



Antarctica & Cruises



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Overnight at King George Island

5 Days / 4 Nights Punta Arenas / Frei Base at King George Island

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Overnight at King George Island



Penguins, King George Island, Antarctica

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 4 nights
Punta Arenas (3) - King George Island (1)
- Tours:
Sail to Ardley Island and Collins Glacier - Walks through Villa Las Estrellas, Base China and Las Elefanteras
- Meals: 4 breakfasts - 2 lunches - 4 dinners
- Needed taxes

► SEASON: DECEMBER TO MARCH ◀

Day 1 Punta Arenas. (D) Arrival at the airport or bus terminal and transfer to the hotel. At the hotel reception, we will receive an envelope with all the information about the meeting that we must attend. During a specialized briefing, an Antarctic guide explains the itinerary.

Day 2 Puntas Arenas. (B) (D) Day available as a requirement of the

program since the flight is subject to weather conditions. We will fly over the Strait of Magellan, Tierra del Fuego, Darwin Mountain Range and the mythical Cape Horn. Then, the flight will cross the stormy Drake Sea to reach King George Island. In Argentina, it is known as 25 de mayo Island whereas in Russia, as Waterloo Island. It is the largest of the South Shetland Islands in Antarctica, with a surface of 1.150 km² (115.000 ha), a length of 95 km (59 miles) and a maximum width of 25 km (15 miles). In addition, it is the gateway to the Antarctic Continent and the area that concentrates the largest number of Scientific Bases in Antarctica. There are three big bays: Fildes, Almirantazgo and King George.

Day 3 Puntas Arenas / Frei Base at King George Island.

(B) (L) (D) Transfer from the hotel to the airport in Punta Arenas to board a flight to King George Island (Antarctica). We are welcomed by our touristic

guides experts in Antarctica, who take us to visit different areas of the island, such as Villa Las Estrellas (first settlement inhabited by civilians) and the Orthodox Russian Church (At Bellingshausen Station). Moreover, we sail on a zodiac boat to Ardley Island to visit some penguin colonies (Adélie, Chinstrap and Gentoo) and we go on a boat trip around Collins Glacier. After all the activities of the first day, passengers are transferred to an Ice Camp, next to Collins Glacier. There are a thermal tent (module) as a dining room, a thermal tent for basic hygiene and three thermal tents, each one for two people, to spend the night. Lunch and dinner.

Day 4 Frei Base at King George Island / Punta Arenas. (B) (L) (D) Today we make other activities such as a walk to La Elefanteras in order to see Elephant Seals and other species of the area. Besides, we walk to the Chinese Base Great Wall and if weather permits, we

could visit other interesting areas before returning to Punta Arenas.

Day 5 Punta Arenas. (B) At due time, transfer to the airport.

Cruise Departures

2021: Departures to be informed

Operational note:

Day 1: As the briefing is mandatory, passengers must arrive before 5 PM.

To keep in mind:

- For security reasons, alcoholic beverages will not be served on flights to Antarctica.
- Do not forget gloves, appropriate shoes and waterproof jacket. A special jacket and boots (with return) will be provided if needed.
- We suggest carrying a backpack that does not exceed 10 kilos (22 pounds).
- The making of this program and its activities are subject to weather conditions.



Classic Antarctica

11 Days / 10 Nights Ushuaia / Antarctica



Weddell Seals, Antarctica

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Classic Antarctica

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 10 nights Ushuaia (1) - Antarpply Cruise (9)
- Tours: Ushuaia: Tierra del Fuego National Park Cruise: Included activities and landings
- Meals: 10 breakfasts - 8 lunches - 9 dinners
- Needed tickets to Parks and port taxes

► SEASON: NOVEMBER TO MARCH ◀

Day 1 Ushuaia. Arrival and reception at the airport, transfer to the hotel, accommodation.

Day 2 Boarding day. (B) (L) (D) In the morning, visit to Tierra del Fuego National Park, return to the city and at due time, transfer to check in and then board the expedition boat. We are welcomed and begin

to sail the Beagle Channel through the Mackinlay Pass.

Day 3 Drake Passage.

(B) (L) (D) We begin to cross the Drake Passage, named after Francis Drake who sailed these waters in 1578. While we sail the passage, the cruise staff help with the identification of the wide variety of birds.

Day 4 Drake Passage.

(B) (L) (D) During this day and the previous one, thanks to an open bridge policy, we are able to accompany the officers on the bridge and learn some aspects concerning navigation. As we approach the South Shetland Island, weather conditions permitting, we go on the first disembarkation, where we spot some penguins and seals.

Day 5-8 Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands.

(B) (L) (D) During these days, in addition to penguins, Antarctic fur seals, Southern elephant seals and seabirds, you will be able to see

Crabeater, Weddell and Leopard seals, as well as Humpback and Minke whales and orcas. We hope to sail some of the most beautiful channels, depending on ice conditions of the ice such as: the Strait of Gerlache, the Neumayer Channel, the Lemaire Channel and Paraiso Bay, where we try to descend and visit the active colonies of Adélie penguin (more than 100,000 pairs breed there) and Imperial cormorant on Paulet Island. Other possible explorations could take us to the Melchior Islands, Cuverville Island, Portal Point, Neko Harbor, Pléneau Island, and ice conditions permitting, to Petermann Island to visit the most southern colony of Gentoo penguin.

Day 9 & 10 Drake Passage to Ushuaia.

(B) (L) (D) We leave the Antarctic Peninsula and head north, crossing the Drake Passage. Join the the search for seabirds

and whales, and enjoy some of the final lectures.

Day 11 Ushuaia. (B) Early in the morning, we arrive at Ushuaia, where we disembark after breakfast.

Cruise departures

2021	
November	03
December	01 - 10

2022	
February	08 - 27
March	17 - 26

To keep in mind:

- Please, consult the clothing required for the expedition.
- The itinerary that we describe is only a guide. The route and program could change to take advantage of the local weather, the ice conditions and opportunities to see wildlife.



Exclusive Antarctica

12 Days / 11 Nights Ushuaia / Antarctic Peninsula

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Exclusive Antarctica



Antarctica, Silversea Cruise

TBK 1102

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 11 nights Ushuaia (1) - Silversea Cruise (10)
- Tours: Ushuaia: 4WD trail to the lakes Cruise: Included activities and landings
- Meals: 11 breakfasts - 9 lunches - 10 dinners
- Needed tickets to Parks and port taxes

► SEASON: NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY ◀

Day 1 Ushuaia. Early arrival in the morning in order to enjoy a 4WD lakes crossing during the afternoon. During the excursion, we have a "countryside" snack and try our best to watch beavers. We return to Ushuaia in the evening.

Day 2 Ushuaia-Boarding.

ⓑ ⓓ Transfer to the port. In the afternoon, we board the Silver Cloud or Silver Wind Expedition cruise.

After being welcomed, we meet the crew and attend an obligatory talk about security. Then, we leave Tierra del Fuego.

Day 3 & 4 Drake Passage. ⓑ ⓓ

ⓓ As we begin the expedition, do not miss the chance to participate in debates about wildlife, geography and history.

Day 5 Northern Antarctic Peninsula. ⓑ ⓓ ⓓ

We start the experience in the upper part of the Antarctic Peninsula. Depending on weather and ice conditions, we could visit Brown Bluff and Hope Bay, where there is one of the largest colonies of Adélie penguins. A zodiac ride allows us to see some penguins and Weddell seals.

Day 6-9 Antarctic Peninsula.

ⓑ ⓓ ⓓ During the voyage, the itinerary will be flexible. Each day, the expedition's leader and the captain will determine the best course depending on weather, ice conditions and fauna of that

day. Some of the places we can visit are:

- Cuverville Island, whose rocks are ideal as a nesting site for Gentoo penguins.
- Paraiso Bay: We sail beyond Argentina's 'Brown Station', one of the many Antarctic research stations. Ideal for observing cormorants and crabeater seals.
- Petermann Island, where we are able to observe colonies of Adélie Penguins and Gentoo Penguins.
- Pleneau Bay, where Gentoo penguins, Cook Gulls and South Polar Skuas reproduce.
- Neko Harbor offers a visit to small penguin colonies.
- Deception Island: An extinct volcano with warm waters.
- Port Lockroy, Goudier Island: The British built a listening station there during World War II, which was then used as a research station in the 1950s and since 1996 as a museum, gift shop and post office.

Day 10 & 11 Drake Passage.

ⓑ ⓓ ⓓ Sailing our way back through the Drake Passage.

Day 12 Ushuaia. ⓑ After breakfast, disembarkation and transfer to the airport.

Cruise departures

2021	
November	30
December	11
2022	
January	05 - 15 - 29
February	20

To keep in mind:

- Accommodation is in a private cabin.
- Kayak activities: depending on weather, the opportunity to practice kayaking in a small group is offered.
- Please, consult the clothing required for the expedition.
- The itinerary that we describe is only a guide. The route and program could change to take advantage of the local weather, the ice conditions and the opportunities to see wildlife.



Around the World's End

10 Days / 9 Nights Buenos Aires / Ushuaia / Australis Cruise / Santiago de Chile



Cape Horn National Park, Chile

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Around the World's End

TBK 1105

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 9 nights
Buenos Aires (2) - Ushuaia (1) -
Cruise (4) - Santiago de Chile (2)
- Tours:
Buenos Aires: City tour - Dinner show
Ushuaia: National Park
Australis Cruise: Scheduled activities
and excursions
Santiago de Chile: City tour
- Meals: 9 breakfasts - 3 lunches -
6 dinners
- Needed tickets to parks and reserves

► SEASON: SEPTEMBER TO APRIL ◀

Day 1 Buenos Aires. (D) Arrival and reception at the airport transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, we make a panoramic tour of the city. We start at Plaza de Mayo, witness of the most important events of the country from 1810, to then continue to the neighbourhood of La Boca and finish at Palermo and Recoleta. In the evening, we attend a

dinner show to appreciate the magnetism of tango.

Day 2 Buenos Aires. (B) Day at leisure to enjoy an optional tour as Tigre or Fiesta Gaucha, in addition to the chance of learning more about Buenos Aires.

Day 3 Buenos Aires / Ushuaia.

(B) Transfer to the airport to board the scheduled flight to Ushuaia. Arrival and reception at the airport transfer to de hotel. Accommodation.

Day 4 Ushuaia / Australis Cruise. (B) (D) In the morning, excursion to the Tierra del Fuego National Park.

In the afternoon, we conclude with the boarding formalities and later, transfer to the port. Once on board, the captain and crew welcome us. Set sail.

Day 5 Australis Cruise / Cape Horn / Wulaia Bay. (B) (L) (D) We sail along the Murray Channel and Nassau Bay towards Cape Horn National Park, declared Worldwide Biosphere Reserve and known as 'the World's End'. In the afternoon, we land at Wulaia Bay

to have a walk towards a balcony, from where we can appreciate the beauty of its vegetation and geography.

Day 6 Australis Cruise / Pía Glacier / Garibaldi Glacier. (B)

(L) (D) We start the day sailing through the north-western arm of the Beagle Channel to land at the Pía fiord. In the afternoon, we enter the Garibaldi fiord to have a walk to the base of a glacial waterfall.

Day 7 Australis Cruise / Agostini Sine / Águila Glacier / Cóndor Glacier. (B) (L) (D) Today

we push out into the Agostini Sine, where it is possible to appreciate the glaciers that comes down from the center of the Darwin Mountain Range; some of them reach the sea. During the day, we enjoy two landings on board of Zodias boats. Return to the cruise.

Day 8 Australis Cruise / Santiago de Chile. (B) Early in the morning, we arrive at Magdalena Island and, if weather conditions allow it, we descend

to walk until the lighthouse and appreciate a wide colony of Magellanic penguins. Arrival at Punta Arenas, disembark and transfer to the airport. Arrival at Santiago de Chile, reception and accommodation.

Day 9 Santiago de Chile. (B)

In the morning, enjoy a city tour seeing the Civic neighbourhood, Santa Lucia Hill, Palacio de la Moneda, Plaza de Armas and Bellavista neighbourhood, which has the best bohemian landscape of Santiago. At the end, return to the hotel.

Day 10 Santiago de Chile. (B) Leisure time until scheduled flight. At due time, transfer to the airport.

Operational notes:

- Day 5: Landing is subject to weather conditions.
- Day 8: During September and April, the landing at Magdalena Island is replaced by a landing at Marta Island, where South American Sea Lions can be spotted from the Zodiac boats.



