



# ARGENTINA AND CHILE

## AUSTRALIS CRUISE

IGUAZU - USHUAIA - CRUCERO - TORRES DEL PAINE - EL CALAFATE - BUENOS AIRES

## TRIP ITINERARY

### DAY 01 | COUNTRY OF ORIGIN - BUENOS AIRES

Departure in the international night flight. Night on board.

### DAY 02 | BUENOS AIRES - IGUAZU

Arrival at Ezeiza International Airport. Our staff will be waiting there, to provide assistance in terminal change and to deliver the necessary documents for the trip. Next, you will board the flight and arrive at Puerto Iguazú. Reception and regular transfer service to the hotel.

### DAY 03 | IGUAZU

Regular trip to the Argentinian side of the Iguazú Falls. The tour starts at the hotel you are staying in. After picking you up at that location, you will be taken to the entrance to the Iguazú National Park. The train called "Reinforest Train" departs from the Visitor's Center, an ecological train that goes all along the Misiones rainforest towards the Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat), the starting point of a walkway to one of the most striking landscapes in Argentina, next to the jump after which the Union Jump was named, a place impossible to describe in words for its beauty and energy that makes everyone feel thrilled. A place not to be missed! The trip continues in the next stop: the Iguazu Falls. Here, you have two options: you can either go on the Upper Circuit, which has a 500-meter distance, or the Lower Circuit, a number of walkways that allow appreciating such a natural wonder from another angle.

**To finish** this unforgettable trip, we highly recommend to hire "The Great Adventure: Iguazu Falls Baptism", which is an optional tour: a combination of a nautical adventure riding on Zodiac boats, in which you will go on a six-kilometers ride down the Lower Iguazú River going through rapids to finish your round in the Devil's Throat Canyon, and a ride on an uncovered double-traction vehicle through the rainforest, where you will have the chance to fully appreciate the flora and, if you are lucky, the native fauna. 1-day trip. People going on this trip should take insect repellent, trainers and comfortable clothes.

### DAY 04 | IGUAZU

Regular trip to the Brazilian side of the Iguazú Falls and the Bird Park. Departure from the hotel to the Foz do Iguazú National Park. In this visitor area, you will find a single 950-meter long walkway, located on the Iguazú River Gully Falls, where you will witness a really impressive view of the Jumps. The tour reaches its climax when you get to the Devil's Throat, where the sound of the falling water profoundly shakes visitors. Entrance fee is not included.

### DAY 05 | IGUAZU - BUENOS AIRES - USHUAIA

Regular transfer service to the Airport to board the Flight to Ushuaia. Reception and regular transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 06 | USHUAIA

In the morning, National Park & Nature tour. We will start the adventure at your hotel where you will board a 4x4 vehicle. The first stop will be Lapataia viewpoint inside the National Park, we will go on trekking to complete the last kilometers of the Ruta Nacional No. 3. When arriving to Lapataia Bay we will come across to a perfect place

for bird sighting. The trip continues along the beaver walkside to get to one of the dikes naturally built by this regional specie, where you will appreciate the impact that this sort of "structures" have on environment. Following a path that enters deeply into the forest, you get to the peatlands, made up of a great pile of moss and humus material that have a great capacity for water storage. In the southern part of the park, we can find the Lake Acigami ( Lake Roca), a place not be missed, so that you can admire the scenario drawn by the Andes Mountains (Cordillera de los Andes) as background, while you enjoy having a snack. The trip finishes at the Ensenada Bay, where the most southern sub post-office is located.

**Note:** During the winter months (April to October) the trekking circuit does not take place, tours are only made in 4x4 vehicles. The End of the World Train can also be made optionally.

