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TRIP DETAILS

11 days / 10 nts - Argentina

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Trip Ref 3006

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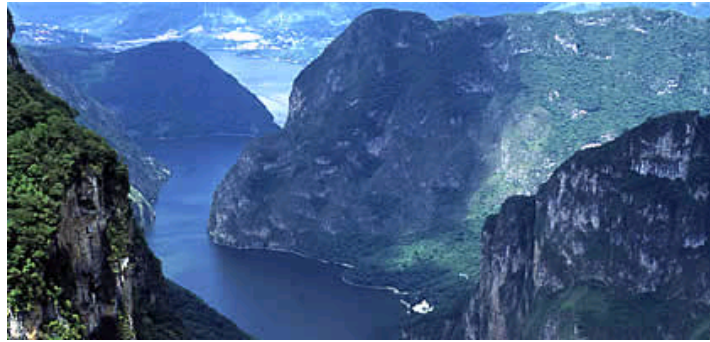
Buenos Aires

Puerto Madryn

Ushuaia

El Calafate

Buenos Aires



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Patagonia Highlights

Day 1: Reception in Buenos Aires - Plaza de Mayo - La Boca

Arrival at Ezeiza international airport. Reception and transfer to the Hotel. In the afternoon, visit to the most elegant South American city. You will sightsee the Plaza de Mayo main square and its surrounding buildings, 9 de Julio Avenue, the old quarter of San Telmo which used to be the most well-off district in the city, now becoming again one of the trendiest areas, and the Italian district of La Boca with its colorful "Caminito", an alley skirted by the typical colored tin facades of the old "conventillos", basic houses where, back in the beginning of the XX century, many families would live together in just a few rooms. On the way to Palermo, one of Buenos Aires traditional areas, you will go by the most important places such as the Zoo, the Botanical gardens, Palermo's park, the Polo field, the Planetarium and the oldest residential neighbourhood known as Palermo Viejo, to finally end in the sophisticated district of Recoleta, where you will visit Evita's grave. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 2: Buenos Aires - Gaucho Party - Parana River

Breakfast. Day at leisure for optional tours. You may take a full day Gaucho Party tour, to get in touch with the Pampas and its gauchos and taste some delicious Argentine beef, or a half day tour to Tigre & Parana River Delta including a boat ride among the delta islands. At night you will enjoy a dinner show where you will enjoy the sensual magnetism of tango, performed by the best tango dancers and singers. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 3: Buenos Aires - Trelew - Punta Tombo - Puerto Madryn

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Trelew. Arrival and visit to Punta Tombo fauna reserve, the largest Magellan penguin colony in the continent. Walk along the interpretative paths drawn among the nests of more than 500,000 Magellan penguins that gather in this colony every year. A tour around the reserve will let you appreciate, within less than a meter distance, the interesting habits of these sea birds that will curiously approach you. At the end of the excursion, transfer to Puerto Madryn. Accommodation.

Day 4: Puerto Madryn - Península Valdés

Breakfast. Full day tour to Península Valdés passing by the Ameghino Isthmus located between Nuevo and San José gulfs. You will visit Puerto Pirámide and the sea lion rookery. What you cannot miss is the whale watching boat excursion (optional – operates from July to early December). Afterwards you will continue to Punta Delgada to have lunch (optional) and see the large elephant seal settlement on the beach. Then you will continue to Caleta Valdés to watch the sea lions rookery. Return to hotel. Accommodation.

Day 5: Trelew - Ushuaia

Breakfast. Day at leisure for optional tours. You may take advantage of this day to take the adventurous 4WD Cerro Avanzado with trekking tour, a drive by 4WD vehicle in the Patagonian steepe and the natural environment. In due time, transfer to Trelew airport to board the flight to Ushuaia. Reception at Ushuaia airport and transfer to hotel. Accommodation.

