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TRIP DETAILS

14 days / 13 nts - Argentina

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 3007

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Buenos Aires

Puerto Madryn

Ushuaia

Mare Australis Cruise

Punta Arenas

Torres del Paine

El Calafate

Buenos Aires



PRICES FROM \$1,126

Patagonia & Australis cruise

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

Meeting at Ezeiza International airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, city tour visiting some of the most interesting places of this cosmopolitan city: Plaza de Mayo (May Square), Casa Rosada (Government House), the Cabildo (Colonial Town Hall), the Metropolitan Cathedral, Avenida de Mayo (May Avenue), the Congress Palace, the Colón Theatre, and La Boca, San Telmo, Palermo and Recoleta neighborhoods. Dinner & Tango Show at El Querandi. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 2: Buenos Aires - Fiesta Gaucha

Breakfast. Day at leisure for optional tours. We recommend the Fiesta Gaucha: full day excursion dedicated to visit an estancia, a typical Argentine ranch, an ideal place to appreciate the local gaucho's skills at cattle breeding and horseback riding. It's also a great opportunity to taste the typical Argentine 'asado' (barbecue) which consists in cow ribs placed on an iron grid and grilled on wood embers. 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. Reception at the airport and visit to Punta Tombo penguin rookery to admire the magnificent Magellan penguin colony. Transfer to Puerto Madryn. Accommodation.

Day 4: Puerto Madryn - Valdés Peninsula - Punta Delgada

Breakfast. Full day tour to the Valdés Peninsula, passing by Ameghino Isthmus, located between the Nuevo and the San José gulfs. Visit to Puerto Pirámide, and its sea lion rookery. Don not miss the chance of (optional) taking part of the whale watching boat excursion (available from June to November). The tour continues to Punta Delgada to take a look at its important colony of sea elephants and Caleta Valdés where sea lions seem to have found their ideal natural habitat. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 5: Puerto Madryn - Ushuaia

Breakfast. Transfer to Trelew airport to board the flight to Ushuaia. Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon enjoy a brief city tour including the End of the World Museum. Accommodation.

Day 6: Ushuaia - Australis Cruise - Beagle channel - Strait of Magellan

Breakfast. Half day excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park, located 12 km (7 miles) from Ushuaia. You will have the pleasure of taking part of this visit which includes multiple panoramic sights of the Beagle channel, Lapataia river, Laguna Verde and lake Roca. In the afternoon, we will board the Australis cruise ship. Check in at San Martín 245, Ushuaia, from 9AM to 4PM; cruise ship boarding from 6PM to 7PM. The captain and crew will give a welcome cocktail reception on board. Afterwards, the ship departs for "the uttermost part of the earth." Our excursion will take us through the Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan to explore one of the most captivating wilderness regions in the world: Southern Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego. We have just embarked on a Great Adventure! Dinner on board. Accommodation on board.

Day 7: Australis Cruise - Nassau bay - Cape Horn

Breakfast. We sail through the Murray channel and Nassau bay to reach Cape Horn national park, where we will disembark (weather permitting). The mythical Cape Horn was discovered in 1616, and it is a sheer, 425 meter (1,394 foot) high rocky promontory. For many years it was an important navigation route between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and it is known as the "End of the Earth". The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in June 2005. In the afternoon, we go ashore at historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region's largest Yamana aboriginal settlements. Charles Darwin landed here on January 23rd, 1833, during the voyage of the HMS Beagle. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coihues, Canelos, ferns, and other native vegetation to reach a look-out point. Lunch and dinner on board. Accommodation on board.

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Day 8: Australis Cruise - Alakaluf fjord

Breakfast. In the morning we sail through the desolate Brecknock and Ocasion channels, to reach Cockburn channel in the afternoon. After lunch, we arrive at Chico sound and disembark in zodiac boats to explore Alakaluf fjord, and to see its beautiful waterfalls and observe the Piloto and Nena glaciers from the sea. We will learn about the formation of glaciers and their influence in the abrupt geography of the region's channels. Lunch and dinner on board. Accommodation on board.

