

Argentina – Southern Patagonia



Trip Summary

Enjoy the hospitality of Argentine Patagonia – and all the adventures therein! Trek, ride, and boat through Glaciares National Park, the Fitz Roy Mountains, and the Cerro Torre. You will explore unique small towns, immerse yourself in Argentinian culture (and wines), take in amazing views of glaciers while on foot and from the deck of a ship, taste local microbrews and chocolates, and, after active and engaging days, sleep in luxurious comfort.

Itinerary

Day 1: El Calafate

Pick-up in El Calafate, Argentina – gateway to Los Glaciares National Park • Upon arrival, you'll be taken by private transportation to your hotel, where you'll have the rest of the day to relax and explore the town • Explore the modern interpretive center called the Glaciarium, which serves as a primer on the region's numerous glaciers, or make the 1km hike out to Laguna Nimez for a beautiful Patagonian sunset • *Overnight at Kau Yatun Country Hotel or similar*

Day 2: El Calafate / Perito Moreno Glacier

Get ready for a full-day excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park • A UNESCO World Heritage site since 1981, it is one of the most awesome landscapes in South America • A bilingual guide will answer all your questions and you'll be able to enjoy stunning glacier views from the walking trail and viewing platforms • Then enjoy the glacier boat cruise that will get you up close enough to really appreciate the 80M-high ice walls! • *Overnight at Kau Yatun Country Hotel or similar (B, L)*

Day 3: El Calafate / El Chalten / Mount Torre

Enjoy breakfast before viewing the desert of southern Patagonia over a three-hour drive on famous Route 40 • Pass over La Leona River, connecting Lake Argentino and Lake Viedma, and watch out for La Leona Road House, where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid hit out for almost a month after a bank robbery • Arrive at the charming village of El Chalten, Argentina's capital for trekking, surrounded by glaciers, lakes, rivers, and the Fitz Roy Mountains • Relax and explore the town, by hiking to a nearby waterfall, relax in the local brewery, or indulge in the chocolateria • *Overnight at Hosteria Senderos or similar (B, L)*

Day 4: El Calafate / El Chalten / Mount Torre

The charming village of El Chalten is Argentina's capital for trekking and is surrounded by glaciers, lakes, rivers, and the Fitz Roy Mountains • In the morning, you'll start a half-day, guided trek to the base of Mount Torre • This classic trek takes you up into the Adela range and the incredible Cerro Torre • After your descent, we recommend relaxing in the local brewery or the guide can arrange to visit her friend's chocolateria • *Overnight at Hosteria Senderos or similar (B, L)*

Day 5: El Chalten / Poincenot Camp / Laguna Capri

Transfer from El Chalten to El Pilar to begin your hike • After a two-hour trek, enjoy an outstanding view of the Fitz-Roy mountain range • Reach Poincenot Camp and continue walking to Laguna Capri, where you will stop for a much-earned boxed lunch! • Walk the descent into town, arriving in



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the afternoon, and check into the luxurious Hosteria Helsingfors lodge • That night, your local guide will review the activities for the next days, including trekking and horseback riding • *Overnight at Hosteria Helsingfors or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Hosteria Helsingfors

Enjoy your day at the luxurious Hosteria Helsingfors lodge, which is surrounded by a majestic natural landscape, protected by lush woods which give way to a panoramic view of the lake, Mount Fitz Roy and the Andes Mountains • Your local guides will take you on your chosen activities, be it a trek on horseback to the Blue Lagoon, a horseback ride to the Mirador del Condor (including a river crossing), a stroll to the Wind Peninsula, or relaxing among the amenities of the lodge itself • *Overnight at Hosteria Helsingfors or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 7: Hosteria Helsingfors / Departure

Pull yourself away, if you can, from the luxurious Hosteria Helsingfors lodge to transfer to the airport or your next adventure • *No overnight (B)*

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Our Partner – Say Hueque

Say Hueque – Tours in Argentina and Chile is a travel company based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Established in 1999, Say Hueque specializes in providing customized tours to independent travelers throughout Argentina and Chile's national parks and cities. Popular destinations and experiences include Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls, Perito Moreno Glacier, hiking in Patagonia, wine tasting in Mendoza, horseback riding at traditional estancias, glacier cruises and much more. The company is made up of fun-loving travel professionals from Argentina who are passionate about sharing the best that their country has to offer. They have personally visited each destination throughout the region and over the past 17 years have provided excellent holidays to thousands of happy travelers worldwide.

