

# **34 DAYS PATAGONIA & BEYOND - BUENOS AIRES TO SANTIAGO**

## **DESTINATIONS**

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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Buenos Aires
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Border information: if you are starting your trip in Buenos Aires, you will most likely enter Argentina at Buenos Aires Ministro Pistarini International Airport, also known as Ezeiza Airport (IATA code: BUE/EZE).

Welcome to the cosmopolitan Argentine capital of Buenos Aires! There will be an important group meeting at 6:00pm at the joining hotel - please look out at the hotel reception for a note from your leader with more details about this meeting. Please note that many of the optional activities will only be possible for those with extra time in Buenos Aires before the start of your trip with us - please contact the Sales team if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation with us to have extra time exploring Buenos Aires.

Accommodation: Comfortable Hotel

## DAY 2

Destination	Buenos Aires
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today is a free day to explore the incredible city of Buenos Aires, soak up the atmosphere of its streets, and discover its amazing culture, art, and music.

Accommodation: Comfortable Hotel

### Daily Activities

#### Optional Activities

Learn all about the cuisine of Argentina on a food tour of Buenos Aires visiting several incredible local top-class eateries that you won't find in the guidebooks!

Tour: 85 USD

Enjoy a free city tour of Buenos Aires

Tour: Free

Visit the strangely beautiful cemetery of Recoleta the final resting place of many ex-presidents and Argentine icons most famously including the tomb of Eva Peron

Entrance: Free

See a different side to Buenos Aires on a tour of its incredible street art with some of the local artists

Tour: 20 USD

Try your hand at the art of tango dancing with a private lesson in Buenos Aires

Lesson: 25 USD

Head out to a tango show in Buenos Aires' oldest cafe the Gran Cafe Tortoni - seeing a slice of iconic Argentine culture in an ideal and intimate setting

Show: 650 ARS

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### DAY 3

Destination	Buenos Aires 🚗 Bahia Blanca
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we begin our journey from Buenos Aires with a full drive day across the pampas and grasslands of the province.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 11

### DAY 4

Destination	Bahia Blanca 🚗 Puerto Madryn
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we head south to the coastal town of Puerto Madryn.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 12

### DAY 5

Destination	Puerto Madryn
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we will have a free day for optional activities in and around Puerto Madryn. There is the opportunity to take a tour to the Valdes Peninsular to see its desolate scenery and abundant marine life, head out on a boat trip in search of dolphins and whales, or perhaps go for afternoon tea in a Welsh tea house in the nearby towns of Gaiman or Trelew.

Accommodation: Camping

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Set off on a boat trip from Puerto Madryn in search of playful Commerson's dolphins (all year) or Dusky dolphins (December to March) and Southern Right whales (May to December)!

3hrs: 47 USD

Visit the fascinating modern marine interpretation centre of EcoCentro Mar Patagonia and learn all about the unique ecosystems of the Patagonian sea

Entrance: 125 USD

Explore the intriguing Welsh village of Gaiman near Trelew and visit one of its iconic tea houses. Transfers by bus.

Teahouse entrances: 12 USD

Discover the incredible colony of sea lions at Punta Loma near to Puerto Madryn

Entrance: 100 ARS

Explore the incredible shipwrecks and rocky reefs under the water on a scuba diving trip in the Golfo Nuevo off the shore of Puerto Madryn

3hrs: 150 USD

Visit the outstanding Museum of Paleontology in the Welsh town of Trelew and see the impressive ancient remains

MEF Entrance: 95 USD

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### DAY 6

Destination	Puerto Madryn 🗺️ Camarones
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we will drive south along the coast and have an included visit to the incredible remote colony of Magellanic Penguins in Cabo Dos Bahias (Cape Two Bays), close to the town of Camarones. After seeing the phenomenal sight of thousands of penguins nesting on the shore, we will head to the nearby small town of Camarones.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 5

Daily Activities

Included Activities

Visit the penguin colony at Camarones

### DAY 7

Destination	Camarones 🗺️ Jaramillo Petrified Forest
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

From Camarones we set off on an all day drive following the South Atlantic coast.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 10

### DAY 8

Destination	Jaramillo 🗺️ El Calafate
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today we leave the coast behind and head west across the country to the town of El Calafate, the gateway to the Perito Moreno Glacier.

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 12

### DAY 9

Destination	El Calafate
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today we will head out on an included full day guided visit to view the stunning Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the most spectacular sights in Patagonia.

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

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### Daily Activities

#### Included Activities

Guided full day trip to the Perito Moreno Glacier

#### Optional Activities

Boat trip beneath the Perito Moreno Glacier

1 hour: 1,000 ARS

Learn all about glaciers at the fantastic modern Glaciarium Museum in El Calafate and visit its cool ice bar in the basement!

