

Jurassic Lake Rainbow Trout

“THE WORLDS BEST LAKE FISHING FOR MONSTER SIZED WILD RAINBOW TROUT”

“*Jurassic Lake, ie. The River Camp at the bay at the outlet of Barancuso River is the greatest wild Rainbow fishery in the world! After several exploratory trips in 2006, full programs from Nov 2007 to April 2009, we are very confident that a visit to our camp in Jurassic Lake will change anything you thought you knew about rainbow trout and you will leave with memories that will last a lifetime. This is the only place we have heard of where guests have fainted due to catching too many fish! Some visits to the gym before getting here is recommended.*

The lake is nothing else than a biological sensation and contains millions upon millions of fresh water shrimp (krill, scuds). The fish grow to huge sizes eating only the protein-enriched shrimps all year around. This is simply the most Omega-3 fat fish you have ever seen. Yes, it's possible to eat and taste during the stay.

We have also seen that the rainbows are making their way into the small stream (the only stream in the lake) to spawn nearly all months of the year, as long as the river has water. All we can gather is that the vast numbers of rainbows has created its own ecological system and its unending food source has pushed these fish to “year-around-spawners”, depending on water level in the small stream that feeds the lake by the Loop River camp.

Arriving at Jurassic Lake you will quickly realize just how far removed you are from the real world, as the sheer vastness of this secluded country is beyond belief. The large lake is roughly 20 km by 15km, situated approx. 1000m over sea level, and looks more like a saltwater body of water with its crystal clear blue water and channels, corals and shelves.

Our first exploratory trip had us casting into this huge body of water with little to no expectations. After being broke off a half dozen times we quickly realized there was something strange going on here. These huge fish are much, much more than just abnormally large, as they are pound for pound one of the strongest fish we have ever seen. The blood curdling runs are only interrupted by jumps that often involve leaps far above your head. Do not put your hands anywhere near your reel handle, as you will surely risk loosing some skin or even break a finger.”



THE DRIVE TO JURASSIC LAKE

It takes approximately 10 hours from Las Buitreras and the flight back to Buenos Aires will be from Calafate which takes approximately 7 hrs from the camp. The drive is through the wildest stretches of Patagonia and offers many chances to see and take photos of all wild animals and beautiful nature, and with a bit of luck you might even see a wild puma. But be warned this is a tough trip and the roads are some of the worst on the planet. While on our trip to explore the area we were all beat up and ready to never get back in a truck again. By the end of our journey the trip out was forgotten among the memories of this amazing place and its Jurassic Rainbow Trouts.



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AVERAGE SIZE AND NUMBERS

The average size has been around 10 lb, with the biggest landed so far at 120cm long. We have seen, and lost, even bigger ones. Is there any other place like Loop Jurassic River Camp in the world? We don't think so!

We don't count fish at Jurassic Lake, as it is not important, but let us at least say there is enough fish to keep you busy the whole day. For those who love a real challenge there is some great shallow water sight fishing to be had along the shorelines. It is not uncommon to see pods of giant fish cruising the edges in search of food that tries to escape. It is also fun to take a smaller rod up the creek, for some dry fly fishing, mainly in Nov-mid Jan.

FLIES, TACKLE AND FISHING TECHNIQUE

We have found streamer patterns (zonkers, buggers, muddlers, etc.) to be the most effective thus far, with black, purple, red, white and yellow all working fine. The real secret is to have several different patterns and a lot of each. *Sizes from 2-8 work fine, with sizes 4-6 being the most common.* Use strong hooks only. Bring along some scud patterns for sight fishing and an assortment of dry flies and nymphs as well.

We have also, when weather permits, used 9' # 5 rods with floating lines, dries and nymphs with big success. Real fun, not easy to land them though. Whatever fly or line used – the key is to fish the fly slow, real slow, since these fish are not used to chase the food. Their eating behavior is more like swimming with mouth open zipping in the food.