Day 6: Ushuaia - Tierra del Fuego National Park

Breakfast. In the morning, we will visit the Tierra del Fuego National Park, located 12 km (7.5 miles) away from the city. This park constitutes a natural reserve of typical species of the Andean-Patagonian forest spread over an area of 63.000 hectares (155.500 acres). The most outstanding feature of the park is Lapataia bay, the southernmost tip of the continent, with a wonderful view of the Beagle channel. In the afternoon, boat expedition in the Beagle Channel. You will embark the catamaran that will take you to the Birds and Sea Lions Islands, through the waters of Beagle Channel, from where you will get an excellent panoramic view of the city framed by the Andean mountains. From the boat you will see the Birds Island, where a great variety of sea birds can be appreciated, mainly: cormorants, albatrosses, ducks and sea gulls. Soon after the catamaran will reach the Sea Lions Island, will finally get to Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse, from where you will start the way back to the city. Arrival at the pier and return to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 7: Ushuaia - El Calafate

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport to board flight to El Calafate. Reception at the El Calafate airport and transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, you could seize the chance to take the 4WD Cerro Calafate tour, to know the surroundings of El Calafate and have great views of the Lake

Argentino. Accommodation.

Day 8: El Calafate - Los Glaciares National Park

Breakfast. Day at leisure for optional tours. Your options are: taking the boat ride to the Glaciers along Lake Argentino, a full day tour to El Chaltén, or a full day tour to Torres del Paine National Park. Accommodation.

Day 9: El Calafate - Perito Moreno glacier

Breakfast. Visit to the Perito Moreno glacier, one of the largest active glaciers of the world, declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO because of its breathtaking beauty and its unusual behavior. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 10: El Calafate - Buenos Aires

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Buenos Aires. Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 11: Fly out from Buenos Aires

Breakfast. Transfer to Ezeiza International airport

Deluxe Hotels	SWB	DWB	TPL	MAP
Sep 2009	\$2,569	\$1,811	N/A	\$448
Oct thru Nov 2009	\$3,167	\$2,109	N/A	\$448
Dec 2009 thru Mar 2010	\$2,891	\$1,971	N/A	\$448
Depart. Mar 28th (Easter)	\$3,167	\$2,109	N/A	\$448

First Category Hotels	SWB	DWB	TPL	MAP
Sep 2009	\$2,287	\$1,669	\$1,586	\$448
Oct thru Nov 2009	\$2,665	\$1,875	\$1,758	\$448
Dec 2009 thru Mar 2010	\$2,605	\$1,828	\$1,753	\$448
Depart. Mar 28th (Easter)	\$2,665	\$1,875	\$1,758	\$448

Tourist Superior Hotels	SWB	DWB	TPL	MAP
Sep 2009	\$1,859	\$1,500	\$1,456	\$448
Oct thru Nov 2009	\$2,184	\$1,684	\$1,626	\$448
Dec 2009 thru Mar 2010	\$2,151	\$1,651	\$1,593	\$448
Depart. Mar 28th (Easter)	\$2,184	\$1,684	\$1,626	\$448

Hotels Quoted:			
Town	Deluxe	First	Tourist Superior
Buenos Aires	Intercontinental	De Las Americas	Salles
	Sheraton Buenos Aires	Dazzler Libertad	Dazzler Tritone
Ushuaia	Las Hayas	Los Acebos	Ushuaia
		Albatros	Mirabeagle
El Calafate	Esplendor	Kosten Aike	Kapenke
	Patagonia Park	Design Suites	Patagon
Puerto Madryn	Rayentray	Peninsula	La Posada
		Tolosa (sup room)	

Included

- Buffet breakfast at hotel
- Accommodation at hotels mentioned or similar.
- Luggage Handling.
- Admissions to National Parks and reserves
- Waterproof cloak in Calafate.
- Regular services with fix departure dates and english/spanish speaking local guides.

Not included: International and domestic Air tickets not included, Airport tax not included, Early check in / Late check out not included, meals and services not mentioned, gratuities, personal expenses

Notes:

- Departures are granted with a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together.
- Similar category of hotels may be used depending on departure date and occupancy
- Suggested Flights: Air tickets and airport taxes are not included.

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