Entrance to museum and ice bar: 600 ARS

### DAY 10

Destination	El Calafate 🚗 Torres del Paine
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Border information: Exit Argentina at Cerro Castillo and enter Chile at Cerro Castillo. Today we will drive to the world-famous Torres del Paine National Park. This is one of the most outstanding areas of natural beauty in the world and a main highlight of the trip for many of our passengers and leaders! We will stop en route in Puerto Natales to stock up on supplies and pick up our local guides and cook who will accompany us during our time in the National Park.

Tonight we will camp at Camping Pehoe, a stunning campsite inside the National Park with incredible views of Los Cuernos mountains, which we will refer to as our 'base campsite'.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 9

### Daily Activities

#### Included Activities

4 days in the rugged Torres del Paine National Park, trekking the W walk with a local guide

### DAY 11

Destination	Torres de Paine
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Embark on the W-Walk with a local guide. Places at the campsites are limited by the National Park, so we book them in advance of your trip. We will be trekking the W-Walk from West to East, to enjoy the spectacular views.

This morning we will wake early and transfer by truck for the morning Catamaran to cross Lago Pehoe. We will then set up camp at Paine Grande, before continuing on our hike towards the lookout for Glacier Grey.

Accommodation: Camping

### DAY 12

Destination	Torres de Paine
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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Today we depart from our camp at Paine Grande and hike into the stunning French Valley. In the afternoon, we will make our way to Camp Cuernos.

The hike is approximately 8 hours.

Accommodation: Camping

### DAY 13

Destination	Torres de Paine
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we have a slightly easier day, we will hike from Camping Cuernos along the edge of Lago Nodenskjold, around Almirante Nieto and stay just outside Valley Ascencio. We will arrive at Camp Central after approximately 5 hours hiking.

Accommodation: Camping

### DAY 14

Destination	Torres de Paine
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This is our final day of the W-Walk and the most spectacular. The day begins with a steady climb from our camp site up Rio Asencio. Be prepared for the final hour which is a relatively steep scramble up to the Tarn and Mirrador Las Torres, affording great views of the iconic Towers.

Our hike today is approximately 8 hours for the return trip (16km). We will spend the night at Camp Central again.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 2

### DAY 15

Destination	Torres del Paine 🚗 Tierra del Fuego
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we have an early start to leave Torres del Paine and head south to cross the Magellan Straits onto the island of Tierra del Fuego.

Tonight we will wild bush camp somewhere in the desolate wilds of the Chilean side of Tierra del Fuego.

Accommodation: Wild Camp

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 10

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### DAY 16

Destination	Tierra del Fuego 🚗 Ushuaia
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Border information: Exit Chile at San Sebastian, enter Argentina at San Sebastian

Today we cross over to the Argentine side of Tierra del Fuego and drive to the incredible port town of Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world!

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 6

### DAY 17

Destination	Ushuaia
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

We will have a free day in the remote town of Ushuaia, with plenty of time for optional activities such as a visit to the hauntingly beautiful Tierra del Fuego National Park, boat trips to see the scenery and wildlife of the Beagle Channel, or heading out horse riding along the coast.

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Beagle channel boat trips

4 hours: 2,040 ARS

Explore Tierra del Fuego National Park on a day tour from Ushuaia

4 hour guided tour: 1,450 ARS

Learn all about Tierra del Fuego's history and nature at the Museum of the End of the World in Ushuaia

Entrance: 300 ARS

Delve into Ushuaia's past and learn about it's maritime tradition and former prison colony at the Maritime Museum

Entrance: 400 ARS

Take a journey along the Rio Pipo on the Train to the End of the World. Once built by prisoners at Ushuaia's old penal colony

Train trip: 44 USD

### DAY 18

Destination	Ushuaia 🚗 Tierra del Fuego
Meals included	Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Border information: Exit Argentina at San Sebastian, enter Chile at San Sebastian. Today we start heading back north and back onto the Chilean side of Tierra del Fuego. Here we will visit the small King Penguin colony that have recently set up home at the remote Bahia Inutil (Useless Bay).

Accommodation: Wild Camp

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Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 7

Daily Activities

Included Activities

Head out to the remote corner of Chilean Tierra del Fuego. If time allows, visit the King Penguin colony at Bahía Inutil, the only colony of these type of penguins outside of Antarctica

### DAY 19

Destination	Tierra del Fuego 🇲🇵 Argentinian Patagonia
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Border information: Exit Chile at Integración Austral, enter Argentina at Integración Austral. Today we continue our journey north, crossing the Magellan Strait back to the mainland and then heading across the Argentine border.

