

PATAGONIA LAKES REGION

ARGENTINA & CHILE

09 Days/08 Nights

DAY 1: BUENOS AIRES ARRIVAL



Arrival in Buenos Aires, welcome at the airport and transfer from Ezeiza International Airport to the hotel.

Overnight in **Buenos Aires**, standard room.

DAY 2: BUENOS AIRES: CITY TOUR & ARGENTINA EXPERIENCE



After breakfast, full day city tour Buenos Aires City Tour including MALBA museum and a view of the architecture and modern art expressions.

We will visit Buenos Aires' most traditional and picturesque points. Buenos Aires is a city that combines the European style with the Latin American spirit. In this tour, you will discover its characteristics, its history, its architecture, its culture and its best stories. We will visit the center of the city, San Telmo, La

Boca, Puerto Madero and Palermo, with stops in Plaza de Mayo, Caminito and La Recoleta. We will also enjoy a visit to MALBA museum, that shows a selection of works from modern artists across Latin America. The museum also collect, preserve, research and promote Latin American art from the onset of the 20th century to the present.

Our unique dinner party's concept is to teach you the fundamentals of what being an Argentine is all about, whilst simply having more fun than is available anywhere else. Learn how to close your own empanada using the 'repulge' technique, to order steak your way in Spanish, to prepare your own 'mate' drink.

In the evening, enjoy a tasting of argentinean flavors

This menu has 9 different steps:

- 1- We'll receive you with a wine-based cocktail and a Patagonian trout tartar;
- 2- Learn how to create your own empanadas using the traditional "repulgue technique", and fill it up with our gourmet fillings!
- 3- Enjoy a typical argentine picada, with grilled provoleta cheese, sliced chorizo sausage, and the always-amazing mollejas.
- 4- Get ready to be blown away with our 250g tender loin that has been dried cured for 24 hs. Vegetarian, pescetarian and celiac options are available on request.
- 5- Let our guides teach you the best parts of Argentine culture including our favourites hand gestures.
- 6- As a pre-dessert, be prepared to try our regional queso y dulce.
- 7- For dessert, make your own alfajores, Argentina's national sweet, where biscuits, dulce de leche, melted chocolate fondue and coconut shavings combine to delight your senses.
- 8- Finally, learn about the history and etiquette of mate, Argentina's national drink, and prepare it for yourselves!
- 9- The experience includes a wine pairing of three wines specially chosen by Zyccardi Winery. It includes a Torrontes from Salta, and a Blend and a Malbec from Valle de Uco, Mendoza.

The format of the dinner can be modified according to the the number of people and language.

Duration: approx. 4 hours.

Overnight in **Buenos Aires**, standard room. (B, D)

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES – BARILOCHE



Morning transfer from the hotel to Jorge Newbery domestic airport of Buenos Aires to fly to the Norwest Patagonia.

Flight to Bariloche.

Upon arrival, welcome and transfer to the hotel.

In the afternoon, enjoy a tour along the surroundings of San Carlos de Bariloche.

The tour starts in Bariloche, riding down Ezequiel Bustillo Ave.: a winding paved road along the Nahuel Huapi lakeshore. At kilometer 8, you come to Playa Bonita, from where you can see Huemul Island. Continuing along this road for another 10 km, and after passing through some beautiful scenery, you arrive at Campanario Hill. A chair lift takes you to the top of the hill (1050 m) from where you can enjoy one of the most impressive views of this region. You will see Nahuel Huapi and Moreno lakes, El Trébol lagoon, San Pedro and Llao Llao peninsulas, Victoria Island, Otto, López, Goye and Catedral hills, and the main town, San Carlos de Bariloche. Further ahead, and after leaving San Pedro peninsula behind, you reach Llao Llao peninsula, with its namesake hilltop hotel and San Eduardo Chapel, two architectural jewels of this region, and you go by Pañuelo Port, the starting point of many lake excursions. Further on you will go by a golf course, cross the bridge over the Angostura river that joins Nahuel Huapi Lake with Moreno Lake, and pass by López Bay at the base of López Hill. Further on, you get to the Panoramic Point, a belvedere with a magnificent view of Moreno Lake and Llao Llao peninsula. Then you will cross the bridge over Moreno Lake at a narrow end, follow the shoreline of El Trébol lagoon, and 2 km ahead you meet Ezequiel Bustillo Ave. again and return to Bariloche.