Day 9: Australis Cruise - Magdalena island - Punta Arenas - Torres del Paine

Breakfast. Early in the morning, we go ashore on Magdalena island (weather permitting). Located in the Strait of Magellan, it was an essential source of supplies for navigators and explorers in the past. The island is inhabited by an immense colony of Magellanic penguins which can be sighted during our walk to a lighthouse, which guides ships on their way through the strait. In September and April this excursion is replaced by a zodiac boat ride at Marta island to observe sea lions. After our visit disembark at Punta Arenas to depart on regular bus line to Torres del Paine. Accommodation.

Day 10: Torres del Paine

Breakfast. Full day excursion to Torres del Paine national park to admire its marvellous flora and fauna with the majestic frame of the Andes mountain range. There we will be able to admire its lakes, rivers and glacial era landscape. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 11: Torres del Paine - El Calafate

Breakfast. Transfer by regular bus line to El Calafate. Reception at the bus station and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 12: El Calafate - Perito Moreno glacier

Breakfast. Full day excursion to Perito Moreno glacier located in Los Glaciares national park. This imposing ice river, 3 km (2 miles) wide and 50 m (164 feet) high, descends from the Patagonian Continental Ice field, provoking ice cracks and explosions during its slow forward movements. Due to its breathtaking beauty and unusual behaviour it was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. You will enjoy a boat ride that will allow you to admire the magnificence of the Perito Moreno from a closer point of view. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

Day 13: 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 14: Fly out from Buenos Aires

Breakfast. Transfer to Ezeiza International Airport to board the international flight.

Deluxe Hotels	SWB	DWB	TPL	MAP
Sep 2009	\$1,913	\$1,419	N/A	\$240
Oct thru Nov 2009	\$2,336	\$1,637	N/A	\$240
Dec 2009 thru Mar 2010	\$2,096	\$1,516	N/A	\$240
Depart. Mar 28th (Easter)	\$2,336	\$1,637	N/A	\$240

First Category Hotels	SWB	DWB	TPL	MAP
Sep 2009	\$1,788	\$1,356	\$1,276	\$240
Oct thru Nov 2009	\$1,949	\$1,444	\$1,338	\$240
Dec 2009 thru Mar 2010	\$1,931	\$1,434	\$1,356	\$240
Depart. Mar 28th (Easter)	\$1,949	\$1,444	\$1,338	\$240

Tourist Superior Hotels	SWB	DWB	TPL	MAP
Sep 2009	\$1,454	\$1,201	\$1,176	\$240
Oct thru Mar 2010	\$1,667	\$1,328	\$1,302	\$240

**Mare Australis Cruise / 3 nts : Please see rates and departure information on below charts

** Mare Australis: Ushuaia to Punta Arenas / 3nights program					
Season September 2009 - April 2010	Cabins				
	B	A	AA	AAA	Single
Promotion	\$1,227	\$1,451	\$1,526	\$1,611	\$2,091
Low	\$1,536	\$1,803	\$1,899	\$2,006	\$2,614
High	\$1,867	\$2,198	\$2,326	\$2,422	\$3,190
Special	\$2,059	\$2,422	\$2,561	\$2,668	\$3,510

Promotional departures: September: 19, 22, 23, 26 2009
 Low Season: September & October 2009 / 2nd half of March & April 2010
 High Season: November & December 2009 / January, Feb and 1st half of March 2010
 Special departure: Dec 23, Dec 30 2009

(Prices can change without notice)

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

Guide speaking English / Spanish

To get the total price of package, add the Australis cabin price to the land services price accordingly.

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, meals and services not mentioned, gratuities, personal expenses

Notes:

- Prices valid for minimum 2 passengers travelling together.
 - Departures are granted with a minimum of 2 passengers.
 - Mare Australis will be the cruise included in this program for departures from September to November and the New Stella Australis from December onwards
 - Mare Australis: when departing from Ushuaia passengers will have to pay \$10p.p immigration fee (subject to change).
 - Mare Australis: single rates are for "single" occupancy in B and A cabins. Single occupancy in AA, AAA cabins will have 1.5 surcharge over the category rate
 - Cruceros Australis reserves the right to alter, change, modify or omit part of the itinerary without previous notice.
 - Suggested Flights: Air tickets and airport taxes are not included.
- BUE / REL AR 1802 06.00 08.00
REL / USH AR 2810 19.10 21.20
FTE / BUE AR 2886 13.50 16.46

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