Accommodation: Wild Camp

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 8

### DAY 20

Destination	El Chalten
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today we will continue north, overlanding across the Patagonian steppe and to the small town of El Chaltén, situated in Los Glaciares National Park and famous for its incredible mountains, glaciers and world-class trekking opportunities.

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 3

### DAY 21

Destination	El Chalten
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

We will have a day to enjoy the stunning Los Glaciares National Park and the incredible scenery of the nearby Mt. Fitz Roy. There are lots of trekking and walking opportunities here, as well as boat trips, horse riding, and many other fantastic options.

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Enjoy a spectacular kayaking trip down the Rio de las Vueltas taking in some incredible views of the surrounding mountains

Min 2 passengers: 150 USD

Visit the majestic Lago del Desierto, a remote and serene lake surrounded by stunning forests and mountains

Full day cycling tour: 500 USD

Horse riding and trekking around El Chalten

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## TOUR ITINERARY

2 hours ride inc transfer: 60 ARS

Head on a rock-climbing course in the magnificent landscapes surrounding El Chalten

Full day course: 163 USD

Take a boat out onto the stunning Viedma Lake and get up close to the Viedma Glacier to see its impressive facade.

2.5hr boat trip: 1,100 ARS

### DAY 22

Destination	El Chalten 🚗 Rio Pinturas
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we start heading north again with a full day drive along the famous Ruta 40 (Route 40).

Accommodation: Wild Camp

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 10

### DAY 23

Destination	Rio Pinturas 🚗 Cerro Castillo
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Border information: Exit Argentina at Ingeniero Pallavecini, enter Chile at Puerto Ingeniero Ibáñez. Today we will drive across the border into the magnificent scenery of the Chilean Carretera Austral, possibly one of the most stunning areas in South America, with the beautiful mountains of the Cerro Castillo National Reserve. In Cerro Castillo we will camp in a lovely family-run campsite with basic facilities, where we will enjoy a Chilean BBQ.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 8

Daily Activities

Included Activities

Enjoy a traditional Chilean BBQ

### DAY 24

Destination	Cerro Castillo
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

We have a free day here to enjoy optional activities such as hiking to the turquoise waters of Laguna Cerro Castillo or to go horse riding.

Accommodation: Camping

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Explore the beautiful mountain scenery of Cerro Castillo on a horse riding trip

2hr 15min ride: 18,000 CLP

Hike to the stunning Laguna Cerro Castillo

NP entrance: 10,000 CLP

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### DAY 25

Destination	Cerro Castillo 🚗 Puyuhuapi
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we drive through the Chilean fjords to Queluat National Park, where we can take a walk in the enchanted forest to see the spectacular Hanging Glacier.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 6

Daily Activities

Included Activities

Visit the stunning Queulat National Park and take a trek through the 'Enchanted Forest' to view the magnificent Hanging Glacier

### DAY 26

Destination	Puyuhuapi 🚗 Futaleufu
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we continue to the rafting mecca of Futaleufú, a frontier town on the northern end of the Carreterra Austral, bordering Argentina. The Rio Futaleufú is one of the premier white water rafting rivers in the world, but the town is also a great spot for mountain biking, trekking and canyoning.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 6

### DAY 27

Destination	Futaleufu
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

We have time in Futaleufu to relax and enjoy the surroundings or to do optional activities.

Accommodation: Camping

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Head out for an exhilarating rafting or kayaking trip on the Grade 5 white water rapids near Futaleufú (if time allows) 2-6 hours. 5 pax minimum: 65,000 CLP

### DAY 28

Destination	Futaleufu 🚗 Bariloche
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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## TOUR ITINERARY

Today we continue our journey to the picturesque town of Bariloche in Argentina's Lake District. We will see a definite change in the landscape today as the vegetation becomes more lush and green as we come out of the Patagonia region and into the forests of the Lake District.

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 7

### DAY 29

Destination	Bariloche
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

We will have a free day to enjoy the beautiful mountain town of Bariloche and the stunning surrounding lakes, mountains and forests. We have options to explore the area by foot, mountain bike, kayak or boat.

