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TRIP DETAILS

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ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Buenos Aires

Iguazu

Bariloche

Calafate

Ushuaia

Puerto Madryn



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Live a fascinating Journey

Day 1: Arrive in Buenos Aires

Arrival in Buenos Aires Ezeiza International airport. Meet your guide outside the Customs area and transfer to your Hotel. Balance of the afternoon is at leisure. Overnight.

Day 2: Buenos Aires (city tour)

Enjoy a half-day panoramic tour of the city including Palermo Park, La Recoleta, a stop at the Tomb of Evita Peron, La Boca (Caminito St.) & San Telmo neighborhoods. We will also visit Plaza de Mayo, the grand boulevard of Buenos Aires with its many remarkable buildings and architectures, including Cabildo (the town hall), Casa Rosada (the Presidential Palace where, once upon a time, Evita and President Juan



Domingo Peron famously gave speeches from its balcony) and the Cathedral, a fantastic work of religious architecture, and the last resting place of Argentinean independence hero, General San Martin. Return to the hotel.

At evening, dinner & tango show at Querandi. The Tango is the music of Buenos Aires per excellence. Despite its humble origins, in the 20s tango left the brothels and the underworld districts to reach the high-class ballrooms, but to do so it had to travel to Paris to return triumphant.

In the end, the Tango has become a complete cultural expression, a plot of myths, values and traditions. A good way to feel its spirit is by visiting one of the restaurants that offers tango shows. Love, passion, madness, glamour: you will appreciate a show of international standing in which history becomes legend. Return to the hotel. Overnight. (B, D)

Day 3: Buenos Aires

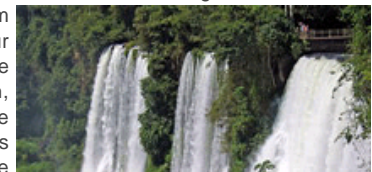
Full day tour to a typical Argentinean estancia, in the middle of the wet pampas, one of the most fertile natural prairies of the world and famous for its meat and cereal production. Upon arrival you will be invited to taste "empanadas", a typical appetizer and later then the "asado", which will be served with good Argentine wines. Later on you will enjoy a show of folkloric songs, dances and of Creole skill. Return to the hotel. Overnight. (B, L)

Day 4: Buenos Aires - Flight to Iguazu

Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the domestic airport. Arrival at Iguazu airport and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the afternoon is at leisure. Overnight. (B)

Day 5: Iguazu Falls (Argentine side)

Full day tour to the Iguazu Falls from the Argentine side, where you can take a series of catwalks over the water rushing into Devil's Gorge. While the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls has some of the best panoramic view, the Argentine side offers the best and most varied up-close views. The Argentinean side really provides an intimate touch with the falls. The National Park was created in 1934 with the purpose of preserving one of the most beautiful natural wonders of the world! It was declared a World Heritage site in 1984 by UNESCO. The many walking trails were paved throughout the reserve, and a free train brings visitors from the gate to the falls themselves. Walking through the park makes it possible to enjoy the rich flora and the huge amount of beautiful birds, butterflies (over 500 types in the area) and other animals. Visit Devils Throat: This catwalk takes visitors through the unique landscape of the islands and shores of the Iguazu River before arriving at the Devils Throat the most pressive waterfall of the Iguazu Falls. The journey (2080 m round trip) passes by three spacious viewpoints from which one can observe the natural splendour offered by the Iguazu River and the surrounding flora and fauna. The journey culminates with one arrival at the monumental "devils throat": a horseshoe-shaped waterfall 150 m wide and 80 m high, surrounded by dense clouds of vapour formed by the tremendous volume of water crashing at the bottom of vapour formed by the tremendous volume of water crashing at the bottom of the falls (these clouds give the landscape its characteristic appearance). The aerial acrobatics of the "vencejos", birds characteristic to the Iguazu Falls, represent another unforgettable sight. Ecological Train of the Jungle Designed



exclusively for this park, bearing in mind special considerations (e.g. climate, local vegetation). The train cars are open, allowing the visitor to have direct contact with the surrounding environment, and to experience riding through the middle of the jungle perceiving the aromas, weather, and the sounds of the forest. The train travels between 3 stations:

The "Central Station" is located at the Visitors Center, from which trains depart to the waterfalls; the second "Cataratas" station is situated meters from the start of the Inferior and Superior Circuits; the third "Garganta del Diablo" station is the final stop for trains. Use of the Ecological Train of the Jungle is included in the entrance fee to the Iguazu National Park.

