



Joshua Creek Ranch Boerne, Texas



Overview:

Joshua Creek Ranch (Boerne, TX), a Premier Hunting Lodge and Texas Hill Country resort, is the 2018 Orvis Endorsed Wingshooting Lodge of the Year and a Finalist for the prestigious award in 2016, 2017 and 2020. Since 1990, Joshua Creek Ranch has redefined what "Hunting Lodge" means to those looking for an exceptional outdoor sporting experience complemented by luxury resort amenities. Renowned for its wingshooting, JCR is located 45 minutes northwest of San Antonio along the pristine banks of the Guadalupe River and easily accessible year-round. This Texas Hill Country paradise consistently delights guests from all over the world. JCR offers custom itineraries and unforgettable adventures surrounded by warm Texas hospitality.



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Lodging/Accommodations:

Joshua Creek Ranch lodging reflects the western elegance of the Texas Hill Country combined with the comforts and conveniences of a modern ranch house. There's a variety of lodging styles available to accommodate up to 60+ overnight guests (at double occupancy). The Ranch offers 19 lodge-style rooms, three private ranch houses and an exclusive 5,000 square-foot luxury home perched on a scenic bluff overlooking the Guadalupe River. All lodging is well-appointed with rustic décor and exquisite attention to detail. Spacious sleeping arrangements complemented by stylish private bathrooms and modern niceties such as complimentary wifi, satellite television, gun racks, stone patios and fire pits offer guests a comfortable retreat.



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Meals/Dining:

Chef-prepared gourmet cuisine for lunch and dinner along with a fresh, hearty country-style breakfast are featured during the hunting season. To enhance your enjoyment while at the ranch, wild game lunches are served on the oak canopied limestone patio (weather permitting) and appetizers are served fireside before dinner during the hunting season. All meals are served at Cypress Lodge and/or Shooters Cantina unless guests have pre-arranged private dining at another venue, or scheduled a personal chef at one of the four private ranch houses on property.

Featuring a chef's choice menu with many wild-game recipes and other regional favorites, the dining experience at Joshua Creek Ranch is sure to be as memorable as your outdoor activities. Advance requests are welcome for specific menu items, special dietary needs, and bar set ups.



Joshua Creek Ranch offers full-service bar amenities at the English Cocker Pub and Shooters Cantina – both stocked with the coldest beer, finest wines and a variety of premium spirits.

Wingshooting Program:

The diverse terrain at Joshua Creek Ranch is a perfect habitat for the best upland bird hunting in Texas for quail, pheasant and chukar behind some of the best pointing, flushing and retrieving dogs in the country. European-style driven pheasant shooting, decoyed mallard duck hunting and migratory dove hunting are also wingshooting favorites.



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Other Sporting Activities:

