

## ARGENTINA - PATAGONIAN ODYSSEY



### INTRODUCTION

Choose this suggested itinerary or customise to create your own unique journey.  
Operates daily to suit your travel plans. Price based on Standard accommodation.  
Superior or Deluxe also available.

Experience Patagonia in 17 days, starting in the Argentine capital of Buenos Aires. After a few days in the city, travel to Bariloche, situated in the Andes mountains on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Cross the lake and the border to Puerto Varas, Chile. Visit the region's capital at Puerto Montt and take a tour of Chiloe Island before continuing to Punto Arenas to explore the magnificent Torres del Paine National Park. Depart for El Calafate and venture into Los Glaciares National Park. Finally, visit an authentic Patagonia cattle ranch at Estancia Nibepo Aike before returning to Buenos Aires.

### 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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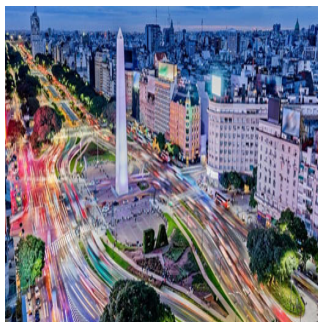
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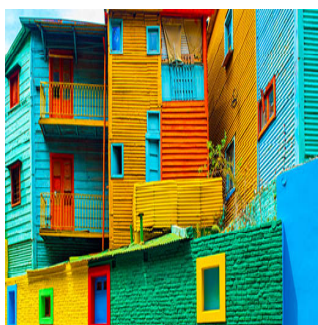
### DAY 1: Buenos Aires

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 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.



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### DAY 2: El Querandi Tango Show & Dinner

This evening you will be collected from your hotel to experience a Tango Show with dinner. This is an intimate & passionate tango show, housed in a cozy wood-panelled 19th century building with a colourful history as a meeting point for poets and students in the heart of Buenos Aires's historic centre. After being abandoned in the late 1970s, the bar was restored and reopened in 1992 as El Querandí Tango Hall. The show is directed by Claudio Campos, with musical arrangements by Ado Falasca, and it smoothly charts the history of Argentina's most authentic artistic expression from its origins to the modern day. The dinner is better than many, and at just over an hour long, the show is the perfect length. The three house singers, six dancers and four musicians put on a great show. Dinner will be served from 8.30pm followed by the show commencing at 10.00pm. Please note timings are subject to change and will be confirmed directly to you. On completion of the show, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



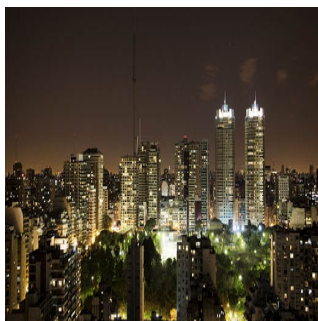
### DAY 3: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight. This service includes a driver only.



### DAY 3: Arrival transfer in Bariloche

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### DAY 3: 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.



### DAY 4: Llao Llao Peninsula & Chairlift

This afternoon you will be collected from your hotel for the short circuit tour of the town. Leave the city behind to take in the breath taking views offered by Llao Llao Peninsula's short circuit tour. Home to a number of protected species as well as the iconic Llao Llao Hotel, the peninsula is nothing short of spectacular. We begin on the southern shore of the famous Lake Nahuel Huapi before heading to Mt Campanario where we take a 10-minute chairlift ride to the top of the mountain. Enjoy incredible views of the surrounding area. Please note this is a small group tour. Ticket for chairlift is included.



### DAY 5: Half Day Boat Trip to the Tristeza Branch

In due time you will be collected from your hotel to begin this boat excursion that starts in López Bay navigating along the most remote and less visited branch of the Nahuel Huapi Lake, the Tristeza Sound. Beautiful mountains and waterfalls surround this part of the lake. If the weather conditions are good you can appreciate a beautiful view of the Tronador Mountain. Once you reach the shore you will start a hike in the forest among amazing trees like Coihues and Alerces (larch trees). The trail climbs up to a group of beautiful waterfalls coming down from the Frey River. On the way back to the port you will enjoy lunch on board the Kaiken Patagonia boat. On completion of your tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is small group and includes lunch. Level of difficulty is easy.



### DAY 6: Bariloche hotel to Lakes Crossing Terminal

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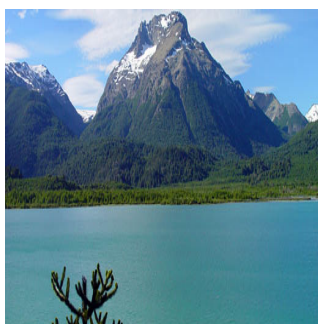
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### DAY 6: Full Day Andean Lake Crossing: Bariloche to Puerto

From Bariloche, your full day journey across the border today will be a combination of scenic bus rides and lake crossings. Set off from Bariloche by bus to Puerto Pañuelo along the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi, taking in the lovely flower gardens and Swiss-style architecture that characterizes the area. Continue by boat to Puerto Blest and board the bus to Puerto Alegre. Sail from there to Puerto Frías, complete the Customs procedures to exit Argentina, and cross the Andes (altitude 976m) passing through Pérez Rosales National Park, to Peulla, completing Chilean Customs formalities on route. There'll be time for lunch (not included) in Peulla, before the onward cruise to Petrohué on Lake Todos Los Santos, widely considered to be one of Chile's most beautiful lakes with spectacular views of Osorno Volcano and the Puntagudo and Tronador mountain peaks when the weather is clear. The final leg of the journey is a scenic bus ride to Puerto Varas, arriving early evening. Please note this schedule is for guidance only and may change according to weather conditions and the number of passengers. National Park Entrance fee is included however a Boarding Tax is payable locally only in Argentinean Pesos (approx. USD \$3 per person).



