Patagonia for Dummies

Presented by Jeff Wells for the eco-flyfishing lodge Fundo Los Leones in Patagonia Chile





Who is this Jeff Wells?

- 51 years of involvement in Argentina and Chile, business and fun
- Bio already Provided
- Fly fishing novice luckily dropped into a flyfishing mecca
- Here to help you with a possible bucket list item…fishing in Patagonia!

What I want to accomplish



- Explain what is Patagonia, where it's at and how you might best approach visiting someday to fish and see the last great "untouched" wildlife refuge in the world.

What is Patagonia?

- It's in the southern portion of the South American Continent
- It is a broad two country location, like "the West"
- More sheep than people, more fish than the world's grains of sands
- Many wild and unexplored areas
- Nature in abundance, very safe, affordable and culturally interesting
- Everyone wants to come back!





- Patagonia spans southern Chile and Argentina, offering spectacular outdoor adventures, diverse wildlife, and stunning glaciers. Key highlights include:

- **Torres del Paine National Park (Chile):**
- **Perito Moreno Glacier (Argentina):**
- **El Chaltén (Argentina):Penguin & Wildlife Tours:**
- **The Beagle Channel & Ushuaia (Argentina):**
- **The Marble Caves (Chile):**
- **Antarctica**


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Puerto Montt
Isla Grande de Chiloé
Coyhaique
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L. Argentino
Parque Nacional Torres del Paine
Puerto Natales
PACÍFICO
Punta Arenas
Tierra del Fuego
Ushuaia
I. de los Estados
Río Gallegos
Bahía Grande
Estrecho de Magallanes
Falkland Islands
Islas Malvinas
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Puerto Deseado
Caleta Olivia
Comodoro Rivadavia
Golfo San Jorge
Esquel
Trelew
Puerto Madryn
Rawson
Peninsula de Valdez
Golfo San Matías
Viedma
San Carlos de Bariloche
Embalse Ezequiel Ramos Mexia
Neuquén
Bahía Blanca
Santa Rosa
ARGENTINA
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Salado
Colorado
Negro
Neuquén
Limay
Bío Bío
Chubut
Chico
Deseado
Gallegos
Argentine Sea
OCÉANO

Venues



Getting there

- To **Argentina** you fly to Buenos Aires and then go to either Bariloche or Esquel
- To **Chile** you fly to Santiago and then to three other locations along the spine of the Andes
- We charter people into Chaiten or we land right on our property



Fundo Los Leones Resort

- Following in the footsteps of Douglas Tompkins we have created a nature preserve and 100 large acre lots for those that want to help and have a piece of the action.
- **Fundo Los Leones** is providing the "West Yellowstone" only access to Douglas Tompkin's 2,000,000 acre Corcovado National Park. Doug has created 9 parks like this in Chile, the largest single private donation of park lands made in the history of the world. What a legacy and we are part of it.

Imagine creating and donating 9 Yellowstone or Yosemite National parks….





“Experience one of the world’s last great wild places, where world-class trout fishing is combined with conservation, wilderness, culture, and eco-tourism—and where **Fundo Los Leones** serves as the perfect basecamp for exploring it all”

You can basically pick your own venue for what you want to fish for and how:

- We fish for Browns, Rainbow, Brooktrout, Steelhead, Sea Run Browns and a fun setting for hard fighting Wahoo!
- We Float and wade large, medium Rivers, saltwater estuaries, emerging glacial streams and have optional Stillwater settings
- We also Helifish to get to untouched lakes and Rivers
- Our guides are English speaking and we assign on guide per two anglers
- Our package includes eco-tourism options as well to our surrounding International Maritime Protection zone to look for the great Blue Whale, Orca, Penguins, Sea Lions and many varieties of Dolphin
- We are a bird paradise as well.





Our approach to an Eco-lodge

- We have learned through 30 years of providing a lodging experience that our visitors have enjoyed the entire package of a different venue of fishing everyday and combining it with the eco adventures we can provide for couples that just want to get away.
- We have charming cabins right on the water and a staff, food and atmosphere that is not provided by any other lodge venue we are aware of….cooking classes, rain-forest hikes, biking, sheep farm observation, local fishing village, kayaking and optional heli-tours. We love doing a lamb roast for our guests on the beach!
- We have for those addicted to “connection” Direct TV, starlink access and local cell service, but too bad for you!

Connect with the Sea

From the edge of the forest, the landscape opens to the Pitipalena–Añihué Fjord, where the Palena River meets the ocean. Here, Patagonia reveals itself in its purest form: a mosaic of channels, islands, and crystal-clear waters that shift in color with the light of day.

Residents can embark on boat excursions through the fjord and inner channels, exploring a marine ecosystem of extraordinary richness. These waters are home to humpback whales, southern dolphins, sea lions, and cormorants, accompanied by swimming penguins and coastal birds.

The connection with the sea is also an experience of contemplation: sailing among mountains, listening to the echo of the waves, and feeling the immensity of an untouched landscape. At Fundo Los Leones, the ocean is never far—it is part of everyday life, a constant reminder of our bond with nature.







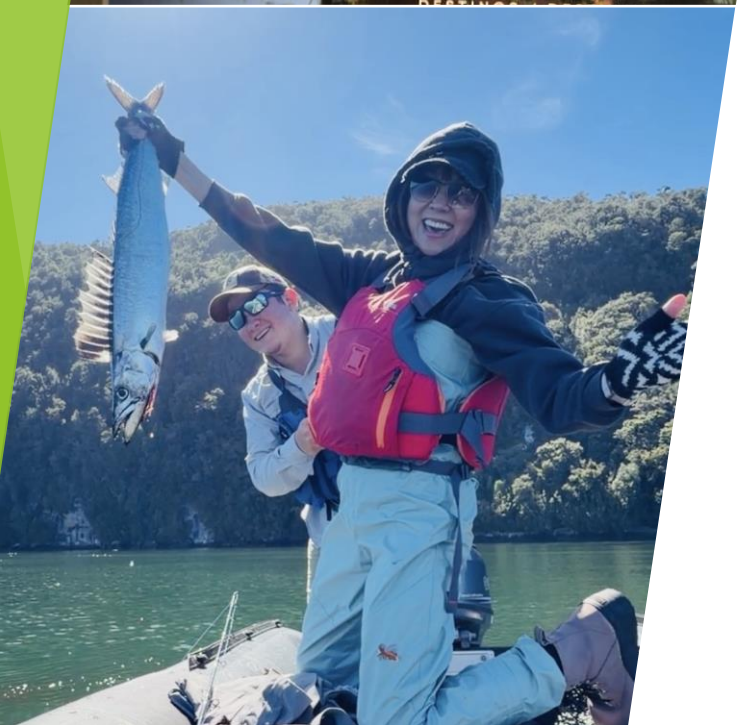


We are a nationally recognized Conservation Project

- Located on:
- 6 miles (10 km) of private shoreline along the Piti Palena Fjord
- 5 miles (8 km) of frontage on the Palena River
- Gateway to Corcovado National Park
  - Formerly part of lands owned by Douglas and Kristine Tompkins.
- The lodge continues their conservation philosophy.
- The ranch operates as:
- Eco-tourism retreat
- Working sheep farm
- Fly fishing destination
- Marine adventure basecamp
- The property offers exceptional access to both freshwater and saltwater ecosystems.







Special Trout Unlimited Promotion

- Discounted $3995 to 4 days, five nights (normally $4995)
- Non-fisherman discount of $500.
- Group of 6, one person comes free or further group discount
- Optional tours

