

Trekking in Patagonia



Bespoke Luxury

Day 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

On arrival in Buenos Aires you will be met by our English speaking guide and taken to your hotel in an executive private vehicle.

Overnight at the Park Hyatt Palacio Duhau in a park double room with breakfast included.

Day 2: Buenos Aires

You will be collected by our expert and friendly Argentine guide and a driver for a tour of Buenos Aires. The guide will take you on and off the beaten track in this lively and beautiful city. You will have a car at your disposal, but we recommend getting out and walking for some of the tour. Obviously the tour will take in the main highlights, but we encourage you to let our guide know what sorts of things you like to see and so they can tailor the tour for you. It could be that you want to see more of the main sites, or it could be that you want to stroll amongst the small local boutiques of Palermo Soho or San Telmo. This afternoon is left free but our concierge will be able to assist you should you wish to make further arrangements.

Overnight at the Park Hyatt Palacio Duhau in a park double room with breakfast included.

Day 3: Buenos Aires to El Calafate

You will be taken to the airport by private car at a prearranged time. On arrival in Calafate airport our driver will be waiting to take you via a private transfer to the trekking village of El Chalten, around 3 hours drive north of Calafate. This evening you will have a briefing with our local guide, he will assess your fitness and discuss your trekking options for the next two days.

Overnight at the Hotel Los Cerros in a standard double room with breakfast included.

Day 4: Private Trekking to Lago de los Tres (FD)

Today's walk starts with a beautiful 18 kilometer drive up the valley to Hosteria Pilar, from where we trek through sub-Antarctic forest and pass the small glacier lake named Piedras Blancas. From here the route crosses the Rio Blanco before you begin the toughest part of your trek - a fifty minute climb that weaves its way up a 45° slope. From the top of the climb you can see glacial Laguna de Los Tres and one of Patagonia's most majestic views. We then return to Chalten on foot via a different route. NB these treks are samples, your guide will discuss your options.

Notes: Depart: 8am; Return: 6pm; Technical Difficulty: Beginner; Stamina Level: Moderate; Duration: 8/9 hours Includes picnic lunch.

Overnight at the Hotel Los Cerros in a standard double room with breakfast included.

Day 5: Private Trekking to Pleigue Tumbado (FD)

This simple trek is a good leg warmer and offers the best general view of the region. From Pleigue Tumbado we can see the Paso del Viento, the Continental Ice Field and Tore Laguna, and of course all the granite massifs that dominate the area.

Notes: Depart: 8:30am; Return: 4pm; Technical Difficulty: Beginner; Stamina Level: Moderate; Duration: 6/7 hours. NB these treks are samples, your guide will discuss your options. Includes picnic lunch. This evening you will be taken to the bus stop in a shared transfer in order to catch the bus to El Calafate. On arrival in El Calafate our driver will be waiting to take you to the hotel in a shared transfer.

Overnight at Eolo Lodge in a standard suite with all meals included.

Day 6: Big Ice – extended trekking on the glacier (FD)

The tour begins at Bajo de las Sombras pier, 4 miles away from the glacier. You will cross the Rico branch of the lake on the Tehuelche boat. After landing on the opposite shore there is a short walk to get to the shelter where the guides give a complete explanation about glaciation and a safety briefing for the ice trek. After this you will start a walk through the exuberant Magellanic forest to the ice. The tour is guided by experts along the paths on the southern moraine of Perito Moreno Glacier and, after an hour, you reach a viewpoint from where the ice cap can be accessed. You then explore every corner of Perito Moreno Glacier for over three hours; you will of course be provided with crampons to walk safely on the ice surface. Once on the glacier, blue lakes, deep cracks, huge sinks and caves can be seen. Visitors will have half an hour for lunch (not included), and they will walk back to the boat from the moraine, returning at around 3 pm. Then there will be time to explore the walkways before heading back to Calafate.

Notes: The trip from Calafate to the pier takes about an hour. Pick Up from 7am. Duration 11 hours. Age limits apply and are strictly enforced – trekkers must be between 18 & 50 yrs. Old Overnight at Eolo Lodge in a standard suite with all meals included.

Day 7: Into Chile: A private tour of Torres del Paine (FD)

After crossing the Patagonian steppe south of Calafate, you arrive at the border post of Cancha Carrera, some two hours' drive. After crossing the border you start to travel through Southern Chile until you arrive at the Torres del Paine National Park. The trip from El Calafate to National Park Torres del Paine takes around 4 hours in total. Once in the park, you mainly move about by vehicle but will also combine this with some excellent short hikes, as there are hundreds of hiking paths from one side of the park to the other. The itinerary and hikes are adapted to the group (by default, the level of difficulty of the activities in our program is low). You will go to strategic points to get the most beautiful views of the park. Among the different places and viewpoints, you will be able to see: Sarmiento de Gamboa Lake viewpoint, Azul Lagoon, a panoramic view of Las Torres, the Saltos del Rio, Cerro Almirante Nieto and Cuernos del Paine, Laguna Amarga, Salto Grande viewpoint), Nordenskjold Lake, Pehoe Lake, and the Interpretation Centre. At around noon, we will offer you an outdoor picnic – with a fantastic view of course (if the weather is bad we will use mountain shelters). After the tour you will be taken to the hotel.

Overnight at The Singular Hotel in Puerto Natales in a standard room breakfast included.

Day 8: Free day

A free day to take one if the many optional tours on offer from The Singular.

Overnight at The Singular Hotel in Puerto Natales in a standard room breakfast included.

Day 9: Torres del Paine to El Calafate to Buenos Aires

This morning you will be taken by private car back to El Calafate airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. This transfer will take around 4-5 hours. Depending on flight schedules and availability, it may be necessary to add a night in Calafate. On arrival back in Buenos Aires our driver will be waiting to take you to the hotel in an executive car.

Overnight at the Park Hyatt Palacio Duhau in a park double room with breakfast included.

Day 10: Buenos Aires

Today you will be taken to the international airport in plenty of time for your flight home.