

ARGENTINA - SIGNATURE PATAGONIA



INTRODUCTION

This incredible 9-day Patagonian adventure is the perfect post-expedition addition to an Antarctic cruise. Starting in El Calafate, from which you can fly directly from Ushuaia following your Antarctic voyage disembarkation (flight not included). This styled itinerary will have you staying in superior handpicked hotels and will showcase the natural beauty of Southern Patagonia and finish in Santiago, your connection point home or on to other South American destinations.

This package starts in the world epicentre of natural beauty – Patagonia. A unique and unrepeatable landscape where mountain glaciations, rivers and lakes, waterfalls, native forests, snowdrifts, fjords, archipelagos, ice fields, and Magellanic steppes make up a wild nature that awes and inspires. Stay in a Patagonian Lodge, a world-class refuge that includes daily excursions in the company of a bilingual guide. Choose from a horseback ride guided by a traditional *gaucho* through the Patagonian landscape, hikes in the Ventisquero Valley and to archaeological monuments, a field day to a typical Patagonian Estancia to enjoy an authentic lamb roast, mountain biking to the shore of Balmaceda Lake or a hike through Torres del Paine National Park and to the incredible Las Torres peaks. Finish with a flight to Santiago and a tour of Chile's capital, before flying home or on to your next Latin American adventure!

This itinerary is also offered in reverse - [Signature Patagonia - Santiago to El Calafate](#)

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

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DAY 1: Arrival in El Calafate

You will arrive in the quaint tourist town of El Calafate, the gateway to Parque Nacional Los Glaciares. As you wander the main street, Avenida del Libertador, you will discover souvenir shops, restaurants, cafes, chocolate and ice cream shops. At the latter, be sure to try some ice cream made using the Calafate berry from which the town gets its name. Today is an arrival day, you will be collected from the airport and transferred to your hotel by private vehicle. The remainder of the day is free to explore at your leisure. (B)



DAY 2: El Calafate and Perito Moreno Glacier

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred via the beautiful Patagonian and into Los Glaciers National Park, home to the world-famous Perito Moreno Glacier. Join a boat cruise on the lake where you will get up close to Mayo, Negro and Perito Moreno Glaciers and bear witness to the 74-meter-high glacier calving right in front of your eyes. Perito Moreno Glacier is one of the only glaciers left in the world that continues to advance forward. On return to El Calafate, enjoy the rest of the afternoon soaking up the atmosphere in this beautiful village. (B,L)



DAY 3: El Calafate to Torres del Paine NP

Today you bid farewell to the Argentinian Patagonia and say hello to the Chilean Patagonia. A shared transfer van will help with immigration formalities when crossing from Argentina and into Chile and deliver you safely to your lodge in Torres del Paine National Park. Here is where you will spend the next four nights in an all-inclusive lodge of your choice. The transfer time will take approximately 5 hours and you will be offered incredible views of the Patagonian landscape as you watch estancias, lakes and snow-capped mountains pass you by. On arrival at your lodge, check in and the late afternoon and evening is free for you to organise the following day's excursions with your local guides. (B,D)



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DAY 4: Torres del Paine NP Excursions

Choose from one of the many activities included in your lodge stay. Activities on offer include hiking one of the many world-class trails or to Las Torres base viewpoint, horseback riding, taking a cruise on a lake to view the Grey glacier, or a cultural visit to an estancia and learn about the gaucho culture that is unique to Patagonia. Please note additional charges may apply for some activities depending on certain lodge inclusions. (B,L,D)



DAY 5: Torres del Paine NP Excursions

The excitement continues today, wake up and enjoy breakfast at your lodge, before you head out on another hand selected excursion within the incredible Torres del Paine National Park. Whatever you didn't have the opportunity to do yesterday is ready and waiting for you to explore today. (B,L,D)



DAY 6: Torres del Paine NP Excursions

Make the most of your final full day here in the beautiful Torres del Paine National Park by partaking in another full or half day excursion with one of the lodges experienced guides. There truly is something for everyone, catering for all activity levels so be sure to make the most of your last day. Enjoy dinner and your surrounds one last night before preparing yourself for tomorrows departure. (B,L,D)



DAY 7: Fly to Santiago

Today you bid farewell to Patagonia and transfer to the airport for your flight to Santiago. On arrival in the Chilean capital of Santiago, you will be collected from the airport and transferred to your hotel by private car transfer. The rest of the day is yours to recover from your flight. (B)



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DAY 8: Santiago Panoramic City Tour

Spend your morning getting to know Santiago on a half-day city tour. You will visit the highlights this cosmopolitan city has to offer. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the local area where your hotel is located. Barrio Lastarria is an upmarket, vibrant, and safe neighbourhood, home to some of Santiago's best cafes, bars and restaurants with lots of boutique retail stores. (B)



DAY 9: Depart Santiago

There are no activities planned for today and a private airport transfer will collect you from your hotel and deliver you to Santiago airport for your departing flight. (B)



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotels & Lodges
Inclusions	<p>Inclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private airport transfers Internal flights as part of this itinerary Accommodation with breakfast daily All meals at the Patagonian Lodge Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated <p>Exclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International flights Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides & drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	<p>This itinerary is only available between October to April due to the Patagonia season.</p> <p>This itinerary can be done in the reverse. Contact us for more details.</p> <p>Prices are based on per person, twin share.</p> <p>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.</p> <p>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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 equipped 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.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums, and landmarks, our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining 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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