For the lake a *single handed 9' to 10', 7/8-weight rods* are the tools of choice. Loop Opti Coast rod with hi-dense core (handles the wind better) Loop Multi lines is a safe setup. *For the small stream a 9', 5-weight works great.* A high quality reel with a good drag system is highly recommended and your reels should have at least 100 yards of backing on them. We recommend, of course, Evotec G4, Multi or Opti Runner reels. If you like the sound of screaming reels Loop Classic is a good choice. All these reels will handle the tough “sand” winds and water since they are properly sealed and have hi-quality bearings and shafts. Floating, intermediate and sinking lines will all work fine on the lake.

The fishing is from shore with easy wading in very cold water and involves casting out to the deeper edges and retrieving the fly back. The takes are nothing less than jolting, with these fish claiming dozens of flies on any given day. *Your leaders should be no less than 15 pound and between 9' and 12' in length.* They have not been leader shy, so some 20-pound tippet should be kept close by.



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The Loop River Camp is only two minutes walk from best fishing places, which makes this by far the best location around the lake.

LOOP RIVER CAMP – SIMPLY AN OUTSTANDING LOCATION

The camp consists of comfortable safari style dome tents with wooden floors, 3 wooden beds with mattresses and new warm sleeping bags per dome. We now also have new wooden cabins with heaters and wooden beds with new warm sleeping bags. A dining tent, one shower cabin and one storage tent makes up the rest of the camp. A small generator makes it possible to load batteries.

GUIDES, CHEF AND MANAGERS

Our guides are a combination of chefs, camp managers and guides. They will show and give advices on the fishing but fishing will mainly be done without a guide on your side all the time. Fishing is so obvious so it is not needed. They will cook, clean the camp and help out with anything needed. It is hard work in the middle of nowhere so we hope all can accept this.

LOOP TACKLE SERVICE

Loop Tackle will have some fishing gear suitable for fishing the lake and stream available at the camps and can be used by our guests if they like. There will not be a "tackle shop" available, but we will have some extra waders, jackets, leaders, flies and some tippet material available.

Specialist advice on every aspect of the fishing is available from:

- Sweden Christer Sjöberg: christer@looptackle.se
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SEASONS

High Season Oct -Mid Jan: This is the spawning season and normally the river has sufficient water and is virtually full of fish with a mix of colored fish and fresh silver from the lake. There is huge "traffic" in the bay outside the camp; here also is a mix of colored fish and fresh torpedoes. This period it is possible to catch more wild and bigger rainbows than anywhere else on the planet. 50 fish in a day is normal with records well above 50 fish per day. If you think it is too many you just walk 100 meters to next bay where you can sight fish for the odd big bright specimens, this goes for the whole lake, and maybe catch 5-10 fish in a good day.

March-April: This period is colder with the bay full of fish yet again. During this period they are fatter and most are chrome trains that will empty your reel – fast! This period can be a bit cold but fantastic!

Low Season mid Jan-beginning of March: This is high summer and after 4 seasons we can now see the pattern with fish mainly cruising around out in the lake. If the wind presses colder water to the bay there can be some fantastic evening and mornings. This period is definitely slower compared to Jurassic River normal standards, but if compared with other wild rainbow fisheries it is still hard to beat.

WEEKS HIGH SEASON 2011

Oct 31-Nov 7 Full week	Nov 7-14 Full week	Nov 14-21 Full week	Nov 21-28 Full week	Nov 28-Dec 5 Full week
Dec 5-12 Full week	Dec 12-19 Full week	Jan 2-9 Half/ full week	Jan 9-16 Half/ full week	March 6-13 Half/ full week
March 13-20 Half/ full week	March 20-27 Half/ full week	March 27- April 3 Half/ full week	April 3-10 Half/ full week	

WEEKS LOW SEASON 2011

Jan 16 – March 6 Half/ full week with maximum 6 rods

TESTIMONIAL

"I witnessed a fish take over 150 metres of backing from one angler's reel without slowing down before the hooks pulled. There was no way that fish was going to be caught on 6wt gear."

