

Comfortable Hiking Holidays

Hike an adventure. Rest in Comfort.

Trip Itinerary: Patagonia (Chile & Argentina) Holiday

March 5 to 17, 2017

- Day 1** HOLA AND WELCOME TO PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE
- Upon arrival, we shall check into our hotel located just steps from Plaza de Armas, the town's main square.
- Day 2** ISLA MAGDALENA
- Travel by boat out into the Strait of Magellan on the Chilean Sea to visit the Los Pingüinos Natural Monument on Islas Magdalena and Marta. This is one of largest penguin colonies in Southern Chile.
- In the afternoon, transfer to Torres del Paine National Park.
- Day 3** LOS CUERNOS TRAIL
- Hike along Los Cuernos Trail located beside beautiful Lake Nordenskjöld, and enjoy magnificent views of the park's central lakes and the Paine's Horns. (Moderate-challenging, 19 km)
- Day 4** VALLE FRANCES
- A catamaran takes us across the Lago Pehoe to begin our hike of the French Valley. The trail is typical Patagonian flat, skirting Lago Pehoe all the way to the swing bridge near the Italian Camp located at the foot of the SE face of the Massif. The trail continues up, up, up to the French lookout. (Moderate-Challenging, 20 km, 1700ft elevation gain/descent)
- Day 5** ICEBERGS & GREY GLACIER
- On the shores of glacial Grey Lake, a short hike along the beach will introduce us to a dazzling array of icebergs. Then we embark on a boat ride across the icy water to the towering blue-colored walls of Grey Glacier. (Light, 5 km)
- Day 6** LAS TORRES
- Hike towards Hosteria Las Torres and connect with the winding uphill path to Ascencio Valley. Then the moraine - the last guardian before our face to face meeting with the uplifting Torres del Paine. This is one of the most breathtaking sights of the world! (Challenging, 22km, 2300ft elevation gain & descent)
- Day 7** TRANSFER TO EL CHALTEN
- Our private bus will take us from Chile over the border into Argentina.
- Day 8** CERRO TORRE
- Hike along the Cerro Torre trail, following the Rio Fitzroy into the heart of Los Glaciares NP. Continue further to reach the shores of Laguna Torre - the view of ice-encrusted Cerro Torre rising above the Glaciar Torre and the waters of the lake is stunning. (Moderate, 20km, undulating)
- Day 9** MT. FITZ ROY - LAGUNA LOS TRES
- Hike along the Rio Blanco through a valley to the Mirador Pietras Blancas, then across the pampas before beginning the steep ascent to Laguna de Los Tres where we witness one of the park's most marvelous natural scenes - the turquoise-blue of the lagoon framed by Fitz Roy's spires and glaciers. Mt Fitz Roy is the landmark of Los Glaciares NP. (Challenging,

24km, 2525ft elevation gain & descent)

Day 10

EL CALAFATE - AFTERNOON AT LEISURE

Transfer from El Chalten to El Calafate. Afternoon free at your leisure to visit to the Glaciarium Patagonian Ice Museum or walk near Lago Nimez to visit the resident pink flamingoes.

Day 11

MORNING VISIT TO PERITO MORENO & AFTERNOON FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES

The Perito Moreno Glacier is the stunning centerpiece of Los Glaciares NP; it measures 30km long, 5km wide and stands 60m above the water (another 140m is below water)! We may even be fortunate enough to see an iceberg calving, and at the rate that this glacier advances (2m per day), it is a very likely possibility.

This afternoon, we fly from El Calafate to Buenos Aires.

Day 12

BUENOS AIRES

A walking tour is the best way to see the diversity of Buenos Aires and its many neighborhoods in just one day! (Light, sightseeing)

Day 13

ADIOS

After a morning of leisure in Buenos Aires, we shall pack up our treasures and head to the airport for our flight home.