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"It's not just our passion...it's our lifestyle"

Having hunted all over the world this organization is one of the tops!

Excellent hunt, great facilities, better food.

John Painter / June 2008



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About Us

When Black River Outfitters was founded in 2004, brothers Juan Pablo and Jose Ignacio (Nacho) Portela had their dreams realized. Now thirty years old, the Portela twins were born in Montevideo, Uruguay but moved to the Rio Negro countryside when they were only four years old. The two grew up hunting and fishing in Young, UY, a small farming village, and came to know the area and their quarry well.

The brothers parted ways to attend university: Pablo moved to Switzerland for three years where he earned a degree in hotel management before traveling the world to gain experience in the hospitality industry at the international level. Brother Nacho chose to stay closer to home where he attended Universidad ORT Uruguay in Montevideo to study business administration. Like Pablo, Nacho also traveled the world after he completed school.

Eventually the two returned home to Uruguay and decided to open an elite level mixed bag hunting and fishing operation in the fields, ponds and rivers where they grew up hunting and fishing and knew so well. With old-fashioned hard work, dedication to service, attention to details, and a keen knowledge of arguably the finest mixed bag wing shooting real estate anywhere in the world, the Portelas developed Black River Outfitters and haven't looked back since.

For nearly six years now, Nacho and Juan Pablo have owned and operated Black River Outfitters. The brothers started out hosting clients in Estancia La Paz which is located in Paysandu, UY, and they



began to develop their reputation for offering an outstanding mixed bag opportunity to international wingshooters. Soon after they started hunting in Paysandu, they established an equally successful fishing operation on the Uruguay River. They stayed in Estancia La Paz for nearly five years and developed a sterling reputation both for the unrivaled sporting opportunities they offered through Black River Outfitters, and for their hospitality and passion for their work. This success afforded them the opportunity in 2009 to move their operation to Estancia San Cirilo. Private, luxurious, and situated so perfectly that the mixed bag opportunities await right out the front door, San Cirilo was final piece of the puzzle that the Portelas had been waiting for. Their goal is to combine a luxurious sporting getaway with an authentic Uruguayan hunting experience. A truly high volume mixed bag of doves, ducks, pigeons, and perdiz, Black River Outfitters at Estancia San Cirilo is now among the absolute best hunting and fishing programs in South America.

THE GAME



DUCK HUNTING (MAY 01 – SEPT 15)

The duck hunting in Uruguay has always been good, particularly in the upper western part of the country. But minimal local and commercial hunting over the years has limited the hunting pressure. The limited pressure, coupled with the area's huge food supply and numerous ponds, make for ideal duck hunting conditions. From late fall through late winter, this part of Uruguay is home to a variety of exotic duck species including the Rosy-Billed Pochard, White-Faced Whistling Duck, Brazilian Teal, Brown Pintail, Speckled Teal, Ringed Teal, Southern Wigeon, Cinnamon Teal and Silver Teal.



DOVE HUNTING (YEAR ROUND)

The dove hunting in Uruguay is rivaled only by the hottest dove hunting destinations in Argentina. The shooting is done in the area's rolling green hills and farmlands, often just minutes away from the lodge. In this part of Uruguay, dove hunting helps to preserve valuable crops and farmers' livelihoods; for this reason there is no dove hunting season and no bag limit! Shoulders willing, guests can expect to shoot upwards of 80 boxes per day!



PERDIZ HUNTING (MAY 01- JULY 31)

There is nothing like the thrill of hunting perdiz behind well-trained dogs. In Uruguay perdiz hunting is an obsession and it shows. San Cirilo employs some of the best dog handlers in all Uruguay – locals who have been training dogs and hunting perdiz their whole lives. This vast experience pays off in the field, with San Cirilo offering some of Uruguay's most consistent perdiz hunting. In addition to the great guides, the area's perfect habitat and abundant food make for thriving perdiz populations.



PIGEON HUNTING (MAY 01- SEPT 15)

For those seeking a unique shooting experience, decoyed pigeon shooting certainly fits the bill. These "gentleman's hunts" have long been a favorite among international sportsmen. Typically, the pigeon flights begin just after daybreak. Hunters are set in cornfield blinds with full decoy spreads including a revolving "pigeon carousel" or "pigeon magnet." Pigeons are tough birds and are deceptively fast, but decoy readily with the proper spread in place. The action can be fast and furious, with hunters averaging between four and six boxes per hunt.



GOLDEN DORADO (YEAR ROUND)

San Cirilo is one of the few Wingshooting lodges that can also offer quality fishing as a bonus. The Golden Dorado is a fiercely fighting freshwater fish known for line-ripping runs and its acrobatic flights. Anglers have the option of fly fishing, spinning or trolling for these magnificent fish. Professional guides specializing in Golden Dorado fishing ensure every angler gets the most out of each outing. The fishing can be done year-round but is best from mid September through April.



