

## ARGENTINA - ARGENTINA AND CHILE EXPLORER



### INTRODUCTION

Join us for this exciting 10-day journey to Argentina and Chile to discover some of the highlights of these two spectacular countries. Starting in Buenos Aires, we explore the historic and cosmopolitan capital of Argentina, birthplace of the tango. Flying to El Calafate we visit the incredible Moreno Glacier before journeying across the border into Chile to Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most stunningly beautiful National Parks in the world. At the southern end of the Lake District, under the shadow of the snow-capped Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes, we explore Puerto Varas and Puerto Montt, before embarking on the breathtaking Andean Lakes Crossing that takes us across the border and back into Argentina. We end the tour in the picturesque town of San Carlos de Bariloche, with its stunning location on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi, surrounded by Argentina's oldest National Park.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Buenos Aires

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide, who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it.



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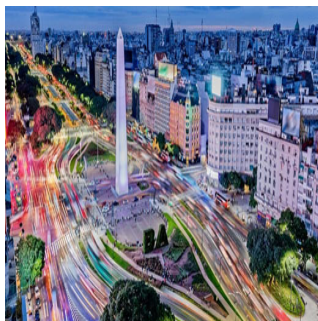
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### DAY 1: Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital, is known as the "Paris of the South" due to its European atmosphere with glamorous avenues lined with fashionable shops and Parisian-style restaurants and cafes. Located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, Buenos Aires has many fascinating neighbourhoods to explore including the colourful and lively La Boca, home to art galleries and tango shows; San Telmo with its restored mansions and antique stores and Recoleta, the city's most exclusive area.



### DAY 1: Esquina Carlos Gardel Dinner & Show

Tonight you will visit the 1940s style Esquina Carlos Gardel club and enjoy a three course meal and a spectacular tango show. At the conclusion of the show a bus will transfer you back to your hotel.



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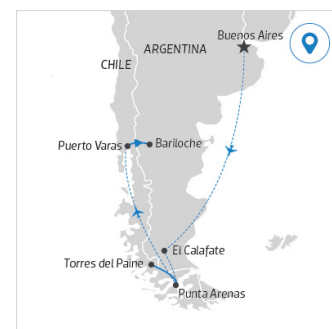
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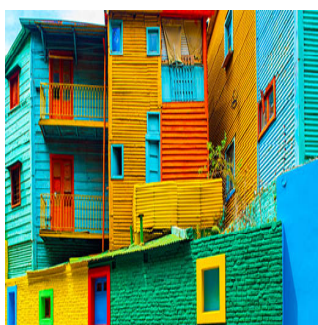
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### DAY 2: Morning Highlights of Buenos Aires City Tour

You will be collected from your hotel for your three-hour morning tour visiting the most important highlights of the city of Buenos Aires. Discover the history of the Plaza de Mayo Square, the site of Argentina's most important historical events - see its surroundings and the most emblematic buildings and learn all about them. Then enjoy Mayo Avenue and wonder in awe at the oldest residential neighbourhood in Buenos Aires: San Telmo. Live and feel the original Tango in the neighbourhood of La Boca: walk along Caminito Street and enjoy the Dancers and souvenir shops. See the mythical Boca Juniors soccer stadium. Contemplate the modernization of the city whilst traveling along Puerto Madero and its exclusive docks, full of excellent restaurants and large offices. Pass through the Retiro neighbourhood and move on to see Palermo and its most exclusive residential area before finally arriving at Recoleta. The tour comes to an end near the Recoleta Cemetery. Here you can choose to be taken back to the hotel with the group, or to continue unguided into the cemetery, where you can find the final resting place of Eva Peron, "Evita." Please note: This is a small group tour. If you wish to stay behind and visit the Recoleta Cemetery, there is an entrance fee of approximately \$15 USD, payable locally, you would then need to make your own way back to the hotel.



