Patagonia Discovered 21 days

Discover the spectacular scenery and attractive towns of some of the most isolated regions in Argentina and Chile. Immense glaciers, deep blue lakes, pristine forests and towering peaks all await you on this adventure of a lifetime!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Santiago / Ends in: Ushuaia
- Departs: Nov - March
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:3, Lunch: 10, Dinner: 3
- Hotel Rating: 3 star hotels, hostels, guesthouses & camping
- Tour Guide: Yes - tour leader escorted

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
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TOUR MAP:

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Day 1:

Welcome to Chile and the start of your incredible journey! Arrive to your hotel, drop your luggage and perhaps spend the rest of the day sightseeing this fascinating modern city with a colonial past. Our group welcome meeting takes place this evening. Overnight - Santiago

Days 2 - 6:

Santiago – Pucon – Bariloche. Leaving Chile's capital, we head south through vast vineyards, farmlands and pine forests on our way to the impressive Salto del Laja, a waterfall that drops 47 metres over the rocks below. Photo opportunities abound here and at the three nearby smaller falls. We continue on to the small resort town of Pucon, affectionately known as the Lake District of Chile. Nestled on the banks of Lake Villarrica and overlooked by the perfect cone-shaped Villarrica Volcano, Pucon is surrounded by mountains, rivers, forests and waterfalls. We'll spend three nights here with plenty of time to take advantage of the many optional activities on offer including trekking, white water rafting, horseback riding, mountain biking, sailing and kayaking.

On day 5 we cross over to Argentina and head for the popular holiday resort of Bariloche. A famous winter ski resort and fashioned in an Alpine style with charming chalets and chocolate shops, the town also offers plenty to do throughout the rest of the year. Sitting on the shores of Lake Nahuel Haupi with the towering peaks of the Andes to the west and the Patagonian steppe to the east, Bariloche is ideal for outdoor activities such as mountain biking and horse riding, or for something more sedate, opt for a cable car ride to enjoy the spectacular scenery. Overnight - Pucon (3), Bariloche (2)

Days 7 - 11:

Bariloche – Perito Moreno – El Chalten – El Calafate. We now enter the dry, windswept expanse of Patagonia that stretches to the southern tip of the continent. Our first stop is Perito Moreno, a small multicultural town and our home for the night. We continue to El Chalten and the Fitzroy National Park, renowned for its magnificent scenery and trekking opportunities. Optional half or full day treks will take you to Lake Capri and the many glaciers around the Fitzroy Massif.

After two nights in El Chalten we continue our journey to the town of El Calafate. Situated on the southern shores of Lake Argentino, El Calafate is the ideal base for visits to the remarkable Perito Moreno glacier. Named after the Argentine explorer Francisco Merino, the glacier is 60 metres in height and covers some 250 square kilometres. It is one of the few glaciers in the world that is growing in size, rather than decreasing, and advances at a speed of around 2 metres per day.

We join a boat cruise for amazing close up views of the blue, grey and white hued glacier that continuously creaks and cracks, whilst optional walks may offer the chance to see the glacier calving, a mesmerizing show where chunks of ice at the glacier's edges rupture and crash into the water. Overnight - Perito Moreno (1), El Chalten (2), El Calafate (2)

Days 12 - 15:

El Calafate – Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine National Park. Heading back to Chile, we stop overnight at the misty port town of Puerto Natales before continuing on to the pristine wilderness of Torres del Paine National Park.

Named after three massive granite towers that rise out of the earth, Torres del Paine is known as one of the world's most beautiful national parks boasting stunning scenery of snow capped mountains, imposing glaciers and gorgeous lakes and valleys. The national park is also home to a wide variety of flora and fauna including the Andean condors, black-chested buzzard eagles and Chilean flamingos. With three nights camping here, we have plenty of time to trek the numerous trails for incredible views of the famous 'towers' and the Grey Glacier, best seen from the crystal waters of Lago Pehoe. Overnight - Puerto Natales (1), Camping just outside Torres del Paine NP (3)

Days 16 - 20:

Torres del Paine NP – Punta Arenas – Ushuaia. Enjoy some duty free shopping in Patagonia's most important commercial centre – Punta Arenas. An early frontier town, Punta Arenas was once a necessary stopping point in the Pacific-Atlantic shipping route when the only way around South America was via the extreme southern tip of Chile. Since the Panama Canal was built, Punta Arenas still remains a transportation hub and departure point for local attractions, namely Torres del Paine and Tierra del Fuego.