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Horse riding around Bariloche

Half day riding: 1,750 ARS

Discover the incredible scenery of the Nahuel Huapi Lake and the Victoria Islands on a boat trip from Bariloche

Full day trip: 1,800 ARS

Hire mountain bikes to explore the forests and hills surrounding Lake Nahuel Huapi and Bariloche

Full day hire, including helmet: 900 ARS

Explore the nearby Lago Gutierrez and take in its amazing views from the water on a half-day tandem kayaking trip

1/2 day: 790 ARS

Visit the interesting Fenoglio Chocolate Museum in Bariloche and learn all about the towns tradition of chocolate making

Entrance: 200 ARS

### DAY 30

Destination	Bariloche 🚗 Pucon
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Border information: Exit Argentina at Mamuil Malal, enter Chile at Mamuil Malal. Today we journey through the Andes into Chile and continue to the town of Pucón via the scenic Ruta de los Siete Lagos (Seven Lakes Route).

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 10

### DAY 31

Destination	Pucon
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

We will have a free day in Pucón to enjoy a range of optional activities, including a sunrise expedition to climb the

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Villarica volcano which looms over Pucón, heading out horse riding through the surrounding forests, or an evening visit to the nearby natural hot springs.

Accommodation: Multishare Hostel

Daily Activities

Optional Activities

Trek up the snowcapped volcano Mt Villarica

Chairlift : 10,000 CLP

Tour: 95,000 CLP

Explore the spectacular Lake District near Pucón by mountain bike

Full day hire : 10,000 CLP

Take part in a fantastic canyoning expedition through the gorges of the Chilean Lake District near Pucón

Canyoning tour: 25,000 CLP

Horseriding or hikes around Pucon

Horse riding (3hrs): 35,000 CLP

Explore the stunning views and hiking trails of the nearby Huerquehue National Park

Entrance to NP and public bus fare : 7,000 CLP

Head on an exciting white-water rafting trip on the rapids of the Trancura River near Pucón

Rafting : 25,000 CLP

Relax in the soothing waters of the Pozones natural hot springs

Entrance : 12,000 CLP

Learn all about Pucón and the history of its people on a free walking tour of the town

Tips only : Free

### DAY 32

Destination	Pucon 🚗 Buchapureo
Meals included	Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today we will leave the Chilean Lake District behind and head to the coast to the laid back, farming village of Buchapureo, where we can relax by the beach.

Accommodation: Camping

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 7

### DAY 33

Destination	Buchapureo 🚗 Santiago
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning we head into the wine region where we will make a stop at a vineyard for a wine tour and tasting. In the afternoon we continue our journey to the cosmopolitan Chilean capital of Santiago.

Accommodation: Basic Hotel

Today's approximate drive time (hrs): 6

Daily Activities

Included Activities

Whet your palette during wine tasting at a vineyard in San Javier

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### DAY 34

Destination	Santiago
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Border information: if you are finishing in Santiago, you will most likely exit Chile at Santiago Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport (IATA code: SCL).

Today is a free day to explore the cosmopolitan Chilean capital.

Today is the end day for passengers finishing their trip in Santiago. Please note there is no accommodation included on the trip tonight - please contact the Sales Team if you are interested in booking extra nights of accommodation in order to fully explore and take part in some of the optional activities listed below.

#### Daily Activities

#### Optional Activities

Discover all of Santiago's sights on a hop-on/hop-off bus around the city

Tour: 21,000 CLP

Learn more about Santiago and its history on a free walking tour of the centre from a knowledgeable local guide

Tour: Free

Take in the breathtaking vista of the city skyline backdropped by the mighty Andes from the viewpoints at Cerro San Cristobal or Cerro San Lucia

Cable car: 2,500 CLP

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### Inclusions

#### WHATS INCLUDED

Two Dragoman Crew Members, Local Guides where necessary  
Travel by Overland Expedition Vehicle, Local Bus, Ferry, Boat  
Comfortable Hotel 2 nights, Camping 16 nights, Multishare Hostel 10 nights, Wild Camp 4 nights, Basic Hotel 1 night  
Breakfasts x 22, Lunches x 19, Dinners x 20  
Visit the penguin colony at Camarones, Guided full day trip to the Perito Moreno Glacier, 4 days in the rugged Torres del Paine National Park, trekking the W walk with a local guide, Head out to the remote corner of Chilean Tierra del Fuego. If time allows, visit the King Penguin colony at Bahia Inutil, the only colony of these type of penguins outside of Antarctica

### Fine Print

#### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

##### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$375 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of \$300 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 position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur

#### OPTIONAL TOURS

Buenos Aires - Learn all about the cuisine of Argentina on a food tour of Buenos Aires visiting several incredible local top-class eateries that you won't find in the guidebooks! - USD 85

Buenos Aires - Watch a football game at La Bombonera - ARS 300

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Buenos Aires - Enjoy a free city tour of Buenos Aires - Free

