

PATAGONIA HOSTED LAND TOUR
MARCH 16 TO 28, 2022



There is something so mysterious and alluring in the name **Patagonia**. It immediately paints a picture of a far-away land, almost unreal and part of one's imagination. Yet, it is not fiction, it is a land very much in existence, it is indeed one of the most picturesque places in the world.

You will find **Patagonia's** majestic mountains and glaciers scattered in the south part of **Argentina** and **Chile**. The region is home to some of the most impressive sights in the Southern Hemisphere, shaped by ice, water, wind, and volcanoes. It is its raw and untouched beauty that draws people in from all over the world to witness it.

Join our own **Tal McKelvey** on a private group journey of Patagonia. This is a place to fall in love with that will both challenge and inspire you all.





DAY 1 BUENOS AIRES

WED, MAR 16

Arrive today in the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires, often referred to as the “Paris of South America”. Check-in at your luxurious hotel and enjoy free time until you join your group mid-afternoon to experience tango dancing first-hand. Time to brush up your dancing skills with a 1-hour private tango lesson before you proceed to your **Argentine Experience** venue.

Tonight, learn about Argentine culture, taste fantastic local dishes, drink exceptional wine. A gourmet meal with a twist, **The Argentine Experience** serves up the best of Argentine cuisine and culture with a slice of international perspective. Argentinian culture is very much centered around communal dining, which is exactly what we provide – a warm, inviting space where you will meet fellow travelers from all around the world, along with local Argentines who want to show off their culture the best way possible, through food!

Meals: D

Accommodations: Hotel Sofitel Recoleta, 3 nights

DAY 2 BUENOS AIRES

THUR, MAR 17

After a leisurely breakfast, head out for your tour **Fiesta Gaucha at Estancia Santa Susana w/barbecue lunch**.

Estancia Santa Susana has belonged to the Rossiter family since 1860. Its 1200 hectares are devoted mainly to agriculture also to cattle and horse breeding.

Enjoy a welcome drink with 'empanadas' (meat pastries) at the 'pulpería' and later taste a typical Argentine barbecue (grilled beef, chicken, pork sausages, salads, dessert and coffee) for lunch.



Lunch will be followed by a folklore show with live music, dancing and a tango demonstration, and it will end with 'cuadreras' and ring races where gauchos show their skills as riders. End your visit with home-made pastries and 'mate' (typical green tea).

Return back to your hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy your evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 BUENOS AIRES

FRI, MAR 18

After breakfast, continue exploring this marvelous city with a guided tour of **Palermo**, a sprawling neighbourhood of tree-lined boulevards lined with elegant mansions, eclectic restaurants. Visit **Recoleta**, a stylish area known for its Paris-style townhouses, lavish former palaces and posh boutiques and stroll through the famous **Recoleta Cemetery** to witness its valuable works of art and Evita's tomb. End your tour this morning with a walk along the colourful streets of **La Boca** and have lunch at a local restaurant.

Return to your hotel for some free time and join the group again for a performance at **Colon Theatre** (subject to programme scheduling).

Meals: B, L



DAY 4 BUENOS AIRES TO USHUAIA

SAT, MAR 19

After breakfast, this morning you will transfer to the airport for your flight to **Ushuaia**, located on the **Tierra del Fuego** archipelago, the southernmost tip of South America, nicknamed the “**End of the World.**” The windswept town, perched on a steep hill, is surrounded by the **Martial Mountains** and the **Beagle Channel**. It's the gateway to **Antarctica** cruises and tours to nearby **Isla Yécapasela**, known as “**Penguin Island**” for its penguin colonies.

Dinner this evening is at the hotel restaurant.

Meals: B, D

Accommodation: Arakur Ushuaia, 2 nights

DAY 5 USHUAIA

SUN, MAR 20

After breakfast, depart from the hotel to the tourist wharf of Ushuaia to board a catamaran and sail the waters of the **Beagle Channel** along the **Bay of Ushuaia**. Enjoy the panoramic view of the city. Traverse the north shore of the channel passing through the **Archipelago Bridges** and **Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse (End of the World)**, where you can see colonies of many seabirds that nest on islands and cliffs, colonies of sea lions and various birds of the marine and coastal environment (cormorants, albatrosses, petrels and oystercatchers, among others). After a visit to the Lighthouse, the tour



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continues towards the **Estancias Punta Segunda** and **Remolino** and the abandoned ship "**Monte Sarmiento**", semi-sunken since 1911. The tour runs along the coast of the **Beagle Channel** towards **Isla Grande**, outlined by rolling hills. An approach to **Martillo Island** where a **Magellanic penguins'** colony is found. You will disembark and walk with the penguins.

Return to the estancia and enjoy free time for lunch. In the afternoon, return to your hotel by bus and join the group again in the evening for dinner at the hotel.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6 USHUAIA TO EL CALAFATE

MON, MAR 21

Your Patagonia travel adventure continues as you transfer to the airport for your flight to **El Calafate** today. One of the most remote towns in Argentina, it is also one of the most visited. Travellers come here to enjoy the vast, untouched landscape mother nature has created. A small, picturesque village on the shores of **Lake Argentino**, **El Calafate** is named for a wild bush with yellow flowers and blue berries that flourishes here; it is also known as the "**Village of the Glaciers**," the gateway to **Glacier National Park**. Check in at your accommodations at **Xelena Hotel & Suites** and join your group after for a visit to a local museum, **the Glaciarium**, dedicated to the science of glaciers and the geological history of the area.

