SOUTH AMERICA - EL CALAFATE EXTENSION WITH CRUISE



TRIP CODE

ARHTFTEC

DEPARTURE

Departs on Thursday's & Sunday's During The Patagonian Season (November To March)

DURATION

5 Days

LOCATIONS

Argentina & Patagonia

INTRODUCTION

Discover the charm of El Calafate, the gateway to Argentina's stunning Parque Nacional Los Glaciares. Immerse yourself in the town's vibrant culture before experiencing the authentic gaucho lifestyle at Estancia Nibepo Aike, complete with horse riding, sheep shearing, and a traditional Patagonian asado. Then, set sail on the Santa Cruz for an unforgettable cruise through the breath taking glacial landscapes, culminating in up-close encounters with the majestic Perito Moreno Glacier*.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive 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, and you are free to explore at your leisure.

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DAY 2: Estancia Visit

No trip to Argentina is complete without a visit to an Estancia. These parcels of land, which are similar to a ranch or a farm are significant to the country's history and today's journey to Estancia Nibepo Aike allows you to truly experience the authentic lifestyle of the gauchos who live and work on this land. Initially called Estancia Jeronima, Nibepo Aike covers more than 12,000 hectares at the foot of the Patagonian Andes and is primarily a Hereford cattle ranch. You will enjoy a short horse ride before watching a demonstration of the gaucho's horse handling skills and see the shearers at work in the shearing sheds. You can also milk the cows. To finish your day you will enjoy an asado, a typical Patagonian barbeque lunch before being returned to your hotel.



DAY 3: Embark - Spirit Of The Glaciers Cruise

This morning you'll be picked up from your hotel in El Calafate and driven to the port for your journey aboard the Santa Cruz. Departing at 10:00am from Puerto La Soledad, setting sail toward the North Arm of Lake Argentino. The navigation continues through the Upsala Channel, where sweeping panoramic views create a stunning backdrop. The experience reaches a highlight with a visit to the majestic Spegazzini Glacier, where the vessel pauses to fully take in its towering beauty. Lunch will be served on board here, offering a truly exceptional dining experience amidst extraordinary surroundings. Later, the journey continues to Las Vacas Bay, where you disembark for a guided hike. This exploration includes a visit to the historic Las Vacas Post and concludes at the Spegazzini Lookout, where breathtaking views of the Spegazzini, Peineta, and Mayo glaciers unfold before you. The voyage continues to Toro Bay, where the ship anchors for the evening. As night falls, you'll enjoy a gourmet dinner on board, rounding out the day in style before turning into your cabin for a restful nights stay. Note: Route and daily disembarkations subject to change at the captain's discretion and/or due to weather conditions.



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DAY 4: Spirit Of The Glaciers Cruise

Begin your day with breakfast on board, surrounded by the serene landscapes of Toro Bay. Afterward, disembark for an interpretive hike along the bay's shoreline, venturing through the Patagonian forest to a picturesque waterfall, where the region's natural beauty truly comes to life. Returning to the ship, the journey continues as you sail toward the iconic Perito Moreno Glacier. Upon arrival, you will disembark to explore the extensive network of walkways within the National Park. Enjoy free time to wander the trails at your own pace, taking in the glacier from a variety of breathtaking viewpoints, admiring its incredible beauty up close. Back on board, a delicious lunch is served with unparalleled views of the glacier's imposing north face, providing a memorable dining experience in an extraordinary setting. The voyage then concludes with a final sail back to port, arriving at Puerto La Soledad at approximately 4:00PM, where you will disembark, marking the end of your journey. Return transfer to your hotel in El Calafate. Please Note: Round-trip transfers between your El Calafate hotel and the port, as well as the Glaciers National Park entrance fee are included. Route and daily disembarkations subject to change at the captain's discretion and/or due to weather conditions.



DAY 5: Depart El Calafate

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport in time for your departure flight to your next destination.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel & Cabin On Board Ship

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Private airport and port transfers Hotel accommodation with breakfast daily Other meals where stated Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary Entrance to the National Park **While on board ship:** Welcome snacks Full board with overnight stay Premium breakfast, lunch and dinner Hot beverages and soft drinks while sailing Alcoholic beverages at meals Activities on board accompanied by a bilingual guide (English-Spanish) Taxes **EXCLUSIONS** International and internal flights not indicated Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Other beverages not stated Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included **While on board ship:** Bar service (a la carte will be available outside of meal times and until midnight)
Difficulty Rating	2 (Light Adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. **Please Note**: This itinerary operates with two different routes, departing on alternate days during the Patagonian season (November to March). Depending on your selected departure date, the route will vary, offering unique glacier and landscape experiences.
Price Dependent upon	Currency fluctuation, seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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