Southern Pearls

4 Days / 3 Nights El Calafate / Santa Cruz Cruise

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Southern Pearls



Towards Seno Mayo, Los Glaciares National Park, Santa Cruz

TBK 1106

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 3 nights
Santa Cruz Cruise (2) - El Calafate (1)
- Tours:
Activities offered by the cruise
- Meals: 3 breakfasts - 2 lunches -
2 dinners
- Needed tickets to parks

► SEASON: END OF SEPTEMBER TO APRIL ◀

Day 1 El Calafate / Santa Cruz Cruise. ① Arrival and reception in El Calafate. In the afternoon, transfer to Punta Bandera to embark and begin sailing towards Alemana Bay/ Puesto de Vacas. During the following days, we sail Lake Argentino.

Day 2 Santa Cruz Cruise. ③ ①

① In the morning, we disembark at Puesto de Vacas for a walk to the Viewpoint of the Spegazzini Glacier. On the way back, we

embark to sail in front of the glacier, while we have lunch. Our expedition continues through the Northern Branch of Lake Argentino, towards the Upsala Glacier and later to the Toro Bay and Mayo Gulf. There, we spend the night on board. Dinner.

Day 3 Santa Cruz Cruise / El Calafate. ③ ① In the morning, we disembark and walk by an Andean-Patagonian forest, having as a natural landscape the Mayo and Negro glaciers. At the end, we embark to sail to De Los Témpanos Channel, to reach the Perito Moreno Glacier. We descend at Moreno Port to make a short visit to the walkways. Return to Punta Bandera to disembark and return to El Calafate.

Day 4 El Calafate. ③ Day at leisure until the time of the flight.

Cruise departures

2021: Departures to be informed

Operational note:

Day 1: Arriving in a flight at midday is required because boarding starts at 5.30 PM.

To keep in mind:

Dates may be modified. Please, consult at the moment of booking.

SUGGESTED EXTENSION

Beyond Ushuaia

4 days/3 nights

TBK 1107

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 3 nights
- Tours:
National Park with Trekking - Hiking in Martillo Island - Cape San Pablo
- Meals: 3 breakfasts
- Needed tickets to parks

► SEASON: NOVEMBER TO MARCH ◀

Day 1 Arrival and transfer to the hotel in Ushuaia.

Day 2. ③ We explore Tierra del Fuego National Park. In the afternoon, we drive to Estancia Harberton, from where we board a zodiac to Martillo Island. We descend and stay an hour walking between the penguins and their nests. Then we return to Harberton Port and make a visit to the museum. Return to Ushuaia by land.

Day 3 ③ First, we take Route 3 and then the Route of the Patagonian Estancias that takes us to Cape San Pablo. After our arrival, we walk to the old lighthouse and visit the Desdemona, a ship that ran aground on the coast of Argentinian Sea.

Day 4 Ushuaia / El Calafate. ③ Transfer to the airport.

Operational note:

Day 3: the tour to Cape San Pablo in shared service operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



Skorpios Cruise: Chonos Route

9 Days / 8 Nights Bariloche / Puerto Montt / San Rafael Glacier



San Rafael glacier, Chonos route, Skorpios Cruise



Skorpios Cruise: Chonos Route

TBK 1108

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 8 nights
Bariloche (2) - Puerto Montt (1) - Skorpios Cruise (5)
- Tours:
Bariloche: Small Circuit - Lakes Crossing Cruise: Mentioned explorations
- Meals: 8 breakfasts - 5 lunches - 5 dinners
- Needed tickets to the Parks

► SEASON: SEPTEMBER TO APRIL ◀

Day 1 San Carlos de Bariloche.

Arrival and reception at the airport. Check in and Small Circuit, visiting Campanario Hill, San Eduardo Chapel, Pañuelo Port and the Panoramic Point, a natural balcony with excellent views of Lake Moreno and the Llao Llao Peninsula.

Day 2 San Carlos de Bariloche.

ⓑ Day at leisure.

Day 3 San Carlos de Bariloche / Lakes Crossing / Puerto Montt.

ⓑ In the morning, we go to Pañuelo Port to start the Lakes Crossing or Andean Crossing. We

sail from Pañuelo Port to Blest Port, sailing through Lake Nahuel Huapi. Once there, we take a bus bordering the Frias River until we arrive at Alegre Port and then continue on another boat through Lake Frías. In this tour, we enjoy the view that the Tronador Hill offers us. After a short boat trip, we arrive at Frías Port where we carry out the border procedures. We continue by bus to Peulla, while we enjoy stunning views of the Andes Mountains. After lunch (not included), we start sailing towards Petrohue, by Lake Todos los Santos. We continue towards Puerto Varas bordering Lake Llanquihue. Arrival at the Lakes Crossing Office and transfer to the hotel.

Day 4 Puerto Montt. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

At noon, departure from Puerto Montt. In the afternoon, we disembark on Chiloé Island, where we visit an artisan center, its streets and cafés, as well as the house-museum of the Chilean writer Francisco Coloane. We keep on sailing.

Day 5 Skorpios Cruise. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

In the morning, we arrive at Puerto Aguirre and disembark in this fishermen's village, in order to continue then to Barrientos Island, where we disembark in boats to contemplate the largest number of marine birds in Aysén region such as Imperial Cormorants, Southern Gulls and South American Fur Seals.

Day 6 Skorpios Cruise. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

Early in the morning, we enter San Rafael Lagoon where, weather permitting, we descend in boats to sail between multicoloured icebergs. In the afternoon, we set sail for the Quitralko Fjord.

Day 7 Skorpios Cruise. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

In the morning, we berth at Quitralko dock. Time to visit the hot springs or walk by the trails. Voyage to Chiloé by sailing through Moreda and Pérez Norte channels.

Day 8 Skorpios Cruise. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

We sail along the eastern coast of Chiloé to reach the Conejos Islet, descend in motorboats and admire a colony of Magellanic penguins and numerous birds.

Sailing, we approach Lemuy and Chelín Islands. In the evening, captain's dinner.

Day 9 Skorpios Cruise / Puerto Montt. ⓑ Disembarkation and transfer to the airport.

Cruise departures

2021	
September	17
October	02 - 09 - 16 - 23 - 30
November	06 - 13 - 20 - 27
December	04 - 11 - 18 - 24 - 31

2022	
January	08 - 15 - 22 - 29
February	05 - 12 - 19 - 26
March	05 - 12 - 19 - 26
April	02 - 09 - 16 - 23 - 30

Operational note:

Day 1: The tour begins on Wednesdays, except for the cruise departures mentioned below.

To keep in mind:

• Cruise departures are on Saturdays, except for the first departure in September 2021 and those on December 24th and 31st, which are on Fridays.





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Natural Cordoba

8 Days / 7 Nights Cordoba / Miramar de Ansenuja / Estancia Los Potreros



Xanaes river' Bay, Miramar, Cordoba

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Natural Cordoba

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation: 7 nights Cordoba (2) - Miramar de Ansenuja (2) - Estancia Los potreros (3)
- Meals: 7 Breakfast, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Car rental: 7 days

Day 1 Cordoba. Arrival at the airport and pick up of the car rental. Free time to visit the city of Cordoba and its surroundings such as Nueva Cordoba and Barrio Guemes

Day 2 Cordoba. ☺ Free day to discover the "Camino de las Estancias Jesuíticas", which has been declared Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. During this day you can visit Colonia Caroya, Jesús Maria and Santa Catalina.

Day 3 Cordoba/Miramar de Ansenuja. ☺ Departure towards the northeast of Cordoba, passing through Santa Rosa de Rio Primero, La Para and Marull to

finally reach Miramar, known for being the only coastal town to the Mar Chiquita Lagoon. Miramar de Ansenuja (goddess of the sea) has one of the Natural Wonders of the province of Cordoba, the Mar Chiquita Lagoon, the largest closed sea in Argentina, the largest salt lake in South America and fifth in the world.

With a unique biodiversity (more than 300 species of fauna registered) this water mirror is ideal for watching water birds, among which herons, gulls and pink flamingos stand out, a symbol of the town. In the afternoon we recommend you to visit the Natural Science Museum and the Natural Reserve Bañados del Río Dulce and Laguna Mar Chiquita, ideal at sunset.

Day 4 Miramar de Ansenuja.

☺ We recommend you to take exploration, in the Mar chiquita lagoon, an unforgettable and different exploration, in direct contact with nature. The lagoon

is rich in flamingoes as of the six species of flamingoes in the world, three of them are present in Mar Chiquita, one on a permanent basis (austral) and the other two that migrate to this area, the parina grande or Andean and the parina chica or James.

During this day you can navigate the lagoon visiting its highlights or if you are a bird watching lover you can opt for a navigation to the estuary of the Xanaes river or to the Orihuela Island, where landing is possible.

Day 5 Miramar de Ansenuja/ Rio Tercero. ☺ ☺ Departure to the town of Rio Tercero to reach the Estancia Los Potreros, which offers a unique experience in rural

tourism. Whether your passion is horseback riding, bird watching or exploring scenic trails, or perhaps just relaxing between tradition and local culture, this is the ideal place to do it.

Day 6 & 7 Los Potreros ☺ ☺ ☺ Day to carry out the activities offered by the estancia.

Day 8 Los Potreros/ Cordoba.

☺ ☺ At the appointed time, drive to Cordoba airport to drop off the vehicle and take your scheduled flight

Operational notes

Day 4: Consult the best options for sailing according to the season and interests.

Days	1	2	3	5	8
Distance to drive KM (miles)	10 (6)	160 (99)	197 (122)	294 (182)	108 (67)
Driving hours	20 min	3	3	4	2
Suggested Season	June to November				



Andean Wonder: Route 40 North

15 Days / 14 Nights Mendoza / Barreal / El Chiflón / Chañarmuyo / Cafayate / Cachi / Salta / Purmamarca

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Andean Wonder: Route 40 North



La Mejicana mine, Chilecito, La Rioja

TBK0307

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation: 14 nights
Mendoza (3) - Barreal (1) -
El Chiflón (2) - Chañarmuyo (1)
- Cafayate (2) - Cachi (1) - Salta (2) -
Purmamarca (2)
- Car rental: 14 days
- Meals: 14 breakfasts

Day 1 Mendoza. Arrival at the airport and pick-up of the rental car. If you have time, take a tour to the vineyards in Maipú or Lujan de Cuyo.

Day 2 & 3 Mendoza. ☺ Free days to visit the different wine regions, take the High Mountain Route to admire the Aconcagua

Peak or an adventure activity such as rafting, tirolyn or horseback riding.

Day 4 Mendoza / Barreal.

☺ Departure to the province of San Juan to reach Barreal, a unique valley. During the night we recommend you to observe the sky in the Provincial Park El Leoncito.

Day 5 Barreal / El Chiflón.

☺ Departure for Ischigualasto Provincial Park to visit the Moon Valley. After an intense day, we arrive at El Chiflón, an ideal stop on the way for resting.

Day 6 El Chiflón. ☺ In the morning, departure for the Talampaya National Park, where we continue to discover curious

formations. In the afternoon we recommend a walk through the El Chiflón Provincial Park.

Day 7 El Chiflón / Chañarmuyo.

☺ Departure in a northerly direction to cross the Cuesta de Miranda and arrive in Chilecito where the highest cable car in the world is located. After a tour of the town, continue on to Chilecito.

Day 8 Chañarmuyo / Cafayate.

☺ We suggest you start early to visit the ruins of Shincal in Catamarca, then continue to the ruins of Los Quilmes in Tucumán and finish the day in Cafayate.

Day 9 Cafayate. ☺ Day at your disposal to visit the vineyards of the region and the Quebrada de Cafayate.

Day 10 Cafayate / Cachi.

☺ Departure on route 40 towards Cachi passing through the unique landscape of the Quebrada de las Flechas.

Day 11 Cachi / Salta.

☺ Departure by route 33 passing through Los Cardones National Park, Quebrada del Escoipe and Cuesta del Obispo. Arrival in Salta.

Day 12 Salta. ☺ Free day to visit the city and its surroundings.

Day 13 Salta / Purmamarca.

☺ Departure for Purmamarca in the heart of the Quebrada de Humahuaca. Once there, we suggest you take a tour of the village, take a walk around Los Colorados or drive to the Salinas Grandes via the Cuesta de Lipan.

Day 14 Purmamarca. ☺ Spend the day visiting the Quebrada de Humahuaca, UNESCO's natural and cultural heritage of humanity. We recommend you to make a detour to El Hornocal.

