

# 8 DAY HIGHLIGHTS OF PATAGONIA

## DESTINATIONS

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VANCOUVER  
LAKE LOUISE  
JASPER  
BANFF  
JUNEAU  
KETCHIKAN  
CALGARY  
COLUMBIA ICEFIELDS  
INSIDE PASSAGE  
KAMLOOPS  
BLUE RIVER  
SEATTLE  
TRACY ARM FJORD  
SKAGWAY



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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Buenos Aires
Meals included	
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

Welcome to Buenos Aires, the ultimate cosmopolitan city. With Latin passion, European elegance and a distinctive style, it may well steal your heart. Attend a group meeting at 2 pm. The adventure begins straight after the meeting with a two-hour orientation walk that visits Avenida de Mayo, Cafe Tortoni, Florida Street, Plaza de Mayo (Casa Rosada, Cabildo, Catedral de Buenos Aires) and Plaza Dorrego (San Telmo). Continue to Palermo to participate in a tango class. In a private space a professional tango couple will explain the dance's origin and history, then give a sultry demonstration. Finally, you'll have the opportunity to join an hour-long beginner's class to learn some of the basics. Following the tango class, you may want to head to one of the many parilla's (steak houses) in the area. Transfers back to the hotel are not included however taxis are easy to find and inexpensive.

Special Information: It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information at this time. If you are going to be late please let your travel agent or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place. Make sure you've had something to eat prior to the welcome meeting, as the activities begin immediately, and you may not have a chance to eat again until evening.

## DAY 2

Destination	Buenos Aires ✈ El Calafate 🚗 El Chalten
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

Fly south from Buenos Aires to El Calafate (approximately 3 hours), then travel by van to the frontier town of El Chalten, north of Glacier National Park (approximately 3.5 hours). Hikers and climbers from all around the world congregate here in order to reach the glaciers and mountains. Take it easy and drink in the views today in preparation for your trek tomorrow.

## DAY 3

Destination	El Chalten
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

Rise and shine for the first day on trekking. Begin with perhaps the most famous of all Patagonia's trails -- Laguna de los Tres. Ascend from El Chalten on an approximately 9-hour trek through incredible landscapes. Walk through woodlands sprouted framed by granite cliff, over crystal-clear streams and towards the three frosted peaks of Mt Fitz Roy. Along the way you'll see numerous glaciers, but the primary reward on his trek come at the end of a steep climb: glacier de los Tres and the blue lagoon that lies before it at the base of Mt Fitz Roy.

Special Information: This trek is considered moderate. While the terrain itself is not difficult, wind and rain can be challenging depending on the weather.

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### DAY 4

Destination	El Chalten
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

Today is as clear as the mountain air, so you can decide whether to recuperate or tackle another trail. If you can't wait to explore further, then perhaps head out on the Laguna Torre trail. Aside from the first two kilometres, there's very little ascent on this trail, which leads to a beautiful glacier lake at the base of Cerro Torre. Hiking there and back will take around 7 hours, depending on how many stops you make.

### DAY 5

Destination	El Chalten 🚗 El Calafate
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

Take a private transfer from El Chalten to El Calafate. Use the opportunity to relax and unwind after your two days of adventures on foot. The drive should be around 4 hours, depending on weather and traffic.

### DAY 6

Destination	El Calafate 🚗 Perito Moreno Glacier
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

Visit the Perito Moreno Glacier. This is one of the few advancing glaciers in the world and at 3 km (1.8 miles) wide and 35km (21 miles) long is a spectacular sight. Watch and listen to the crack of the ice as it plunges into the waters below. Take the steps of a lifetime as you embark on a guided glacier walk. When it's all over, return to El Calafate for the night.

#### *PERITO MORENO TREK:*

*Please note the maximum age limit for this activity is 65. The operator that runs this will not make any exceptions, even with a doctor's certificate. Those 65 and older will instead be able to walk along the platforms and balconies surrounding the glacier. Weather depending, your guide may also be able to organise some free time at the north face beach (viewpoint) of the site.*

### DAY 7

Destination	Buenos Aires
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

Take an included flight back to Buenos Aires. The afternoon is free to further explore the city.

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### DAY 8

Destination	Buenos Aires
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

The trip ends after breakfast.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights accommodation
- All Transportation
- Meals: 7 breakfasts as per itinerary
- Group size: Maximum 12 people
- 1 English speaking tour leader – Will accompany the group throughout
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional
- Comfortable, dedicated private transportation throughout
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

#### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike the incredible Laguna de los Tres through thick woodlands, over streams and past granite spires to the famed blue lagoon at the foot of Mount Fitz Roy.
- Listen to the thunder as cracks form in the spectacular wall of ice that is Perito Moreno Glacier. This massive, blue-hued natural wonder is constantly breaking and reforming.
- This tour is like a bucket list special on Patagonia, hitting the most-wanted with time to decompress in between sightseeing.
- This tour starts with a bang in Buenos Aires, with a walking tour and tango class to make the most of your limited time in the capital.
- Trekking is what small group travel was made for – let someone else take care of the permits and accommodation so you can focus on soaking up the views with new friends.

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### OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we are offering guests a choice of the following optional activities:

- El Chalten - Day hike to Laguna Torre - USD264 (Day 4)

*Costs are per person.*

The optional tours and shore excursions can only be purchased on-tour with your guide or the ship staff, and are payable in local currency. Optional tours are subject to conditions such as traffic, weather and sightseeing schedules, as well as minimum numbers.

### WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the weather in Argentina.

## TOUR ITINERARY

### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$440 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1444 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

### EXCLUSIONS

- Return International Airfares
- Transfers
- Visas (if applicable)
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, a basic level of fitness will be required. If

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you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. While tipping is not customary, it's of great significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, inspires excellent service, and is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many destinations.

You may also consider tipping your tour leader and driver for outstanding service throughout your trip. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

A Single Supplement is available on this trip from an extra \$616.

### **Triple Share**

Not available.

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of your return.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://safetravel.govt.nz/> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.



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### **Group Size**

Maximum 12 people.

### **Children**

Children must be 15 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

### **Passport Details Required**

Full passport details are required at the time of booking in order to purchase Entrance fees to certain sites. Additionally on certain trips it's needed to book bus, train or flight tickets. Delays to provide this information may result in booking fees or changes to your itinerary.

### **Perito Moreno Glacier - Mini Trek**

Please note the maximum age limit for this activity is 65yrs old.

### **Start Time**

This trip starts with a Welcome Meeting at 2pm of day 1.

### **Late Bookings**

Bookings within 45 days from departure may incur in late booking airline fees. If applicable, this will be informed at the time of booking.

### **Domestic Flights**

This trip includes a domestic flight. Argentina is particularly strict on excess baggage and usually enforces a maximum allowance of 15Kg for check in luggage.