Whilst here, we visit the nearby Magellanic penguin colony at Seno Otway where around five thousand pairs of these docile birds return annually to burrow, breed and raise their young. From special viewing platforms, watch the comic antics of these special penguins as they march back and forth, from their burrows to the sea in search of food.

Leaving Chile on day 18, we cross the Straits of Magellan to Tierra del Fuego where we re-enter Argentina. A scenic drive brings us to Ushuaia, the southern-most city in the world. Its setting is hard to beat, dramatically located between towering mountains and icy sea, and our included cruise on the clear blue waters of the Beagle Channel may present you with the wonderful sighting of a whale. As we explore the strait that separates the islands of the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, keep your eyes peeled for whole colonies of sea lions, penguins, cormorants and albatross.

Later we visit the nearby Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire) National Park where the 17,848 kilometre long Pan American Highway ends. Covering 63,000 hectares of land comprising of lakes, mountains, deep valleys, glaciers and rivers, the national park is

often compared to Alaska's Panhandle. Trekking through the beautiful beech forests may see you come face to face with some of the park's wildlife including the llama-like guanaco or the regular beaver.

The remainder of your free time in Ushuaia could be spent in some of the town's charming museums, such as the Maritime Museum and the Museum at the End of the World that uncovers Ushuaia's interesting natural and colonial history. Enjoy a steam train ride on the Tren del Fin del Mundo and get your passport stamped with an official End of the World stamp at the Ushuaia tourist office before you leave. Overnight - Punta Arenas (2), Ushuaia (3)

Day 21:

Today marks the end of your epic journey with us. Opt for a little more sightseeing before hotel check out and flying home.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Santiago - Chile's European style capital city
- Salto del Laja - waterfalls dropping 47 metres
- Pucon on Lake Villarrica and Villarrica Volcano
- Bariloche - outdoor pursuits
- El Calafate and the spectacular Perito Moreno glacier
- Torres del Paine National Park - stunning scenery, snow covered mountain peaks, glaciers, flora and fauna.
- Punta Arenas - frontier town & Seno Otway Magellanic penguin colony
- Straits of Magellan & Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire) National Park
- Beagle Channel - the straight which separates the islands of the Tierra del Fuego archipelago. See sea lions, penguins, cormorants and albatross
- Ushuaia - the most southern city in the world

What's Included

- 17 nights in hotels, hostels and guesthouses (3 star or similar), 3 nights assisted camping
- 3 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 3 dinners
- Excursions to Fitzroy NP, Moreno Glacier, Torres del Paine NP, and Tierra del Fuego NP
- Beagle Channel cruise
- Visit to Seno Otway Magellanic penguin colony
- Escorted by a tour leader and driver. Cook at Torres del Paine NP and specialist local guides at some sites.
- Transportation by private touring vehicle, boat and taxi
- Boat cruise around the Perito Moreno glacier.

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Items of a personal nature and additional meals

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $3,759

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies to travellers who would like the comfort of their own room (on all or many of the tour nights) and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 4 travellers.

2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
18 JAN - 07 FEB	USD $3,759	USD $1,279
26 FEB - 18 MAR	USD $3,759	USD $1,279
01 NOV - 21 NOV	USD $3,759	USD $1,279
10 DEC - 30 DEC	USD $3,759	USD $1,279

2015

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
17 JAN - 06 FEB	USD $3,759	USD $1,279
25 FEB - 17 MAR	USD $3,759	USD $1,279
07 NOV - 27 NOV	USD $3,759	USD $1,279