Day 15 Purmamarca / Salta. ☺ Drop off of the rental car at Salta airport.

Days	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15
Distance to drive KM (miles)	11 (6)	235 (146)	434 (269)	26 (16)	327 (203)	411 (255)	41 (25)	157 (97)	162 (100)	188 (116)	137 (85)	188 (116)
Gravel road KM (miles)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118 (73)	-	-	-	-
Driving hours	20 min.	5/6	7/8	1	5/6	6/7	3/4	5	5	3	3	3
Suggested Season	From April to November											



The Best of the North

7 Days / 6 Nights Salta / Purmamarca / Molinos / Cafayate



Salinas Grandes, Jujuy. Courtesy of Jujuy's Tourism Secretary. PH Alberto Castagnolo

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The Best of the North

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation: 6 nights Salta (3) - Purmamarca (1) - Molinos (1) - Cafayate (1)
- Car rental: 6 days
- Meals: 6 breakfasts

Day 1 Salta. Arrival at the airport and pick up of the car rental. After the necessary procedures, drive for a short distance to the city of Salta. Leave the vehicle and explore Salta through its colonial streets and churches.

Day 2 Salta / Purmamarca. ③

Depart early driving through Del Toro Gorge, reaching the town of San Antonio de Los Cobres, from where you can take the Train to the Clouds if you wish. In the province of Jujuy, continue to Salinas Grandes Salt Flat and then, descend De Lipán Slope to Purmamarca.

Day 3 Purmamarca / Salta.

③ Spend the day exploring the Humahuaca Gorge, Natural and Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO. If you are brave, you could get to El Hornocal (Hill of the 14 Colours). Return to Salta.

Day 4 Salta / Molinos. ③

Enjoy the Calchaquíes Valleys, through Del Obispo Slope. Tin Tin Straight and Los Cardones National Park. In Cachi, we have time for lunch (not included) and also to walk around the town. Then, we continue towards Molinos.

Day 5 Molinos / Cafayate. ③

Continue along National Route 40 to tour De las Flechas Gorge, a curious formation produced by the erosion of water and wind. After admiring the landscape, continue to Cafayate where vineyards will welcome you.

Day 6 Cafayate / Salta. ③

On the way to Salta, we visit De las Conchas or Cafayate gorges, characterized by its curious formations such as the Amphitheatre and the Devil's Throat, product of wind and water erosion. Arrival at Salta and accommodation.

Day 7 Salta. ③ End of the adventure. Please, allow plenty of time for you to return your rented car at the airport.

Operational note:

Day 2: The Train to the Clouds has fixed departure days starting at noon from S.A. de los Cobres and returning at 3PM.

To keep in mind:

- From December to March, the itinerary could be modified due to the rainy season.
- The Puna is a very special environment that is characterized by the height and reduction of oxygen, high atmospheric pressure which makes it necessary that people with respiratory, cardiac or pressure diseases, take special care.

Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Distance to drive KM (miles)	9 (5)	338 (210)	319 (198)	210 (130)	116 (72)	198 (123)	9 (5)
Gravel road KM (miles)	-	143 (89)	42 (26)	46 (28)	92 (57)	-	-
Driving hours	20 min.	8/9	4	5/6	3	3	20 min
Maximum altitude	1200 MASL	4170 MASL	3012 MASL	3400 MASL	1660 MASL	1683 MASL	1152 MASL
Suggested Season	Avoid December to March, because of the rainy season						



Wines, Lakes and Mountains

17 Days / 16 Nights Mendoza / San Rafael / Malargue / Varvarco / V. Pehuenia / S. M de los Andes/V. Traful / Bariloche

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Wines, lakes and mountains



Los Bolillos, Varvarco, Neuquen. Courtesy of Neuquen's Tourism Bureau

TBK 0308

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation: 16 nights
Mendoza (3) - San Rafael (2) - Malargue (2) - Varvarco (2) - Villa Pehuenia (2) - S. M. de los Andes (2) - Villa Traful (1) - Bariloche (2)
- Car Rental: 16 days
- Meals: 16 breakfasts

Day 1 Mendoza. Arrival at the airport and pick up of the car rental. Free time to visit the wineries in Maipú or Lujan de Cuyo.

Day 2 & 3 Mendoza. Days available to visit the different vineyard areas or take the High Mountain Route to admire the Aconcagua Summit.

Day 4 Mendoza / San Rafael.

Departure by Route 40 passing through the wine region of Valle de Uco. If you have time you can stop at the Piedra infinita winery, awarded as one of the best in the world. Continue towards.

Day 5 San Rafael. An ideal day to get to know the Atuel Canyon, a geological wonder that is millions of years old. These formations are the result of wind and water erosion.

Day 6 San Rafael / Malargue.

Taking Route 147, it joins Route 40 to continue the journey, crossing the Cuesta de los Terneros, El Sosneado and Las Leñas, a famous ski resort offering impressive landscapes during the summer.

Day 7 Malargue.

Visit La Payunia, an area that had an intense volcanic activity at the end of the Triassic period constituting a landscape of volcanoes. We recommend taking a 4X4 excursion.

Day 8 Malargue / Varvarco.

On the way to Varvarco, you will pass through Cuesta del Chihuido and Bardas Blancas, crossing small villages until you reach your destination.

Day 9 Varvarco.

Enjoy the surroundings as: Varvarco Lagoons, Epulauquen Lagoons or hiking in the Domuyo Protected Natural Area.

Day 10 Varvarco / Villa Pehuenia.

Departure to Villa Pehuenia by RN 40 and RP 13,

passing through small villages such as Las Lajas and Zapala.

Day 11 Villa Pehuenia. Free day to rest.

Day 12 Villa Pehuenia / San Martín de los Andes. Drive southward along the Andes, passing through Junin de los Andes until you reach your destination.

Day 13 San Martín de los Andes. We suggest visiting Lake Huechulafquen.

Day 14 San Martín de los Andes / Villa Traful. Drive south along the Seven Lakes Road until you join Route 65 which will take you to Villa Traful, a charming village on Lake Traful.

Day 15 Villa Traful / Bariloche.

Drive along Lake Traful to Villa la Angostura, where we recommend you to visit Bahía Manzano and its port from where the boats leave for the Arrayanes forest. Continue to Bariloche.

Day 16 Bariloche. Day off.

Day 17 Bariloche. Drive to the airport to leave the vehicle and take the scheduled flight.

Days	1	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	17
Distance to drive KM (miles)	10 (6)	250 (155)	140 (87)	202 (125)	218 (135)	450 (279)	380 (236)	162 (100)	210 (130)	162 (100)	103 (64)	140 (87)	15 (9)
Driving hours	20 min.	4	4/5	3	5	6/7	6	5	4	6	2	3	30 min.
Suggested Season	All Year. Check the roads conditions from June to September												



Deep Patagonia: Route 40 South

16 Days / 15 Nights Bariloche / Esquel / Rio Mayo / Los Antiguos / Lago Posadas / El Chaltén / El Calafate



National Route 40, Santa Cruz. Courtesy of @ArgentinaTravel

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Deep Patagonia: Route 40 South

TBK0320

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation: 15 nights
Bariloche (2) - Esquel (3) - Rio Mayo (1) - Los Antiguos (2) - Lago Posadas (2) - Gobernador Gregores (1) - El Chaltén (2) - El Calafate (2)
- Car rental: 15 days
- Meals: 15 breakfasts

Day 1 Bariloche. Arrival and delivery of the rental car at the airport. Start your journey in Bariloche.

Day 2 Bariloche. ☹️ Free day to take some boat trip to Blest Port or Victoria Island or take the car and drive by the Seven Lakes route.

Day 3 Bariloche / Esquel. ☹️ Leave Bariloche to the south towards Esquel. If you arrive at midday, we suggest you check the La Trochita departure calendar.

Day 4 & 5 Esquel. ☹️ We suggest you to visit Los Alerces National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Piedra Parada, a curiosity in the middle of the steppe or if you prefer adrenaline, enjoy rafting down the Corcovado River.

Day 6 Esquel / Rio Mayo. ☹️ Continue exploring National Route 40, towards Rio Mayo. It's a five-hour drive, with a few stops along the way to admire the view and enjoy the remote scenery.

Day 7 Rio Mayo / Los Antiguos. ☹️ In the morning, departure to

Los Antiguos, located in the heart of Patagonia. On the way we suggest you take a detour to the Petrified Forest of Sarmiento.

Day 8 Los Antiguos. ☹️ Free day to explore the region by crossing into Chile to visit the Marble Chapels formation.

Day 9 Los Antiguos / Posadas Lake. ☹️ Travel along Route 41, which connects Los Antiguos with Lake Posadas. A scenic route that seeks to preserve the local fauna.

Day 10 Posadas Lake. ☹️ Free day to explore the Patagonia Park or visit the Cueva de las Manos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 11 Posadas Lake / Gobernador Gregores. ☹️ Departure to take route 40 and

arrive at a village with a privileged location.

Day 12 Gobernador Gregores / El Chaltén. ☹️ Continue along RN 40 south to reach El Chaltén, the National Capital of Trekking.

Day 13 El Chaltén. ☹️ Enjoy the variety of hikes available in El Chaltén.

Day 14 El Chaltén / El Calafate.

☹️ At the desired time leave the National Capital of Trekking to reach the land of the Glaciers.

Day 15 El Calafate. ☹️ Visit the Perito Moreno Glacier, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Day 16 El Calafate. ☹️ Free time until the time of your flight.

Operational note:

Day 6: The Chile Chico border is open from 8 am to 8 pm, depending on the date of the year.

To keep in mind:

• We suggest modifying the accommodation in Esquel, for a stay in the Huemules Mountain Reserve, a glamping in the middle of a natural environment.

Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	14	15	16
Distance to drive KM (miles)	14 (8)	50 (31)	284 (176)	70 (44)	170 (105)	411 (255)	487 (302)	356 (221)	159 (98)	298 (185)	297 (184)	217 (134)	160 (99)	21 (13)
Gravel road KM (miles)	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 (25)	300 (186)	159 (99)	-	-	-	-	-
Driving hours	30 min.	1	5	2	4	5	8	9/10	5	5/6	6	3	3/4	20 min.
Suggested Season	October -April													



Nature's Paradise

8 Days / 7 Nights PuertoMadryn / Puerto Pirámides

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Nature's Paradise



San Lorenzo Rookery, Peninsula Valdes Reserve, Chubut

TBK0321

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accomodation: 7 nights
Península Valdés (2) - Dos Pozos (2) - Bahía Bustamante (3)
- Car rental: 7 days
- Meals: 7 breakfasts - 4 lunches - 7 dinners

Day 1 Trelew / Península Valdés.

📍 Arrival at Trelew's airport and pick up of the car rental to start the journey to the Peninsula Valdes Reserve. On the way, we recommend a brief stop in Puerto Pirámides as from October to the beginning of December you can go whale watching and from mid-December

to March you can see sea lions, cormorants and possibly bottlenose dolphins. (Boat trip not included, subject to weather conditions). Accommodation. **Day 2 Península Valdés.** 📍 📍 Day at disposal to enjoy the Peninsula Valdés, declared Natural Patrimony of the Humanity by the UNESCO due to its geography, flora and fauna, characteristics that make it a paradise of the nature. From September to March we suggest to visit the San Lorenzo penguin Rookery. **Day 3 Península Valdés / Dos Pozos.** 📍 📍 Departure to Estancia La Antonieta, founded as a livestock establishment specialized in sheep breeding and

dedicated to the preservation of the natural resources of the area. Nowadays its owners continue with the family tradition of taking care of the social, cultural and tourist welfare of the community. **Day 4 Dos Pozos.** 📍 📍 Visit the Sea Elephant Reserve at Dos Pozos. During the high season (September to November) you can see the reproductive harems of the species and meet the alpha male. **Day 5 Dos Pozos. / Bahía Bustamante.** 📍 📍 In the morning, departure to Bahía Bustamante. This is a country house on the seashore surrounded by 360° of pure nature, located in

Patagonia, in an area known for its relevant biological biodiversit.

Day 6 & 7 Bahía Bustamante.

📍 📍 📍 Days to enjoy the included activities, which do not require significant physical effort. Activities offered:
Boat trip (3 / 4 hours approx.)
The Peninsula (4 hours approx.): ideal to visit on foot, by bike, in 4x4 or on horse back.
Petrified Forest (4/5 hours aprox.): Walking.
Penguin Island (3 hours approx.): at low tide.
Cape Aristizabal (4 to 5 hours aprox.): in 4x4.
Stone Canyon (4 to 5 hours approx.): Canyon trekking.
Historical and seaweed walk (1-2 hours approx.): Walk through the village.
Rural activities (4 hours approx.).

