



## UNFORGETTABLE ARGENTINA

### 16 DAY PRIVATE TOUR

***Nature & Adventure, Classic tour, Glaciers, Cultural Immersion***

<b>Accommodation &amp; Transfers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer Airport / Hotel / Airport.</li> <li>• 03 nights in Buenos Aires.</li> <li>• 03 nights in Puerto Iguazú.</li> <li>• 03 nights in Puerto Madryn.</li> <li>• 03 nights in Ushuaia.</li> <li>• 03 nights in El Calafate.</li> </ul>	<b>Activities &amp; Extras – entrance fees included, unless activity is optional.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buenos Aires City Tour.</li> <li>• Argentinian Falls Excursion.</li> <li>• Peninsula de Valdés Excursion.</li> <li>• Tierra del Fuego National Park Excursion.</li> <li>• Perito Moreno Glacier Excursion.</li> <li>• Meals indicated in itinerary.</li> <li>• Assistance in each destination.</li> </ul>
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**Any optional activities required must be booked in advance, for own account.**

#### **RATES PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ACCOMMODATION**

Category	Dates	Rate in USD	Transfers	Excursions
ECONOMY	1 Sep 23 – 29 Feb 24	2,130	Shared	Shared
SUPERIOR	1 Sep 23 – 29 Feb 24	2,765	Private	Shared
FIRST	1 Sep 23 – 29 Feb 24	4,650	Private	Private

Rates valid for above dates, except on certain seasonal holiday dates.

Rates exclude domestic flights.



El Calafate, photo courtesy of Graham De Vries

### **Hotels in Buenos Aires**

Economy category: Two Buenos Aires Hotel – Standard room

Superior category: Savoy Buenos Aires Hotel – Standard room

First category: Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel – Standard room

### **Hotels in Puerto Iguazú**

Economy category: Merit Iguazu Hotel – Standard room

Superior category: Amerian Portal del Iguazu Hotel – Standard room

First category: Loi Suites Iguazu Hotel – Standard room

### **Hotels in Puerto Madryn**

Economy category: Bahia Nueva Hotel – Standard room

Superior category: Dazzler Puerto Madryn Hotel – Standard room

First category: Territorio Puerto Madryn Hotel – Standard room

### **Hotels in Ushuaia**

Economy category: Altos de Ushuaia Hotel – Standard room

Superior category: Los Acebos Ushuaia Hotel – Standard room

First category: Los Cauquenes Resort – Standard room

### **Hotels in El Calafate**

Economy category: Mirador del Lago Hotel – Standard room

Superior category: Alto Calafate Hotel – Standard room

First category: Xelena Hotel & Suites – Standard lateral view room

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the vibrant, passionate and cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires.
- Admire the impressive Iguazu waterfalls, one of the New 7 Natural Wonders of the World, roaring in the middle of the rainforest.
- Tour around the Valdes Peninsula to spot the local wildlife, such as penguins, whales, sea lions and elephant seals.
- Explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia, on the shores of the Beagle Channel.
- Visit the gateway to the majestic world of the glaciers: El Calafate.



## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1: ARRIVAL

On arrival at Ezeiza international airport in Buenos Aires, you will be met and transferred to your selected hotel in the city, where you spend 3 nights.

Rest of the day at leisure to explore on your own or rest after long flights.

Overnight in Buenos Aires.

### Day 2: BUENOS AIRES

*Breakfast*

#### Half day city tour – with English speaking guide

Buenos Aires is a beautiful city and your tour today will take you past attractions such as the 9 de Julio Avenue, the Obelisk and Corrientes Street. In the Plaza de Mayo you will see the Cathedral and the Cabildo (Old City Hall) before driving through the most traditional neighbourhood of Buenos Aires, San Telmo, which is characterized by its old colonial houses and the cobblestoned streets.

On to La Boca Neighbourhood with its colourful zinc houses, once the refuge of the first immigrants and later home to popular artists. Stop here to wander and take photographs in this delightful spot. Continue to Puerto Madero – the old port of the city, now one of the most exclusive gastronomic and residential areas in Buenos Aires. Marvel at the woods of Palermo with approximately 300ha of gardens and artificial ponds surrounded by elegant buildings.



The last point in the tour is Recoleta, an exclusive neighbourhood where the amazing Recoleta Cemetery is well worth a visit. Why visit a cemetery? Recoleta is no ordinary cemetery – it will astound you with its row upon row of beautiful and some very old family tombs.

Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Buenos Aires.

**OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL TOUR:** Tango show with dinner, including return transfers.



*La Boca neighbourhood and Recoleta Cemetery  
Photos by Custom Touring*



### **Day 3: BUENOS AIRES**

*Breakfast*

Day at leisure to explore further on your own.  
Overnight in Buenos Aires.

