

**ACTIVE SOUTHERNMOST LANDS**  
USHUAIA, TORRES DEL PAINE & EL CALAFATE  
*09 Days/08 Nights*

**DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES / USHUAIA**

Breakfast. At the schedule time private transfer to Jorge Newbery airport.

Flight Buenos Aires/Ushuaia

Arrival in Ushuaia airport, welcome at the airport and private transfer to the hotel with English speaking guide.

Overnight in **Ushuaia**.

**DAY 2: USHUAIA: FULL DAY HIKING**



Enjoy a full day trekking to Vinciguerra glacier, in private service with **English** speaking guide and box lunch.

This excursion will give us the opportunity to enjoy a journey along really wild paths in the Andes Mountain Range, where the steep slopes and the mud are present into the forest and peat moss. Our will is to achieve Vinciguerra Glacier and Tempanos Lagoon. We will start crossing Andorra Valley and Grande Stream in north direction to go into the forest ascending steep slopes that will lead us towards the valley of Vinciguerra Glacier. Once we are out of the vegetation line, a final ascend on the stone ground will take us to Laguna de los Témpanos at the bottom of the glacier. When we achieve our goal, lunch and a hot beverage will give us enough strength to return to the city. After this unforgettable experience, the return will be done to Andorra Valley by the same way.

Length: 7 hs hiking | Departure time: 9 AM (TBC) | Level: Medium | Maximum ascension: 663 mts

Distance 12 km | Elevation: 762 m.a.s.l.

Overnight in **Ushuaia**. (B, BXL)

### DAY 3: USHUAIA: FULL DAY LAKES



Full day visit to Escondido and Fagnano lakes, in private service with English speaking guide and lunch. It also includes a canoe navigation in Escondido lake *-subject to weather conditions-*

We start our tour heading to the northern part of the island on National Route 3, passing by the most popular ski lodge in the area, Castor Hill. We'll cross the Andes and start the real 4x4 adventure! Crossing huge dirt roads and water until we arrive at the grand coast of Lake Fagnano. At this point, you'll have a moment to contemplate this extraordinary place and its particular energy.

Afterwards, we'll open paths giving out tour more adrenaline. We'll enter the forest to walk through an exclusive area without paths, arriving at the Hidden Lake, where you'll find our refuge. At this point, our team will be waiting for you with an Argentinian style barbecue, accompanied with a Malbec wine.

Finally, we'll split off into pairs, taking canoes and top of the line gear to explore the lake.

The order of the activities may vary due to operational or climatic reasons, the canoe navigation may eventually be suspended for safety reasons and we do not offer replacement activities.

The tour finishes in Tolhuin area.

Overnight in **Tolhuin**. (B, L)

#### DAY 4: USHUAIA: CRAB EXPERIENCE



Enjoy a Crab Experience, in private service with English speaking guide and a delicious lunch.

As we reach the coast, we head East and start walking into the woods to a tumbling waterfall. Back in our vehicle we take our travelers to Puerto Almanza, the southernmost fishing port in Argentina.

From there, we take another gravel road 15 kilometers until we arrive to a lovely small fishermen village. Here nearly everyone in this village is dedicated to specialized fishing, catching crab, centollones, mussels and other typical mollusks of this area.

A local family receives and invites us to board on their boat, in which we go to a special spot. We stop and pull up the traps hoping to catch a good amount of crab! As we return to the coast, the hosts prepare a crab in the Patagonian style, boiled in salty sea water. When it is ready they teach us how to enjoy it.

Overnight in **Ushuaia**. (B, L)

#### DAY 5: USHUAIA: TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK



Full day trekking in Tierra del Fuego National Park, with English speaking guide and box lunch.

Snow-covered hills, bogs with mysterious reddish glow, valleys of splendid greenery and flowing rivers and lakes of exceptional beauty... If you like walking, exploring and contemplating Mother Nature in a quiet setting.

Created in 1960 to protect the southernmost forests of the Beagle Channel, Tierra del Fuego National Park covers an area of 69,000 hectares. Even when this is one of the most popular tours in Ushuaia, we offer a different experience: we will hike along unexplored trails reaching hidden corners in the woods. We take National Route 3 from Ushuaia and stop at a Panoramic Point in the Beagle Channel. Then we get to Tierra del Fuego National Park and begin our trekking, to gaze at Lapataia. At Lapataia Bay, a road sign indicates the end of this route and the distance to its opposite extreme of the country in the City of La Quiaca, on the border with neighboring Bolivia.