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Activities

Hiking: 2 to 6-mile hikes, moderate to challenging terrain at altitude with options for more (or less)

Horseback riding: A variety of short- and medium-length rides. No experience necessary

Options at Hosteria Helsingfors: Trek or horseback riding to the Blue Lagoon, ride to the Mirador del Condor (includes a river crossing), trek to Laguna del Morro, hike or ride to the Estancia Los Hermanos, or a pleasant walk to the Wind Peninsula.

Discovery: Enjoy a Patagonian sunset – hopefully with a delicious, local pisco sour in hand. Learn about glacier growth, retreat, and calving. Trek into some of the most stunning landscapes on the planet. Delve into the world of regional Argentinian wines. See the southernmost hideout of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Enjoy a small-town brew pub, or the town's chocolateria – or, ideally, both! Ride a criollo horse the way gauchos do. Learn about how European immigrants came to start a new life in this rich and vibrant land, and how new generations have turned their hardworking farms into luxurious hotels.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Distinctive Accommodation

Nights 1 & 2: Kau Yatun Country Hotel or similar

A beautiful country lodge with an almost Germanic flair, the Hotel Kau Yatun is perched just on the end of town. There is a buffet breakfast, room service, a bar, and a restaurant with gaucho-style shows. There is a laundry, Wi-Fi, mountain bikes on-site, self-guided trails, and farm animals. The rooms are spartan and prim but very clean and comfortable and have complimentary coffee and tea in each room. There are no TV's.

Night 3: Hosteria Senderos or similar

Just on the edge of El Chaltén, within Los Glaciares National Park and at the foot of Fitz Roy, Senderos Hostería is a charming lodge built in deference to local farmhouses from the 1920's, but with modern charms and conveniences. Nestled near the Rio Fitz Roy and Rio De las Vueltas, the hotel offers buffet 'American breakfast', a wine bar, cozy log fireplace, room service and boxed lunches, laundry services, and information on excursions like horseback riding and trekking.

Nights 4 – 6: Hosteria Helsingfors or similar

During the early 20th century, Finnish adventurer, Alfred Ranström, settled at the foot of the Andes Mountains, on the shores of Lago Viedma. As a memory of his fatherland, he named his estancia after his country's capital city: Helsingfors ("Helsinki" in Swedish). Here he lived with his wife, Marie Lisau and their children, lightening up this wonderful spot, never imagining that they would be the main characters in one of Patagonia's most touching stories. The lodge is surrounded by a majestic natural landscape, protected by lush woods which give way to a panoramic view of the lake, Mount Fitz Roy and the Andes Mountains. It has 9 rooms with private bathrooms decorated and designed to combine colors and textures that blend in with the environment. The hotel includes a bar and a dining room with fixed-course meals, nature guides, an extensive selection of regional wines, outdoor barbeque lunches, laundry services, and Wi-Fi access (but no cell phone signal or TVs).

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Arrival & Departures

Please plan on arriving in El Calafate, Argentina early on Day One of your itinerary. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the El Calafate airport or your El Calafate hotel.

Trip Price

Call for pricing.

Trip Length

7 days/6 nights

2020 Dates

Departing weekly, call for availability.

Host City

El Calafate, Argentina (FTE)

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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therein!*



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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A 35% nonrefundable deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. **some restrictions may apply*

Child Age and Pricing on Family Adventures

Family Adventures are suitable for children seven years old and up (five years and older for our Costa Rica and Yellowstone Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 61 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less 35% nonrefundable deposit

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.