Day 8 Bahía Bustamante / Trelew.

📍 Arrival and reception at the airport.
To keep in mind:
• Access to Península Valdés can be affected on rainy days.

Days	1	2	3	5	8
Distance to drive KM (miles)	205 (127)	120 (75)	303 (188)	234 (145)	263 (163)
Gravel road KM (miles)	53 (33)	-	103 (64)	90 (56)	40 (25)
Driving hours	3	3/4	5	4/5	4
Suggested Season	October to March				



From the Ocean to the Andes

16 Days / 15 Nights P. Madryn / P. Pirámides / Rio Mayo / Los Antiguos / L. Posadas / El Chaltén / El Calafate



Cañadón Pinturas gate (land of colors), Santa Cruz

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From the Ocean to the Andes

TBK0322

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation: 15 nights
Puerto Pirámides (2) - Bahía Bustamante (3) - Rio Mayo (1) - Los Antiguos (2) - Lago Posadas (2) - Gobernador Gregores (1) - El Chaltén (2) - El Calafate (2)
- Car rental: 15 days
- Meals: 16 breakfasts - 3 lunches - 3 dinners

Day 1 Trelew / Puerto Pirámides. (D) Arrival and pick up the car rental to start your journey to the Peninsula Valdes Reserve. In Puerto Pirámides we recommend you to go on a whale watching

boat trip, available from October to the beginning of December.

Day 2 Puerto Pirámides. (B) (L) (D)

Explore Peninsula Valdes, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the San Lorenzo and Punta Norte penguin rookery.

Day 3 Puerto Pirámides / Bahía Bustamante. (B) (D)

In the morning, departure to Bahía Bustamante, a country house on the seashore surrounded by 360° of pure nature, recognized by its relevant biological biodiversit.

Day 4 & 5 Bahía Bustamante.

(B) (L) (D) Days to enjoy the included activities such as: Boat trip, tour around the Peninsula,

visit to the Petrified Forest, among other.

Day 6 Bahía Bustamante/ Rio Mayo. (B)

Today you will cross Patagonia from east to west and on the way don't miss the Sarmiento Petrified Forest.

Day 7 Rio Mayo / Los Antiguos.

(B) In the morning, departure through Route 40 to Los Antiguos, located in the heart of Patagonia.

Day 8 Los Antiguos. (B)

Free day to explore the area, by crossing into Chile to visit the Marble Chapels formation.

Day 9 Los Antiguos / Posadas Lake. (B)

Travel along Route 41, which connects Los Antiguos with Lago Posadas. A scenic route that seeks to preserve the local fauna.

Day 10 Posadas Lake. (B) Day to explore the Cueva de las Manos and Cañadón del Rio Pinturas.

Day 11 Posadas Lake / Gobernador Gregores. (B)

Departure to take route 40 and arrive at a village with a privileged location.

Day 12 Gobernador Gregores / El Chaltén. (B)

Continue along RN 40 south to reach El Chaltén, the National Capital of Trekking.

Day 13 El Chaltén. (B)

Enjoy the variety of hikes offered by El Chaltén.

Day 14 El Chaltén / El Calafate.

(B) At the desired time leave the National Capital of Trekking to reach the land of the Glaciers.

Day 15 El Calafate. (B) Visit the Perito Moreno Glacier, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Day 16 El Calafate. (B) Free time until the time of your flight.

Operational note:

Day 8: The Chile Chico border is open from 8 am to 8 pm, depending on the date of the year.

Days	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16
Distance to drive KM (miles)	205 (127)	169 (105)	418 (260)	422 (262)	487 (302)	356 (221)	159 (99)	240 (149)	298 (185)	297 (184)	217 (135)	160 (99)	21 (13)
Gravel road KM (miles)	53 (33)	169 (105)	35 (21)	35 (21)	40 (25)	300 (186)	159 (99)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Driving hours	3	5	6	7/8	8	9/10	5	6	5/6	6	3	3/4	20 min.
Suggested Season	October to beginning of April												



Along the Austral Route

13 Days / 12 Nights El Calafate / Torres del Paine / Punta Arenas / Caleta Josefina / Lago Blanco / Tierra del Fuego

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Along the Austral Route



Estancia Rolito, Tierra del Fuego

TBK0323

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation: 12 nights
El Calafate (2) - Torres del Paine (3) - Punta Arenas (1) - Caleta Josefina (1) - Lago Blanco (1) - Estancia Rolito (1) - Ushuaia (3)
- Car rental: 12 días
- Meals: 12 breakfasts - 6 lunches - 7 dinners

Day 1 El Calafate. Arrival at the airport and pick up of the car rental. After the necessary formalities, drive for a short distance to the selected hotel.

Day 2 El Calafate. ☺ Day dedicated to discover the Perito Moreno Glacier, declared World

Heritage by the UNESCO, due to its beauty.

Day 3 El Calafate / Torres del Paine. ☺ ☹ ☺ From El Calafate, cross the well-known border crossing Cancha Carrera-Cerro Castillo and carry out the corresponding procedures at each one of them.

Day 4 & 5 Torres del Paine. ☺ ☹ ☺ Enjoy Patagonia and its incredible views, its changing climate, its flora and fauna through the activities that the lodge has planned. Some excursions are subject to weather conditions.

Day 6 Torres del Paine / Punta Arenas. ☺ Today head towards Punta Arenas, the largest and

most populated city in the Magallanes Region.

The city is an attraction in itself, it was declared a Free Zone and has become a shopping destination, as well as being attractive in terms of natural and cultural sights.

Day 7 Punta Arenas / Estancia Caleta Josefina. ☺ ☹ ☺ Today you will have to cross the Strait of Magellan to Tierra del Fuego Island to get to Porvenir, where you can visit a dolphin colony, explore the town and visit the local museum. Continue to Estancia Caleta Josefina.

Day 8 Estancia Caleta Josefina / Lago Blanco. ☺ ☹ ☺ Drive south to Cameron, a village on the coast of Useless Bay and visit

the King Penguin Park, the only penguin colony of its kind outside of Antarctica. Then continue to Lago Blanco, one of the most beautiful villages in the Magellan region.

Day 9 Lago Blanco / Estancia Rolito. ☺ ☹ ☺ Return to Argentina by taking Route B, also known as the Route of the Old Estancias, into the depths of the island to drive to Estancia Rolito.

Day 10 Estancia Rolito / Ushuaia. ☺ ☺ On the way to Ushuaia you can make a detour to Cabo San Pablo from where you can see the Desdemona, a ship abandoned on its coast.

Day 11 & 12 Ushuaia. ☺ Days to visit the corners of the island such as the National Park or the area of Estancia Harberton.

Day 13 Ushuaia. ☺ In time for your flight, drive to the airport to deliver your vehicle and take the scheduled flight.

Operational note:

Day 7: Check the schedule of the Hydrofoil to cross to the Tierra del Fuego Island.

Days	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13
Distance to drive KM (miles)	15 (9)	160 (99)	331 (205)	310 (192)	135 (84)	140 (87)	180 (112)	218 (135)	7 (4)
Gravel road KM (miles)	-	-	66 (41)	52 (32)	130 (81)	40 (24)	98 (61)	58 (36)	-
Driving hours	20 min.	8/9	6	5	5	4	3/4	5	15 min.
Suggested Season	October to beginning of April								



In the Depths of Nature

8 Days / 7 Nights Ituzaingo / Puerto Libertad / Puerto Iguazú



Deck at Valle lagoon, Puerto Valle, Corrientes

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In the depths of nature

TBK 0306

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accomodation: 7 nights
Ituzaingo (3) - Puerto Libertad (2) -
Puerto Iguazú (2)
- Car Rental: 7 days
- Meals: 7 breakfasts - 3 lunches -
5 dinners

Day 1 Posadas / Ituzaingo. (D)

Arrival at Posadas airport and pick up of the rental car to start driving to the selected lodging. Depending on the chosen accomodation, you will have a varied driving time and difficulty.

Ituzaingo:

Distance travelled 52 km (32 miles)
Travel time: 1 hour

Day 2 & 3 Ituzaingo. (B) (L) (D)

During these days we enjoy the programmed activities.

Discovering the Wetlands: 4-5 hours duration

Safari Ibera National Park: 4-5 hours duration

Sailing on the Paraná River : 2 hours duration

Kayak: Duration: 1 to 3 hours duration

La Ribera path: Duration: 1 hour duration

Horseback riding: Duration: 2 hours duration

Visit to the park, nursery and vegetable garden: 1 hour duration

Day 4 Ituzaingo / Puerto Libertad. (B) (D)

Departure to Puerto Libertad and on the way visit the Ruins of San Ignacio, declared Cultural Patrimony of the Humanity by the UNESCO. Upon arrival to Puerto Libertad, accommodation in Puerto Bemberg, a Lodge located in the jungle of Misiones, in a private natural reserve surrounded by trails, waterfalls, rivers, vegetation and typical fauna.

Day 5 Puerto Libertad. (B) (D)

Day dedicated to the activities of the lodge. Some of them with extra cost. Visit to the Andrés Johnson Chapel and Museum; Traditional tea, an activity to learn more about yerba mate, its uses and customs, boat ride on the Paraná River and visit to the Yasy waterfall, bird watching and kayaking.

Day 6 Puerto Libertad / Puerto Iguazú. (B)

Today the distance to be covered is not significant so you can spend part of your

free time visiting the Falls on the Brazilian side where the view of the falls will give you a different perspective.

Day 7 Puerto Iguazú. (B) In the morning departure to the Iguazu National Park to visit the Iguazu Falls, declared Natural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO and one of the Seven Modern Wonders of Nature. During the tour you will go through the three circuits of the park: Devil's Throat, the Upper and Lower circuits.

Day 8 Puerto Iguazú. (B) At the scheduled time, drive to the airport to deliver the vehicle and board your scheduled flight.

Operational note:

- Day 1:** It is recommended to arrive on an early flight.
- Day 6:** If you wish to visit the Falls on the Brazilian side, the vehicle must have a border crossing permit.
- Day 8:** In case of visiting Brazilian Falls, it is required to leave on a flight after 3PM.

Days	1	4	7	8	9
Distance to drive KM (miles)	52 (32)	264 (164)	44 (27)	36 (22)	21 (13)
Gravel road KM (miles)	-	-	-	1	-
Driving hours	1	5	40 min.	1	30 min.
Suggested Season	All year				





Adventure



ADV



Hiking: Paine and Fitz Roy

16 Days / 15 Nights El Calafate / El Chaltén / Puerto Natales / Torres del Paine



Hiking on Grey Glacier, Torres del Paine, Chile

ADV

Hiking: Paine and Fitz Roy

TBK 1220

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 15 nights
El Calafate (3) - El Chaltén (2) -
Campsite (3) - Puerto Natales (1) -
Torres del Paine (6)
- Tours:
El Chaltén: Trekking to Pliegue
Tumbado, Laguna de los Tres -
Cagliero glacier
El Calafate Minitrekking on Glaciar
Perito Moreno
Torres del Paine: Balmaceda and
Serrano glaciers: W Circuit
- Meals: 15 breakfasts - 11 lunches -
11 dinners
- Needed tickets to Parks

► SEASON: NOVEMBER TO MARCH ◀

Day 1 El Calafate. Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel. During this journey, we will explore Los Glaciares National Park and Torres del Paine National Park.

Day 2 El Calafate / El Chaltén.

ⓑ ⓓ Departure to El Chaltén to begin an incredible journey that

includes impressive panoramic views.

Day 3 El Chaltén / Pliegue Tumbado / Camp Prestadores.

ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ We leave El Chaltén along the path leading towards Laguna Toro to reach the mountain of Pliegue Tumbado, and then continue to the camp where we spend the night.

Walking time: 9 hours

Day 4 Laguna Los Tres / Campsite Poicenet. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

Today we start a hike overlooking the Madre & Hija Lagoons, Rio Blanco campsite and Laguna de los Tres and then descend to Poicenet campsite.

Walking time: 7 hours

Day 5 Campsite Poicenet / Los Huemules Reserve. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

Early in the morning we appreciate the sunrise on the walls of the Fitz Roy and then we start walking towards the Rio Diablo Valley until we reach the Cagliero shelter.

Walking time: 7 hours

Day 6 Los Huemules Reserve/ El Chaltén. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ Today we will explore the Cagliero Glacier

and enjoy a via ferrata (harness technique). At the end of the day, we will return to El Chaltén.

