

PATAGONIA OF CHILE & ARGENTINA



From the Lake Region to the Glaciers

15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS

Patagonia is shared by Argentina and Chile, the two southernmost countries in South America divided by the towering Andes. During this 2-week tour, learn about their distinctive culture, a merge between native American culture and traditions brought by 19th-century immigrants from Germany, Wales, and other parts of Europe. Admire the landscapes of Chile's Torres del Paine National Park, and Los Glaciares and Tierra del Fuego National Parks in Argentina, all of them during this 15-day tour.

<p>FROM \$ 3260 per person</p>	<p>THIS TOUR INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers with Spanish-speaking driver or guides • Accommodation • All breakfasts, one lunch, one lunch box & one dinner • Excursions described in the itinerary <p>Not included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flights • Tips • Personal expenses 	<p>HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buenos Aires, the Argentine capital • Bariloche, Puerto Varas & Andean Crossing • Torres del Paine National Park • Los Glaciares National Park & Perito Moreno • Tierra del Fuego National Park
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Day 1

ARRIVAL IN BUENOS AIRES

Start your trip in the sophisticated Argentine capital of Buenos Aires. Meet your guide at the airport and transfer to your accommodation in the heart of the city. Bask in the cosmopolitan ambiance, explore the colorful streets and slowly head back to the hotel to unwind after a pleasant introduction to one of the greatest cities in South America.



Day 2

BUENOS AIRES CITY TOUR

Discover this fascinating city on a guided half-day city tour. Drive down the incredible 9 de Julio Avenue, the largest boulevard in the world. At its head, gaze up at the spire of the striking Obelisk, a standout symbol of Buenos Aires, and pass by the classic and elegant Colon Theatre. Visit the traditional San Telmo and La Boca *barrios* in the south, then head downtown to ramble through the hustle and bustle of Plaza de Mayo and visit the Government House, colloquially known as the “Pink House”. Then head to the modern Puerto Madero on the coast and see the sight of marine vessels bobbing in the water. Finally, feel chic and glamorous while browsing the boutiques in the fashionable Palermo and classy Recoleta neighborhoods.



Day 3

FLIGHT TO BARILOCHE

This morning, head to the airport to board a domestic flight to Bariloche which lies on the shore of Nahuel Huapi Lake and originally called Buriloche, meaning “people on the other side of the hills” in the local Mapuche language. Take the time to experience the delights of Bariloche, world-famous for enthralling panoramic landscapes, serene blue lakes and mouth-watering chocolate. This winning trifecta is sure to keep all your senses satisfied while exploring the town. During your time here, pull up a chair at one of the cute and cozy teahouses, a legacy of the Welsh immigrants, and sip on a brew of freshly-made tea.



Day 4

MOUNT TRONADOR

Travel from Bariloche to the Huenuleo Prairie and take in the sweeping views of Argentina's Lake District. Cross Manso River and enter the Nahuel Huapi National Park, a natural reserve of vast, clear lakes teeming with exotic plant and animal life. Visit the awe-inspiring Mount Tronador on a guided tour, famous for the thunderous sound of massive columns of glaciers that occasionally calve off and crash to the surface. Stop at the curiously colored Black Glacier and head to the base of the mount, now an extinct volcano. Leisurely ramble through the area, enjoy lunch in the great outdoors and return to your hotel following the same route home.

Note: The entrance fee to Nahuel Huapi is to be paid directly on the spot.



Day 5

ANDEAN CROSSING: BARILOCHE TO PEULLA

Spend the day traveling from Argentina to Chile, crossing the Andes Mountains. Transfer to the Pañuelo Pier and board a boat to sail over Nahuel Huapi Lake before arriving at Blest Port to take a bus to Alegre Port. Embark on a ferry trip across Lake Frias, arrive at Frias Port and meet your friendly guide to transfer to Peulla where you can finally check in and rest for the remainder of the evening.