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SAN CIRILO

Uruguay's San Cirilo Lodge is not your average wingshooting estancia. San Cirilo is one of South America's few true 4-feather mixed-bag hunting destinations. San Cirilo offers incredible duck, dove, decoyed pigeon and perdiz hunting...all from one luxurious lodge. Hunters also have the option of adding Golden Dorado fishing to the bird hunting. How is it all possible? San Cirilo is ideally situated in the midst of over 100,000 acres of sunflower fields, sorghum fields, soybean fields, cattle pastures, ponds and riverfront...making it a virtual sportsman's paradise with game so abundant you'd have to see it to believe it.

Accommodations

Sitting atop a hill with sweeping views of the Uruguayan countryside and the famous Rio Negro pigeon roost, San Cirilo Lodge serves as the ultimate retreat for hunters. Reconstructed before the 2009 mixed-bag season, the lodge offers uncommon luxuries and comforts. The lodge's uniquely modern exterior can be deceiving; it functions beautifully as a hunting lodge. With six bedrooms and five bathrooms, the lodge can accommodate up to twelve hunters at a time. There is a grand living room and lounge, a separate dining area, a gun and tackle room and a popular outdoor fire pit with sitting area. Guests of San Cirilo can expect traditional Uruguayan cuisine prepared by a professional chef, accompanied by fine regional wines. Internet access is fully available at the lodge, as is phone service.



*Like all legendary hunting lodges,
the reason for our success is our location!*



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PATO DIABLO

The duck hunting at Pato Diablo Lodge is simply the best opportunity for sportsmen and women in search of a high-volume duck hunt in South America. Combine that with one of the greatest concentrations of wild perdiz throughout the country, and you have South America's premier waterfowl and upland bird hunting destination. Situated in the largest rice producing province of Uruguay, we have the most exclusive duck and perdiz territories anywhere in the entire country. With rice being cut during the opening months of duck season, you can be certain that as our guest, you will be situated right in the middle of the swarms of teal, pintail, and rosybill that descend on these fields during the winter months.

Accommodations

At Pato Diablo Lodge, every effort has been made to ensure an environment of total relaxation and complete hospitality. We have reserved the best luxury hotel in Punta del Diablo to spoil our wing-shooting guests. With (10) large private rooms, ultra comfortable queen size beds, a spacious living area and bar, a fine dining room with a fire place, and wireless internet, guests have only to rest and relax during their wing-shooting vacation.

Our full time staff will be ready, waiting, and willing to tend to your every request from the moment you touch down in Uruguay until the moment you board your returning flight. Our onsite chef and wait staff will provide endless appetizers, gourmet meals, and full breakfasts during each day of your visit, while fine wine, beer, and premium liquor can all be enjoyed at will.



*La Paz is primarily reserved
for large Dove hunting groups.*

LA PAZ

Since 2004 Estancia La Paz has played host to pigeon, dove, and perdiz hunters from around the world, and stakes a claim as the starting point for wing-shooting in Uruguay. Now home to our dove hunters, this estancia is one of the finest remote and peaceful bed and breakfast Estancias in western Uruguay. Just a short drive down the road and minutes from the relaxing accommodations, are any number of our famous dove roosts. Its location in the heart of western Uruguay's agriculture belt provides some of the greatest wing-shooting opportunities found anywhere in South America. Estancia La Paz is located in Colonia La Paz, province of Paysandu, which is where we were born and raised. Our relationship with the local farmers and landowners gives us a great advantage in securing the most productive shooting fields, and most exclusive lodges.

Accommodations

Large parties or corporate groups are given the opportunity to share the hunt together, enjoy drinks, appetizers, and dinner together, while also being able to enjoy their fully staffed estancia and private rooms. This provides unsurpassed quality, service, and camaraderie for oversized wing-shooting parties. A full staff is always on hand for our guests and the dove hunting is spectacular during every month of the year. In addition, La Paz, has a direct link with Argentina across "Gral. Artigas" International Bridge. So guest flying into Buenos Aires can be easily accommodated and transferred by van or charter to the Estancia.



TIERRA SANTA

With an increasing demand for high-volume, decoy pigeon hunting from our loyal wing-shooters, we couldn't resist securing this beautiful luxury estancia in the heart of pigeon country to host our guests. Luxury accommodations, short drives to the fields (20 min), and flock after flock of decoying pigeons will quickly have you hooked on wing-shooting in Carmelo in no time.

This is not pass shooting, but rather no limit, non-stop, decoying action. The incredible populations of wild Spot-winged and Picazuro pigeon provide one of the most spectacular wing-shooting opportunities in South America. The pigeon flights being just as the sun rises, and only increase in volume as the day progresses.

*This trip offers hands down the best
Wild Pigeon hunting in Uruguay!*



Accommodations

We understand that relaxation and comfort are second only to the hunting, and this is one of the reasons we opened Estancia Tierra Santa to passionate wing-shooters. It is always nice to know that a warm fire, hot appetizers, and an open bar are not far when you finish off your last case of shells!

With just three beautifully appointed guest suites, Estancia Tierra Santa offers unmatched privacy and personal attention. Rooms are complete with ultra comfortable beds, an in room wood burning fire-place, custom marble showers, an outdoor terrace, and all the amenities to make relaxing after the hunt quick and easy. Our culinary team is trained to offer the best Uruguayan cuisine, from the rugged, traditional asado (open fire barbeque) to very refined preparations of rack of lamb, filet mignon, and roast duck.

LOCATION



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