We will hike some of the trails of this exceptional forest. There are many coves and points shaping beaches and cliffs, creating a perfect shelter for sea fauna. Mountain ranges cross the park dividing it into valleys which make access difficult to reach. Unlike other Andean-Patagonian parks, it has forests by the seashore, six kilometers along the Beagle Channel: Lapataia Bay, meaning “woody bay” or “bay of wood” in the Yámana tongue.

Great pictures of cauquenes (a short-billed goose), ibis and even an Andean condor could be invaluable memories of this trip.

Overnight in **Ushuaia**. (B, BXL)

#### **DAY 6: USHUAIA / EL CALAFATE**



Breakfast. At the schedule time private transfer to Ushuaia Airport.

Flight Ushuaia/El Calafate

Arrival in El Calafate airport, welcome at the airport and private transfer to the hotel with English speaking guide.

Overnight in **El Calafate**. (B)

#### **DAY 7: EL CALAFATE: PERITO MORENO GLACIER**



Morning regular departure to visit the famous Perito Moreno glacier, with bilingual guide and entrance fee. It also includes a Kayak experience to get closer to the glacier!

This park has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The famous Perito Moreno Glacier is located in the extreme southwest of Lago Argentino 80 kilometers from El Calafate. It has become one of the greater natural spectacles of South America. From time to time walls of ice fall from the 60 meter tall face into the waters of Brazo Rico or to the Canal de los Témpanos, navigating the channel to the principal body of the lake. This cycle will take 4 to 6 years ending with the lake divided in two. The Brazo Rico remains retained and elevates approximately 35 meters above its current level. The water slowly makes a tunnel in the glacier until the pressure makes it collapse. This spectacle is indescribable. The waters precipitate in gigantic waves only to start the process all over again.

We include a Perito Moreno Kayak Experience, that grants you exclusive access to the natural site and offers a truly unique perspective. You will get to witness this stunning glacier from your kayak, at sea-level

**Overnight in El Calafate (B)**

#### **DAY 8: EL CALAFATE: NAVIGATION TO ESTANCIA CRISTINA & HORSEBACK RIDING**



Full day including a navigation along Argentino lake, a visit to the historical Estancia Cristina and a horseback riding in this beautiful land.

Having set sail from Punta Bandera harbor at 9AM, we will glide over the waters of Lake Argentino's Northern Arm to reach the furthest possible point of navigation in the Upsala Channel, where we can enjoy an incredible panoramic view of the Upsala Glacier's front. Then, having disembarked at the shores close to Estancia Cristina, an expert guide will welcome visitors and take them on an amazing ride. Expect a delightful mix of mountain views, time spent by the lake and birdwatching opportunities on this gentle horseback ride to Cristina Valley, making for an easy but rewarding excursion. After leaving the Estancia behind, we ride in a northerly direction, heading deeper into nature, cross the Caterina River and pass The Noria: a replica of the original water-powered wheel that was built here in 1945, poplar trees and the house itself. This is a good spot to appreciate the specific type of flora that's typical of the Patagonian steppe. Make your way on horseback along pathways covered with loose stone and moss, leading you eventually to an elevated lookout point that bestows sweeping views of the valley. With luck on our side, we may be able to glimpse various species of bird such as the Common and Royal Goose, Black Necked Swan, Coscoroba Swan and Spectacled Duck, among many others. Take your time to absorb this picturesque setting.

Near Pearson Lake, we will have time for lunch (Lunch can be booked in advance or you can take your own lunch box from Calafate). Then, when you are finally ready to head home, go back along the same route towards the starting point, the perfect time to take it all in. Later on, we will visit the Costumbrista Museum, where we can learn all about the history of the Masters family: their lives, adventures and how they became pioneers in Patagonia. At 5pm we will head toward the shore, take the boat and return to El Calafate.

Overnight in **El Calafate** (B, L)

#### **DAY 9: EL CALAFATE / BUENOS IARES**

Breakfast. At the schedule time private transfer to El Calafate Airport.

*Optional extensions to El Chaltén (Argentina) or Torres del Paine National Park (Chile)*

#### **END OF SERVICES**

The Program includes:

- ✓ All services, transfers and excursions detailed in the program
- ✓ Meals mentioned (B: breakfast, BXL: box lunch, L: lunch, D: dinner)
- ✓ 08 Nights accommodation according to your request and offer in each destination.

The Program does not include:

- ✘ Flights.
- ✘ Personal expenses and tips
- ✘ Optional tours
- ✘ Meals not mentioned in the program.

OPERATIVE: November to March

Contact us for customized trips and pre/post nights in Buenos Aires.