

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.

[How our signature tours work - Pick your Signature tour & add extensions to make it yours!](#)

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

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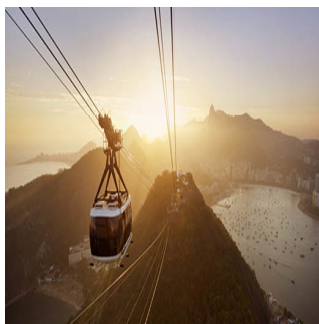
guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

> Add extensions to make it yours!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: 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. This service includes Spanish speaking driver. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it.



DAY 1: 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 2: Perito Moreno - Mayo Spirit Boat & Trek Tour

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to venture into Los Glaciares National Park bound for the breathtaking glaciers of Perito Moreno, Mayo and Negro. The only way to reach the glaciers is by boat along the Témpanos Canal, stopping along the way at Toro Bay for a walk through the Patagonia lenga and ñires forest, passing waterfalls, ancient trees and lime rock formations. After the walk, the boat continues to the Negro hanging glacier where there is the chance for a short walk offering stunning 360 degree views. Back on the boat, you sail toward the north face of the massive 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. Here, you can disembark at a floating dock and take time to stroll the walkways before boarding the boat and returning to El Calafate. On completion of the tour you will be taken to your hotel. Please note entrance fee and lunch are included. This is a small group tour.



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DAY 3: Arrival to Tierra Patagonia from El Calafate

Today you will be transferred from El Calafate to Tierra Patagonia Hotel, located inside Torres del Paine National Park. Arrive and settle into the comfortable Tierra Patagonia Lodge on the beautiful shores of Lago Pehoe and take in the spectacular Paine mountains. In the evening you will be briefed as the excursion options for tomorrow.



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DAY 4: 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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DAY 7: 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 7: Arrival transfer in Santiago

DAY 7: Santiago de Chile

Santiago, Chile's capital and largest city, lies in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Andes and the Chilean Coastal Range. Founded in 1541, Santiago has been Chile's capital since colonial times. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city and although it features many colonial buildings, it has grown into a modern metropolis and the cultural centre of the country.



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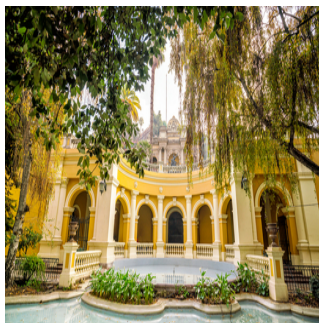
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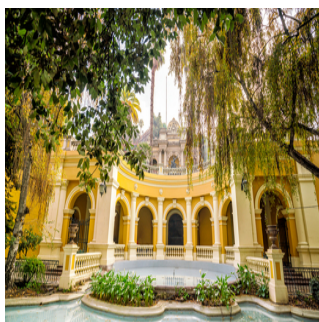
DAY 8: Santiago Panoramic City Tour

This morning, you will be collected from your hotel for your tour of Santiago. Visit both the old and new areas of the city. Highlights include the Plaza de Armas, the city's central square and the heart of the city's old colonial core. The Plaza de Armas is home to the beautiful 18th century Metropolitan Cathedral, the early 19th century Royal Court Palace that houses the Natural History Museum and the Central Post Office completed in 1882. We will continue along to Government Palace and there we will have the opportunity to walk through some of the most traditional streets and neighbourhoods. Visit Cerro Santa Lucia, the hill on which Santiago was founded in 1541, now a park with fountains and stairs leading to a fort and a panoramic viewpoint across the city. On completion of your tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is small group tour and only operates in the morning.



DAY 9: 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 Spanish speaking driver only.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Hotels and Lodges

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Inclusions	Airport transfers Internal flight as part of this itinerary* Accommodation with breakfast daily All meals at the Patagonian Lodge Tours as detailed in the itinerary Other meals where stated EXCLUSIONS: International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides and drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	This itinerary is only available between October to April due to the Patagonia season. This itinerary can be done in the reverse . Contact us for more details.
Price Dependent upon	Season 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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