

A Hunt Beyond the Harvest: Our Argentina Red Stag Adventure

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What began as an unexpected gift from my mom turned into an adventure my husband and I will never forget. After landing in Buenos Aires, Argentina, we traveled by car for nearly eight hours before arriving at our destination—a beautiful resort that perfectly blended modern comforts with a rustic, welcoming feel.

We each hunted separately with our own guides, giving us the opportunity to experience the country and the hunt in our own way. Each morning began before sunrise, stepping

out into a landscape that felt surprisingly familiar. In many ways, parts of Argentina reminded us of home in Wyoming, while other areas felt more like the desert landscapes of West Texas. The air was filled with birdsong, and somewhere in the distance, red stag could occasionally be heard “barking”—a sound that was unforgettable to hear in person.

Seeing the red stag for the first time was an experience in itself. While photographs often showcase enormous trophy animals, the stags we

encountered were smaller-bodied and more reminiscent of elk. For me, that was part of what made the experience so special. It wasn't simply about the size of the animal or the harvest—it was about experiencing something completely new.

I was fortunate enough to harvest my red stag on the second day. Afterward, I had the opportunity to slow down and truly enjoy everything around us. I spent time reading, visiting with locals, learning about their culture, and even making traditional Argentine empanadas from





that comes with it. A successful hunt isn't just about bringing an animal home. It's about the memories created along the way—the landscape, the early mornings, the people you meet, the stories you share, and the experience of being somewhere completely different.

scratch. Those moments ended up being just as meaningful as the hunt itself.

As hunters, we understand the significance of taking an animal's life and the responsibility and respect



that last a lifetime.

** Editor's Note: The Keene (Middelstadt) Family was the raffle winner of the Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation's Argentina Red Stag Hunt Raffle drawn in early 2026.*

Our trip to Argentina reminded us to slow down, take things in, and appreciate the moment. Sometimes the greatest adventures happen when we step outside of our comfort zones and simply say yes to something new.

Take the trip. Try something different. Go somewhere you've never been. You may come home with a trophy, but you'll leave with memories

