande, guests have access to 22 miles of the Menendez River, an intimate, technical tributary that's perfect for floating lines and single-hand and switch rods.
- Experience the world's finest sea-run brown trout guiding team. We rotate our guides daily, so you'll learn from them all.
- Superb fishing gear and leading fishing equipment, available at no extra cost.



At Kau Tapen we fish for Sea-Run Brown Trout weighing an average of 7 lbs and ascending to 30lbs and above.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Built-in 1984, Kau Tapen Lodge was designed to offer rods maximum comfort during their fishing trips as well as easy access to the best pools on the world-famous Río Grande. The lodge accommodates up to 10 guests (and occasionally 12) in en-suite single rooms to ensure privacy and comfort; some offer a king bed, some have one queen, and others are furnished with two doubles. A large living room opens up to peaceful vistas of the Menendez and Río Grande valleys and includes a roaring fire and a well-stocked bar. The lodge also boasts a tackle shop with an excellent selection of Loop rods, quality fly reels, flies, lines, Simms clothing, and other fishing essentials. In addition, guests have full use of the lodge's fly-tying table and equipment. Additional Kau Tapen highlights include two wading/fly gear rooms, a full spa with jacuzzi, a sauna, and a Finnish steam bath.



Our menus are paired with some of the world's best wines.



Soupy Rice with Patagonian Prawns.

- Capacity: 10 or 12 anglers depending the week.
- Rooms: 10 en suite bedrooms (single and double occupancy).
- Main House: Dining room, sitting room, bar, wade gear room, and fully equipped fly-tying table.
- Spa: Dry sauna, steam room, massage room, relaxation hot tub and therapeutic shower.
- Telephone and Wi-Fi.
- Maid and Laundry Service.
- First class international and local guides. All of our guides are able to give casting instruction with single and two-handed rods (Spey casting).
- Comfortable 4-wheel drive trucks fitted with rod racks and VHF radios.
- Fly Shop: Fully equipped with flies, rods, reels, lines, fishing apparel, and Argentine crafts.



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LOCATION

The lodge is located on the banks of the Río Grande in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. The success of the fishery on the Río Grande is a modern-day fisherman's Cinderella story. In just a decade, through access control and catch-and-release regulations, average catch rates have risen from less than a fish a day in the early '80s to multiple fish per person, per day. Starting with the opening of Kau Tapen Lodge in the early '80s, the Río Grande has become the most productive sea-run brown trout fishery in the world.

However, trout numbers fluctuate with ocean variables, tides, water levels, and a host of other natural factors. The Río Grande flows west to east from the Andes down to the Atlantic Ocean through approximately 60 miles of Argentine territory. The landscape of Tierra del Fuego is reminiscent of Wyoming or the Scottish low country. It includes sparsely populated wilderness, large sheep farming estancias, and wild herds of llama-like Guanacos, as well as plentiful fox and condor populations.



GETTING THERE

Guests fly into Buenos Aires, Argentina, and typically overnight there, with a day to spend touring this wonderful city. Arrival day at Kau Tapen is set for Saturday. Commercial airlines fly from Buenos Aires to the airport of Río Grande (RGA), where a lodge representative will meet you after the 3-hour flight. The transfer from Río Grande airport to the lodge takes 30 minutes. Depending on flight schedules, guests can also fly to Ushuaia Airport (USH). From there, the transfers to the lodge takes 3 hours. On arrival at the lodge, guests are welcomed with cocktails by the entire Kau Tapen staff.



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THE FISHING

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Although most of their lives are spent in the ocean, sea-run brown trout seem to retain more of the eccentricities of resident browns than, for instance, steelhead do of resident rainbows. Moody fish, they must be shown flies the way they want to see them at the precise time that they're ready to take. The Río Grande isn't a big river. Thus, it's compatible with a wide range of techniques; critical since a large sea-run brown trout may demand that a fly be fed to it on the bottom one hour but rise to a skating fly the next. Water levels can change from week to week and they generally drop as the season progresses.





Vary your presentations in each pool fished until you find the right formula of fly, line, drift or swing, and retrieve. Also heed the advice of your guide, whose primary aim is to recommend methods that will help you hook and bring more fish to the net. By and large, the Río Grande's sea-run brown trout seem to lie near cut banks during the middle of the day, though in low water they will also lie in the faster necks of pools. They typically move into these areas during the early morning, evening, and nighttime hours.