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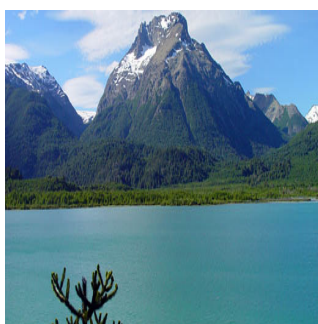
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### DAY 6: Arrival transfer in Puerto Varas

Arrival into Puerto Varas lake terminal and transfer to your hotel.



### DAY 6: Arrival in Puerto Varas

Puerto Varas and Puerto Montt lie at the southern end of the Lake District under the shadow of the snow-capped Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes. Puerto Varas sits on the shores of Lake Llanquihue and is known as "The City of Roses". Puerto Montt is 20kms from Puerto Varas on the Seno de Reloncaví Bay, the capital of the Lake District, and the last significant outpost of the region.



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### DAY 7: 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.



### DAY 8: Full Day Private Chiloe Island Tour

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for your visit to Isla Grande de Chiloé (The Big Island of Chiloé), the second-largest island in South America. Isolated from the main land until the 19th century it has a distinct culture steeped in mysticism. Visit the city of Ancud with its classic chilota architecture and iconic wooden churches and stop at the regional market with its colourful array of products. We then head for the Huiquén Hill viewpoint to take in the incredible vista of Chacao Channel before returning by ferry to the mainland. On completion of the tour you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a private tour with local english speaking guide.



### DAY 9: Puerto Varas Free Day

Free day to enjoy Puerto Varas.



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DAY 10: PVT Transfer Puerto Varas Hotel - Apt driver only

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DAY 10: Arrival transfer in Punta Arenas

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DAY 11: Punta Arenas - Hotel Las Torres

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for Las Torres' s shuttle service to transfer you to Hotel Las Torres, located inside Torres Del Paine National Park. This transfer takes approximately 5 hours on good roads and offers a great introduction to the wide open expanses of the Patagonian pampas. The internationally acclaimed Torres del Paine National Park is Chile's premier trekking destination and boasts panoramic scenery, incredible wildlife and diverse ecosystems. 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 12: Explore Torres del Paine National Park

There are no set itineraries for your stay at Hotel Las Torres. Each day you can choose from a selection of five to ten different activities selected according to the weather and your interests. These include hiking, horseback riding, van or motorboat excursions. In groups no larger than ten guests accompanied by a bilingual guide, explorations allow an in-depth contact with the wonders of Torres del Paine National Park, year round.



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### DAY 14: Hotel Las Torres - Departure

Early this morning you will depart Las Torres Hotel aboard their shuttle service transfer. Departure times will be reconfirmed to you directly by the hotel the evening prior to your departure. Please note journey times are as follows however they are dependant on weather and road conditions: El Calafate via Cerro Castillo (border crossing) will be approximately five hours and 30 minutes departing at 7am. Puerto Natales will be approximately two hours departing at 2pm. Punta Arenas will be approximately five hours departing at 7.30am and 1pm.



### DAY 14: 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 Glaciers. 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.



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### DAY 15: 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.



### DAY 16: Estancia Nibepo Aike

Estancia Nibepo Aike retains the essence of the old Patagonian ranches. Initially called Estancia Jerónima, Nibepo Aike covers over 12,000 hectares at the foot of the Patagonian Andes and is dedicated to the production of cattle with a herd of Hereford, and also many sheep. It is an ideal place to dip into the life of an authentic Patagonian ranch. At 0900 hours, you will be collected from your hotel and driven to the estancia which is located approximately 45 minutes away. Tour the estancia and have the chance to take a short horse ride (cost not included in tour and payable directly at the estancia) or a short walk for great views of the southern arm of Lake Argentino. After the walk or horse-ride, meet back at the door of the shearing shed for a demonstration of horse handling skills, or depending on the rural activities of the day, working with the herd in the corrals close to the main buildings. You may also be able to participate in the cow milking. Before returning to El Calafate, enjoy a typical Patagonian barbeque lunch. Essential Info: Includes transportation, lunch with a glass of wine or soft drink per person during the meal, bilingual guide, activities at the estancia. Excludes extra drinks, tips.



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DAY 17: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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DAY 17: Arrival transfer in Buenos Aires

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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotels
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<b>Inclusions</b>	Airport transfers Internal flights Accommodation with breakfast All meals in Hotel Las Torres Patagonia Tours as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated <b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Personal Expenses Visa and reciprocity fees (where applicable) International flights Gratuities for staff/drivers Any items not mentioned as included
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available on request. Contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	This itinerary only available between October to April due to Patagonia season. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. This is a Tailor-Made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Seasonality and availability.

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

During your tour you will stay at Hotel Las Torres. Protecting the wilderness of the



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Tierra del Fuego National Park is at the heart of Las Torres philosophy. On top of critical conservation activities such as trail maintenance and waste management, Hotel Las Torres also engages in scientific investigation and provides essential educational services in the region. They also work regularly with Chilean schools to improve environmental performance through expeditionary educational programs. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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