



ARGENTINA AND CHILE WITH ANDEAN CROSSING SANTIAGO - CRUCE ANDINO - BARILOCHE - EL CALAFATE - USHUAIA - BUENOS AIRES

TRIP ITINERARY

DAY 01 | COUNTRY OF ORIGIN - BUENOS AIRES

Departure in the international night flight. Night on board.

DAY 02 | BUENOS AIRES - SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Once you arrived Ezeiza Airport you will take a connection flight in the same airport towards Santiago de Chile. Regular transport to the hotel.

DAY 03 | SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Regular and half-day city tour to enjoy your first contact with the city. The tour starting point is the hotel where you are staying at, you will travel straight to Santa Lucia Mountain where the city was founded in 1541. From this point, you will visit the Municipal Government of Santiago, the Church of San Francisco, the Government Palace, Plaza de Armas (centerpiece square in Santiago's initial layout), the Central Post Office, the Cathedral, the National History Museum and the most well-known neighborhoods.

DAY 04 | SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Day off. You can go on a full-day trip to the cities of Viña del Mar and Valparaiso, located in a 90-minute lift from Santiago. The journey to the cities is through the central valley, famous for its products such as wine, fruit and cheese. Valparaiso, declared as World Heritage in 2003 by the UNESCO is one of the main ports in Chile, has become one of the most culturally active cities in Chile, for its spontaneous architecture - built on 41 mountain sides. On the other hand, Viña del Mar, a vineyard area on its origin, holds the most important seaside resort in Chile.

DAY 05 | SANTIAGO DE CHILE - PUERTO MONTT - PUERTO VARAS

Regular transfer service to the airport, to board Sky Airlines flight to Puerto Montt. You will be received at Puerto Montt Airport where you will take a regular transfer service to Puerto Varas Hotel. Accommodation at the hotel.

DAY 06 | PUERTO VARAS

Half-day trip to the city of Frutillar. Having the hotel as starting point, you will go along the Lake Llanquihue bay to reach Frutillar, a peaceful town, where you will hear hundreds of anecdotes experienced by German colonists, who paved their way through adversity, making this area bloom. Full of gay gardens, colorful houses, tea-time cafes and its great German Colonial Museum that depicts the story of the German establishment in the area, this trip is definitely a trip through history.

DAY 07 | PUERTO VARAS - ANDES CROSSING - BARILOCHE

Regular transfer service to the port to begin the crossing of the Andes. Puerto Varas and Bariloche, cities full of magic and charm, are the starting point of this great adventure through the Andes mountains, which keeps one of the most preserved secrets at the heart of the Andes mountains: Peulla and Puerto Blest, which has unique landscapes, green-emerald lakes, primeval forests, smell of a virgin nature and the usual warmth that characterizes people accompanying this unique experience. Arrival at Puerto Pañuelo. Reception and regular transfer service to the hotel.

DAY 08 | BARILOCHE

Tour "Circuito Chico and panoramic viewpoint". The trip starts at the hotel where you are staying, going along a sinuous road with picturesque landscapes. When you reach at the foot of the Cerro Campanario, you will start the ascent to the top -1050 meters high- on a chairlift, from where you will appreciate one of the most wonderful views of the region, full of lakes and lagoons that offer a wide palette of colors –ranging from emerald green to deep blue, typical flora and fauna, iced peaks and the view of San Carlos de Bariloche. The excursion continues in the Llao-Llao Peninsula, where the Chapel San Eduardo, an architectural local treasure, and the Puerto Pañuelo. From that point, after going through the Angostura Bridge (over the river of the same name), you get to the Punto Panorámico (panoramic viewpoint), final location of this trip. Journey back to town.

DAY 09 | BARILOCHE

Full-day excursion to the Tronador Mountain. This trip will allow you to visit one of the most beautiful areas within the Nahuel Huapi National Park: you will see forests, lakes, beaches, mountains and waterfalls. You will also go on a sightseeing tour to the highest peak in the area, the Tronador Mountain -3,478 meters above sea level-, natural boundary between Argentina and Chile. Apart from enjoying a breathtaking scenery, you will be in presence of uncommon natural phenomenon, such as the Ventisquero Negro, a glacier starting on the immaculate white top of the Tronador summit. At this point, the Manso River is born, a typical water stream, coming down from the highest mountain top towards the Pacific Ocean, coping with height differences along it by creating rapids and waterfalls.

DAY 10 | BARILOCHE - EL CALAFATE

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

DAY 11 | 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 through 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 12 | 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 13 | EL CALAFATE - USHUAIA

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

DAY 14 | 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 15 | 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 16 | USHUAIA - 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 17 | 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 18 | BUENOS AIRES - COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Transfer service to the Airport to board the international Flight to your country.