Optional beer craft tasting with local flavours and panoramic views.

Overnight in **Bariloche**, standard room. (B)

DAY 4: BARILOCHE: TRONADOR, MOUNTAIN & GLACIERS

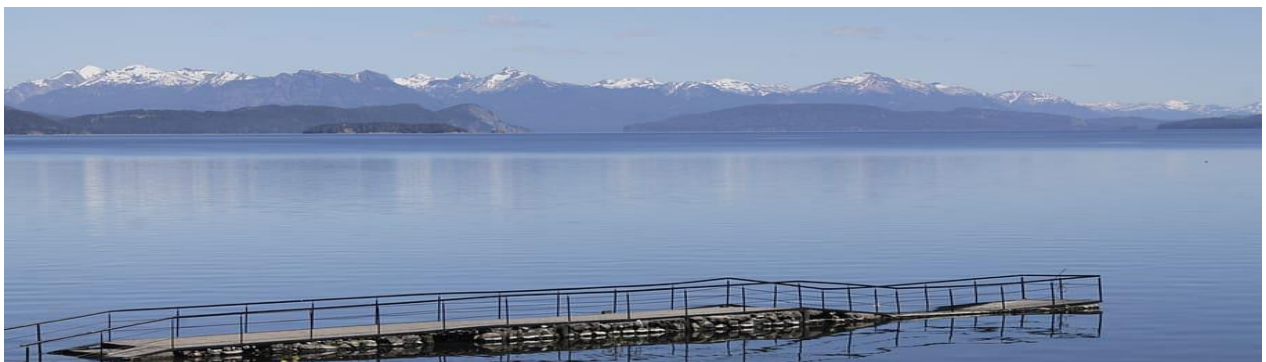


Full day visit to Tronador hill, with box lunch included.

This excursion visits the Nahuel Huapi National Park southern area. The itinerary starts by following National Route 40 and bordering Gutierrez and Mascardi lakes. We'll take a turn following Manso River to reach the Tronador mountain foothill, the highest in the region, where a nature oriented hike will take place to enjoy this amazing environment of evergreen forest, wild rivers and sharp mountains. The road ends in front of the impressive Ventisquero Negro "Black Glacier", from where we take the same road back to town.

Overnight in **Bariloche**, standard room. (B)

DAY 5: BARILOCHE



Day at leisure to enjoy Bariloche and its beautiful surroundings: full day hikings or kayaking, a day with local families in the countryside with a horseback riding or bikes and bird watching.

Overnight in **Bariloche**, standard room. (B)

DAY 6: BARILOCHE / 7 LAKES ROAD / VILLA LA ANGOSTURA



Full day tour through the legendary Ruta de los Siete Lagos (Seven Lakes Route,) connecting two of the most beautiful towns in the region across lush valleys and mountains.

The town of San Martín de los Andes is located south of the Neuquén province. It's nestled in an ample valley on the shores of Lago Lacar, at an elevation of 640 meters over sea level.

Setting out from Bariloche, you'll travel to San Martín de los Andes, going through Villa la Angostura first, and then towards the Siete Lagos, where you can enjoy the most beautiful scenery in the region, crystalline lakes, with unusual colors of blue and green, framed by dense, old woods.

Arriving at San Martín de los Andes, a typical mountain town, you'll have time to tour the city, visit the banks of Lago Lacar, enjoy the delicious and varied gastronomy of the area, and later you'll meet up at the designated point for the return southwards to Villa La Angostura. You will spend the night in this charming city.

Overnight in **Villa La Angostura** village, standard room (B)

DAY 7: VILLA LA ANGOSTURA / PUERTO VARAS



You will be picked up for a land transfer to Puerto Varas, visiting the main spots located on the way.