**During the evening,** you will navigate through the Beagle Channel to the Sea lions' Island and reach the Les Eclaireirs Lighthouse (known as the Lighthouse at the end of the world). This trek starts at the touristic local quay, point where the ship sets sail to go through the vast Ushuaia Bay until arriving at the Beagle Channel. It is in this point that you can navigate around the Bird Island -where you can appreciate birdlife in this region by watching species such as skuas, albatrosses, steamer duck, cauquenes, Kelp Gulls and grey gulls- and the Sea Lion's island, where you can find the southern sea lions and southern fur seals. When you reach Les Eclaireirs Lighthouse (The illuminators, in French), you will see colonies of Imperial Cormorants and Rock Cormorants. Along the trip, the guide will not only mention the main features of each of the species spotted, but he will also explain how important that maritime passage was for the development of the city. In the trip back to the city, the view of the mountain range surrounding Ushuaia is superb, along with the splendid nature surrounding it. In is a trip of great historical significance and landscape design.

## DAY 07 | USHUAIA

Full day excursion with picnic lunch Lagos Off Road in 4 x 4. After breakfast, with the first rays of morning sun, we will venture into a full day Safari, Defender vehicles (4x4) with lunch included. The crossing will allow us to connect in a different way with the most recondite landscapes of the island of Tierra del Fuego. Along dirt paths and bypassing streams, we will reach the imposing coast of Lake Fagnano, where we can take a moment to contemplate this extraordinary place and its particular energy. From there, vehicles will begin to travel difficult roads (off-road) offering views of unparalleled beauty. Then we will start a trek through the forest to the Escondido Lake, where there is a mountain refuge. When crossing the coast we will observe the community of beavers, their constructions and reservoirs, creating a habitat to house their family. In this wonderful environment, we will enjoy a barbecue in the best Argentine style, accompanied with Malbec wine, and the opportunity to relax, share talks and replenish energy. After lunch, whoever wants it, will be able to navigate, in canoe, the calm waters of the Escondido Lake and explore the amazing landscape.

**Optional** to replace the excursion with "EXPERIENCIA PESCA DE CENTOLLA": An unforgettable day in a picturesque village by the sea. You will feel part of the people sailing, fishing your own spider crab and cooking it in a family house, learning the culinary secrets to prepare it in the Patagonian style.

## DAY 08 | USHUAIA - AUSTRALIS CRUISE

Transfer service to the cruise line offices to checking-in. Free time to go around the City, boarding starts at 17hs. Night on board. Meals: all-inclusive.

## DAY 09 | CABO DE HORNOS - BAHIA WULAIA

Navigation through Murray Channel and Nassau Bay to harbor Cabo de Hornos (Cape Horn). The legendary Cape Horn, discovered in 1616, is Cape Horn is a sheer 425-meter high rocky promontory. For many years it was the only navigation route between the Pacific and Atlantic, and was often referred to as the "End of the Earth." The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 2005. In the afternoon, we will disembark in Wulaia Bay Originally the site of one of the region's largest Yámana aboriginal settlements. Charles Darwin harbors at this place with the HMS Beagle on January 23, 1833. This area is also renowned for its mesmerizing beauty due to its flora and geography. We will reach at the panoramic viewpoint overlooking the bay after strolling through an enchanted Magellanic forest of lengas, coigües, canelos and ferns to reach panoramic viewpoints.

## DAY 10 | PIA GLACIER - GARIBALDI GLACIER

**In the morning** you will sail through the Northwest arm of the Beagle Channel to enter and disembark in the Pia fjord. Excursion to the viewpoint from where you can see the homonymous glacier, whose main tongue extends from the top of the mountain range to the sea.

**During the afternoon**, we enter the Garibaldi fjord, to make a trek through the cold Patagonian jungle, climbing to the base of a waterfall of glacial origin. From this point you will be able to appreciate an imposing landscape. For those who remain aboard, the Captain will head towards the Garibaldi glacier to appreciate the panoramic view from the outer decks.

## DAY 11 | SENO AGOSTINI - AGUILA GLACIER - CONDOR GLACIER

**In the morning**, we sail through the Cockburn Channel to enter the Agostini basin, where it will be possible to appreciate the glaciers that descend from the center of the Darwin mountain range, reaching some of them to the sea.

**During the morning**, disembark in Zodiac boats for a gentle hike around a lagoon formed by the melting of the Águila glacier, to which you will come face to face.

**In the afternoon**, sailing in Zodiac boats to get close to the Cóndor glacier. You will learn about the formation of glaciers and their influence on the rugged geography of the fueguine channels.