Upper Circuit. This trail goes along the upper area of the falls, and guarantees spectacular panoramic views. There are six lookout points, where one can rest and appreciate the scenery.

Lower Circuit. This trail elevated some 50 cm above ground has 8 observation points from which one can enjoy the various spectacular views. The unique design of this trail allows for close contact with the falls and surrounding vegetation, allowing one to become immersed in the natural surroundings without disrupting the free movement of animals. Return to the hotel. Overnight. (B, L)

Day 6: Iguazu Falls (Brazilian side)

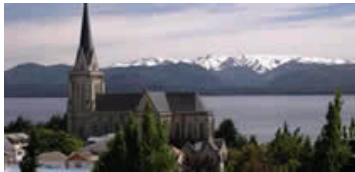
Half day tour to Iguazu Falls from the Brazilian side. The Iguazu National Park, Brazil is at 25 kilometers from Foz do Iguazu city. It has a 1 kilometer long walkway from which the 275 falls can be seen from a front panoramic view. Since the majority of the falls are in the Argentinean side, Brazil offers the best panoramic views: general panoramic view, side view of Devils Throat, and front view of the four Brazilian falls. Return to the hotel. Overnight.(B)

Day 7: Iguazu Falls - Flight to Bariloche

Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the airport. Arrival at Bariloche airport and transfer to the hotel. The afternoon is at leisure. Overnight. (B)

Day 8: San Carlos de Bariloche

Discover the picturesque town of Bariloche and surroundings doing the Half day "Circuito Chico" tour (ascent is not included) which starts at noon along Lake Nahuel Huapi all the way up to Playa Bonita, where the Huemul Island can be seen. Later you will arrive at the foothill of Cerro Campanario 1050 mts. Continuing on the same path that crosses the Angostura river which links the Nahuel Huapi's lake Moreno, to end up in a natural balcony with spectacular views. Then around El Trebol lagoon you will be back heading to the city. Time for lunch (not included). In the afternoon, you will go on a half day tour to Cerro Catedral (ascent is not included), which derives its name from the similarity of its towers to a gothic cathedral. In winter (July and August in southern hemisphere) it is a famous international center for sports and snow skiing skills competition. The road takes Av Bustillo and goes through a major center for Salmonicultura. We then visit the town Villa Catedral located at the foothill. There you can find several means of transportation leading to different ski platforms. The descent may be done by different ski slopes, cable car or lift. Return to the hotel. Overnight. (B)



Day 9: Bariloche - Victoria Island

Full day sailing to Victoria Island and Arrayanes forest. This tour on the Nahuel Huapi Lake starts at Panuelo Port in Llao Llao. The trip begins sailing to Peninsula Quetihue where the famous Arrayanes Forest is located. It is unique for its special cinnamon colored trees. The sailing continues giving to you the possibility of enjoying gorgeous views of the Andes and of the Lake and some of its islands. Then you visit Victoria Island, the biggest in the lake, arriving to Anchorena Port. There, you can have some outstanding views of the island, having the option of climbing to the viewpoint of the Bella Vista Mountain by its modern chair lift. Finally you start a guided walk through a forest of natural and exotic species. At the end of this walk, you sail back to Bariloche. Return to the hotel. Overnight.(B)

Day 10: Bariloche - flight to El Calafate

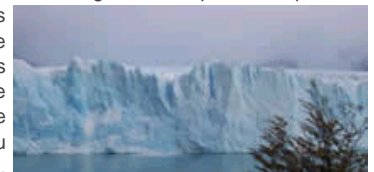
Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the airport. Arrival at El Calafate airport and transfer to the hotel. Overnight. (B)