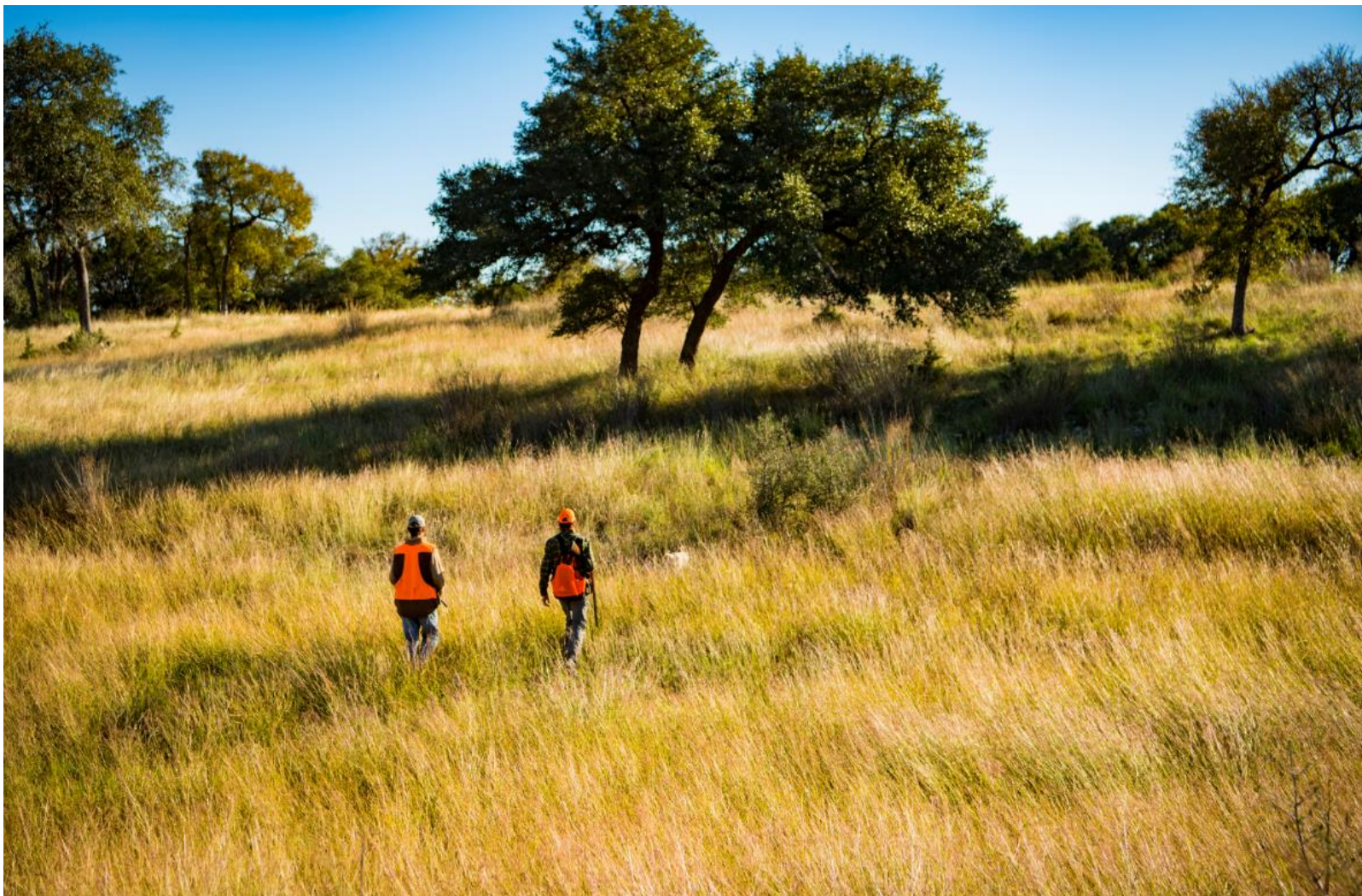
Joshua Creek Ranch guests can enjoy shooting on one of two scenic 10-station sporting clays courses, a simulated driven clays scenario, and handgun and long-range rifle shooting. Additional sporting activities include fly-fishing for rainbow trout, bass and bluegill on Joshua Creek (complimentary to wingshooting guests), kayak float trips on the Guadalupe River, year-round trophy axis deer hunting and seasonal whitetail deer and Rio Grande turkey hunting. The spring-fed Joshua Creek, the renowned Guadalupe River and the resort-style pool & hot tub give Ranch guests access to a wide range of water recreation.

Itinerary:

Guests are encouraged to contact a Guest Services representative to build a custom itinerary and pricing package that suits just about any size group and accommodates most special requests. A typical wingshooting itinerary includes 2-3 nights lodging & meals and 2+ full days of guided hunts. For the ideal experience, many groups integrate a combination of upland hunts, driven pheasant shoots and/or decoyed mallard duck hunts (aka, "Texas Trifecta") into their itinerary.

Dates/Pricing (include supplements):

Most reservations are customized and priced based on Guest preferences, but a typical wingshooting itinerary that includes 2 nights lodging & meals and 2 full days of guided bird hunts will range from \$3,750 to \$4,250 per shooter plus applicable taxes and service fees (gratuities).



**What's Included:**

Wingshooting packages can be customized according to Guest preferences, but pricing for most reservations includes lodging, meals, field access to hunts with professional guides and their dogs and complimentary fly-fishing.

What's Not Included:

All-inclusive pricing packages are available on request, but pricing for most reservations does not include ammunition, shotgun rentals, alcoholic beverages, other sporting activities, applicable taxes or services fees (gratuities). These items can be added to create an "all-inclusive" price on request. Items such as hearing protection, eye ware, field gear, sporting apparel, ammunition, gun rentals, etc. are available to purchase in Pro Shop.

FAQs:**Species**

Wingshooting: Dove, Quail, Pheasant, Chukar, Mallard Ducks

Big Game: Whitetail Deer, Axis Deer, Rio Grande Turkey

Fish: Rainbow Trout, Bass, Bluegill, Catfish

Predators: Bobcat, Fox

Season

There are two seasons at Joshua Creek Ranch – hunting season and summer resort & recreation season! Wingshooting begins with dove season opening September 1st, then by mid-September transitions into early morning quail hunts and driven pheasant shoots. From October until April 30th, upland bird hunting for quail, pheasant and chukar is complemented by European-style driven pheasant shoots and decoyed mallard duck hunts.