### **Day 4: BUENOS AIRES – PUERTO IGUAZÚ**

*Breakfast*

Transfer to the domestic airport for your flight to Puerto Iguazú where you will be met and transferred to your selected hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.  
Overnight in Puerto Iguazú.

### **Day 5: PUERTO IGUAZÚ**

*Breakfast*

#### **Full day Argentinian Falls excursion - with English speaking guide**

The park was created in 1934 with the aim of protecting the majestic Iguazu Falls. In 1984, it was declared a Natural World Heritage site by UNESCO due to the beauty of the scenery and the biological diversity in its subtropical rainforest.

The visit to the Iguazu National Park can be done via 3 circuits and on catwalks, best known as Lower Path, Higher path and the Devil's Throat Path. The Lower Path is a 1,200-metre-walk affording a great view of the majority of the rapids and falls from a front and lower point of view.

The distances range from a bird's eye view of The Devil's Throat together with several Brazilian rapids, to spectacular close-ups to other falls. This walk has some high difficulty level due to the number of steps along the way. (Approximate duration: 2 hours).

The Higher Path is a 1,300-metre-walk that will raise every visitor's adrenaline level because of being at the very edge of some waterfalls. This walk has breathtaking scenery from a cliff-point outlook and is the least demanding walk of the three.

No steps along the way. (Approximate duration: 1 hour). The Devil's Throat has to be accessed via the Ecological Jungle Train, and everyone must get off at the stop named after this waterfall. From there, you will stroll along the catwalk which is a winding path going around the islands for 1,100 meters and ending in the large balconies located on the edge of falls. There are no steps along the path. (Approximate duration: 2 hours).  
Overnight in Puerto Iguazú.



*Photo courtesy of Graham De Vries*

## **Day 6: PUERTO IGUAZÚ**

### *Breakfast*

Today is a free day to enjoy your surroundings or take up the optional additional tour.  
Overnight in Puerto Iguazú.

### **OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL TOUR: HALF DAY BRAZILIAN FALLS EXCURSION.**

The Brazilian Falls, declared a UNESCO Natural World Heritage site in 1986, are located on the western side of the Paraná State in Brazil. This Brazilian park with 185,000 hectares (458,000 acres) borders the Argentinean National Park and they are divided by the Iguazu River.

Both parks make this region one of the largest natural protected areas in South America.

To access the circuits along the catwalk floors, visitors board a modern panoramic view bus to move safely within the park.

The length of the catwalk floors is 1,200 meters from where the view of the 275 waterfalls is breathtaking. The four main rapids on the Brazilian side are: Floriano, Deodoro, Benjamín Constant and Salto Unión or The Devil's Throat.

At the end of the path a panoramic elevator will take you back to the bus units.

Return to your hotel.

## **Day 7: PUERTO IGUAZÚ – PUERTO MADRYN**

### *Breakfast*

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Trelew airport, where you will be met and transferred to your selected hotel in Puerto Madryn. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Puerto Madryn

## **Day 8: PUERTO MADRYN**

### *Breakfast*

### **Full day Peninsula de Valdes excursion**

Few places in the world offer the opportunity to observe, in their natural environment, so many species. Giant whales, sea lions and elephant seals, penguins, numerous birds, guanacos and other terrestrial species – all concentrated in this Nature Reserve of 360 hectares.

The main stop is in Puerto Pirámides where, depending on the season, you can go on a whale watching sailing tour (optional) and have lunch (not included). In the case of the North Peninsula Valdes Tour, lunch time will be in Estancia Rincon Chico. The land tour, subject to season, weather or tides, will be visited in different order or combined with other stops: Caleta Valdés, Punta Cantor and Punta Norte to observe elephant seals, penguins and sea lions.



It is also possible to see penguins during certain months on the north side of the peninsula.  
Overnight in Puerto Madryn.

***(Depending on the season, the tour will be operated to the northern or the southern sector of the peninsula.)***



*Photo by Flickr, Celine Harrand*

#### **Day 9: PUERTO MADRYN**

##### *Breakfast*

Day at leisure to explore further on your own or take up the optional additional tour.

Overnight in Puerto Madryn

#### **OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL TOUR: PUNTA TOMBO EXCURSION**

Start the tour heading south to the Punta Tombo Provincial Reserve, home to the largest breeding colony of Magellanic penguins in the world. The reserve is reached after a 2 ½ hour journey along the Patagonian routes. The visit includes a tour around the trails of this wonderful penguin colony and the impressive Punta Tombo Interpretation Centre.

Free time for lunch (own account.)

Return to Puerto Madryn in the afternoon.

#### **Day 10: PUERTO MADRYN - USHUAIA**

##### *Breakfast*

Transfer to the Trelew airport for your flight to Ushuaia, where you will be met and transferred to your selected hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Ushuaia.