Walking time: 7 hours

Day 7 El Chaltén / El Calafate.

ⓑ At due time, transfer to El Calafate. Free time.

Day 8 El Calafate. ⓑ ⓓ Today we walk on the Perito Moreno Glacier, crawling through cracks and exploring the peculiar ice landscape.

Day 9 El Calafate / Puerto Natales. ⓑ

In the morning, departure to Puerto Natales.

Day 10 Puerto Natales / Paine Grande Refuge. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

Today we sail to admire Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers. We arrive at Pueblo Serrano by zodiac, and then at Pudeto, to sail Lake Pehoe and reach the refuge.

Day 11 Paine Grande Refuge.

ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ We begin the famous "W Trekking Circuit", moving towards Grey Glacier direction. At first, to the viewpoint, then to the refuge and finally to the glacier.

Walking time: 8 hours

Day 12 Paine Grande Refuge / Los Cuernos. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ Today we walk from Paine Grande Refuge to Los Cuernos, and we explore the Francés Valley.

Walking time: 6 hours

Day 13 Los Cuernos Refuge.

ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ We dedicate this day to Bader Valley, one of the still unexplored valleys of the park, with views to Torre Sur, Torre Central and Almirante Nieto.

Walking time: 6 hours

Day 14 Los Cuernos Refuge / Chilean Refuge. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

We walk from Los Cuernos to Chilean Refuge, admiring Lake Nordenskjöld.

Walking time: 6 hours

Day 15 Chilean Refuge / Las Torres Refuge. ⓑ ⓓ ⓔ

Early in the morning, departure to Torres Del Paine base, where we try to admire the sunrise. Later we begin the hike to Las Torres Refuge, where we end the "W".

Walking time: 6 hours

Day 16 Torres de Paine / El Calafate. ⓑ In the morning, return to El Calafate. Transfer to the airport.



El Chaltén Adventure

7 Days / 6 Nights El Calafate / El Chaltén / Puesto Cagliero



Cagliero glacier, El Chaltén, Santa Cruz

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El Chaltén Adventure

TBK1218

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 6 nights
- El Calafate (1) - El Chaltén (1) - Puesto Cagliero (4)
- Tours:
 - El Calafate: Perito Moreno Kayak
 - Puesto Cagliero: 3 guided treks
- Meals: 6 breakfasts - 5 lunches (box lunch) - 4 dinners
- Needed tickets to the parks

► SEASON: NOVEMBER TO EARLY APRIL ◀

Day 1 El Calafate. Arrival at El Calafate and spare time.

Day 2 El Calafate / El Chaltén **B L** Today we get to know the Perito Moreno from a kayak. We have some time to enjoy the landscape from the walkways and then go to the base of operations, where we put the suits on. After a safety talk, we start to row from De los Témpanos Beach, until we are 600 meters far (1968 ft.) from the Perito Moreno glacier. Return to El Calafate to take the afternoon

bus to El Chaltén. Arrival and accommodation.

Day 3 El Chaltén / Puesto Cagliero. **B L D** Transfer from El Chaltén to Estancia los Huemules. We get to know the Visitors' Center and hike down the Diablo River's Valley to Puesto Cagliero. The tour lasts an average of 2.5 hours and allows us to enjoy the Andean Patagonian forest, the river and the hills that delimit the valley (30th Anniversary Hill, Neumeyer and Loma del Diablo).

Day 4 Puesto Cagliero. **B L D** The hike to the 30th Anniversary Hill begins, which includes a safe climbing with ropes to the viewpoint of the hill. From there, we go on a walk to the Neumeyer Glacier. The total ascent takes around 4 hours. It rises from 800 MASL (2.624 ft.) until the 1450 MASL (4.757 ft.). From the height, we appreciate the view of the hills and glaciers.

During the excursion, we make a stop at the Neumeyer lagoons where we have lunch, and then make an Ice Trek with crampons

on the glaciers. Return to the refuge.

Day 5 Puesto Cagliero. **B L D** We go on the Ice Trek on the Cagliero Glacier. We start skirting the northern margin of Del Diablo Lagoon through an irregular terrain until we reach a dome where we put the harness on, to start with the via ferrata. Wearing the equipment, we walk to the rock and start the activity with a view to the lagoon for 1 km (0, 6 mile). Then we continue walking for another hour until we reach the viewpoint of the Cagliero Glacier. A short trek leads us in front of the glacier, where the guides help us to place the crampons to start the hike on the ice where we stay about 2 hours. If weather is mild, we have lunch (box lunch) on the ice. We return to the refuge by the same path.

Day 6 Puesto Cagliero. **B L D** Today we start trekking to Loma del Diablo Hill. The activity consists of walking through 11 km (6, 8 miles) of itinerary, characterized by 2.000 mt of slope (6.560 ft.).

The highlights during the tour are Mount Fitz Roy, Torre Hill, Marconi Hill, Pollone Glacier, 30th Anniversary Hill, Neumeyer, Cordon del Bosque, Diablo River, Condor Lagoon and lakes Desierto and Viedma. Arriving at the summit of Loma del Diablo (1.750 MASL-5.741 ft.). We have lunch. From there, a descent is undertaken, in which you pass through the hidden lagoons and then reach the Diablo lagoon. Return to the shelter around 7PM.

Day 7 Puesto Cagliero / El Chaltén / El Calafate. **B** In the morning, we leave Puesto Cagliero towards Los Huemules to start our return to El Chaltén. On the descent to the Visitors' Center, it is possible to approach to Verde or Azul lagoons. Transfer to El Chaltén and continue towards El Calafate. Airport transfer.

To keep in mind:
The activities in Puesto Cagliero require good physical conditions. T



Horseback Riding: Hidden Glaciers

5 Days / 4 Nights Estancia Nibepo Aike / Patagonian "Puestos"

ADV

Horseback Riding: Hidden Glaciers



Hidden glaciers horseback riding, Nibepo Aike, Santa Cruz- PH Daniel Wagner

TBK 1203

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 4 nights
Nibepo Aike (1) - Puestos (3)
- Tours:
Horseback ride to Hidden Glaciers -
Trekking Glaciar Sur Adventure
- Meals: 4 breakfasts - 4 lunches -
4 dinners

► SEASON: DECEMBER TO MARCH ◀

Day 1 El Calafate / Estancia Nibepo Aike. **D** Departure from El Calafate through the Route of the Old Patagonian Estancias. After settling, the guide explains the program, while horses and other equipment are being prepared to leave the lodging on the following morning. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the estancia, exploring its surroundings by bike or foot, through self-guided trails and having the chance to

take part of the sheep-shearing demonstration using traditional hand shears.

Day 2 Estancia Nibepo Aike / Puesto La Rosada. **B L D**

In the morning, departure by horse to start climbing Cristales Mountain Range. As we get higher, the lakes, the Southern Branch, the Rico Branch, the Lake Roca and the Frías Hill get better outlined. Once in the "abra" (mountain pass), the path goes into the Andean Patagonian Forest. Arrival at Puesto La Rosada to enjoy a picnic lunch. The historical moment is left for the afternoon: El Hito (The Minestone), end of the Estancia and of Argentina. On the other side, Chilean territory. Return to Puesto La Rosada.

Day 3 Puesto La Rosada/ Puesto Laguna 3 de Abril. **B**

L D We depart from La Rosada and we start the ascent to Puesto Cachorro where lunch awaits us.

We continue to Puesto Laguna 3 de Abril, while we recreate the path of the authentic rural workers. Arrival at Puesto Laguna 3 de Abril.

Day 4 Puesto Laguna 3 de

Abril. **B L D** After breakfast, we depart towards the glaciers. This excursion combines a boat trip and treks, in order to experience what only few people reach. We embark to travel until the Southern Branch to the take a short hike to Lake Frías. We sail in a zodiac the 3 km (1 mile) of the lake to disembark on the opposite shore, where we start to trek, bordering the river until arriving to "the Amphitheater" of the glaciers Gorra, Frías and Grande, with its lagoon and icebergs fallen from the glaciers.

Day 5 Puesto Laguna 3 de

Abril / Estancia Nibepo. **B L** We return riding on the side of the Southern Branch until reaching the hull of the estancia at 18

km from Puesto 3 de Abril. We arrive at lunch time. Return to El Calafate. Transfer to the airport in order to board the scheduled flight.

Operational notes:

Day 4: the activity may be cancelled due to weather conditions that affect the navigability or the land.

To keep in mind:

- Regular departures: first, second and third Wednesday of each month.
- Difficulty: intermediate. Riders must have experience in horseback rides of almost 6 daily hours.
- Amenities at the "puestos": both La Rosada and Puesto Laguna 3 de Abril are refuges with multifunctional living (kitchen, dining room and bedroom).
- The program may vary according to weather conditions and / or to take better advantage of the hacienda work if there were any on the dates of the program.



Horseback Riding: The Mitre Peninsula

11 Days / 10 Nights Tierra del Fuego



Mitre Peninsula horseback riding, Tierra del Fuego

ADV

Horseback riding: the Mitre Peninsula

TBK 1219

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 10 nights Ushuaia (1) - Tent (9)
- Horseback riding and needed equipment for the activity
- Meals: 10 breakfasts - 10 lunches - 10 dinners

▶ SEASON: NOVEMBER TO MARCH ◀

Day 1 Ushuaia. ① Arrival at the airport. Transfer to the hotel. Informative talk about the expedition.

Day 2 Ushuaia / Puesto Chaira. ③ ① ① We head for Estancia María Luisa, dedicated to cattle raising and logging, from where we start the horseback ride to reach Puesto La Chiara. Overnight in a tent.

Day 3 Puesto Chaira / Puesto Río Bueno. ③ ① ① We start the first long riding trail and on the way we visit some shipwrecks, such as the curious "Barca", a

very old wooden boat, buried by centuries of sand.

Day 4 Puesto Río Bueno / Estancia Policarpo. ③ ① ①

Today we wade across the Buenos and Policarpo rivers, crossing several peat bogs and on the way to the estancia, we go through the wreck "Duquesa de Albania" (Albania's Duchess). Before arriving at the estancia, we see the "Falsa" cove and the old buildings of the estancia, that was abandoned in the 1960s and declared a National Historic Landmark.

Day 5 Estancia Policarpo / Bahía Thetis. ③ ① ① The journey takes us through peat bogs that force us to dismount several times and, weather permitting, we appreciate the mythical and inaccessible Estados Island, in those land Jules Verne set his famous novel "The Lighthouse of the End at the World". We arrive at Bahía Thetis, a former sea lions factory where they used to slaughter them for their leather and fat.

Day 6 Bahía Thetis. ③ ① ①

Free day in which we propose a long and tiring walk to the Cape San Diego's Lighthouse to enjoy a 360-degree view of the South Atlantic Ocean, Strait of Le Maire, De Los Estados Island and beginning of the Beagle Channel. Once at the lighthouse we share lunch at the edge of the Strait of Le Maire.

Day 7 Bahía Thetis. ③ ① ①

Free day to take short walks and discover the real End of the World.

Day 8 Bahía Thetis / Estancia Policarpo. ③ ① ① Day to go back to Estancia Policarpo.

Day 9 Estancia Policarpo / Puesto Río Bueno. ③ ① ①

We begin the ride towards the Policarpo River while enjoying some galloping moments. Lunch in the old hull of the "Duquesa de Albania" (Albania's Duchess) and return to the Puesto.

Day 10 Puesto Río Bueno / Puesto Chaira. ③ ① ① Free time to explore the surroundings of Puesto Río Bueno and then start walking through the Cape

Leticia. Arrival at the Puesto and farewell dinner.

Day 11 Puesto Chaira / Ushuaia. ③ ① We return to Estancia María Luisa. There we unsaddle and undertake the return to the city of Ushuaia. Transfer to the airport.

To keep in mind:

- The journey includes 6 to 7 hours of riding with several stops and an average distance of 30 km (18 miles) per day.
- Intermediate difficulty. Basic knowledge of horse riding and a good physical and health conditions are needed.
- The site is a completely isolated place without conventional sanitary services.
- Consult the necessary and suggested clothing and supplies.
- The program may be modified because of force majeure or security reasons, or to make the most of our time.
- Consult for programmed departures.



