

PATAGONIA CRUISE TO USHUAIA, TORRES DEL PAINE & SANTIAGO



Waters of Patagonia Cruise

17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS

Explore Santiago & Valparaiso before flying to Punta Arenas where you can walk on glaciers and waddle with the penguins. From Punta Arenas, board the M/V Stella Australis ship and cruise through the Strait of Magellan along Tierra del Fuego towards Ushuaia passing by Cape Horn. Continue to the sophisticated city of Buenos Aires and enjoy an incredible Tango Show.

Note: Some tours are subject to change without prior notice depending on availability, weather conditions, or other external cause.

<p style="text-align: center;">FROM GET CUSTOM PRICING per person</p>	<p>THIS TOUR INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Nights Accommodations • 1 Tango Show Dinner • All Breakfasts • All Transfers & Tours • Professional English-speaking tour guides 	<p>HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santiago, Valparaiso & Casablanca Valley • Penguin colonies & Glaciers, Patagonia • Chile's Torres del Paine National Park • Cruise from Punta Arenas to Ushuaia • Tierra del Fuego National Park • Puerto Madryn, Punta Tombo & Peninsula Valdes • Buenos Aires with Tango & Dinner Show
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Day 1

ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO

Arrive in Santiago de Chile, the beautiful capital situated between the Andes and the Pacific Ocean. Your tour guide will accompany you to your hotel. This afternoon you are free to discover the city nestled between the mountains.



Day 2

SANTIAGO DE CHILE CITY TOUR

Visit the main landmarks of Santiago on a city tour. Admire the San Francisco church built in the 16th century, the Government Palace "La Moneda," the Plaza de Armas, and other national monuments such as the Cathedral, the Central Post Office and the City Hall of Santiago.

The tour continues up San Cristobal Hill, where the zoo, the Metropolitan Park and the Cultural House are located. Take in the majestic views of the city and the mountains before returning to your hotel.



Day 3

VALPARAÍSO & VIÑA DEL MAR

Leave Santiago and travel 120 km (75 mi) to Chile's UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the seaport of Valparaíso. In the bohemian city, admire multicolored houses sitting along the hills, green parks, historical monuments, vibrant murals, bustling bars and restaurants. Visit its squares and use the elevators to travel up the hills where you can enjoy a picture-perfect view of the Pacific Ocean.

Continue to Viña del Mar, known as the Garden City. Visit the iconic Flower Clock, a well-known symbol of the town, relax and explore the beach.

Return to your hotel in Santiago in the afternoon.



Day 4

TRANSFER TO PUNTA ARENAS

Leave Santiago and venture into the fascinating land of Patagonia! Your first destination is Punta Arenas, which disputes the title of the southernmost city in the world with Puerto Williams and Ushuaia. Upon arrival, transfer to Puerto Natales.



Day 5

TRANSFER TO TORRES DEL PAINE

Thursday

Wake up early and transfer to Torres del Paine, one of the main highlights of the Chilean Patagonia region. Admire the mountains as they reflect in the turquoise lakes, creating a surreal looking landscape. Explore the lodge's facilities and meet the guides, that will introduce you to the excursions available for you the next day.



Day 6

TORRES DEL PAINE TOUR

Today, discover the highlights of the national park on your own. Gaze at the emblematic Paine Horns, Paine Towers, Sarmiento Lake, and more. Also, keep an eye out for llamas and guanacos that inhabit the area, as well as the flight of the mighty Andean condor.

Afterward, return to your lodge and spend the rest of the evening at your leisure.



Day 7

PUNTA ARENAS & STELLA AUSTRALIS CRUISE

Wake up early to take in the majestic views of the park one last time. Your next destination includes more magnificent glaciers, zigzagging fjords and friendly marine fauna.

Transfer to Punta Arenas, where your guide or driver will escort you to the port where you will board the M/V Stella Australis.

During this journey, cruise through the Strait of Magellan and the Beagle Channel, two of the highlights of Southern Patagonia.



Day 8

STELLA AUSTRALIS CRUISE: AINSWORTH BAY & TUCKER ISLET

Today, visit the Ainsworth Bay, located inside Alberto De Agostini National Park. Enjoy views of Marinelli Glacier. Visit a native Magellan wood forest, explore the coast and the islands. Keep your eyes open to spot the Southern elephant seals. Afterwards, board a Zodiac boat to visit a colony of Magellanic Penguins and cormorants. In September and April, this excursion is replaced by a short walk to a nearby glacier at Brooks Bay. Please keep in mind that when it comes to animals living in their natural habitat, sightseeing cannot be 100% guaranteed. However, it is rewarding to know you are visiting an area where they can run freely.