#### **Day 11: USHUAIA**

##### *Breakfast*

##### **Tierra del Fuego National Park excursion**

Located 12km from Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego is the only park in Argentina with a sea coast. Its vegetation and waters frame the view of the Beagle Channel.

The first part of the tour borders the Pipo River and crosses a valley occupied by peat bogs (eco systems containing dead organic matter derived from plants which have adapted to live in conditions of abundant water with scarce oxygen and nutrients.) Then on to an interpretation tour at Roca Lake with time for a coffee break (own account.) The last stretch of the road brings the tour to Lapataia Bay at the end of National Route No 3.

From this point you will be able to access the coasts of the bay, making it ideal for bird watching.  
Return to your hotel.  
Overnight in Ushuaia.



*Photo by Flickr, Chris*

## **Day 12: USHUAIA**

### *Breakfast*

Day at leisure to explore further on your own or take up the optional additional tour.

Overnight in Ushuaia.

## **OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL TOUR: SEA LION ISLAND NAVIGATION**

Leave from the tourist pier in Ushuaia and cross the Bay of Ushuaia to reach the Beagle Channel through Paso Chico. From there sail around the Isla de Pájaros and the Isla de Los Lobos. Arriving at Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse, you will be able to observe the colonies of Imperial cormorants and Rock cormorants.

At the end of this journey of historical value, you will be dazzled by the view of the mountain range surrounding the city of Ushuaia.

## **Day 13: USHUAIA – EL CALAFATE**

### *Breakfast*

Transfer to the airport for your flight to El Calafate, where you will be met and transferred to your selected hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in El Calafate.

## **Day 14: EL CALAFATE**

### *Breakfast*

### **Full day Perito Moreno glacier excursion**

The 250km<sup>2</sup> ice formation, 30km in length, is one of 48 glaciers fed by the Southern Patagonian Ice Field located in the Andes system shared with Chile. This ice field is the world's third largest reserve of fresh water. Despite most of the innumerable glaciers worldwide retreating, one of the few unusual glaciers maintaining a state of equilibrium is the Perito Moreno Glacier because it continues to accumulate mass at a rate similar to that of its loss.

Travel 80 km from your hotel to reach the western end of the Peninsula de Magallanes from where the Perito Moreno glacier walkways begin. There will be ample time in this amazing place, with various stops at panoramic points within the National Park.

The walkways are 3 km long, located at different levels allowing you to contemplate the glacier from different perspectives and balconies. Depending on your physical condition, you are able to reach the lower balconies nearer to the glacier or you may prefer to stay on the first balconies which are more easily accessible to everyone.

Overnight in El Calafate.





*Photo courtesy of Graham De Vries*

## **Day 15: EL CALAFATE**

### *Breakfast*

Day at leisure to explore further on your own or take up the optional additional tour.  
Overnight in El Calafate.

### **OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL TOUR: RIVERS OF ICE NAVIGATION**

Depart from El Calafate and head towards Punta Bandera Port, 60km from town.

The first part of the sailing is on the northern arm of Lake Argentino across the Boca del Diablo, the narrowest part of the lake. Then up to the Upsala Channel and the Spegazzini Channel to view the respective glaciers. The navigation runs between spectacular icebergs of immense size and varied forms. From the boat you will see, among others, the Upsala and the Spegazzini glaciers, the largest and highest respectively among all the glaciers in the park.

For those passengers wishing to make the trip in a more exclusive class, there is also the VIP Captain's Club. This room with capacity for 18 people, includes open bar with cafeteria and drinks, a 4 steps menu (breakfast, appetizer, lunch and a toast with the captain) and includes a panoramic view of the glaciers. You will also have preferential location within the boat and a host and guide available throughout the tour.



*Photo courtesy of Trips-South America*

## **Day 16: DEPARTURE**

### *Breakfast*

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

**END OF SERVICES.**

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Visas:** Citizens of South Africa, USA, UK, Germany and more do not require a visa to enter Argentina. All visitors must hold a passport valid for 6 months after departure. The same applies to entering the Brazil side at Iguazu Falls, but travellers should do their own research, depending on their country.

**Currency:** The Argentine Peso is the currency of Argentina.  
R1 (ZAR) = 19 Pesos; 1USD = 350 Pesos (as at 1 Sep 2023)

**Electricity:** Argentina operates on a 220V supply voltage and 50Hz with type C and I power plugs and sockets.

### Health

**Yellow fever:** it does seem to be recommended to have a yellow fever certificate for entry to Argentina and Brazil, but travellers should consult a doctor or travel clinic in this regard.

**Luggage: Please note** - Baggage allowance on all domestic flights during your tour is 1 x 15kg for checked in luggage plus hand luggage. **Time to travel light or be prepared to pay for excess luggage!**



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