

Trip costs for Outdoors Rambler – Uruguay Mixed Bag Hunt – July 2018

Purchase of hunt from Ducks Unlimited auction. Many hunt operators have a “reserve price” set on the hunt. I barely made the reserve, so there was a savings over the face value of the hunt. Rates at Uruguay Lodge for 2019 vary between \$975 and \$1250 per shooter, per night. These rates are flexible based upon month of the season, number of hunters in the group, and lodge availability. This includes, though, the cost of the hunting license, which wasn’t covered in the cost of our DU auction purchase. We paid slightly more than 50 percent of the face value for a two-person hunt. So, if you’re going to go, take a look at auctions by DU, SCI and others. You’ll likely save money.

Airfare: American Airlines. \$1,929.91 roundtrip. Amazingly, we had to pay an extra \$100 each way for the privilege of not sitting in a 5-seat center section while trying to sleep on overnight flight. And, American Airlines gate agent gave us an unwarranted hassle while trying to check-in at Reagan Airport in Virginia, stating guns needed to be cleared through the Uruguayan consulate, which was hogwash. Finally, a supervisor arrived and explained to her the firearms process was exactly as we outlined. Her 20-plus minute delay almost made us miss our flight or at least ensure our shotguns wouldn’t make it. Fortunately, the flight was delayed. American Airlines needs to do better.

Add-ons:

Hunting licenses: \$350 per person

Transfer fees to/from Montevideo Airport: \$350 per person

Non-hunter staying 4 nights: \$1,200 per person

30 boxes of shotshells at \$16.50/box: \$495

1.5 days of gun rental: \$112.50

Tips: \$700

So, as you can see, prices do add up. We found airfares to Uruguay slightly higher than they are to Buenos Aires, Argentina. For most hunters, this is a trip that you save for and probably make just once or twice in a lifetime.