Buenos Aires - Explore the beautiful area of Palermo Viejo see the incredible modern sculpture of Floralis Genérica and head out to the area's bars and restaurants at night - Free

Buenos Aires - Visit the strangely beautiful cemetery of Recoleta the final resting place of many ex-presidents and Argentine icons most famously including the tomb of Eva Peron - Free

Buenos Aires - Head out to a tango show in Buenos Aires' oldest cafe the Gran Cafe Tortoni - seeing a slice of iconic Argentine culture in an ideal and intimate setting - ARS 650

Puerto Madryn - Set off on a boat trip from Puerto Madryn in search of playful Commerson's dolphins (all year) or Dusky dolphins (December to March) and Southern Right whales (May to December)! - USD 47

Puerto Madryn - Visit the fascinating modern marine interpretation centre of EcoCentro Mar Patagonia and learn all about the unique ecosystems of the Patagonian sea - USD 25

Puerto Madryn - Explore the intriguing Welsh village of Gaiman near Trelew and visit one of its iconic tea houses. Transfers by bus - USD 12

Puerto Madryn - Discover the incredible colony of sea lions at Punta Loma near to Puerto Madryn - ARS 100

Puerto Madryn - Explore the incredible shipwrecks and rocky reefs under the water on a scuba diving trip in the Golfo Nuevo off the shore of Puerto Madryn - USD 150

Puerto Madryn - USD 95

El Calafate - Boat trip to the Perito Moreno Glacier - ARS 1000

El Calafate - Learn all about glaciers at the fantastic modern Glaciarium Museum in El Calafate and visit its cool ice bar in the basement! - ARS 600

Ushuaia - Beagle channel boat trip - ARS 2040

Ushuaia - Explore Tierra del Fuego National Park on a day tour from Ushuaia - ARS 1450

Ushuaia - Learn all about Tierra del Fuego's history and nature at the Museum of the End of the World in Ushuaia - ARS 300

Ushuaia - Delve into Ushuaia's past and learn about its maritime tradition and former prison colony at the Maritime Museum - ARS 400

Ushuaia - Take a journey along the Rio Pipo on the Train to the End of the World. Once built by prisoners at Ushuaia's old penal colony - USD 44

El Chalten - Enjoy a spectacular kayaking trip down the Rio de las Vueltas taking in some incredible views of the surrounding mountains. in 2 passengers: USD 150

El Chalten - Visit the majestic Lago del Desierto, a remote and serene lake surrounded by stunning forests and mountains. Full day cycling tour: USD 500

El Chalten - Horse riding and trekking around El Chalten. 2 hours ride inc transfer. ARS 60

El Chalten - Head on a rock-climbing course in the magnificent

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landscapes surrounding El Chalten. Full day course. USD 163

El Chalten - Take a boat out onto the stunning Viedma Lake and get up close to the Viedma Glacier to see its impressive facade. 2.5hr boat trip - ARS 1100

Cerro Castillo - Explore the beautiful mountain scenery of Cerro Castillo on a horse riding trip. 2h15h - CLP 18000

Cerro Castillo - Hike to the stunning Laguna Cerro Castillo. NP Entrance fee. CLP10000

Futaleufu - Head out for an exhilarating rafting or kayaking trip on the Grade 5 white water rapids near Futaleufu (if time allows). 2-6 hours. 5 pax minimum - CLP 65000

Bariloche - Horse riding around Bariloche

Bariloche - Discover the incredible scenery of the Nahuel Huapi Lake and the Victoria Islands on a boat trip from Bariloche. Full day trip - ARS 1800

Bariloche - Hire mountain bikes to explore the forests and hills surrounding Lake Nahuel Huapi and Bariloche Full day hire, including helmet - ARS 900

Bariloche - Explore the nearby Lago Gutierrez and take in its amazing views from the water on a half-day tandem kayaking trip .1/2 day - ARS 790

Bariloche - Visit the interesting Fenoglio Chocolate Museum in Bariloche and learn all about the towns tradition of chocolate making. Entrance - ARS 200

Pucon - Trek up the snowcapped volcano Mt Villarica Chairlift - CLP 10000. Tour - CLP 95000

Pucon - Explore the spectacular Lake District near Pucón by mountain bike. Full day hire. CLP 10000

Pucon - Take part in a fantastic canyoning expedition through the gorges of the Chilean Lake District near Pucón. Canyoning tour - CLP 25000

Pucon - Horseriding or hikes around Pucon. Horse riding (3hrs) - CLP 35000

Pucon - Explore the stunning views and hiking trails of the nearby Huerquehue National Park Entrance to NP and public bus fare - CLP 7000