Day 9

STELLA AUSTRALIS CRUISE: PIA GLACIER & BEAGLE CHANNEL

Wake up to face the Beagle Channel, which marks the frontier between Argentina and Chile. Disembark at Pia Fjord, where you will be rewarded with a splendid view of Pia Glacier. Continue your navigation through Glacier Alley.



Day 10

STELLA AUSTRALIS: CAPE HORN & WULAIA BAY

Visit Cape Horn National Park, declared a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve in 2005, also known as 'The End of the Earth.' This park has an intriguing history. It used to be the main link to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Land on Wulaia Bay, where the largest settlement of the Yamana people lived. Scientists from different parts of the world have landed here, including the renowned British Charles Darwin. Visit the native forests, where species of coigüe, canelos, and ferns flourish.



Day 11

ARRIVAL IN USHUAIA

Your journey on the Australis cruise ends in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Ushuaia was founded in 1884, and its name is derived from the Yamana word for 'penetrating bay,' since this area is one of the original points where the Yamana and Anglican cultures collided. Ushuaia is surrounded by the end of the Andes Mountain peaks. Take in the spectacular scenery as your ship approaches the city.

Australis cruise: arrival between 8:30 am and 9:30 am.



Day 12

TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK & TRAIN

Visit the stunning Tierra del Fuego National Park, Argentina's only coastal national park. Once in the park, make a stop at Ensenada Bay, where you will see beautiful views of Redonda Island. Next, drive to the End-of-the-World Train Station for your train tour. Arrive at Lapataia Bay, one of the highlights of the park that has a unique green and black lagoon. Take a short walking tour of the black lagoon or to the Beavers trail before returning to your hotel in Ushuaia.

The train ride is included.



Day 13

TRANSFER TO PUERTO MADRYN

Back in Ushuaia, head to the airport to board a flight to Trelew. Upon arrival, transfer to Puerto Madryn. This beautiful region in Patagonia is famous not only for its wildlife but also for the Welsh heritage of settlers that arrived in the area in the 17th century. Please note that the Ushuaia Airport demands an airport tax, which can only be paid on the spot in cash in Argentine currency.



Day 14

PENINSULA VALDES EXCURSION

Depart from Puerto Madryn to the north, arriving in Carlos Ameghino Isthmus, a narrow area of land from where you can see the San Jose Gulf and Nuevo Gulf. On your way to Peninsula Valdes, arrive in Punta Piramide, where one-haired sea lions abound during their breeding season (December to March).

Continue to Punta Delgado and take in spectacular views of the cliffs and the ocean from the lighthouse. Next visit the geographically unusual Valdes Inlet, home to the 6-meter long elephant seals weighing between 1 and 3 tons! The return journey takes you to Birds Island. Use the telescopes to spot flamingos, sea gulls, petrels, and other exotic birds.



Day 15

PUNTA TOMBO

From Puerto Madryn, travel south to arrive at Punta Tombo, the famous continental penguin rookery in South America. Here you will see hundreds of penguins walking just a few meters from the path. One interesting little-known fact about these birds is that their cawing is similar to the sound donkeys make.

After a short visit to Rawson, continue to Trelew, the most populous city in the region and a great cultural center, home to the impressive Egidio Feruglio Paleontology Museum. Head to the airport to board a flight to Buenos Aires, the Argentine capital.

Note: This tour operates from October to March



Day 16

BUENOS AIRES CITY TOUR & TANGO SHOW + DINNER

Explore this bustling city often referred to as 'the Paris of South America' on a city tour. Admire the neoclassical buildings of the elegant Recoleta, the colorful 'conventillos' of La Boca, and the colonial charm of San Telmo. Head north of the city to visit Palermo, ideal for shopping. Finish your tour in Puerto Madero and stroll along the waterfront past the Woman's Bridge. In the evening, marvel at couples performing the most symbolic 'Porteño' dance at a Tango Show & Dinner.



Day 17

DEPARTURE FROM BUENOS AIRES

The tour finishes in Buenos Aires, where you can board an international flight back to your home or to your next destination in South America.