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BUENOS AIRES TO TIERRA DEL FUEGO CRUISE TOUR



Patagonia Tour and Mare Australis Cruise

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

Experience more than Patagonia, more than what is commonly visited. Begin in Buenos Aires, a European-inspired city commonly referred to as the “Paris of South America.” Then, board the Mare Australis, one of the best cruises to Patagonia. Experience the traditional points of interest plus an expedition cruise on board the Mare Australis ship through the Strait of Magellan and the Beagle Channel, exploring one of the most beautiful regions on earth: Tierra del Fuego and most of the main Patagonic attractions. This tour truly allows visitors to explore everything that Buenos Aires and Patagonia have to offer.

Note: This tour package has to be fit to Australis cruise departures. Cruceros Australis (Australis Cruises) reserves the right to alter, change, modify or omit part of the itinerary without previous notice.

<p>FROM \$ 6340 per person</p>	<p>THIS TOUR INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Nights Accommodations• All Breakfasts• All Transfers• Guide on board: Spanish and English.• Meals: According to itinerary <p>• Air Fare: Not included</p>	<p>HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buenos Aires• Puerto Madryn & Peninsula Valdés• Mare Australis Cruise• Torres del Paine• Glaciers of El Calafate
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Day 1

ARRIVAL IN BUENOS AIRES & CITY TOUR

Arrive in one of the most culturally eclectic cities in the world, Buenos Aires. Meet your friendly guide and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, take a city tour and enjoy some people-watching in the Plaza de Mayo Square. Continue to the impressive Government House and the *Cabildo* (Colonial Town Hall) and appreciate their architecture. Gaze up at the Metropolitan Cathedral and walk down the grand Avenida de Mayo. Next, visit the regal Congress Palace, the stately Colón Theater and follow the footsteps of locals through La Boca, San Telmo, Palermo and Recoleta neighborhoods.



Day 2

FULL DAY EXCURSION TO AN ESTANCIA

Choose from a range of tours today. We recommend the Fiesta Gaucha, a full-day excursion to an *estancia*, a typical Argentine ranch. Learn how *gauchos* bred cattle and their unique style of horseback riding. Relish some traditional Argentine *asado* barbecue-style cooking, cow ribs grilled on an iron grid over hot embers to give the meat a distinctive smoky flavor.



Day 3

TRANSFER TO PUERTO MADRYN & PUNTA TOMBO FAUNA RESERVE

Transfer to the airport and board a flight to Trelew. Upon arrival, transfer to Puerto Madryn. Relax at your hotel or explore the natural beauty of Punta Tombo Fauna Reserve and encounter the magnificent Magellan penguin colony that resides there.



Day 4

PENINSULA VALDES TOUR

Enjoy a full-day tour to Península Valdés, passing by Ameghino Isthmus between the Nuevo and the San Jose Gulfs. Laugh at the sea lions as they splash, swim and laze about at their rookery at Puerto Pirámide. Embark upon an optional boat excursion and be awestruck by the magnificent whales that frequent the Península's waters from June to November. Continue to Punta Delgada to encounter another playful colony of sea lions before heading to Caleta Valdés and stopping to say hello to the sea elephants in their natural habitat. Return to Puerto Madryn.



Day 5

TRANSFER TO USHUAIA & CITY TOUR

Transfer to Trelew airport to board the flight to Ushuaia. Upon arrival, feel the change in the atmosphere as you venture even further south to cooler climates and more isolated regions. Check into your hotel, and in the afternoon enjoy a brief city tour to get acquainted with the city, including the End of the World Museum.



Day 6

TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK

Located just 12km from Ushuaia, venture out on a half-day excursion to the stunning Tierra del Fuego National Park. The amazing diversity of these virtually undiscovered landscapes are sure to captivate any traveler. Bask in the panoramic sight of the Beagle Channel, Lapataia River, Laguna Verde and Roca Lake.

After the tour, return to the lodge in Ushuaia for the night.



Day 7

BOARD THE AUSTRALIS CRUISE

Today, transfer from the hotel in Ushuaia to the Australis cruise check-in office. Drop off luggage and then return to the city for one last free afternoon of exploring.

After exploring, return to the ship and embark on the Australis cruise.



Day 8

MARE AUSTRALIS - CAPE HORN NATIONAL PARK - WULAIA BAY

Cruise down the Beagle and the Murray Channels and disembark in Cape Horn National Park. A natural sea wall rising to almost 425m high, Cape Horn was discovered on January 30, 1616, by a commercial expedition from the Netherlands and named after the Port of Hoorn where the idea originated in 1615. Later, disembark in Walaia Bay, a culturally significant indigenous site in the region.



Day 9

MARE AUSTRALIS - GARIBALDI FJORD

Sail the deep and mysterious Garibaldi Fjord and take in spectacular views of the frozen Garibaldi Glacier and the luminous white snowfields of the Darwin Range. On the way, pause to catch sight of the sea lions in their natural habitat. Venture off in Zodiac boats and disembark at one of the pristine beaches along the way. Trek through lush vegetation and virgin forests that cover the mountain slopes. Continue navigating through the O'Brian and Ballenero Channels, Bahía Desolada, Paso Aguirre and the Brecknock Channel.



Day 10

AGOSTINI SOUND, ÁGUILA GLACIER & CÓNDROR GLACIER

In the morning, sail through the Cockburn Channel and enter Agostini Sound. See the glaciers that descend from the middle of the Darwin Mountain Range. While here, disembark the ship and go for a leisurely stroll around a lagoon, which was formed by the melting of the Águila Glacier. Walk to a unique spot right in front of that glacier, offering stunning views. In the afternoon, approach the Condor Glacier via Zodiac, and hopefully, see some of the abundant Andean Condors that live in the area!



Day 11

MAGDALENA ISLAND - DISEMBARK MARE AUSTRALIS - TORRES DEL PAINE

Early in the morning, head to Magdalena Island and step ashore. The island is home to an enormous penguin colony numbering more than 120,000 birds. Take a walk to San Isidro Lighthouse, once a vital landmark on the coastline guiding explorers and sailors on their way across the Magellan Strait. After the visit, return to Punta Arenas and depart by regular bus to see the wild yet beautiful Torres del Paine National Park on the following day. Rest and relax at your accommodation in Punta Arenas.



Day 12

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

On a full-day excursion, admire the exotic and resilient flora and fauna of the Torres del Paine National Park set within the backdrop of the Andes Mountain Range. Explore the striking natural creations including the lakes, rivers and glacial-era landscapes and spend the time to appreciate being in one of the most wild and remote regions in the world. Overnight at Torres del Paine.



Day 13

TRANSFER TO EL CALAFATE

Transfer by regular bus line to El Calafate and spend the night here.



Day 14

GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK & PERITO MORENO GLACIER

Venture outdoors on a full-day excursion to the mighty Perito Moreno Glacier in the Los Glaciares National Park. This astonishingly massive ice river, 3km wide and 50m high, descends from the Patagonian Continental Ice and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hear the ominous sound of ice cracking and creaking as the glacier slowly moves over the mountainous terrain. We recommend opting for a short navigation excursion to see the glacier up close.



Day 15

TRANSFER TO BUENOS AIRES

Say goodbye to this unique part of the southern hemisphere and transfer to the airport to board the flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel. Or perhaps opt for an extra night in El Calafate to enjoy a full-day excursion to Upsala Glacier.



Day 16

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, transfer to Ezeiza International Airport to continue onto your next South American destination or gather your memories of this special trip and board your international flight back home.