Day 6

ARRIVAL IN PUERTO VARAS

Wake up to the calming view of Lake Frias and enjoy breakfast in Peulla. Then, board a ferry and coast across the Todos los Santos lake. Arrive in Petrohué, famous for its falls, and from there, transfer to Puerto Varas, a fairytale-like Patagonian city founded by German settlers. Check into your hotel for the evening and delight in the charming atmosphere of this quaint town.



Day 7

PUERTO VARAS, PUERTO MONTT & FRUTILLAR

Learn about the legacy of German settlement while touring Puerto Varas, Puerto Montt and Frutillar, founded in the late 19th century by German immigrants. Overlooking the mighty Osorno Volcano, Puerto Varas is also known as the “City of Roses” for its beautiful gardens. Admire its rustic wooden buildings recognized as National Monuments and the unique Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Then climb Philippi Hill to experience unrivaled views of the striking azure lakes embraced by the peaks of towering volcanoes. In Puerto Montt, visit its cathedrals, the popular main square and the German settler monument. During low tide, visitors can spy the fossil forest of Punta Pelluco from the beach. Next, wander through the local handicraft and seafood market and get a sense of daily life, noting the colorful sights and sounds. Finally, stop in the charming city of Frutillar peacefully lying on the shores of Llanquihue Lake and visit the German Museum. After the tour, return to your hotel in Puerto Varas.



Day 8

FLIGHT TO PUERTO NATALES

Spend a few moments to drink in the serene vistas of the Lake District and Puerto Varas one last time, then transfer to the airport. Fly to Punta Arenas, then take a bus ride to Puerto Natales and check in before getting some well-deserved rest. Puerto Natales is the gateway to one of Patagonia’s true natural treasures, the Torres del Paine National Park.



Day 9

VISIT TO TORRES DEL PAINE & MYLONDON CAVE

Set out for an exciting full-day tour of the esteemed Torres del Paine with its mirror-like lakes and undulating mountains which form a surreal landscape. On the way, stop at the Milodon Cave, declared a National Monument. Here, a German explorer found the remains of an ancient animal that resembles a sloth, now named a milodon. Then return to your hotel in Puerto Natales to spend your last night in the park.



Day 10

ANDEAN CROSSING: PUERTO NATALES TO EL CALAFATE

Ascend the Andes to cross into Argentina today. Travel by bus to El Calafate, the perfect base from which to explore the UNESCO site of Los Glaciares National Park. Upon arrival in El Calafate, check into your hotel which rests in the Argentine part of the vast and wild terrain of Patagonia.



Day 11

PERITO MORENO GLACIER

Get ready to explore the intimidating Perito Moreno Glacier in the Los Glaciares National Park. Travel along the banks of Lake Argentino and cross the Magallanes Peninsula to encounter the mighty Perito Moreno. Tread carefully on the surface of the glacier, hear the crunch of the snow under your boots and be awestruck at the incredible depth of this natural phenomenon. You can also opt for a boat ride to see the glacier up-close. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel.



Day 12

FLIGHT TO USHUAIA

Transfer to the airport to fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, located in the Tierra del Fuego archipelago. Upon arrival, check into your hotel, settle in and feel intrepid as you venture out to admire the landscape comprised of the southern section of the Andes Mountain Range and the Beagle Channel.



Day 13

TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK

Today, explore the wonders of Tierra del Fuego National Park, an area of pristine lakes and native forests exhibiting a spectrum of hues throughout the seasons. Begin your journey at La Ensenada to appreciate views of the Round Island, the snow-capped Sampaio Mountain Range and the Beagle Channel. Next, head to Lake Roca to encounter an idyllic landscape of native trees and then set sail across Lapataia Bay before returning to your hotel in Ushuaia.



Day 14

RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES

Enjoy your last moments in Patagonia before heading to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Spend the rest of day shopping for souvenirs and indulge in some fine dining in the evening, recalling the highlights of the tour.



Day 15

DEPARTURE FROM BUENOS AIRES

This morning, head to the airport to board a flight to your next stop in Argentina or to another wonderful destination in South America.