



Paula James and Jing Torn had just arrived from our fishing adventure in Patagonia part Argentina and part Chile. We started our fishing trip in Esquel south of Patagonia and stayed in a beautiful, charming, El Encuentro Lodge. It is incredibly well located on a bank overlooking the beautiful Río Grande River with gorgeous scenery, beautiful mountains of the Andes. The Lodge is owned and operated by the Beale Family whose been hosting and guiding anglers for so many years. They strive to give Argentine experience that includes excellent service, superb meals, excellent Argentina wines great company and adventures. El Encuentro was our home for four nights, the same guides everyday and fish in different areas. What is very interesting is that we are fishing in different breathtaking numbers of private springs creeks, lakes, rivers packed with browns, rainbows and some brookies whether floating, wading, walking in a meadows and fields is a great experience and were out of this world. After fishing in the morning our guide find a shady shoreline where he can set up a picnic table with table cloth, beautiful napkin, silverwares and wine glasses which is our routine midday superb lunch with bottle of wine. After our four nights in El Encuentro our wonderful Martín drove us to another area further south called Río Pico which is a three hour drive from El Encuentro Lodge.

Río Pico, offers a different experience of fishing in a remote and wild location of Patagonia. Sometimes we fish in a very narrow stream full of Trout. We stayed two nights in Las Pampas Lodge. The following day he brought us back to El Encuentro Lodge. We are extremely happy because we want to go back to the lodge for our last night. The day we depart El Encuentro was a gloomy and rainy as we are sad to say good bye to everybody. Benjamin's cousin took us to Río Manso Lodge, located north of Esquel in the lovely setting of Nehuel Huapi National Park.

Río Manso Lodge is also beautiful and a 40 mins. Drive to Bariloche Argentina, well known for skiing, bigger and beautiful city. The the morning we went to Bariloche and tour the city, had lunch and near dark we return to Río Manso and was able to fish this gorgeous river even for a short time. Early morning we took a Lake Crossing along the Andes beautiful scenery. After we crossed the border in Chile we were met by our host and transferred to their lodge Tres Ríos Lodge. We fished two days and wish couple more. This place is another El Encuentro. The fishing adventures ends here at Tres Ríos. We had a great time. Our thanks to Patty Reilly, who organized and put this wonderful trip together. Well, our adventure continues to experience a great Culinary Tour to Santiago, Chile and Mendoza, Argentina. Both countries produces an excellent wines. We are very lucky with the weather. For a total of 17 days we only had two days of gloomy and rain. The weather in Patagonia was awesome