## OPTION 1: ACCOMMODATION AT LAS TORRES HOTEL – ALL INCLUSIVE PROGRAM

### DAY 12 | MAGDALENA ISLAND - PUNTA ARENAS - TORRES DEL PAINE

Early at sunrise, subject to climate condition, you will disembark at Magdalena Island, at the Magellan Strait, a spot where sailors and discoverers had to stop to get supplies for their voyages. This island is home to an immense colony of Magellan penguins, which can be seen in a stroll towards the lighthouse, guide to ships on their way through the strait. During September and April, this trip is replaced by a disembarkation at Marta Island, where you can see sea lions from the Zodiac boats. Once the visit is finished, the trip continues in Punta Arenas, where you will land at 11:30 a.m. Reception at the Punta Arenas Port and regular transfer service to the Torres del Paine National Park. Accommodation at the hotel.

### DAY 13 | TORRES DEL PAINE

After breakfast, we start the activities scheduled for the day. Among the trips offered under this program, you may choose: Full Day Paine, a funny alternative to visit the National Park, visiting viewpoints, going for a walk to observe the fauna and flora decorating the marvelous mountain chains that are part of the Paine Rock Mass to reach the Lake Grey, where you can navigate to the foot of the Glacier after which it was named; Salto Grande is a good choice to visit the Torres del Paine National Park in half a day. On this trip, you will visit the main viewpoints and walk along a path towards a viewpoint opposite the Paine Rock Mass; Horse-riding trip at the Estancia, especially thought for you so that you can approach horses, having prior or no experience at dealing with them. Tour guides and experts will teach you how to properly ride a horse, among other options.

### DAY 14 | TORRES DEL PAINE - EL CALAFATE

During the morning, transfer service to El Calafate will be provided. Accommodation at the hotel.

## OPTION 2: ACCOMMODATION AT PUERTO NATALES HOTEL

### DAY 12 | MAGDALENA ISLAND - PUNTA ARENAS - PUERTO NATALES

Early at sunrise, subject to climate condition, you will disembark at Magdalena Island, at the Magellan Strait, a spot where sailors and discoverers had to stop to get supplies for their voyages. This island is home to an immense colony of Magellan penguins, which can be seen in a stroll towards the lighthouse, guide to ships on their way through the strait. During September and April, this trip is replaced by a disembarkation at Marta Island, where you can see sea lions from the Zodiac boats. Once the visit is finished, the trip continues going in Punta Arenas, Areas, where you will land at 11:30 a.m.

Reception at the Punta Arenas Port and regular transfer service to the Torres del Paine National Park. Accommodation at the hotel.

## DAY 13 | PUERTO NATALES

Regular trip to the Torres del Paine National Park and Midolon Cave. From the hotel, we start our trip towards the Midolon Cave, a natural monument located at Benitez Mountain, 25 kilometers away from Puerto Natales, where Captain Eberhard found the rests (bones included) of a prehistoric animal called Midolon, which were almost intact. In this place, you will see a real-sized replica of this animal. This trip continues in the Torres del Paine National Park, declared Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, where you will enjoy the most varied landscapes, such as the Magellan Forest, the vast Patagonia steppe characterized for its strong winds and aridity, deep-blue lakes inhabited by sea birds, waterfalls and snowy mountains until you reach the Salto Grande, point where two important lakes connect: the Nordenskjold and the Pehoé. After having a delicious lunch, we go on an enjoyable stroll along the shore of the Lake Grey, from where we can see bluish icebergs and, at the bottom, the great Grey Glacier. Return to Puerto Natales.

## DAY 14 | PUERTO NATALES - EL CALAFATE

Morning transfer service to the bus station to take a bus to "El Calafate". Accommodation at the hotel.