### DAY 3: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



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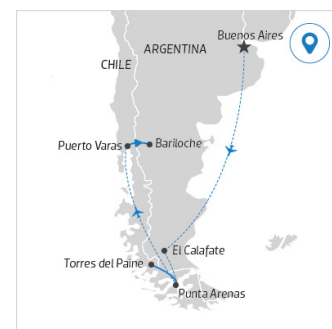
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### DAY 3: Arrival transfer in El Calafate

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note this service is with a driver only. Please make your own way to Las Lenguas counter upon arrival to wait for your next shuttle. Please bear in mind that wait times can vary from 15 minutes up to 2 hours depending on flight schedules.



### DAY 3: El Calafate

El Calafate flanks the southern shore of Lago Argentino in the southwest part of Argentina's Santa Cruz Province. The town is near the edge of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and one of the gateways to World Heritage Listed Parque Nacional Los Glaciares. The name El Calafate is derived from the calafate plant common in Patagonia. The town's main street, Avenida del Libertador General San Martín, is lined with restaurants, cafes, chocolate shops and souvenir shops.



### DAY 3: Perito Moreno with South Wall Cruise

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to venture into Los Glaciares National Park to see the world famous Perito Moreno Glacier. The glacier is more than two miles wide and averages 74m in height above the surface of the water of Lake Argentino. It is one of the very few glaciers in the world that continues to advance and if you are lucky you may see the glacier calving as large masses of ice break away from the glacier and collapse into the water. Enroute to the glacier, stop at the pier for a short boat trip to the south wall of the glacier. From the water level you get a feel for the size of this remarkable glacier - a true highlight of Patagonia. Reaching the Icebergs Channel, the boat will stop at a safe distance from the glacier, continuing to sail down all its front, allowing a spectacular view of the high wall of ice. On completion of the tour you will be taken to your hotel.



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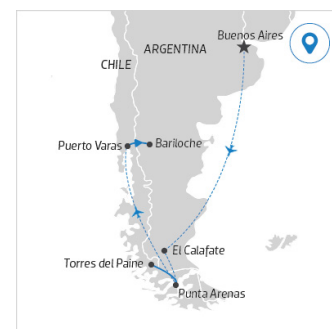
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### DAY 4: Arrival in Punta Arenas & Torres del Paine

On arrival to Punta Arenas airport, you will be met and transferred to Tierra Patagonia Hotel, located inside Torres del Paine National Park. The minibus journey is just under 5 hours and takes you from Punta Arenas to Llanuras de Diana, taking in the vast Patagonia landscape along 200 kilometres (124 miles) of dirt road. From there, the 190 kilometres (118 miles) to Torres del Paine National Park is mainly along gravel roads. On arrival, settle into the comfortable Tierra Patagonia Lodge on the beautiful shores of Lago Sarmiento and take in the views across the lake to the world famous "Three towers". In the evening you will be briefed on the excursion options for the next day/s. Torres del Paine is one of the most beautiful national parks in the world, famous for its spectacular scenery, fauna and adventure activities. Declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1978, Torres del Paine is considered to be one of the most magnificent, untouched places on Earth.



### DAY 5: Activities in Torres del Paine National Park

For the following days you may choose from a variety of full-day & half-day excursions to enjoy the incredible Patagonian scenery and fascinating wildlife of Torres del Paine National Park. The Tierra Patagonia excursions will take guests to see and experience the great beauty and fascinating life of Chilean Patagonia and to explore the untamed wilderness of Torres del Paine with its snow-capped peaks, glaciers, icebergs, fjords, lakes and windswept pampas. With the help of our expert and knowledgeable guides each guest will find the right outing depending on their interests and energy levels. There are walks, hikes, climbs, horse-rides, and tours by van or vehicle to choose from, with difficulty levels ranging from leisurely to very difficult. There are half-day and full-day options, and excursions are run with a maximum of 8 people per guide, with all the necessary equipment.



