

PATAGONIA – WILD & SCENIC

Detailed itinerary, 14-day trip:

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Day 1: ARRIVAL DAY

Meeting at Buenos Aires airport and transfer to town, briefing and welcome dinner.

If there is time in the afternoon, we'll organize a guided visit of Buenos Aires for those who are interested. Accommodation: Hotel***, double room, (D, LG)

Day 2: BUENOS AIRES – EL CALAFATE

We fly to El Calafaté and transfer to our hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore the town.

Our trip briefing and meeting with our guides early evening is followed by welcome dinner.

Accommodation, Hotel, double room, (B, L, D)

Day 3: EL CHALTEN

A 220 km long drive to El Chaltén awaits us, a small and picturesque village at the foot of Fitz Roy & Cerro Torre massif. We make a stop half way to enjoy local pastries and a steaming mug of coffee or tea. After leaving our luggage at the hotel we hike up a gentle slope called Pliegue Tumbado to have a full view of both ranges, Cerro Torre and Fitz Roy.

Accommodation: Hotel, double room, (B,L,D)

Day 4: CERRO FITZ ROY, LAGUNA DE LOS TRES

After breakfast, carrying only a day-pack, we hike along the Fitz Roy trail up to Rio Blanco, the climbers' base camp to the east side of the mountain. From here a steep 1h trail leads us to one of the most spectacular viewpoints of the National Park: Laguna de los Tres, offering close up views of Fitz Roy Massif spires and glaciers. About 5-6 hours. Accommodation: Camping, two-men tent, (B, L, D)

Day 5: CERRO TORRE BASE CAMP

Our goal for today is Cerro Torre Base Camp. Our hike brings us around the Laguna Capri and the Madre Lagoon in order to reach the Hija Valley. A descent brings us to the Fitz Roy River Valley, where we meet the Cerro Torre trail to the base camp of the same name. About 6-8 hours.

Accommodation: Camping, two-men tent, (B, L, D)

Day 6: PERITO MORENO GLACIER

After a bus drive back to El Calafate we visit one of the World's Natural Wonders: the Perito Moreno glacier, which originates at the Patagonian ice field. At 22,000 square kilometers it is the third largest glacier area in the world, after Antarctica and Greenland. Different view points will allow us to see the glacier in action, when huge blocks of ice crush into the lagoon.

Accommodation: Hotel, double room, (B,L,D)

Day 7: EL CALAFATE - PUERTO NATALES, CHILE

Today we cross the border to Chile to reach the sea-side town of Puerto Natales, built along the Pacific Ocean. Splurge on local sea food, enjoy a good Pisco Sour, and a comfortable bed. (B, L, D)
Accommodation: Hotel, double room, (B,L,D)

Day 8: PUERTO NATALES - TORRES DEL PAINE - LAKE PEHOE CROSSING

The bus drive is one of the most stunning of the trip as an abundance of wildlife and towering peaks will make this an incredible experience. Stopping several times along the way for short hikes will allow us to get closer to the wildlife and also to stretch our legs. We then continue our journey on board the catamaran which crosses Pehoe Lake twice per day.

We will carry only the necessary items for two days and one night away from our camp. Once across the lake, we can begin our walk towards Glacier Grey to a magnificent view point of the front of the Glacier and Lake. 5 hour return journey. Accommodation: Hotel, double room, (B,L,D)

Day 9: TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Today we walk along the French Valley Trail, which skirts Paine Grande on its southern slopes. Reaching the high point on the trail will mean a hike of roughly 8-9 hours before returning to our Base Camp. Accommodation: Camping, two-men tent, (B, L, D)

Day 10: LAKE AZUL

Today we take the catamaran back, and after about an 1.5 hours-drive, we reach our luxurious campsite with hot showers, electricity, and a delicious meal prepared by our staff! Lake Azul has one of the most spectacular views of the Paine Towers. A short walk will take us around the lake. Accommodation: Camping, two-men tent, (B, L, D)

Day 11: LAKE AZUL

After a short bus drive we get to the start of our 8-hour hike, which will take us deep inside the Paine Massif. A rather rugged hike awaits us as we make our way to the three magnificent Towers of Paine. Stunning views all around will be our reward for such a hard day's work. Accommodation: Camping, two-men tent, (B, L, D)

Day 12: LAKE AZUL - EL CALAFATE

Today we cross the border back into Argentina. Last chance to purchase souvenirs such as leather goods and woollen products made in Patagonia. Accommodation: Hotel, double room, (B,L,D)

Day 13: EL CALAFATE- BUENOS AIRES

Our last morning together before taking the flight back to Buenos Aires. Tango Show and farewell dinner in Buenos Aires. Accommodation: Hotel***, double room, (B,L,D)

Day 14: DEPARTURE DAY

Transfer to Buenos Aires International Airport, departure.