Group dinner this evening at the hotel restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Xelena Hotel & Suites, 3 nights

DAY 7 EL CALAFATE & LAGO ARGENTINO

TUE, MAR 22

After breakfast, drive to **Glacier National Park** to witness one of South America's most breathtaking natural wonders, **Perito Moreno Glacier**. Upon leaving the city, along the right side of the road, you will see **Lake Argentino** with **Redonda Bay**, which offers an interesting variety of bird life. At the entrance to the **National Park** there is a drastic change in the vegetation rich in the special types of trees found in the Patagonian Andes: ñires, and cherry trees.

Fronting **Lake Argentino** for three miles, rising 240 feet from the water in dense clusters of jagged white skyscrapers, **Perito Moreno** is one of the few glaciers in the icefield that is advancing, its restless movement unseen but sometimes heard in its eerie groaning, cracking, and rumbling.

During the tour a walk along the paths on the front of the glacier allow a view of this impressive natural marvel from a different perspective. Enjoy a **Nautical Safari El Calafate boat tour** and return to Calafate. Dinner is at the hotel restaurant.

Meals: B, D



DAY 8 EL CALAFATE TO PUERTO NATALES WED, MAR 23

Journey to **Puerto Natales**, where, after a late lunch, you will enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Opened in 1940 and honored as a National Heritage site, the **Singular Patagonia** was once a cold-storage plant. Today it features an industrial museum on site and offers a wide range of expeditions and activities, such as horseback riding, trekking and mountain biking. Choose your preferred mode of exploration and experience this incredible location on your own terms.

Meals: B, L

Accommodations: The Singular Patagonia, 3 nights

DAY 9 & 10 PUERTO NATALES THUR, MAR 24

During our stay here at Singular Patagonia, we will enjoy full board with breakfast, and lunch and dinner a la carte, alcoholic beverages (except premium list) all included.

Our group will have a program of activities designed to show the most representative excursions the hotel offers. These will be confirmed at the hotel as they are all subject to weather conditions.

The Singular Patagonia, affords guests the opportunity to experience everything Chilean Patagonia has to offer - in all its authenticity. Connect with locals, traditions, history and cultural highlights of the region through a selection of tours offering a wide variety of things to do. Nearby attractions include estancias, the Milodon Caves, Sophia Lake, Dorotea Hill, and the local town of Puerto Natales, where guests can interact with locals and explore one of the world's most extraordinary national parks. The excursions

menu changes season over season, offering visitors a complete experience of the true Patagonia.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11 PUERTO NATALES TO SANTIAGO SAT, MAR 26

After a leisurely breakfast, fly to **Santiago**, capital of Chile, a vibrant city set against the backdrop of the **Andes**. It sits some 2,000 feet above sea level in **Chile's Central Valley** and is surrounded by a ring of spectacular mountain peaks.

Enjoy free afternoon and join the group again for dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B, D

Accommodations: The Singular Santiago, 2 nights

DAY 12 SANTIAGO SUN, MAR 27

After breakfast, start the day with a tour of **Santiago**, a city of contrasts with remains of Colonial past and ultramodern high-rise buildings of the financial center. Your tour begins by heading south through the downtown area, passing t **Club Hípico**, a beautiful horseracing track in the older residential area of the city. You then proceed alongside the **Parque O'Higgins** and the **Cousiño Palace**, built between 1870 and 1878 for the wealthy **Cousiño** family.

From here you head along the famous **Alameda**, Santiago's colourful main avenue, to the heart of the city, seeing the **Chilean University**, **San Francisco Church** and the **Santa Lucia Hill**, site of Santiago's foundation in 1541. Then you will visit the **Plaza de Armas** and the cathedral.

Continue your tour with a drive to **Santa Rita Winery**. Learn about the property's 120 years old history and its role it's played in the lives of noble families and famous poets. Enjoy wine tasting and lunch at Dona Paula restaurant and after lunch return to your hotel. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

Meals: B, L

DAY 13 SANTIAGO TO TORONTO MON, MAR 28

This morning after breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back.





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TOUR COST:

Double Occupancy: \$11,500CAD pp

Single Occupancy: \$14,500CAD

Package includes:

- Regional flights (Buenos Aires / Ushuaia / Calafate // Puerto Natales/ Santiago)
- 09 nights-accommodation at deluxe hotel category with breakfast daily
- 03 nights Complete Experience package at Singular Patagonia with full board meal, transfers and tours (shared services)
- Private transfers and tours as per the itinerary
- English speaking guide/ assistance throughout the program
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Entrance fee to national parks included
- Tango dance lesson
- Cooking class and dinner at The Argentine Experience
- Bottled water aboard the vehicle
- Hotel taxes and service charge
- Gratuities to drivers, local guide, and waiters
- Clarkson Travel host with minimum 10 guests

Does not include:

- International airfare
- Early check in or late check-out at the hotels
- Additional excursions and meals other than those indicated
- Telephone calls, laundry, and other items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Items not mentioned above

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND PURCHASING TRAVEL INSURANCE, ASK US FOR A QUOTE

Deposit: \$1,500CAD pp **Final Payment Date:** December 15, 2021

Up to 91 days prior to departure: \$200 pp

90 to 61 days to departure: 75% of tour

60 to 31 days to departure: 50% of tour cost

30 to 00 days to departure: 100% of tour cost

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