## CONTINUANCE OF THE TRAVEL FOR OPTIONS 1 AND 2

### DAY 15 | EL CALAFATE

Regular and full-day trip to the Perito Moreno Glacier walkways, "Nautical Safari" navigation included. We pick you up at the hotel, and after driving for 80km we will arrive at the Parque Nacional Los Glaciares, declared "World Heritage" by the UNESCO, since a vast area of continental ice field is preserved. The glaciers Moreno, Onelli, Agassi and Upsala are fed by this ice field. The Perito Moreno, being the most breathtaking glacier, flows over the Lago Argentino and adopts a wide spectrum of colors from white to turquoise. The terminus of the Perito Moreno Glacier is 5 Km wide, with an average height of 70 m above the lake level. We start our ramble at the Viewpoint, coming down through the walkways opposite to the glacier. The vastness of the landscape can be observed and the sound of the constant ruptures. An amazing spectacle that cannot be missed! We will continue the trip taking the "NAUTICAL SAFARI", navigating though the Brazo Rico (southern arm) of the Lago Argentino. The trip lasts approximately one hour and gives tourists the possibility to "live" the glacier from a closest sight. Once we are just in front of the terminus, the ship will stop for some minutes to appreciate its beauty and vastness.

### DAY 16 | EL CALAFATE

Excursion sailing the Argentino Lake full day "Gourmet Glacier Experience", on the María Turquesa cruise. The Patagonian Ice Field is, after Antarctica, the largest ice sheet on the planet. Its glaciers originate at only 1500 m.s. of altitude and descend until 200 m.s.n.m., which allows a unique access and visualization in the world. This tour goes through some places of this Patagonian landscape, navigating with the highest comfort and with a gourmet gastronomy designed especially for a memorable experience. After boarding, at La Soledad Private Port (60 km from Calafate), navigation departs from the Argentino Lake, heading for the glaciers: Seco Glacier, Heim Glacier, Spegazzini Glacier, the highest in the National Park.

Disembarkation at Puesto de Las Vacas, to make an interesting walk. The route continues navigating the Upsalla Glacier Channels and the Perito Moreno Glacier. Lunch on board. In the afternoon, return to the Hotel of El Calafate.

### DAY 17 | EL CALAFATE - BUENOS AIRES

Regular transfer service to the Airport to board the Flight with destination to Buenos Aires. Reception and regular transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 18 | BUENOS AIRES

Half-day tour of the City of Buenos Aires, where you can learn about our history and enjoy the architectural legacy left by our ancestors, such as: Plaza de Mayo, the typical neighborhood of La Boca, formerly the natural port of the city, where at the end of the 19th century a thriving and growing Italian community began to settle with a preponderance of origin Genovés, "Caminito", street declared Museum, with its colorful houses; get to San Telmo, the oldest sector of the city, and pass almost without realizing, to Puerto Madero, the youngest neighborhood

where there are many international restaurants. Following the route you will reach Recoleta, for several decades the most prestigious neighborhood that is distinguished by the old buildings that are presented as a summary of the European architecture of the last century, and for their intense life given by neighbors and tourists who walk through its glamorous streets. Here you can visit the distinguished cemetery of great architectural value. The circuit ends in the neighborhood of Palermo, highly valued for its green spaces that form the lungs of Buenos Aires. At the end, return to the Hotel.

**At night**, the finishing touch will be a Dinner Tango Show, which is the best option for experiencing TANGO. The icing of the cake will be the orchestra led by renowned conductors and musicians, professional dancers and praiseworthy singers who live up to Buenos Aires reputation as capital city of Tango. Dinner includes appetizer, starters, main course, dessert and drinks.

## DAY 18 | BUENOS AIRES

**Day off.** We recommend a half-day trip to Tigre's delta, where you can discover Buenos Aires' landscapes from the Río de la Plata. Starting from the hotel you will go to San Isidro, an important district of great historical and architectural value. Once in the delta you will pick a boat, which will help you discover the islands life. Throughout the trip you will also found nautical clubs, on the river bank of the Río Luján, astonishing houses and mansions located on the ravine and a magnificent sight of Del Plata estuary, San Isidro's Cathedral, the Puerto de Olivos, the "Monumental" (River Plate stadium) and the University City of Buenos Aires.

## DAY 19 | BUENOS AIRES - COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Transfer service to the Airport to board the international Flight back home.