

Patagonia In Style

14 days | Santiago to Buenos Aires



Travel in style from Santiago to the southernmost reaches of Chile and Argentina and up to Buenos Aires, staying in superior hotels and taking in Patagonia's striking landscape of towering snow-capped mountains, glacial lakes and fjords and cruising the Beagle Channel.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Santiago - discover the highlights of Chile's capital city on a walking tour
- Torres del Paine – stay at one of the best located lodges within the national park, discover the spectacular giant vertical towers of the Paine massif and explore by boat and on foot
- Glacier Grey boat trip - pass through the vivid blue icebergs that crowd Lago Grey right up to the face of the enormous Glacier Grey in Torres del Paine
- Ushuaia – journey to the 'End of the world', with a visit to South America's southernmost city
- Beagle Channel boat trip - set sail from Ushuaia along the Beagle Channel, spotting sea-lions, cormorants and hopefully an albatross

- Tierra del Fuego National Park – experience the 'Land of Fire', Argentina's first coastal national park, with its stunning landscape of wild, forested peaks and pristine blue lakes
- Los Glaciers National Park - marvel at the spectacular Perito Moreno Glacier
- El Calafate – explore the thriving tourist resort southern shore of Lago Argentino
- Buenos Aires - get acquainted with Argentina's captivating capital, dubbed the Paris of South America.
- Punta Arenas - wander around Chile's port city on the edge of the Strait of Magellan

What's Included

- 13 nights 4-5 star hotels
- 13 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 14
- Escorted by an experienced tour leader with the services of local guides
- Transportation in private vehicles
- 3 economy flights: Santiago – Punta Arenas, El Calafate – Ushuaia and Ushuaia – Buenos Aires
- Escorted by an experienced tour leader with services of local English-speaking specialist guides
- Torres del Paine National Park - boat trip to Grey Glacier and Salto Grande Falls excursion

- Guided tour of Santiago and Buenos Aires
- Los Glaciares National Park - excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier
- Beagle Channel boat trip from Ushuaia
- Day trip to Tierra del Fuego National Park

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Items of a personal nature, additional meals and drinks
- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture

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Day 1 : Santiago



Sunday. Bienvenido a Chile! Upon arrival at Santiago airport you will be met and transferred to our start hotel. Santiago is a very clean, modern city, located in a broad valley below the snow-capped Andes. This afternoon we visit a few of the many museums, markets and parks of this cosmopolitan capital on a walking tour. The

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evening is at leisure. For a panoramic view over the city, visit Cerro Santa Lucía, a central park, or head towards the Italian quarter Bellavista for a beer in one of the pavement cafes. **Overnight - Santiago**

Day 2 : Optional visit to Valapariso



Today is free for you to spend at leisure in Santiago or there is an optional visit to Valapariso, Chile's second city, where you can wander around the winding streets passing brightly coloured colonial homes or take a wooden funicular to one of the cliff-top communities. There is also an option to visit a local vineyard to sample some delicious Chilean wine.

Overnight - Santiago (B)

Day 3 : Punta Arenas

Santiago - Punta Arenas. This morning we embark on a 4 hour flight to Punta Arenas in southern Patagonia, looking out for the fjords, ice caps, volcanoes and glaciers that can easily be seen from the air on a clear day. After being transferred to our hotel and freshening up we have the rest of the day at leisure to explore the port city. Walk around the promenade walkway along the beach or head to the Plaza de Armas for some of the many bars and restaurants available.

Overnight - Punta Arenas (B)

Day 4 : Torres del Paine

Punta Arenas - Torres del Paine. Our morning begins with a private transfer to the Milodon Cave, which is famous for housing the extremely well-preserved remains of exotic, enormous animals including the ground sloth Mylodon Darwini. We take some time to explore the cave and spectacular scenery of lakes dotted with icebergs and condors soaring above our heads before continuing

our journey to Torres del Paine National Park where we check in to one of the best located lodges within the park, which offers incredible views of the towering granite massif from the property. From the lodge we can explore extensively, on foot and by boat, and to enjoy the peace and beauty of this national park, deservedly one of South America's most acclaimed attractions. **Overnight - Torres del Paine (B)**

Days 5-6 : Glacier Grey & optional hikes



On day 5 we include a famous boat trip to see the giant Grey Glacier. We cruise past vivid blue icebergs that crowd Lago Grey as we make our way right up to the face of the Glacier Grey. Marvel at the monumental ice field that extends almost as far as the eye can see, with a cracking, calving wall of azure pinnacles.