Horseback Riding: The Marshes

4 Days / 3 Nights Concepción del Yaguareté Cora



Horseback riding, La Alondra, Corrientes

ADV

Horseback Riding: Crossing the Marshes

TBK 1221

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 3 nights
La Alondra (2) - Refuges in Ñupuy (1)
- Tours: horseback crossing to the marshes
- Meals: 3 breakfasts - 3 lunches - 3 dinners

► **SEASON: OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - MARCH AND APRIL** ◀

Day 1 Corrientes or Resistencia / Concepción del Yaguareté Corá. (L) (D) Arrival at the airport of Corrientes or Resistencia and transfer to the town of Concepción del Yaguareté Cora, where we stay in La Alondra Casa de Pueblo. Concepción is a picturesque town at Corrientes, whose name means “tigers corral” in guarani. Once settled in, we have time to walk down the town, visit some of its 40 chapels and Iberá Reserve’s Interpretation Center. That place is located in a colonial house that dates from

1920, with 4 exhibition halls, a microcinema, a laboratory, a kitchen, toilets, galleries and a patio. In this place, different moments of Iberá’s history are shown. On the walls you can find information Iberá’s geological history, its geographical location in the world, occupation by the aboriginal groups at the moment of Hispanic contact and a summary of the exploration and excavation activities carried out in El Disparo Island. Undoubtedly, an excellent sample that reveals different aspects of the cultures that populated this place during two thousand years.

Distance from Corrientes: 190 km.

Travel time: 2.30 hours

Distance from Resistencia: 201 km.

Travel time: 3 hours

Day 2 Concepción del Yaguareté Corá / Ñupuy (B)

(L) (D) Today we start with a horseback ride and a unique cultural experience.

A way of approaching the life of the “gauchos” from Corrientes, their customs and ability on

horseback riding, is crossing the wetlands and rivers by horseback swimming. Early departure by truck to travel a dirt road until arriving at Puerto Juli Cué, the starting point of the ride. Once saddled and prepared the horses, we undertake the adventure, crossing estuaries and rivers, by horseback swimming. This technique consists in that once the horse does not touch the bottom, it begins to swim and the rider accompanies it. After riding for almost five hours, we arrive at Ñupuy, a typical Corrientes place located in the middle of the wetlands. Upon arrival, we are cordially greeted with “tortas fritas” (a traditional flour salty fried dough) and then enjoy the sunset over the water. Accommodation takes place at a refuge located very close to the Plumero stream and a family of locals looks after us very nicely, who will be in charge of entertaining us with typical foods. In the afternoon, we visit another “Piri” house, where we arrive on horseback (1 hour

from the refuge). This “rancho” is made of reed-like material and was the former home of the “mariscadores”, who were the hides and feathers collectors that lived hunting in the marshes area around 1900. They were “criollos” adapted to live in a nomadic way sailing a canoe with punt pole, spending the night on tiny islands where they used to dry hides.

Day 3 Ñupuy / Concepción del Yaguareté Corá. (B) (L) (D)

After breakfast, we start our return in two parts. First, we horseback ride for approximately one hour, and then we sail the Carambola stream to Puerto Juli Cue. Upon arrival, transfer to La Alondra.

Day 4 Concepción del Yaguareté Corá-Corrientes.

(B) After breakfast, transfer to Corrientes airport to board your scheduled flight.

To keep in mind:

Difficulty: Intermediate. Riders must have experience in horseback riding. Because of the climate, the horseback riding is not available all year around.



Biking in the Quebrada

5 Days / 4 Nights Tilcara



El Hornocal, Humahuaca gorge, Jujuy

TBK 1222

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Roundtrip transfers
- Accommodation: 4 nights
- Mentioned tours with bicycle equipment and helmet
- Meals: 4 breakfasts - 3 lunches - 1 dinner

Day 1 Salta / Tilcara. Departure from Salta to the Quebrada de Humahuaca. After entering the province of Jujuy, we start crossing the impressive Quebrada de Humahuaca until we reach Tilcara, where we stay and from where we make base to visit the most outstanding places of the Quebrada. During the next few days we will not only visit the most picturesque places, but also have the opportunity to enjoy the best local food and learn more about the geological, archaeological and cultural history of the region.

Maximum altitude: 2.465 masl (8087 ft.)

Day 2 Tilcara. 📍 🚗 We leave from Tilcara along local roads and after 9 km we arrive at a family house for lunch. After a delicious home-cooked meal, we take a walk of approximately one and a half hour to the Pucara de Juella, which unlike the Pucara de Tilcara has not been rebuilt. Here, one can really appreciate the way the Omaguacas used to live, as well as the passage of time. The return will be by a local road to the village of Tilcara.

Bicycle tour: 18 km (11 miles)

Maximum altitude: 2.465 masl (8087 ft.)

Day 3 Tilcara. 📍 🚗 Today we head south on nearby roads visiting Maimará, Posta de Hornillos, Tunalito, Chañarcito and Purmamarca. On this journey, we travel approximately 30 km to the town of Purmamarca to visit the Paseo de los Colorados. Then, we load the bikes on a truck to go to Salinas Grandes where we ride

through the pools where salt is extracted by hand. From there we take the bikes again to descend from the 4.170 m to the town of Purmamarca, after traveling 33 km through winding roads. From there, we return by car to Tilcara. Bicycle route: 33 km (20 miles)

Maximum altitude: 4.170 masl (13.681 ft.)

Day 4 Tilcara. 📍 🚗 🚗 Today we leave by car through the national route N°9 towards Humahuaca. Once there we start our bike ride through the historical centre and then take the road to Peñas Blancas. After traveling about 10 km on a gravel road we arrive at the town of Cocacha where we will have a short walk through pre-Hispanic farming terraces, and we will have lunch. We continue our journey by bike, passing through the town of Valiazo where our vehicle is waiting to take us to the viewpoint of the majestic Hornocal, a formation from the late Cretaceous period.

At the viewpoint we can see the colourful veins, the triangular shapes in this particular rainbow that some assure, reaches the 33 shades. From this point, at 4.720 metres above sea level, we start a 25 km descent passing through Ocumazo and ending up at the foot of the Pucará de Calete.

Bicycle tour: 35 km (22 miles)

Maximum altitude: 4.720 masl (15.485 ft.)

Day 5 Tilcara / Jujuy. 📍 Free time in the morning until the time of transfer to Jujuy Airport to take your scheduled flight.

To keep in mind:

- Medium difficulty. It is not necessary to be in excellent physical condition, but you should bear in mind that this excursion takes place at around 2300m above sea level (7545 feet) in the Quebrada de Humahuaca region.
- The activities include transport and support vehicle during day 2 and 3, first aid kit and GPS device (SPOT).





Wellness & Spa Tours



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A Connection with Nature

10 Days / 9 Nights Buenos Aires / Estancia Peuma Hue / Puerto Iguazu



Yoga, Peuma Hue, Rio Negro

SPA

A connection with nature

TBK 1300

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 9 nights
- Buenos Aires (3) - Estancia Peuma Hue (4) - Puerto Iguazu (2)
- Tours:
 - Buenos Aires: bike tour of the city
 - Estancia Peuma Hue: yoga classes, massages, walks
 - Puerto Iguazu: Falls Argentine side
- Meals: 9 breakfasts - 4 lunches - 4 dinners

Day 1 Buenos Aires. Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel that constitutes a true oasis in the city, with a green policy. Once you have accommodated at the hotel, we invite you to take a walk around the surroundings on the bamboo bikes available for guests.

Day 2 Buenos Aires. ⓑ Ⓛ The day begins, aboard a bicycle with a tour of the city through

the neighborhood of La Boca, the Costanera Sur Ecological Reserve, Plaza de Mayo and the aristocratic Buenos Aires, Recoleta. During the tour we will recover our strength with a lunch and then continue pedaling.

Day 3 Buenos Aires / Estancia Peuma Hue. ⓑ ⓓ Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Bariloche. Upon arrival, transfer to Estancia Peuma Hue, an Eco-lodge that combines the beauty of the Nahuel Huapi National Park, close contact with nature, wellness activities and healthy cuisine. After an introductory meeting, we take the first Yoga class.

Day 4&5 Estancia Peuma Hue. ⓑ Ⓛ ⓓ The days begin with a yoga session, focusing on breathing and meditation, and then a healthy breakfast. Afterwards we are ready to take a conscious walk where the goal is to connect with nature and with

yourself. In the afternoon, time to relax through a massage session.

Day 6 Estancia Peuma Hue.

ⓑ Ⓛ ⓓ Day dedicated to continue enjoying the activities of the estancia or connect with some other landscape of Bariloche, taking an optional kayak excursion or simply some navigation.

Day 7 Estancia Peuma Hue / Buenos Aires. ⓑ Free time until the transfer to embark to Buenos Aires. Arrival and accommodation.

Day 8 Buenos Aires / Puerto Iguazu. ⓑ At the appointed time, transfer to the airport for your flight to Puerto Iguazu. Once you are accommodated, enjoy the hotel's facilities in the middle of a natural and unique environment.

Day 9 Puerto Iguazu. ⓑ In the morning we start walking the trails of the Iguazu Falls, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and one of the Seven Modern Wonders of Nature.

After connecting with nature through the Garganta del Diablo, Superior and Inferior trails, it is time to enjoy the hotel's spa that offers a collection of relaxing and energetic rituals based on the properties of Yerba Mate, a powerful antioxidant, source of vitamins and minerals.

Day 10 Puerto Iguazu. ⓑ Morning free for an optional trip to the Brazilian Waterfalls or to continue enjoying the tranquility of the hotel and its facilities. At due time, transfer to the airport.

Operational notes

Day 4,5 & 6: Lunches can be either at the estancia or picnic depending on the length of the walks

To keep in mind

• The development of the program will depend on the interests, level of Yoga and physical conditions of the guests. Horseback riding, kayaking, fly fishing and other mountain adventures are available at additional cost.



The Argentine Essence & Wellness

9 Days / 8 Nights Puerto Iguazu / Buenos Aires / Mendoza



Spa Hamam, Entre Cielos Lodge, Mendoza

SPA

The Argentine Essence & Wellness

TBK 1301

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 8 nights
- Puerto Iguazu (3) - Buenos Aires (2) - Mendoza (3)
- Tours:
 - Puerto Iguazu: Argentine and Brazilian Falls - Kayaking in La Lorenza
 - Buenos Aires: City tour with Teatro Colon
 - Mendoza: Catena Zapata Tour - Wine therapy session
- Meals: 8 breakfasts - 3 lunches - 1 dinner - mentioned tastings

Day 1 Puerto Iguazu. Arrival at Iguazu Airport to visit one of the Seven Modern Wonders of Nature, the Iguazu Falls. Once we are in the middle of a unique and natural environment, we get ready to enjoy the hotel's facilities.

Day 2 Puerto Iguazu. In the morning we start walking the trails of the Iguazu Falls National Park, declared a Natural

Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. After connecting with nature through the park's trails, time to enjoy the hotel's spa that offers a collection of relaxing and energetic rituals based on the properties of Yerba Mate.

Day 3 Puerto Iguazu. Our day will be dedicated to an experience in La Lorenza where nature, privacy and exclusivity are guaranteed. The activity begins with a navigation on the Parana River until we reach the Yasy Falls, a true hidden jewel. We continue with a kayak trip, ideal to contemplate the nature and the jungle and we end with a walk that takes us to a deck where we enjoy a regional lunch with a view over the river.

Day 4 Puerto Iguazu / Buenos Aires. In the morning, we visit the falls on the Brazilian side and at due time, transfer to the airport to board the flight to Buenos Aires. Arrival and accommodation in one of the

most emblematic hotels of the city of Buenos Aires where we enjoy dinner in one of its exclusive restaurants.

Day 5 Buenos Aires. Today we explore the city of Buenos Aires by walking around Plaza de Mayo, scene of the most important events in the country since 1810, the neighborhood of La Boca, Palermo and La Recoleta. During the tour we visit an icon of the city, the Colon Theatre, considered one of the best theaters in the world due to its acoustics. At the end, we have lunch in one of the finest restaurants in the city to taste the Argentinean "Asado".

Day 6 Buenos Aires/ Mendoza. We leave Buenos Aires to board the flight to Mendoza. Upon arrival we travel to one of Mendoza's wine regions to stay at Entre Cielos Luxury Wine Hotel & Spa, an invitation to relax and connect in the first authentic Hamam in Latin America.

Day 7 Mendoza. We leave the hotel to discover the Catena World through a tour of Alta Gama that allows us to see some of the wineries of this family that brought Argentine wines to the world. After tasting some of the best wines, we enjoy lunch at El Enemigo.

In the afternoon, time to renew yourself with the spirit of the best grapes through a wine therapy treatment.

