

# THE HUNTING EXPERIENCE

Your hunting adventure begins when you arrive at the Hunting Lodge in Culiacan, Mexico. Refreshing drinks and a sumptuous welcome lunch or dinner with a selection of wines will be served, either in the dining gazebo or on the outdoor open air patio. The views of the serene lagoon at sunset are breathtaking.

Your first day of shooting begins with an authentic local breakfast, after which our highly skilled airboat operators will take you to your strategically located hunting blind, only a few minutes away from the lodge. Camouflaged in the blind, you may spot scores of swift, fast-flying Pintails, volleys of the three different types of Teal, flocks of Pichiguilas and Scaup.

Since these ducks are generally not shot over decoys you will experience the thrill of pass shooting, where the overhead and horizontal shots are non-stop. Seasoned bird boys and trained Labradors will retrieve the downed birds.

Lunch is served mid-day at the lodge, after which you have the option for a short siesta- either in your bungalows or in the hammocks by the lagoon- before venturing back out for an exciting afternoon of shooting.

At the end of the day, you will be welcomed back to the lodge with a refreshing towel and a cold drink. Informal cocktails with fellow guests are enjoyed in the dining Gazebo, and then dinner is served. One night you might enjoy seared duck breast tacos, the next perhaps freshly caught fish, or a grass-fed steak; everything is locally sourced & prepared on site for a spectacular dining event.

## THE HUNTING LODGE

Pichiguila Club offers accommodations via six concrete-built bungalows with thatched roofs over solid ceilings, each furnished with two full sized beds.

Equipped with air conditioning units and ceiling fans, the bungalows have private en-suite bathrooms, large closets and terraces on which to relax and enjoy the breathtaking sunrise and sunset views of our expansive lagoon settings.

Daily room and maid service complete the first class treatment. Golf carts are provided for short transfers between the bungalows and the main facilities.

Our dedicated lodge staff makes Pichiguila Club the ideal place to enjoy the best shooting in the world with every personal comfort possible. All meals feature local, natural ingredients: grass-fed beef, fish and shellfish caught the same day as well as delicious game birds.

The Lodge stocks a fine selection of local wines and local tequila, or fresh squeezed juices- something to tempt every palate!

A typical stay at Pichiguila Club includes meals and accommodation for three nights, as well as morning and afternoon duck shoots for the duration of your stay.

First class pampering, delicious food and great company are all part of the experience. The very generous Mexican daily bag limits and the exceptional variety of high quality birds guarantee the hunting vacation of a lifetime!

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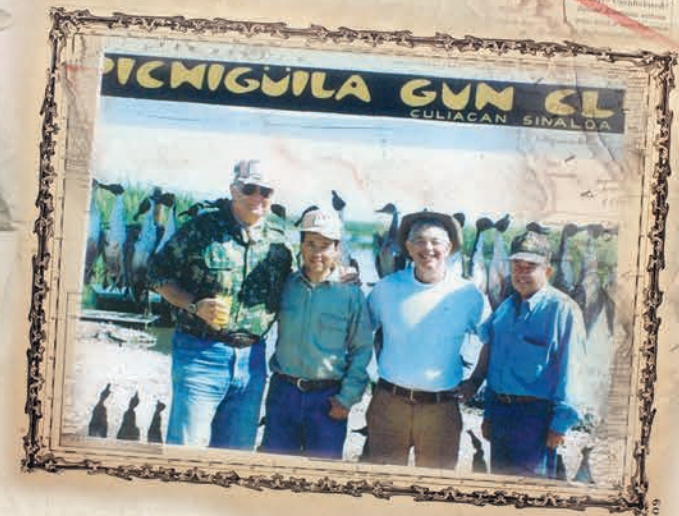
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## OUR HISTORY

Pichiguila Club exemplifies family tradition, integrity and the spirit of enterprise.

Pichiguila Club is located on the edge of the Chiricahueto Lagoon in northwest Mexico, near Culiacan, the capital city of the state of Sinaloa.

In 1966, President "Ike" Eisenhower hunted with Tony Pico, Sr. in the Chiricahueto Lagoon and said: "This place is amazing! Why don't you build a hunting club right here?"

Tony Pico, Sr. formalized the business in 1968 and named it after the "Pichiguila," a tree duck native to Mexico. He established two campsites on the 50,000-acre lagoon, and today the club is managed by his son, Tony Pico Jr.

Tony Jr. has upheld the tradition established by his father, and Pichiguila Club continues to offer the best wild duck shoots in North and South America.



"I might see more ducks this morning than I would see in three weeks of hunting in Louisiana, or even Saskatchewan," says Skipper Dickson, a sporting goods wholesaler from Louisiana on his third visit to the Pichiguila Club. The abundance of game birds, however, is only part of the allure of this hunting camp located a half hour's drive from Culiacan, in the Mexican state of Sinaloa. "This marsh right here would have hundreds and hundreds of hunters and 20 or 40 duck clubs anywhere else in the world," adds Dickson. "But down here, you have one duck club. You go out there in that airboat, you won't see another boat; you won't see another hunter."

Bruce Leonard - Robb Report - May 2008

## OUR HABITAT

Located southeast of the Gulf of California and accessible via the Culiacan International Airport, Pichiguila Club extends over a concession of 100,000 acres of wetland marsh, coastal lagoons, freshwater swamps and mangrove forests.

Situated on the Chiricahueto Lagoon and Ensenada Pabellones wetlands complex, this diverse habitat is a prime wintering area for millions of North American migratory waterfowl and waterbirds of the Pacific and Central flyways.

## THE DUCKS

In the fall and winter months Pichiguila Club becomes a hunter's paradise.

Thousands of migratory North American waterfowl and other waterbirds cloud the sky above the Chiricahueto Lagoon.

During the hunting season from mid-November to early March, we regularly shoot fifteen different species of ducks.

The most abundant include the highly prized Pintail, Blue-Winged, Green-Winged and Cinnamon Teal, Scaup, Spoonbill, Gadwall, Wigeon, as well as the native Pichiguila Fulvous and the Black-Bellied Whistling Tree Ducks.



"I learned very quickly why the La Pichiguila experience could become so addictive. On my third day there I had the best day of pintail shooting that I had enjoyed in a long time, and there wasn't an easy shot all morning. The ducks were all high to very high overhead shots—my favorite—or long horizontal shots at birds that would come towards me, and then at 40—50 yards curl back and away from me."

Stuart Williams - Wingshooting Mexico.  
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