We will arrive to Cardenal Samore border, where we'll proceed with the migratory steps at the Custom Office. This path integrates the Nahuel Huapi National Park in Argentina and the Puyehue National Park in Chile and takes us to the highest point of the Andes Mountains range to 1321 mts. above sea level. Bordering Puyehue lake shore, surrounded by Temperate Rain Forest, lakes, volcanoes, valleys, rivers and waterfalls. Over the next 80 km. we will pass through the Rupanco property where the agricultural and cattle activities offer us a vision of the richness and fertility of these lands.

We'll visit a dream city called Puerto Octay. We will arrive to the "Volcanoes Viewpoint". The beauty of this landscape enchants.

We will arrive to the beautiful city of Frutillar, at the shore of the Llanquihue Lake and with the magnificent view of Osorno Volcano. Frutillar is an old town of german families, where the evidence of their culture is well conserved.

After this incredible experience, we will arrive to the beautiful city of Puerto Varas, where we will be able to enjoy traditional or adventure excursions, lake tours, that satisfy and guarantee fun to the tourist in every season and memories for a lifetime...

Overnight in **Puerto Varas**, standard room (B)

DAY 8: PUERTO VARAS: HD OSORNO



Half day tour to visit Osorno volcano.

We begin our tour from Puerto Varas city, "The City of Roses" going to Osorno Volcano, by the shore of Llanquihue lake. We'll enjoy the Amazing landscape with the Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes, until we get to Ensenada where we start to ascend to the Osorno Ski Mountain center, located at 1.240 meters of altitude.

We will stay there about an hour, will be enough time for sightseeing, take pictures, and appreciate a unique view to the summit of the volcano with glaciers of eternal snow, the Calbuco volcano, Llanquihue Lake and the Pacific Ocean. As an option passenger can take a cup of coffee or sandwich at the coffee shop of

the place or take the lift to ascend to 1450 meters altitude in the Primavera Station (Spring) or 1750 meters at Glaciar Station (Glacier) where there is a wonderful and breathtaking views of Llanquihue Lake.

Optional visit to a craft brewery with a tasting.

Overnight in **Puerto Varas**, standard room (B)

DAY 9: PUERTO VARAS: FD CHILOÉ ISLAND – ANCUD, CAULÍN AND PUÑIHUIL PENGUIN COLONY



Full day departure to the well-known Chiloé island

We begin the tour in our way to Pargua, south of Puerto Varas city; here we will aboard a ferry to sail through the Chacao Channel, this channel separates the continent of Chiloe Island. During the navigation we see sea wolves, pelicans and sea birds endemic in this area. The ferry berths at Chacao pier, here we see the houses that are built with Alerce wood, and the Churches that are National Heritage Site, then continue along a coast route and we are going to visit Caulín beach, a place very famous for the oysters an a rich marine fauna.

Later we will go to Puñihuil beach; there we get a boat, that will take us to a small island where we find the magallanes Penguin and Humboldt Penguin, this is the place where this two species make their nests, an during generations they have coexisted together, making this islands the only place in the world where this happens.

The tour guide will explain to us the way of life of these birds, the surroundings and the abundance of food that makes possible that these islands become a wild paradise. It's important to say that Puñihuil was declared National Heritage for its ecological relevance.