Day 8 Mendoza. Free day to continue learning the secrets of wine or enjoy the lodge through a yoga class in the gardens, a private tasting or a circuit in its Hamman.

Day 9 Mendoza. Transfer to board the flight to your next destination.

Operational notes

Day 5: The restaurant can be replaced by another one with a menu according to the passenger's food requirements.



Beauty is Health

13 Days / 12 Nights Buenos Aires / Puerto Iguazu / Salta / Cafayate / Bariloche



Massage at House of Jasmines, Salta

SPA

Authentic Journeys

TBK 1302

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 12 nights
- Buenos Aires (2) - Puerto Iguazu (2) - Salta (4) - Cafayate (1) - Bariloche (3)
- Tours:
 - Buenos Aires: City tour- Mentioned treatments
 - Puerto Iguazu: Argentine falls - Mentioned treatments
 - Salta: Quebrada de Humahuaca - Quebrada de Cafayate with winery - Mentioned treatments
 - Bariloche: Small Circuit - Mentioned treatments
- Meals: 12 breakfasts - 1 lunch

Day 1 Buenos Aires. **B L D** Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel in one of the most bohemian areas of the city, surrounded by restaurants and shops: Palermo. After a long flight, there is nothing better than a treatment to forget about jet lag. Afterwards, enjoy the city.

Day 2 Buenos Aires. **B** The day begins with a tour of the city through the neighborhood of La Boca, Plaza de Mayo and Recoleta. Upon returning to the hotel, enjoy an ideal activity for couples: a facial treatment to rest, moisturize and nourish the skin or to rejuvenate the skin if you prefer.

Day 3 Buenos Aires / Puerto Iguazu. **B** At the appointed time, transfer to the airport for your flight to Puerto Iguazu, arrival and accommodation. Free afternoon, you can visit the waterfalls on the Brazilian side (optional excursion).

Day 4 Puerto Iguazu. **B** In the morning, we walk the trails of the Iguazu Falls, declared Natural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. To end the day, enjoy an exclusive 3-hour ritual in which body and soul harmonize with the properties of yerba mate.

Day 5 Puerto Iguazu/ Salta. **B** Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Salta. Arrival and transfer to House of Jasmines, a luxury hotel, ideal to connect with

nature, get to know the highlights of the area, exercise and tone your body outdoors.

Day 6 Salta. **B** Today we explore the Quebrada de Humahuaca, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, visiting typical and colorful towns such as: Tilcara, Uquia and Humahuaca.

Day 7 Salta/ Cafayate. **B L** Departure to Cafayate to visit the Quebrada de Cafayate and its curious formations resulting from wind and water erosion. Arrival at the hotel to enjoy lunch in its garden or in the galleries overlooking the vineyards.

Day 8 Cafayate / Salta. **B** In the morning, visit to El Esteco winery, where besides knowing the secrets of wine, a tasting is held. Transfer to Salta.

Day 9 Salta. **B** Start the day with a walk around the property and then enjoy a breakfast with fresh and local products. Continue with a yoga class (with extracost) and finish your day with a body exfoliation

treatment or a massage couples in a warm and romantic atmosphere.

Day 10 Salta/Bariloche. **B** At due time, transfer to the airport to board the flight to Bariloche. On the way to the hotel, ascent to Cerro Campanario from where you can get impressive views of the surrounding lakes. At the end, accommodation at the Llao Llao Hotel, a paradise with a view of the lake.

Day 11&12 Bariloche. **B** During these days, in addition to enjoying the hotel, we propose to pamper yourself a little through two treatments: a day of relaxation in the mountains and a day of beauty with facial and body treatments.

Day 13 Bariloche. **B** At due time, transfer to the airport to board towards your next destination.

To keep in mind:

- We recommend adding extra nights in Bariloche to get to know the highlights of the area.



A Healing Journey

11 Days / 10 Nights Buenos Aires / Rio Hondo Hot Springs / Puerto Iguazú



Los Pinos Hotel, Rio Hondo, Santiago del Estero

SPA

A healing journey

TBK 1303

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Needed transfers
- Accommodation: 10 nights
Buenos Aires (3) - Termas de Rio Hondo (4) - Puerto Iguazu (3)
- Tours:
Buenos Aires: City tour
Rio Hondo Hot Springs: Included activities
Puerto Iguazu: Falls Argentine and Brazilian side.
- Meals: 10 breakfasts - 3 lunches - 4 dinners

Day 1 Buenos Aires. Arrival at the airport, assistance and transfer to the hotel. After settling, we have free time to enjoy the hotel facilities.

Day 2 Buenos Aires. ☺ During the morning, we make a panoramic visit of the city starting at Plaza de Mayo and then continuing to the neighborhood of La Boca ending in Palermo and Recoleta where its famous

cemetery is located. Return to the hotel to enjoy the spa at your hotel.

Day 3 Buenos Aires / Rio Hondo. ☺ 🇨🇦 Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Rio Hondo. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel to start enjoying the main Thermal Center of America. The thermal baths are located on a mineralized terma with waters that range from 36 to 42°C, which eliminate tension, improve defenses, purify the blood and are recommended for pulmonary, digestive or rheumatic conditions.

Day 4, 5 & 6 Rio Hondo Hot Springs. ☺ 🇨🇦 🇨🇦 During the next few days, we propose to enjoy the thermal complex through its facilities such as: pools with thermal water, spa, recreational activities, gymnastics, yoga and relaxation classes, hiking, etc.

Day 7 Rio Hondo/ Buenos Aires. ☺ Free time until the time of your transfer for your

flight to Buenos Aires. Arrival and accommodation.

Day 8 Buenos Aires/ Puerto Iguazu. ☺ Early in the morning we leave the hotel to go to the airport and embark for Puerto Iguazu. Upon arrival we head towards the Brazilian border to reach the city of Foz do Iguazu, where we stay at a thermal hotel, located on the Guarani Aquifer, a gigantic natural fresh water reservoir that extends below the surface of part of Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. It is one of the largest known fresh water reserves on planet Earth. By volume, it is the third most important in the world.

Day 9 Puerto Iguazu. ☺ In the morning we leave the hotel to visit the waterfalls on the Brazilian side. We enter the National Park and walk the only path that leads to the viewpoint of Garganta del Diablo. As we walk, we appreciate a view of almost all the falls. We return to the hotel to rest, enjoy

its facilities and its pools with thermal waters at 36°, which have medicinal qualities and moisturizing properties for the skin.

Day 10 Puerto Iguazu. ☺ In the morning we visit the Iguazu National Park to see the Iguazu Falls, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and one of the Seven Modern Wonders of Nature. During the tour we will go through the three circuits of the Park: Devil's Throat (to reach the balcony and viewpoint of the most impressive fall in the park), the Upper trail (allows a vertical view of the falls) and the Lower trail (provides a closer contact with the vegetation and the falls). In the afternoon, return to the hotel.

Day 11 Puerto Iguazu. ☺ At due time, transfer to the airport to board your scheduled flight.





Special Interests



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Astrotourism



Campo del Cielo, Chaco. Courtesy of Chaco tourism bureau. PH Piguén Nonaxa

Astronomical tourism or astrotourism has been gaining followers over the last decade in the cleanest skies of the world. And it is not by chance that Argentina's skies are so clear that it makes the experience of observing celestial phenomena easier. Without doubt, it is a country with a window to the sky.

El Leoncito Astronomical Complex (CASLEO)

- **Location:** San Juan. Pampa del Leoncito N.P. at 2.500 MASL (8.202 ft)
- **Characteristics of the area:** Panoramic views of the Mercedario hill, the Ansilta mountain range and the El Tontal mountain range.
- **Objective:** Counting with the Jorge Shade Telescope, the largest in Argentina. It moves with the precision of a clock in order to compensate the earth's rotation when it is following an astronomical object. Its function is to collect the light from these objects, and make it converge in a focus where peripheral instruments are installed to

analyse it.

- **How to visit it:** Day and night visits during which you can access the facilities of the Observatory, use the telescope and receive an explanatory talk. The night visits begin with a dinner and if the sky conditions allow it, the observation of celestial objects (planets, moon, double stars, galaxies, star clusters, etc.) is carried out.

Pierre Auger Sur Observatory

- **Location:** Malargüe, Mendoza.
- **Characteristics of the area:** The area has very low light pollution that has made it one of the places with the darkest sky in Latin America. This phenomenon, together with the purity of the atmosphere, latitude and altitude are optimal for the detection of cosmic rays.
- **Objective:** To determine the origin and identity of cosmic rays and to take another step forward in the understanding of our universe.
- **How to visit it:** Daytime and guided visits observing scientific

material, models, videos and elements that allow to understand the objective and work of the observatory.

La Punta Astronomical Park (PALP)

- **Location:** San Luis
- **Characteristics of the area:** Clear skies
- **Objective:** To support the teaching and learning of observational astronomy's fundamental concepts.
- **How to visit it:** Interactive tour visiting: the Planetarium, a simulator of the San Luis sky, the wall "From the Big Bang to the Galaxies", a work that recreates in physical and virtual form the first three minutes of the universe, and the "Buenaventura Suárez" Observatory, which allows the user to operate a remote telescope from a distance.

Macon Astronomical Centre

- **Location:** Tolar Grande, Salta at 4.650 MASL (15.255 ft)
- **Characteristics of the area:** Tolar Grande is optimal for observational astronomy since

the sky is clear more than 93% of the year and it lacks light pollution for being so remote from big cities.

- **Objective:** Once the domes are installed, data will be collected for international scientific projects.
 - **How to visit it:** Construction in progress
- ## Sky Field (Campo de Cielo)
- **Location:** Between the provinces of Chaco, Santiago del Estero and Santa Fe.
 - **Characteristics of the area:** Site in which approximately 4000 years ago, impacted a metallic meteorite rain resulting from the explosion in the atmosphere of an asteroid of about 840 000 kg.
 - **Objective:** To know one of the fragments of that rain, known as the El Chaco meteorite, the third heaviest in the world with 28,840 kg.
 - **How to visit it:** Guided visits to the field and interpretation center.



Community-based Tourism



Bases tourism, Maimara, Jujuy. Courtesy of Jujuy Tourism bureau. PH Walter Reinaga

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Community-based Tourism

What is community-based tourism?
It is a type of tourism in which the small producers are the activity's main characters and the travellers hope to live an authentic cultural exchange, while they take part and share the daily activities of familiar and community life.
It is a way of looking for small communities' sustainable development, because the aim is achieving an economically viable, socially solidary, culturally enriching and environmentally responsible touristic activity, while deep experiences are being lived. In Argentina, we find several communities that invite us to visit them.

Salta

- **Calchaquíes Valleys:** Farmer Tourism Network: In Santa Rosa, La Merced, Payogastilla and El Barrial communities, it is possible to enjoy an experience with farmers that produce its own products and handicrafts. They invite the tourist to join their lives for a few days and know their daily activities, their agricultural and cottage trades,

and learn about them or just seat down to talk and generate a cultural exchange.

- **Del Toro Gorge:** Turu Yaco Community-based Tourism Corridor: There, the communities offer walks to know the cultivated fields, invite to join countryside's duties and meal's preparation in order to learn local recipes.

To keep in mind:
Visiting these communities is possible all year round, although in summer we must take extra precautions due to the rainy season.

- **Green North:** In the Yungas region and Tartagal and Aguaray rainforest, indigenous people that have lived together since ancient times, agree to search for responsible tourists as a path to generate employment and make them able to stay and live in their place. They consider tourism as an activity capable of transmitting their history while respecting the rainforest.

To keep in mind:
It is recommended visiting these

zones from April to September, when rains are not frequent and temperatures are not extreme.

Jujuy

- **Humahuaca Gorge:** Ocumazo's Community: At 18 km from Humahuaca we find a community, which lives off traditional agriculture and is specialized in conserving Andean sees. Once a year, they organize a fair among small producers in which they use the barter as an exchange system. Depending on the day of the trip, you may have the incredible and unique possibility of participating in the carnival or other festivities such as Pachamama's.

Salinas Grandes Salt Flat

- **"Espejo de Sal"** (Salt's Mirror) Network proposes a new way of knowing the Puna through its communities such as Susques, Cerro Negro, Barrancas and San Francisco de Alfarcito, with activities as learning about grazing of "llamas", daily cattle management, sowing and

harvesting and, preparing the wool and handloom woven.

Mendoza

- **Huarpe "Paula Guaquinchay" Indigenous Community:** At 90 km from the city, dedicated to livestock production and leather and wool handicrafts, allows knowing life in this Andean environment: we can share the craftspeople's knowledge, participate in the craft workshops, graze goats and attend loom workshops.