Generally, "tails in the morning and heads at night" is a good rule. Also look for fish distributed throughout pools on calm, overcast days. On sunny days, one theory holds that sea-run brown trout will take best if they don't have the sun in their eyes, although this theory, like others, is often affected by the number of fish in a particular pool and the number of "takers."



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DAILY ITINERARY

The schedule will depend on the season and can be tailored to meet the preference of our guests.

Usually, guests will leave the lodge around 9 o'clock after breakfast, and fish until 1 o'clock. Following a big lunch and a siesta (the duration depends on the season), guests return to the river in the late afternoon and fish until dark. Guests will be greeted with cocktails upon their return, shortly followed by dinner. Fishing hours will change slightly depending on the time of year.

Here is a sample schedule of the daily program:

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Depart for fishing
- 1:00 pm Lunch and Siesta
- 4:00 pm Fish till dusk



RATES 2024

December 30th, 2023 - April 6th, 2024

Dec 30 – Jan 13	\$ 11,950 *
Jan 13 – Mar 16	\$ 13,950 *
Mar 16 – Apr 6	\$ 11,950 *

* Rates are in USD per person, based on 7 nights and 6 days fishing, and include single room (subjected to availability) and shared guide.

* Saturday to Saturday weeks include: 1 night at Delta Eco Lodge (shared rooms), with one day of guided dorado fishing (subject to availability; first-come basis) with lunch, dinner and breakfast included – open bar.

Does not include transfer Ezeiza (EZE) Intl. Airport to Marina - Marina to Aeroparque (AEP) Domestic Airport (based on 2 pax min. at \$ 150 p/person)

- **NON-ANGLER:** \$650 per person per night

- **INCLUDED**

Lodging; All meals and beverages (Open Bar), local and international spirits; Transfer from Río Grande Airport to the Lodge; Professional guided fishing; loaner fishing equipment (rods, reels and lines).

- **NOT INCLUDED**

Airfares; Gratuities for guides and house staff, international and domestic airfares, fishing license (\$550 approx. p/person), laundry service and day-room (\$200 p/person) based on single occupancy at Río Grande Hotel on arrival date to Río Grande; Cost of itinerary modifications requested by the passenger.

PAYMENT TERMS

Reservations are confirmed with a 50% deposit. All deposits & payments are 100% non-refundable under any circumstances. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. At this point, participants are responsible for total land costs and no refunds will be made for unused land transportation, accommodations, or meals.



INTERESTED IN VARIETY?

Nervous Waters Fly Fishing, David Denies Bird Hunting, and Red Stag Patagonia are all proud members of **The Kautapen Group** - a single team of dedicated professionals focused on maintaining the highest standard of service and elevating your sporting experiences.



If fly fishing is your passion—consider the **Nervous Waters** family of lodges. Nervous Waters is the leader in international Fly Fishing destinations, with nine special lodges spread out across **Argentina, Chile, and the Bahamas**. We offer a plethora of coveted gamefish including bones and tarpon, sea-run and resident brown trout, rainbow trout, and golden dorado, pacu, and pira pita.

David Denies BIRD HUNTING

David Denies Bird Hunting comprises 12 world class bird hunting lodges across **Argentina & Uruguay**. From dove shooting in the hills surrounding Córdoba, to the wetlands of Buenos Aires province, to the rolling pastures of Uruguay, we bring you to the ultimate wingshooting paradise, with an impeccable style and attention to detail, and dependability outfitting that is simply not found elsewhere.



Red Stag Patagonia, outfits some of the best Red Stag hunts in both **Argentina and Chile** as well as best free-range Black Buck and Axis Deer hunting in South America. Our four operations are located in Chile, Northern Patagonia, Mendoza and Buenos Aires. All of Red Stag's hunts are fair chase, open country hunts in magnificent terrain, and their success rate speaks for itself.

SEASONS BY SPECIES

ARGENTINA, CHILE & URUGUAY

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SEA-RUN BROWN TROUT	• •	• •	• •									•
DORADO	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •
PACÚ	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •				•	• •	•	•
PIRÁ PITÁ	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •				•	• •	•	•
BROWN TROUT	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •						• •	• •
RAINBOW TROUT	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •						• •	• •

DOVES	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •
PERDÍZ					• •	• •	• •	• •	•			
DUCKS					• •	• •	• •					
PIGEON				•	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•		

WILD BLACK BUCK					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•
AXIS DEER					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•
RED STAG			• •	• •	• •	•						
FALLOW DEER			• •	• •	• •	•						
WILD BOAR					• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•

BAHAMAS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BONEFISH	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•			• •	• •	• •

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