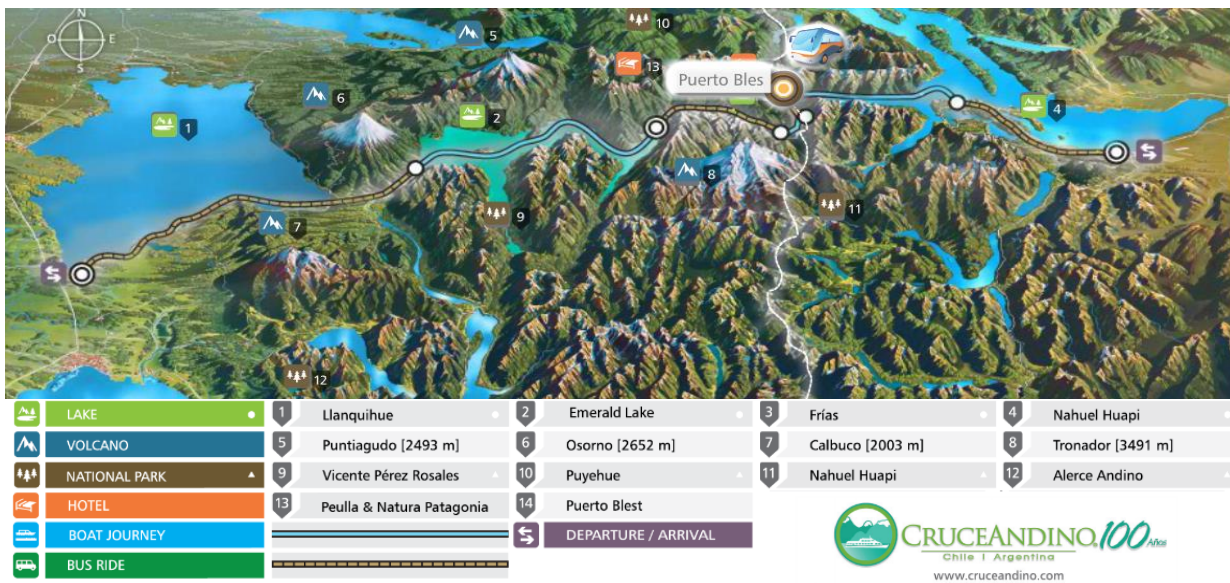
Later we continue our trip to Ancud city, where we can see the San Antonio Fort; this historic place is located in the highest part of the city, built at the latest part of XVIII Century and is part of one of the last Spanish fortifications in our country, the

Local Churches Heritage Foundation, the Mains Square, and the Central Market, this one offers many gastronomic and crafts options of the island. Sea lions navigation is included.

Optional night in Ancud to visit small villages in touch with local people to learn about their living and taste their typical flavours | Optional II: additional night in Puerto Varas to visit the Huiliche road along the pacific coast, learning about history, local architecture and nature towns with a gastronomical experience with huiliches aborigins

Overnight in **Puerto Varas**, standard room (B)

DAY 10: PUERTO VARAS / BARILOCHE: FULL DAY LAKE CROSSING (*)



Today transfer from Puerto Varas to Bariloche, combining land trips and navigations. Lunch included.

The Cruce Andino, the mythical road through the Lagos andinos Patagónicos (Andean Patagonian Lakes,) which joins Argentina and Chile. Through it, the native huiliches and mapuches traveled for over four centuries, leaving their mark on the legends of the area and a history that is coming back to life throughout this trip. The Cruce Andino gives us the chance to live out a once-in-a-lifetime moment, surrounded by awe-inspiring scenery.

There are many attractions on the way such as the Llanquihue lake, Osorno volcano, Perez Rosales National Park, Nahuel Huapí National Park, Tronador mount, the Valdivian rainforest, Frías lake and river and Best port, always with astonishing views of the Andes mountain range.

Transfers to/from ports and port tax included.

Optional night on the way.

Overnight in **Bariloche**, standard room. (B, L)

DAY 11: BARILOCHE - BUENOS AIRES



Breakfast. Morning at leisure to enjoy this beautiful city and its surroundings.

Optional visit to Catedral Hill.

Afternoon transfer to the airport to take your flight.

Flight to Buenos Aires.

Arrival to Buenos Aires and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in **Buenos Aires**, standard room. (B)

DAY 12: BUENOS AIRES / OUT

Breakfast.

At the right time, transfer to Ezeiza International Airport to take your flight back home. (B)

END OF SERVICES

The Program includes:

- ✓ All services, transfers and excursions detailed in the itinerary
- ✓ Meals mentioned (B: breakfast, BXL: box lunch, L: lunch, D: dinner)
- ✓ 11 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: September to May

Contact us for customized trips. *Optional extension to Santiago (Chile)*