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Matias Damonte [00:00:10] Our name(spanish) started in 1996. We used to be in Buenos Aires .We moved here in 2000 the year 2000. We started as an Orvis dealer and then we would change our to carry more stuff for other brands. Orvis, Rio, we carry Loop, Fishpump, Sims, and many others.

Matias Damonte [00:00:42] Here in Argentina we saw businesses that fly fishing trips or guiding. It's been growing up since we started. You see many many guides now. I don't know maybe 15 or 10 years ago there were only a few guides. Now I think the fishing is becoming popular. In Argentina the fly fishing. So we are we are making it better. We provide fishing service. The fly shops so I can see that the industry is growing up. In Argentina

Matias Damonte [00:01:23] Mostly browns and rainbows. But you can find the brookies OK. They need very cold water. So you had to hike up. In the mountains. You will find Over there

Matias Damonte [00:01:43] The National Park. Have they got the rangers. They make patrols on the rivers and lakes. We also have something called. (spanish). They. They are like the rangers but they belong to the province government not to the. National Park which is the national government. So between these two forces they tried to control all the rivers and lakes. What they are doing well they do not have a lot of money you know to move they don't have money to put the gas in their tracks and go and check all their places. But they are doing the best. I don't know what else about. National Parks. There is fishing season when spawning season on it's in the river you can't fish. This is not allowed after this spawning. It's sort of starts.

Matias Damonte [00:02:48] Something with my brother a very early age my brother he starts first. He was I don't know 6 or 7 years old he teached By then our grand grandfather we started to do some surf fishing in Atlantic Ocean on the shore with bait and then we discover on a big trip with the family to Teirra del Fleugo which is. Very very south here in Argentina we discovered their fly fishing techniques and we started to fly fishing. That was in the. Late 80s I think.

Matias Damonte [00:03:34] What I mostly enjoy is go stay outside with friends fishing. Have a good time. Oh we we A. Lot of time with barbecues beside the river with friends. We had a good wine. You are nature fishing. Yeah. That's a very good plan for me.

Matias Damonte [00:04:00] I would like to do that. I tiger fish fishing which is in Africa. Maybe Muskie in Canada upcoming. Very nice. We want to do it in the future.

Matias Damonte [00:04:18] No I'm not the guide. I'm just a fisherman and a run the fly shop.

James Thull [00:04:22] So what do you enjoy about that.

Matias Damonte [00:04:23] We like that we stay in contact with fishermen. Show the places many people from the states for example. They come and they want to go fish. sometimes With guides and sometimes fisherman wants to go by themselves. So we showed the places in a map and we advise about lines and flies. It's a good way of life for me and for people who work here.

Matias Damonte [00:04:55] The fly?

James Thull [00:04:55] Yeah. Do you have a favorite.

Matias Damonte [00:04:58] It could be a nymph could be a copper jones or something like that. You know it always works.

Matias Damonte [00:05:12] In our area I really like the Chimawind river. It is a medium sized river you can wading by yourself walking no problem you can do it with a boat also also cast many. Rapids in the river structure. You know the rapids ripples any kind of structure and the fishing is very good.

James Thull [00:05:36] Excellent.

Matias Damonte [00:05:38] I think was one of their most famous rivers here. First we said that they must have their fishing license and then we have some guides that are teachers also so they can teach you some lessons about fly fishing. Well we tried to give the the better advice so they can go fishing by themselves not with a guide taking Care of Our Nature.

Matias Damonte [00:06:19] I don't know. I. Have to think about that answer. I think. If you are a I don't know if you're a good friend of. Someone and you can go fish with him and if he is not a fisherman you can teach him how to fish. What what you need is to have. Things in common with this people not only about fishing about life. You know. What he'd like to do. some People doesn't like to go outside. So you need to find someone who likes the same. The same kind of things.

James Thull [00:06:56] Wonderful.

Matias Damonte [00:07:02] And for me yes it's a it's a Loop Rod. It is a brand from Sweden. I would like it. I can do this. Name is Growth is X number five.

James Thull [00:07:15] Number 5.

Matias Damonte [00:07:22] We are having an problem in wintertime that when the fishing is not allowed. There are some people who go into the river fish anyway. They took out the maybe the big brown some big rainbows. They are. Spawning season. They took it from the river anyway. They sell to restaurants or these kind of things. That's a concern for us. That's that's a big. Concern. Yeah I think that's there.

James Thull [00:07:56] Is climate change a concern for you or pollution, things like that?

Matias Damonte [00:08:01] It really is the people from national parks is taking care of pollution and at lakes and rivers and many places you can't use motor boats. That is very good for the environment. Where we need more laws about the pollution of the guards you know. And you know there are not too many air pollution and pollution laws . About that. We need it.

Matias Damonte [00:08:31] We just to read Gary Borgor he was very good. Mel Krieger was very famous in Argentina he has been in many books. On the all videos that we used to see like. I cant remember the name. There are many information and nowadays with the

Internet and Youtube you can find anything. So that's very good for the new fisherman's. We can take over their computer you know fly tying patterns fly tying techniques places to go. When I was a kid I remember trying to learn about fly tying. It was very difficult. To do. Now it's much easier.

Matias Damonte [00:09:26] That's a relaxing time for me. You know maybe when a busy day come home you take a beer and tie a fly and it's like you disconnect from the world Yes. A rainbow trout on Chile side. The other side of the mountain here. On the river called Rio Grande. South of Chile.

James Thull [00:09:57] What fly was it.

Matias Damonte [00:09:57] It was a woolly bugger. You know I think it was a green olive green.

James Thull [00:10:02] Wonderful.

Matias Damonte [00:10:08] I think because when you are in the river you don't see many people fishing. Maybe a busy day there you will see three to four boats crossing the river. Maybe two or three fishermen, nothing else. So. That's a thing it's a very good point for us. And the quality of the fishes. They are big they healthy they are. There. They were introduced but Now they are the they have behaved like they are wild trouts.