Daniel Kent



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PRICES 2011

Full week, high season Oct 31-Jan 16 and March 6-April 10

- 2-3 guests in car, including guide: **€3390**
- 1 guest in car, including guide: **€3790**

Full week, low season Jan 16-March 6

- 2-3 guests in car, including guide: **€2690**
- 1 guest in car, including guide: **€2990**

Itinerary

- **Saturday:** Departure from Buenos Aires early morning. Arrive camp in evening. Fishing if not too late.
- **Sunday-Thursday:** 5 full days fishing.
- **Friday:** Fishing in morning, midday transport to Calafate. Hotel and dinner in Calafate (not included in price).
- **Saturday:** Flight to Buenos Aires (not included in the price).

Half week, high season Oct31-Jan 16 and March 6-April 10.

- 2-3 guests in car, including guide: **€2690**
- 1 guest in car, including guide: **€2990**

Half week, low season Jan 16-March 5

- 2-3 guests in car, including guide: **€2290**
- 1 guest in car, including guide: **€2690**

Itinerary

- **Saturday:** Departure from Buenos Aires to Calafate early morning. Arrive Jurassic in evening for fishing a couple of hours if not too dark (depending on season).
- **Sunday – Tuesday:** 3 full days of fishing.
- **Wednesday:** Early morning fishing. Departure to Calafate at approximately 10.00. Arrive Calafate latest 18.00. Flight back to Buenos Aires is possible around 20.00-22.00.

Included in price

- Transports Calafate-Jurassic Lake and back to Calafate.
- Full lodging in Polar expedition tented camp or wood cabins at Jurassic Lake
- All meals, wine, beer, all tackle to borrow including flies, and hosts/ guide.

Not included in price

- Hotel nights and costs related to and from airport Calafate and extra costs in Buenos Aires and Calafate
- Flights
- Tips are recommended at 10% of cost

NB: Add-ons from Las Buitreras gets 15% discount on Jurassic trips.



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ITINERARY – LAS BUITRERAS ADD-ON TRIPS

Before your Buitreras week: Departure from the Buenos Aires domestic airport Wednesday early morning to Calafate (2.5 hours flight). You will be met in Calafate by a Loop representative and driven to Jurassic Lake (approximately 6-7 hours). You will fish – if you take the first morning flight from Buenos Aires – Wednesday evening, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning and then make the drive to Buitreras which is approximately 10 hours. Departure the following Saturday from Rio Gallegos to Buenos Aires and on to your International flights home the following day or if you have late flight (later than 21.00) same day.

After your Buitreras week: Leave Buitreras the following Saturday morning and make the drive to Jurassic Lake. Fishing Saturday evening, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday morning – drive to Calafate approximately 6-7 hours. Catch your flight back to Buenos Aires in Tuesday evening. International flights home at the earliest would be Wednesday.

BOOKING ASSISTANCE

For assistance with booking flight Buenos Aires – Rio Gallegos, VIP service meeting and hotel bookings in Buenos Aires, please contact our local Rio Gallegos office:

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TESTIMONIAL

"My best day's fishing produced over 80 trout with the biggest weighing in at a fat 8kg (17.5lb). The group of anglers before us had the privilege of beating the 12kg (26lb) record with a fish of 13kg (28lb) and a staggering 1.3 m long! It was built like a silver torpedo and if it was carrying the condition of the other fish in the lake it would have been well over 16kg!"

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Visiting Argentinean Patagonia requires transport by airplane and 4-wheel drive vehicle. The lodge is situated in a remote wilderness area and medical standards and facilities may be several hours away and not necessarily of a standard available in the USA or Europe. Guests must understand and accept the risk associated with such means of conveyance and the conditions prevailing in the locality. Travel schedules in Argentina can change due to adverse weather, strikes or other factors beyond our control. Such circumstances may require airlines tickets which often have tight restrictions and for which we cannot be held responsible. Each person making a reservation must send the internet booking form stating that these terms & conditions is fully understood and accepted. Registration for the trip and receipt of payment in advance indicates that cancellation/refund and responsibility clauses as outlined above have been read and are accepted.

Any prospective guest who has special medical or dietary requirements is asked to contact the office prior to booking in order that they can be properly advised. All guests must have appropriate and valid travel and trip cancellation insurance and details must be provided to Loop Eco prior to travel. Horse riding and helicopter is at the guest's own personal risk. By paying for the trip this terms & conditions are fully accepted.



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