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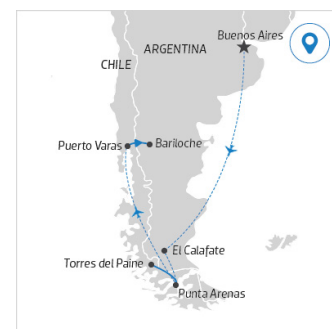
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### DAY 8: Depart from Torres del Paine

This morning say goodbye to Torres del Paine National Park and continue your journey onto Puerto Natales or Punta Arenas. From Tierra Patagonia you will be transferred to your hotel or Punta Arenas Airport (depending on your arrangements). Departure times will be confirmed directly with you the night prior.



### DAY 8: Transfer Puerto Montt - Puerto Varas

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it.



### DAY 8: Puerto Montt & Puerto Varas City Tour

You will be collected from your hotel for a sightseeing tour of Puerto Montt and Puerto Varas. Begin the tour in the capital of the region, Puerto Montt, visiting the Main Square, the commercial and harbour zone of Angelmó, famous in Chile because it has many hand crafts and gifts shops, and of course the City Central Market, where we can see how it works one of the principal economic activities, fishing and seafood. Continue down the Pan-American Highway to the charming town of Puerto Varas, located on the shore of Llanquihue Lake. Here you will discover the picturesque streets and visit various sites of interest including the Main Square, the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Municipal Casino. On completion of the tour you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



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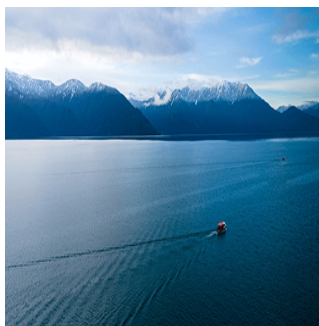
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### DAY 9: Andean Lake Crossing Puerto Varas-Bariloche

From Puerto Varas, your journey across the border today will be a combination of scenic bus rides and lake crossings. Set off from Puerto Varas at 8.30am by bus to Petrohué. The road hugs the shores of Lake Llanquihue and affords fantastic views of the Osorno and Calbuco Volcanoes. Entrance to the Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park where we will visit the impressive Saltos del Petrohue Waterfall (entrance included). Appreciate the capricious volcanic rock formations, bathed in the emerald green waterfalls before heading off for Peulla by boat. This cruise on Lake Todos Los Santos, widely considered to be one of Chile's most beautiful lakes, offers spectacular views of Osorno Volcano and the Puntagudo and Tronador mountain peaks when the weather is clear. There'll be time for lunch (not included) in Peulla, before heading off again by bus to Puerto Frias. Complete the Customs procedures to exit Chile and enter Argentina. Cross the Andes (altitude 976m) and descend to Puerto Frías for the onward cruise on Lake Frías to Puerto Alegre. Continue by bus to Puerto Blest and board your final cruise of the day on Lake Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Panuelo. The final leg is a scenic bus ride along the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi, taking in the lovely flower gardens and Swiss-style architecture that characterizes this area, arriving to Bariloche in the early evening. \*Please note the schedule is for guidance only and may change according to weather conditions and the number of passengers. There is also a boarding tax that must be paid locally for lake crossing services (approximately US\$5 / AR\$50 payable only in cash). Admission to Petrohue Falls (approximately US\$18) and has been pre-paid. You will receive tickets locally.



### DAY 9: Bariloche

San Carlos de Bariloche lies on the southern shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi in the foothills of the Andes surrounded by mountains and forests. Its location is stunning, surrounded by the Nahuel Huapi National Park, the oldest National Park in Argentina. With its Alpine-styled architecture, its picturesque lakeside setting overlooked by mountains and forests as well as numerous boutique chocolate shops and St. Bernard dogs, the city has a Swiss-like atmosphere.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

### Accommodation

Standard

### Inclusions

Internal flights as per itinerary  
Accommodation as per itinerary  
Transfers as per itinerary  
Activities as per itinerary  
All activities and meals at Tierra Patagonia Hotel

### Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

### Single Surcharge

Available upon request

### Notes

Contact us for more details

### Price Dependent upon

Season and availability



## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans

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to local businesses all over South America.

- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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