Pucon - Head on an exciting white-water rafting trip on the rapids of the Trancura River near Pucón Rafting - CLP 25000

Pucon - Relax in the soothing waters of the Pozones natural hot springs. Entrance - CLP 12000

Pucon - Learn all about Pucón and the history of its people on a free walking tour of the town. Tips only. Free

Santiago - Discover all of Santiago's sights on a hop-on/hop-off bus around the city tour - CLP 21000

Santiago - Learn more about Santiago and its history on a free walking tour of the centre from a knowledgeable local guide tour - Free

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Santiago - Take in the breathtaking vista of the city skyline backdropped by the mighty Andes from the viewpoints at Cerro San Cristobal or Cerro San Lucia cable car - CLP 2500

### EXCLUSIONS

Tour Kitty of USD \$1220 per person is not included in the price and it is payable locally (refer to Important Information)

- Airfares
- Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Accommodation**

Dragoman's overland trips are designed for shared accommodation, whether camping or staying in hotels or hostels, and therefore do not involve a single supplement. Whilst our crew will do their best to accommodate couples travelling together in twin rooms, all our travellers should expect to stay in multi-share accommodation when staying in hostels, gers or yurts. The type, variety and standard of accommodation will vary greatly depending on what options are available at the time; hotels can vary from very basic rooms without electricity or running water to high standard hotels with good facilities! Generally in hotels most rooms will be single sex, twin-share, but in South America many rooms are triple/quad-share. Hostels, gers and yurts are nearly always multi-share and may be mixed sex.

The campsites will range from rather basic to those with excellent facilities, including swimming pools, restaurants and bars. In some cases it may also be possible to upgrade locally to bungalows, lodges or even tree-houses. One of the highlights of overlanding is that in more remote areas we wild camp away from the tourist crowds. Occasionally on some of our trips we are able to stay in villages or local homestays allowing us to get close to the indigenous population and ensuring that our money stays within the local community.

#### Single Supplement

We do not offer a single supplement during the booking stage, as this will be unavailable for camping with a full truck, and difficult to confirm in many hotels. However, if you would like to 'upgrade' to having your own room whilst on the road then this is possible if you pay the difference yourself, subject to availability. Your tour leader will assist with this as they make ongoing bookings on the road.

#### Group Size

The maximum group size we take on our overland journeys ranges from 19 to 22 depending on the geographical location; however the

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average number of passengers is more likely to be around 16. On some departures there may be more than one truck doing the same route. This means that you will be in the same hotel or campsite as another Dragoman group on some days. To ensure that you are not always at the same place at the same time as another group, your itinerary will most likely be slightly altered from the itinerary advertised on the website and in the Trip Itinerary. Even on the majority of our trips where there is only the one truck, you may from time to time meet up with other groups at points on the road, and may partake in activities jointly with other groups on these occasions.

### Meals and Group Participation

On an overland journey you are more than just an individual passenger - you're part of the team. You are expected to pitch in to set up camp, shop for food, cook and generally help out. As part of your trip you will be assigned a truck job which could be collecting water and firewood, sweeping out the truck, loading the back locker, etc. While camping on overland journeys, the meals are included in the kitty. This means that you will have to work together to cook for everyone in your group. You will be divided into smaller units of 3-4 people and take it in turns to cook for the whole group according to a rota system. When it is your group's turn to cook you will have to plan the meal, shop for the ingredients in local markets or supermarkets and then prepare the meal for the whole group. The secret to cooking for 20+ people using a basic camping kitchen is to keep it simple! (On trips south of Nairobi we have a cook on board the truck; however you will still be required to help them to prepare meals). An example of a typical camp breakfast might be toast with spreads, fruit and cereal as well as tea and coffee. When time allows it will also be possible to serve something hot such as eggs or pancakes. Lunch is almost always a sandwich heaped high with healthy salad and assorted fillings, with fruit to follow. Dinner might be a BBQ, risotto or pasta dish and there is always the chance to try some local cooking. Generally our passengers find the more they put into a trip, the more they benefit from it.

### Our Overland Trucks

Dragoman's fleet is truly unique. We use rugged and sturdy Mercedes-Benz trucks (known for their durability) that will take you off road and off the beaten track. They are specially modified at our workshop in Suffolk, UK, into our custom designed overland vehicles. Features such as our integrated cabs are unique to Dragoman trucks, and our customers regularly say that they make our trucks the best on the road. With their distinctive orange and white livery and their personalised names, our trucks have become iconic. All of our trucks are affectionately named and have their own individual personality. Many of our passengers remember the name of their truck many years after

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their trip!