For big game, whitetail deer can be hunted from October through February under the Texas Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP). Trophy axis deer are considered exotics and can be hunted year-round with the most productive time of year being late spring and summer. Rio Grande turkey can be hunted in the fall and spring seasons designated by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Region and Terrain

Joshua Creek Ranch occupies a uniquely diverse terrain including miles of Joshua Creek and Guadalupe River bottomland planted in fields, food plots and permanent grasses for a prime upland bird hunting habitat. Some of the waterways and ravines are bordered by limestone bluffs that rise to oak and elm studded pastures lush with prairie grasses providing perfect quail hunting cover and chukar habitat. Densely wooded areas are managed for free-roaming Texas deer hunting, both Whitetail and Axis. Shallow ponds bordered by tall elms create an ideal decoyed mallard duck hunting scenario.

Typical Weather

The Texas Hill Country typically enjoys close to 300 days of sunshine each year. Fall and spring are typically very pleasant (highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s/60s). With occasional morning frost, winters generally offer mild sunny days with average highs in the 60s – you might say "winters are like Colorado summers." The region has hot summers, particularly in July and August (highs in the 90s and lows in the low 70s). Mornings and evenings are delightful all summer long. Gentle coastal breezes and moderate humidity make the summer mid-day hours perfect for swimming, wade fishing and kayaking. Regardless what time of year you visit Joshua Creek Ranch, the weather is always right for one of the many outdoor adventures available.



Gear Recommendations

Guests are welcome to bring their own hunting and fishing gear and equipment. Be sure to check the weather forecast for the Texas Hill Country before you pack (we recommend layering) and simply bring yourself with a mindset ready to enjoy a great outdoor adventure surrounded by warm Texas hospitality. If you are hunting upland style, be sure to bring a comfortable pair of walking shoes or boots. Snake boots are recommended in the warmer months toward the beginning and end of wingshooting season. Over/under or side-by-side shotguns are required for upland bird hunting. Pumps and semi-automatic shotguns are only allowed for sporting clays and duck hunts.

What Else to Bring

South Texas weather changes quickly sometimes where rain and wind may drift through the area. Rarely is it enough to affect scheduled hunts and sporting activities, but we do recommend packing some rain gear and water-resistant footwear just in case.

How many guns can we combine in one party?

Three maximum shooters (per Guide) including any observers for Upland Bird hunting. JCR features approximately 12 upland hunting fields, so a total of up to 36 hunters can be afield at any given time.

Driven pheasant shoots require a line of at least four shooters, and can accommodate as many as 12 shooters. The Continental shoot requires 10 guns and can accommodate up to 20 shooters because they are rotating through 10 different double-positions as the shoot progresses. Mallard duck hunts require at least four shooters, and can accommodate as many as 12 shooters.

How old do hunters have to be?

Minimum age requirement for hunters is 12 years old, unless they have completed an official Hunter Education Course and can present proof of certification.

How do you charge for birds?

For upland bird hunting, we offer both unlimited bird packages and packages with designated limits. For unlimited bird hunts, shooters may harvest as many birds as presented during their hunting period. On the average a pair of hunters will harvest 30+ birds in a half day, depending on their shooting skills. For limited bird hunts, shooters will be presented fair opportunities to shoot up to the limits designated in their package. For driven pheasant shoots, continental pheasant shoots and decoyed mallard duck hunts, a designated number of birds are driven and/or flighted for each hunt. On driven pheasant shoots or mallard duck hunts, hunters are encouraged to discuss with their guides prior to their hunts if they would like to include more birds for an additional price. Regardless of the type of hunting, it is the job of JCR guides and dogs to find and present the birds and it's the hunters' job to bag them.

Do you offer shooting instruction?

Yes, we do offer shotgun shooting instructions. We maintain full-time shooting instructors on-staff for beginning and novice shooters. For more advanced shooters who want to polish their skills, a professional shooting instructor can be arranged with advance notice. All shooting instruction requires a reservation.

How many acres do you have?

We have 1,400 acres, yet the diversity of the terrain makes it seem much larger. Open fields and food plots rise to oak studded pastures of native grasses. Creekside bluffs and ravines are perfect sites for driving pheasants high over eager shooters on European-style driven pheasant shoots. Fertile pastures and small lakes along the Guadalupe River bottom present wide-open spaces for a range of wingshooting and big game hunting options.

Can I hunt without a guide?

Simply, the answer is "no". We adhere to this policy for one very important reason – your safety and the safety of others.



How often do you release birds?

Our goal is for you to have an outstanding hunt every time you visit Joshua Creek Ranch, and that includes an abundance of wild-performing birds. We liberate birds continuously, using a method developed by wildlife biologists. Our birds are released into the natural habitat prior to and throughout the hunting season. As birds are harvested, new birds are introduced into the habitat and adopted by existing coveys in established territories. We also liberate excess birds prior to special events, like driven pheasant shoots, resulting in an abundance of birds in the habitat. We track releases and hunter success ratios to determine our huntable inventory per pasture and frequently replenish each hunting area.