San Carlos de Bariloche:

- **Patagonian Rural Culture Network** includes families located between the steppe and the forest, offering the possibility of making rural duties, agriculture, handicraft, cycling, birdwatching and fishing. And, in order to enjoy the captivating landscapes that our Patagonia has, there are trips by horse or foot in which tourists will be challenged to cross rivers and lengas' forests.

To keep in mind:
November to May.



Paleontology



Villa El Chocón, Neuquén

About 65 million years ago, a large percentage of plants and animals suddenly became extinct. However, these past life forms did not disappear completely, but left traces that still amaze man today: fossils. Argentina has been the cradle of extremely important findings in the field of palaeontology.

Municipal Museum of Villa el Chocón, Ernesto Bachmann

- **Location:** Villa Chocon, Neuquén
- **Discovery:** To this day, three types of dinosaurs are known to have inhabited the area around Villa El Chocón, but the main finding is *Giganotosaurus carolinii*, discovered in 1993 and still considered the largest carnivorous dinosaur of all time
- **Visits:** The original and a complete replica of *Giganotosaurus carolinii*, which is approximately 100 million years old, is exhibited in the Museum rooms. This dinosaur is not only outstanding for its size, but it is one of the most complete carnivorous dinosaurs remains

discovered in the area, with 70% of its skeleton preserved.

Bryn Gwynn Geopark

- **Location:** Gaiman, Chubut.
- **Discovery:** This park is unique in its kind in South America allowing a journey through the 40 million year old fossil history of Patagonia. It is considered one of the best places with classic fossil reserves from the Cenozoic era in Patagonia.
- **Visits:** Fossils of prehistoric animals found in the region are displayed on self-guided trails. It also has an interpretation centre and a guide service specialised in palaeontology.

Egidio Feruglio Paleontological Museum (MEF)

- **Location:** Trelew, Chubut.
- **Importance:** The Museum is an exhibition and scientific research centre, as well as a natural history museum.
- **Visits:** The museum exhibition is a trip to the past with fossils, scenery and original replicas. The

tour ends with a projection and a look at the laboratories.

José Ormachea Petrified Forest

- **Location:** Sarmiento, Chubut.
- **Discovery:** Discovered in 1927, it has a vast area where petrified trunk fossils are scattered, estimated to be 65 million years old.
- **Visits:** The reserve has an interpretation centre with palaeontological and archaeological remains of the region.

Jaramillo Petrified Forest National Park

- **Location:** Jaramillo, Santa Cruz.
- **Discovery:** It is considered one of the most important fossil sites in the country, since the largest petrified trees in the world are found there: until the moment they were petrified they were 1,000 years old.
- **Visits:** Museum and interpretation centre.

Ischigualasto Provincial Park (Moon Valley)

- **Location:** Valle Fértil, San Juan.

• **Discovery:** It is the only place in the world where the entire Triassic period can be seen in full view and perfectly differentiated in a complete and orderly manner. It is estimated that the geological formations of this site are between 200 and 250 million years old.

- **Visits:** It has a traditional 4x4 circuit consisting of five stations, full moon tours, mountain biking, hiking to Cerro Morado and an interpretation centre.

Talampaya National Park

- **Location:** Villa Unión, 216 km (134 miles) from La Rioja
- **Discovery:** The park is an important paleontological site. Among the fossils discovered, we have the *Lagosuchus talampayensis*, one of the first arcosaurians that inhabited the Earth, 250 million years ago, at the beginning of the Triassic period, and fossils of turtles that are 210 million years old.
- **Visits:** It has tours of different duration.



Archaeology



Santa Rosa de Tastil Ruins, Salta. courtesy of Salta's Ministry of Culture and Tourism. PH Celine Frers

Argentina has important archaeological sites that tell us the history of the first inhabitants, their customs and the social construction that still prevails as a living testimony in our country. A journey through a past that remains present.

Vestiges in the city of Buenos Aires

- **Location:** City of Buenos Aires.
- **Importance:** A tour around colonial Buenos Aires and some of the oldest buildings, legacy of the Jesuits.
- **Manzana de las Luces:** A historical complex that gathers several buildings including San Ignacio de Loyola church, the oldest church in the city and its tunnels built during the colonial period, used for defence and smuggling.
- **Zanjón de Granados:** In the past, this was a small stream that crossed the San Telmo neighbourhood until 1985, when the foundations of an 18th century house were accidentally

discovered along with objects from the colonial era.

- **Casa Rosada Museum:** The museum occupies the exact space where the Fort of Buenos Aires and the Taylor Customs House used to be at the beginning of the 18th century, and maintains the brick walls of the original construction of 1855.
- **Visits:** All of them have guided tours. Check timetables and available days.

Mummies of Llullaillaco

- **Location:** Salta
- **Importance:** Also called Niños de Llullaillaco and Niños del volcán, these are the names of the bodies of three children sacrificed by the Incas and exceptionally preserved for around five hundred years, found at an altitude of 6.739 m (22.109 ft). They are currently on display at the High Mountain Archaeology Museum in Salta.
- **Visits:** The museum has a permanent exhibition area, besides the exhibition of one

of the mummies, which is periodically rotated.

Qhapaq Ñan

- **Location:** Jujuy, Salta, Catamarca, Tucumán, La Rioja, Córdoba, San Juan and Mendoza.
- **Importance:** In Quechua, "Qhapaq Ñan" means "main road". It is a network of roads that was the backbone of the Inca Empire. It covered 23.000 km (14.292 miles) of roads and intertwined more than 2000 years of pre-Inca Andean culture. In Argentina, UNESCO has nominated over 118 km (73 miles) of road sections (13 segments in seven provinces) along with 32 associated archaeological sites.
- **Visits:** To the museums of sites such as Ruinas de Tastil (Salta), Ruinas de los Quilmes (Tucumán), de Shincal (Catamarca) or through circuits due to the distance: Los Graneros (Salta), Leoncito National Park (San Juan), Uspallata Valley (Mendoza), among others.

Archaeological Sites in Patagonia

- **Location:** Los Toldos, Santa Cruz.
- **Importance:** In the province you can find different sites
- **Stone Museum (Piedra Museo):** Here, a human presence has been recorded, so ancient that it questions the theories about the arrival of human kind in America.
- **Hands Cave (Cueva de las Manos):** Its interest lies in the beauty of the cave paintings, as well as in their great antiquity: up to now, the oldest inscriptions are dated to the year 7.350 B.C. This is one of the oldest artistic expressions of the South American people. It has been designated a National Historical Monument and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
- **Los Toldos:** A site where remains of human presence have been found dating back almost 13.000 years
- **Visits:** Visits to the sites.



You need to know that...

Located in South America and therefore in the southern hemisphere of the planet, Argentina has an area of almost 3,8 million square kilometres (1.468.000 square miles): 2,8 on the continent, with approximately 54% of plains (prairies and meadows), 23% of plateaus and another 23% of hills and mountains. The rest belongs to the Antarctic. It is the seventh largest country in the world and the second in South America after Brazil. It borders Uruguay, Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia and Chile. With this last country, Argentina shares the second-longest border of the planet, along the Andes Mountain Range. The country is divided in 6 regions and in 23 provinces. Geographically, Argentina consists of four main areas: the Andes, the North, the Pampas in the centre and Patagonia in the south. Due to its large size, as it straddles the Andes from north to south in the west, Argentina has a great diversity of climates and landscapes that allow us to enjoy the snow and glaciers in the south, the plain fertile fields and beaches in the central area, the subtropical rainforest and waterfalls in the Northeast and, the Puna and dry valleys in the northwest, among other environments.

Time

Argentina corresponds to the time zone GMT-3 which means it is three hours behind Greenwich Time and generally does not use the daylight-saving time (though this situation can easily change).

Language

The official language of Argentina is Spanish. In Buenos Aires it is influenced by the "lunfardo", Buenos Aires' slang. We have several communicational habits:

- Greetings: Say "buenos días" or "buenas tardes" (good morning/good afternoon) when you walk into a room, and accept and give "besos" (kisses) on the cheek.
- Slang: "Che" is a casual word that means "Hey!" and is used with friends.
- Farewells: "Adiós" or "hasta luego" means goodbye and "chau" is a casual goodbye to friends.

Religion

The official religion is Roman Catholic, although there is freedom of worship. Protestantism, Judaism, Islam, Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox and others are practiced too.

Currency

Argentina's official currency is the peso. The parity with US dollar or other currency fluctuates daily and can vary month to month. There are notes of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 pesos, and coins of 1, 2, 5 and 10 pesos.

Electricity

The current electricity in Argentina is 220 Volts, 50Hz. Several hotels may provide adapters, but it is recommended that you bring your own, even though they are available from almost any "ferreteria" (hardware store).

Weather

Argentina has a wide climate variety: mild and humid in the Pampas plains (country's centre), cold and humid in the western end of the Patagonia, subtropical in the northern part of the Mesopotamia and warm in the northwest. From November to March, the country's average temperature is 23° C (73,4° F), and from June to September, 12° C (53,6° F).

Clothing

It is recommended wearing comfortable and informal clothes. For Patagonia, warm clothes, wind protection and comfortable shoes. In Buenos Aires, clothes according to the season of the visit. In Iguazú, sun and rain protection, insect repellent and comfortable swimming clothes in case you make The Great Adventure. For the north, due to its thermal amplitude between day and night, we suggest wearing light clothes and coat, especially if you visit the Puna.

Gastronomy

It is distinguished by the cow meat and wines. The typical meal is the "asado" (roasted meat) in addition to the "empanadas",

"tamales", "locro" and "dulce de leche". The Argentinian restaurants or "parrillas" where it is possible to taste its exquisite meats are famous as well as the "pizzerias", another great Argentinian specialty. The characteristic drink is an infusion of "yerba mate" called "mate". Moreover, the great variety and quality of the wines that are majority produced in the Andean regions such as Mendoza or Salta are highlighted.

Business hours

In big cities, stores are open from Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 8 PM. On Saturdays, stores are open from 9 AM to 1 PM. However, stores located in major avenues remain open during the afternoon. In the provinces, it is usual to take a break at noon, usually from 1 PM to 4 PM. In shopping malls, operating hours are from 10 AM to 10 PM, even during weekends and some national holidays.

Payment methods

Although the US dollar and the Euro are generally accepted in stores and shops, foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks and authorized agencies. The most accepted credit cards are American Express, VISA, Diners, and MasterCard. There may be difficulties in changing traveller's checks outside major urban centres. In some small cities, there may not be ATMs or may not accept credit cards, so you should travel with cash and, if possible, with Argentinian pesos.

Tips

It is customary and appreciated to leave a 10-15% of the bill in cafeterias and restaurants and to tip doormen, porters, drivers and guides. Some aspects to take into account: when your server is taking your bill with payment away, saying "gracias" usually implies that the server should keep the change as a tip. If you want change back, do not say "gracias" - say "cambio, por favor" instead. Moreover, tips cannot be added to credit-card bills, you should carry cash for this purpose. In addition, the "cubierto" that some restaurants charge is not a

tip: it is a sort of "cover charge" for the use of utensils and bread.

Entry requirements

Foreign tourists from neighbouring countries only need their ID to enter Argentina. Visitors from other countries must have a valid passport, with or without a visa, as appropriate (passports must be valid for at least six months from date of entry and ideally past the date the passport holder leaves the country). It is recommended to check about the current legislation for each country. Once you are in Argentina, police can still demand identification at any moment, for that reason we recommend you carry at least a photocopy of your passport around at all times. Tourists can stay in the country for a maximum of 90 days. No vaccination certificates are required to enter the country. Only tourists from countries where cholera and yellow fever are endemic should present proof of being vaccinated against those diseases.

Airports

Buenos Aires has two main airports: Ministro Pistarini International Airport, where most of the international flights arrive, located 40 km. (24 miles) from Buenos Aires City and Jorge Newbery Local Airport, where national flights arrive, located in the City. In addition, there is an airport of minor use called El Palomar.

Embassies and consulates

They are located in Buenos Aires. Some other cities around Argentina (especially near the borders) also have the consulates of certain countries.

Security, assistance for tourists and important numbers

The Tourist Ombudsman is located in Piedras 445, Buenos Aires City, (C1070AAI). Phone (5411) 4338-5581. E-mail: turistacentral@defensoria.org.ar. Argentina country code: 54 Directory assistance: 110 International access code: 00 Police: 911 in large cities; 101



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