Day 6 is at leisure. There are plenty of optional hikes on offer including a hike to Glacier Grey or to the base of the three monumental granite slabs of the Torres (towers) which takes approximately 8 hours return. Alternatively there are more leisurely trails through the forest which lead to other glacial formations or you can take a horse riding trip along the trails. **Overnight - Torres del Paine (B:2)**

Day 7 : El Calafate

Torres del Paine - El Calafate (Argentina). We bid farewell to Chile today and make our way north to El Calafate in Argentina. We stop en route at Salto Grande waterfall and Laguna Amarga as we leave the park and then continue our journey across the remote Patagonian steppe and along the shore of Lago Argentino until we reach the town of El Calafate. The rest of the afternoon is at

leisure to explore this small fast-growing town which is the perfect place to unwind and relax.

Overnight - El Calafate (B)

Day 8 : Perito Moreno Glacier



Our day begins with an excursion to the most dynamic glacier in the world, the Perito Moreno Glacier. We start by driving through the Los Glaciers National Park, and along the shores of Lago Argentino until we reach Patagonia's most famous attraction. We then have some free time to walk across one of the many wooden walk ways for the perfect spot to view the awe-inspiring Perito Moreno Glacier which is 5km wide and towers 60m above the water surface. Listen out for the unforgettable sound of the glacier calving, with vast wedges of ice cracking and crashing into the lake below, forming icebergs.

There is also an optional mini-trek to walk on the glacier. This 2-hour walk is led by a local guide who will provide the crampons so you can walk on the immense ice sheet to explore the desolate landscape. **Overnight - El Calafate (B)**

Day 9 : El Calafate free day

Today is free for you to relax or enjoy one of the optional excursions on offer. There is an optional full-day trip to explore ice fields which passes the still waters of Lago Onelli, dotted with icebergs. Other excursions include taking a tour of a local estancia, horse riding or driving to the El Chalten for a view of the Fitzroy range, a mecca for hikers and climbers. **Overnight - El Calafate (B)**

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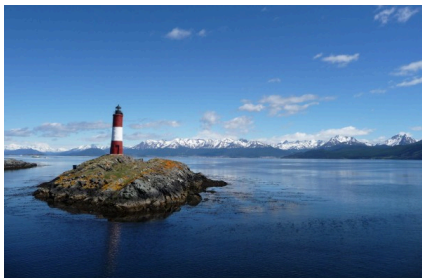
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Day 10 : Ushuaia & Beagle Channel Cruise



El Calafate - Ushuaia. Our journey continues to the 'End of the world' today. We take a flight from El Calafate to Ushuaia, located in the southernmost tip of South America. Upon arrival we're transferred to our hotel to freshen up before take a boat trip along the Beagle Channel, which was named after the ship that carried Charles Darwin as he travelled through these waters. We head out of Ushuaia Bay to explore the other bays of the channel, stopping so we can get a better view of the fauna including sea-lions, cormorants and if we're lucky an albatross gliding over the water. **Overnight - Ushuaia (B)**

Day 11 : Tierra del Fuego National Park

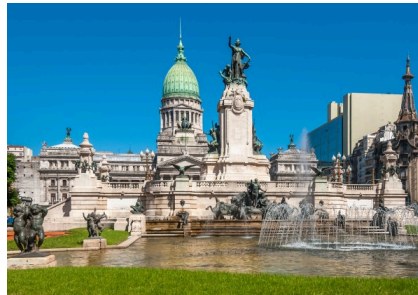


Today we visit Tierra del Fuego, Argentina's first coastal national park, which is a spectacular expanse of wild, forested peaks, pristine blue lakes and vast tundra. We discover some of the park's most stunning natural sights including Pipo River, Ensenada Bay, Redonda Island, Roca Lake, Verde and Negra Lagoons and Castores Dam. Rich in flora and fauna, the park also offers ample variety of wildlife. Later, we continue our journey to Lapataia Bay to wander along the winding narrow hillside baths, through the bright green beech forests, and along the

silvery lakes in hopes of seeing some of the fjords populated by water birds and beavers.

Overnight - Ushuaia (B, L)

Days 12-13 : Buenos Aires sightseeing



Ushuaia - Buenos Aires. On day 12 we fly to the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires. Upon arrival we're transferred to our hotel where we have the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore this historical city known as the "Paris of South America" due to its lovely green parks, plazas and wide boulevards.