Day 11: El Calafate - Upsala, Onelli & Spegazzini Glaciers

Full day Todo Glaciares, you will leave on a tour to the National Park Los Glaciares one more time only that you will be taken through Punta Banderas in order to take this tour, you will board the ship and navigate among the icebergs of various spectacular patterns of shape and size. The glaciers that you will visit are: "Upsala" "Spegazzini" and "Onelli". You will disembark in Onelli bay to go on an attractive trekking you take pictures or capture on video fabulous landscape. Lunch time. You will be returning to the hotel at aprox 6 pm. Overnight. (B, BL)

Day 12: El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier - Ushuaia

Full day tour to the Perito Moreno Glacier, you will leave in the morning to visit the renowned Perito Moreno glacier, unique on the planet in its constant forward movement. Along the road you will discover many Andean pre-cordillera sites that are worth sight seen or recording on camera and by the Argentino Lake you will access the National Park "Los Glaciares". Along Brazo Rico River you will start to spot the floating icebergs until you finally be able to grasp in all its awe this natural wonder considered World Heritage by the United Nations. You will take the paths and enjoy some time to observe and to have lunch. At the end of the tour you will be transferred to the Airport to take your flight to Ushuaia. At the arrival, you will be received by one of our representatives and you will be transfered to the hotel. Overnight.(B, BL)



Day 13: Ushuaia - Tierra del Fuego National Park

Full day tour of the Tierra del Fuego National Park. It is located 11 km away from the city. We will be able to appreciate lakes, lagoons and rivers within its limits, and their exit towards Beagle Channel, characteristic that makes the difference with the other national parks of our country. Departing from the Maipu Avenue towards the southwest by the national route N° 3, we will drive out of the city passing by the slope of the Susana Mount, witness of the work of the prisoners of the old prison, where now the Southern Fuegian Railway is located. Here we will stop for this optional tour. Continuing through the valley to the deviation that take us to the Ensenada Bay, where we will be able to

contemplate the Redonda and Estorbo Islands and on the other coast of the Channel of Beagle, the snow-white Mountains of the Sampaio Chain (Chile). Back again on the national route Nº 3 with the fuegian forest and its flora close to the road we will go to the Roca Lake to do a long walk by the lake coast and by the Lapataia River originated in the lake. From this point we can see the Condor Hill natural border with Chile. We will go towards the other end of the Park, where finalizes the route Nº 3 at Lapataia Bay, on the way to the mentioned bay we will observe the Green Lagoon and the Black Lagoon, large growing peat bog. Finally we will pass by the beaver dams, whose footpath will lead to Lapataia Bay. Return to the hotel. Overnight.(B)

Day 14: Ushuaia - Trelew - Puerto Madryn

Check out and transfer to the Trelew airport. Arrival at Trelew airport and transfer to the hotel in Puerto Madryn. Overnight. (B)

Day 15: Puerto Madryn - Peninsula Valdes



Full day tour to the Valdés Península, bordering Ameghino Isthmus, located between the Nuevo and the San José gulfs. We will visit Puerto Pirámide, a sea lion rookery. We will continue to Punta Delgada for a view of its important colony of sea lions and to Caleta Valdés, where sea elephants seem to have found their ideal natural habitat. Return to the hotel. Overnight. (B)

Day 16: Puerto Madryn - Fly out from Buenos Aires

Check out and transfer to the Trelew airport. Arrival in Buenos Aires domestic airport and then transfer to the Ezeiza International airport to connect with your international flight

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Included: hotel accommodation with breakfast, meals/transfers and tours as indicated in the itinerary. Regular group services with english/ spanish speaking local guides.

Not included: International and domestic Air Fare, airport taxes, beverages, meals not mentioned, gratuities and personal expenses.

Notes:

- Prices per person in USDollars, minimum 2 passengers
- The order of the itinerary may be altered according to flight schedules.
- All prices may vary for Holy Week, Long Weekends or special holidays

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