Our trucks are fully equipped for self-sufficient wild camping, and have comfortable coach-style seating. All Dragoman trucks are owned and maintained by us, and our crew follow a strict maintenance schedule - this means we can manage the quality and safety of our fleet. We currently have 26 overland trucks (and 1 overland bus) on the road worldwide, and the fleet is growing all the time! For more information on our trucks, please visit: <https://dragoman.com/overlanding/our-trucks/meet-the-fleet>

### The Kitty

In addition to the trip price on our overlanding trips, you will also be required to pay a kitty specified for your trip. The kitty is payable in instalments at the start of each section of the trip for combination trips, and in full at the start of the trip for individual trips. Each customer joining a trip pays their kitty into a central fund. The fund is managed by the Dragoman crew and the kitty accounts can be viewed by all throughout the trip. The kitty covers all things that the whole group does, such as:

- Hotel accommodation and campsite fees
- Meals whilst camping (not whilst staying in hotels)
- Activities listed as included (e.g. National Park or historical site entrances, excursions, etc.)

The kitty system is unique to overlanding and allows us to have flexibility and transparency on our trips. You can see exactly how your money is being spent and ensure that you are getting the best value by buying locally. It also helps to keep the costs competitive and save on administration costs so that we can pass the saving on to you.

Dragoman makes NO PROFIT on kitties, as they are the group's fund. We constantly update the kitty prices on our website and the kitty advertised in the brochure is an estimate at the time of printing. Prices can go up or down with no notice, and exchange rate fluctuations will affect costs. If there is money left in the kitty at the end of your trip, then this is divided between the group and you receive a refund. Once you book your trip it is very important that you check our website on a regular basis and just before departure for any changes to the kitty amount. Some hotels and hostels increase their rates substantially over Christmas and New Year. Please therefore be aware that the kitty for trips in this period may be substantially higher than for the rest of the year and an additional amount may be required from you.

### Paying your kitty

Remember to arrange to bring sufficient cash USD to pay your kitty at the start of the trip, or to arrange for prepayment (if available for your trip). If you choose to prepay your kitty then this must be done via bank transfer 3-4 weeks before the start of your trip. Please note that prepayment is not available for our trips to West Africa, Iran, Tajikistan,

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and any trip in Africa north of Nairobi. For more details on how to prepay your kitty, please refer to your Kitty Payments sheet which will be sent to you via email or visit this link:

[https://www.dragoman.com/files/Dragoman\\_Kitty\\_Document.pdf](https://www.dragoman.com/files/Dragoman_Kitty_Document.pdf)

If you are bringing the kitty out in cash, please ensure your USD notes are clean and undamaged and no more than 8 years old. If needed, your tour leader will be able to accept some of the kitty in local currency, and they will let you know the exchange rate locally. In most destinations you can withdraw local currencies from ATM machines, using either a cash passport or a credit/debit card. However, please bear in mind that most cards have a maximum withdrawal amount per day, local ATMs may run out of cash, and your bank could block the card despite you warning them of your travel plans, so it could be impractical to try to get the entire kitty out from an ATM.

Please note that we cannot accept traveller's cheques on our trips.

### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected. We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

### 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.

### Visa information for Argentina

Citizens of the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada and all EU countries will not need a visa to visit Argentina as a tourist for up to 90 days. Citizens of other countries should check with the relevant consulates as to whether a visa is required. If a visa is required, you will need to obtain it in advance.

### Visa information for Chile

Citizens of the UK, Ireland, New Zealand, USA, Canada and most EU countries will not need a visa to visit Chile as a tourist for up to 90 days. Before December 15, 2019 Australian tourists entering Chile through Santiago International Airport were required to pay a "reciprocity fee" of US\$117. From 9 May 2020, Australians will be required to obtain e-visas to enter Chile. Citizens of other countries should check with the relevant consulates as to whether a visa is required. If a visa is required, you will need to obtain it in advance.

### Patagonia Notes

This trip will be travelling to the southernmost point of South America, and you should expect extreme weather conditions. It can be bitterly

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cold and very windy with heavy rain at any time of the year, even during the summer. The weather changes extremely fast so you should expect four seasons' weather in one day. Therefore please remember to prepare accordingly – this is a tough trip and should not be taken lightly. We suggest you take plenty of good quality warm, waterproof and windproof clothing and use the layering system to keep warm. As you will spend a number of nights camping, we recommend you bring a good camping mat, a good quality 4 season sleeping bag, a sleeping bag liner and a small pillow to keep comfortable.