We become acquainted with the city on a guided tour, visiting quirky neighbourhoods and artistic markets, where European and Latin American influences have mixed together to create a city like no other. Spend the rest of your time in the capital at leisure. Whether you are a culture lover, bargain hunter or night owl, Argentina's capital city has plenty to keep you busy.

On day 13 you can opt to travel by motor catamaran across the River Plate border to Colonia in Uruguay (don't forget your passport) where you can wander cobbled streets and admire the squat colonial houses from the top of the lighthouse. **Overnight - Buenos Aires (B:2)**

Day 14 : Buenos Aires

Saturday. Our tour comes to an end today with an included transfer to the airport, or we can arrange post tour accommodation if you wish to extend your stay. (B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though

we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Hotel Cumbres Lastarria

Set in downtown Santiago, the Hotel Cumbres Lastarria enjoys a convenient location close to metro station, museums and tourist attractions. Its spacious air-conditioned guestrooms are fully equipped with modern amenities including free WiFi, coffee machine, flat screen TVs and access to the breakfast buffet included. Guests can easily pass time in the hotels modern lobby bar or take advantage of the fitness centre. There is also a rooftop pool, where you can soak up views of the city. You can dine in one of the on-site restaurants offering a mix of Chilean and Patagonian cuisine.



Hotel Cabo de Hornos

Overlooking the Strait of Magellan, in the centre of Punta Arenas, this elegant hotel offers comfortable and spacious guestrooms with modern amenities, free Wi-Fi, and a fine dining restaurant serving tasty regional delicacies. Conveniently located just steps away from the city's main cultural and gastronomic attractions, Hotel Cabo de Hornos is the perfect base to explore the area. Then return to hotel to relax, take in the wonderful views of the Patagonian landscape, and enjoy a glass of local wine from the hotel bar.



Hotel Las Torres Patagonia

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The perfect base to explore the Torres del Paine National Park, Hotel Las Torres offer a quiet and central location within the National Park itself. Guestrooms are comfortable, bright and offer spectacular views of the valley and mountains surrounding the property. You can dine in the on-site restaurant which offers traditional Patagonian cuisine using ingredients from the hotels organic garden. Walk around the hotel and discover the horse stables or sit in front of the fireplace with a cocktail basking in the natural beauty.



Hotel Kosten Aike

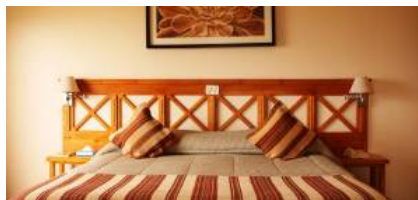
Located in downtown El Calafate, this impressive Alpine-style chateau has been built from a mix of local wood and stone. Its guestrooms are bright and spacious, featuring stylish decor, free WiFi and private bathroom facilities. Guests can also enjoy the fragrant garden and daily breakfast buffet, with flavorsome regional cuisine on offer in Restaurant Ariskaiken. Other amenities include a fitness centre and spa, where you can relax in the hot tub or book yourself an indulgent massage treatment. The games room also offers plenty of fun, with billiards, table tennis and more to keep you entertained.



Altos Ushuaia

The quiet surroundings of the Altos Ushuaia Hotel are the perfect place to enjoy a comfortable stay in the southernmost city of the world. With fantastic mountain views and over Ushuaia Bay, the hotel offers tastefully arranged rooms with free WiFi. Altos Ushuaia features a large living room

area with parquet floors, exposed stones and large windows with scenic views.



Recoleta Grand Hotel

Situated in the upscale Recoleta district of Buenos Aires, is the Recoleta Grand Boutique Hotel. Its bright air-conditioned guestrooms feature contemporary stylish furnishings and include a private bathroom, WiFi, TV and coffee makers. The property also features a spa and fitness centre for those looking to unwind from the hustle and bustle of the city.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. 'Twin Share' prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Solo Room' prices are applicable to all solo travellers, or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room. Solo Rooms can also be booked by any other person wanting the comfort and privacy of their own room.

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Date	Twin Share	Single
17 Oct	ZAR 104,900	ZAR 134,800
07 Nov	ZAR 104,900	ZAR 134,800
28 Nov	ZAR 104,900	ZAR 134,800
12 Dec	ZAR 104,900	ZAR 134,800

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