Patagonia's peak season is the summer (Mid November to February). The days are long, typically temperatures are around 20°C during the day, dropping to 8°C at night, though whilst generally warm in the summer, it can often be very windy, with rain. If you are travelling during the peak season be aware that activities and camp sites sell out fast and you will be sharing the trails with a greater number of fellow trekkers. Please note that due to the popularity of the region, we also find that prices can increase significantly during high season. In the shoulder season the days are much colder, but often clearer and brighter, with fewer people on the trails, though be aware that some activities may not have opened fully. Springtime (October to November) brings the colourful spring blooms. March to May is the best time to see the autumn foliage and makes for stunning photographs. If you choose to travel at this time, be sure to pack a good down jacket and a 4 season sleeping bag and liner, as the nights can be very cold. During the shoulder season there is an option to upgrade into basic cabins or hostels at some of the campsites that we stay in along the way. Please budget an extra USD10-15 per night for such upgrades.

### The W Walk

We include the full 4 day W walk in Torres del Paine NP as standard in our kitty. This includes transfers to the start and finish points, camping equipment, full board and the services of an English speaking local guide throughout the trip.

The W walk involves 4 days of trekking and 3 overnight stays away from the truck. Your tents will be set up at pre-booked campsites at Paine Grande, Los Cuernos and Las Torres, and meals included. It is important to bear in mind that you will have to carry your own personal effects for the duration of the trek, e.g. sleeping mat, sleeping bag, clothes, toiletries, snacks, water, etc. Some days of the W walk can be shortened for those wishing to trek slightly shorter distances, for example on Day 2 it is possible to trek to the first view point and return to Paine Grande via the same route, reducing the trek by half. It is possible to hire porters for the W walk at a cost of CLP150,000 per porter. Their maximum load is 15kg. We recommend that you put your bag into a waterproof liner or dry sack before giving it to a porter. In high season

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(mid November to mid March) we recommended contacting your travel consultant to book your porter in advance.

For anyone who wishes to stay at our base camp, this can be arranged in advance through your travel consultant. This package will include camping and full board at our base camp at Camping Pehoe, as well as the opportunity to join the W walkers for guided single day hikes to Glacier Grey and the Las Torres viewpoint. Transfers will be provided your crew in the truck. Please note that the price is the same whether you choose to stay at the base camp, or take part in the full W walk; however in order for us to make arrangements for meal provisions, you must tell us in advance if you will not be trekking the W walk.

### Contingency Emergency Fund

Sometimes, civil or political unrest, or reasons beyond Dragoman's control (e.g. a natural disaster), can mean that an itinerary is disrupted and we have to make a contingency plan. This may involve hiring alternate transport or even the whole group flying over an area. Although Dragoman will help organise travel arrangements, in circumstances outside Dragoman's control you will be required to contribute the additional costs involved and therefore we ask you to bring the equivalent of USD400 as a contingency fund. In almost all cases trips run smoothly and this fund is therefore never used. We also recommend that you bring an internationally recognised credit or charge card with a decent limit in case of emergencies, such as medical treatment en route, or even the need to be repatriated; though these occurrences are rare. Remember that travel insurance policies in some instances only refund you for expenses after you have already paid out.

### A Few Rules

We expect all group members to act respectfully towards our staff and other group members. Bullying will not be tolerated. Engaging in commercial or exploitative sexual activities, committing acts of violence or threatening violence towards local people, other group members or any member of our staff is not allowed. Any customer engaging in such activities will be required to leave the trip immediately with no refund of the trip price. You must at all times comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of all countries visited and conduct yourself in accordance with our responsible travel policy. Any customer found contravening such laws or regulations will be required to leave the trip immediately with no refund of the trip price. Although we are aware that in some parts of the world taking, carrying or selling drugs, or carrying weapons may be legal, it is not acceptable for Dragoman customers and our tour leaders have the right to ask you to leave the trip immediately with no refund of the trip price if you are found to be engaging in such activities.

### Issues on the trip

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While we always endeavour to provide the best possible holiday experience, due to the nature of travel and the areas we visit sometimes things can and do go wrong. Should any issue occur while you are on your trip, it is imperative that you discuss this with your group leader or our local partner straight away so that they can do their best to rectify the problem and save any potential negative impact on the rest of your trip. We recognise that there may be times when your group leader may not be able to resolve a situation to your satisfaction. If this is the case please contact our customer relations department on [customer-relations@dragoman.co.uk](mailto:customer-relations@dragoman.co.uk). You may also choose to provide details in your feedback questionnaire which we ask you to complete at the end of your trip, but we do ask you to be aware that it is very difficult for us to provide any practical help after the trip is complete

### Triple Share

Not available.

### Children

Children must be 18 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

### Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.