



## **Hike Patagonia In Depth**

14 days, Buenos Aires to Buenos Aires

Trip code SAPI

### **What's included**

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Laguna de los Tres full-day guided hike (El Chaltén)

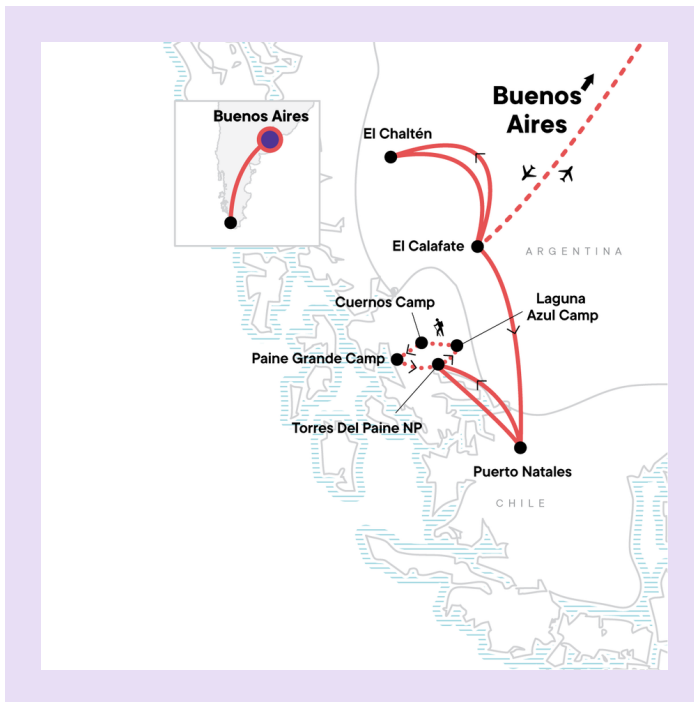
- Class III rafting
- Perito Moreno Glacier guided tour (El Calafate)
- Torres del Paine NP excursion with porters (3 nts)
- W Trek
- Internal flights
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing August 9th, 2018 - December 6th, 2022

# Itinerary



## Itinerary Notes

We recommend bringing USD in cash for the Argentinean portion of this tour as it is easier than using a credit card or withdrawing ARS from an ATM. USD currency is accepted in travel agencies for booking optional activities.

**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Buenos Aires

Arrive at any time.

As there are no planned activities until an evening welcome meeting, check into the hotel and enjoy the city. Opt to visit the districts of La Boca, Recoleta, and San Telmo or catch a tango show.

Booking pre or post trip accommodation is highly recommended to fully experience this vibrant city.



### Accommodation

Loi Flats Buenos Aires (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.



### Optional Activities - Day 1

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Experience this vibrant city cruising around on a bicycle with a local Argentine. Bike, helmet, knowledgeable tour guide, they've got it all taken care of, just come along for the ride and take in the many historical sights on offer. Discover Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo, colourful Caminito, and the working class neighbourhoods where Tango was born.

Meeting place: Cerrito 1128

Please note the bike tour begins at 10 AM. We advise booking a pre-night in order to arrive on time for this pre-sold optional activity. If you choose to arrive the day of the bike tour, please ensure your flight lands no later than 8 AM to ensure enough time to make it to the arrival point.

Day 2

## Buenos Aires/El Chaltén

Fly to El Calafate and continue by bus to El Chaltén within Glacier National Park, marvel at the Andean mountains en route. Enjoy some free time in town or head out on a short hike.

Fly south to the province of Santa Cruz and the town of El Calafate before transferring overland to El Chaltén. Often referred to as the trekking capital of Argentina, El Chaltén is the gateway to Cerro Fitz Roy and Cerro Torres, two of the most beautiful peaks in Patagonia.

Enjoy free time to warm up for the upcoming trek, opt to take a short hike to a nearby lookout or explore around town.

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### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hosteria Vertical Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

Plane

Buenos Aires - El Calafate

3h30m

Trade the urban pulse of Buenos Aires for the raw grandeur of Patagonia as you fly south to El Calafate.

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Private Vehicle

El Calafate - El Chaltén

3h-3h30m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride on your private transportation.

Free Time

El Chaltén

Head out into the national park and start exploring beautiful Patagonia.

Day 3

## El Chaltén

Jump into a raft and enjoy the ride through Los Glaciares National Park. Watch the mountains fade into the distance and paddle down Class III rapids.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hosteria Vertical Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

Kayak El Chaltén (4h tour)

El Chaltén

4h

Get ready to navigate Patagonia by Kayak, enjoy the spectacular scenery and watch the landscape change from mountain peaks to vast canyons, but don't forget to paddle!

Day 4

## El Chaltén

Enjoy a full-day guided hike to Laguna de los Tres and if the weather cooperates, a clear view of the Fitz Roy peaks. En route, take in the gradual changes in terrain from tree covered trails to exposed alpine landscapes.

Laguna de los Tres is the most popular trek in El Chaltén and for good reason. On a clear day, the view of Cerro Fitz Roy and the sparkling teal lake below are spectacular. The gradual start to the trek provides time to appreciate the stunning landscape and ease into the challenging trekking ahead. Although the 400m (1,312 ft) incline to reach the lake is taxing, the reward is well worth the effort.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hosteria Vertical Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



### Today's Activities

Los Glaciares National Park Guided Hike

El Chaltén

10h

24km

Enjoy a full day of hiking in Los Glaciares National Park. See granite pinnacles spiraling upward from the third largest ice field on earth. Hike to Laguna de los Tres to fully appreciate majestic Cerro Fitz Roy/Chaltén (3,441m/11,290 ft) - one of the most famous and popular viewpoints of the mountain.

Distance travelled: 24km/15 miles.

Duration: 10 hours.

Elevation gain: 1040m (3412 ft.)

Terrain: some portions of the trail can be quite steep with loose rocks, boulders, and soil.

Day 5

## El Chaltén/El Calafate

Explore one of El Chaltén's many trekking routes. Opt to explore the Laguna Torre trail to spot the dramatic Cerro Torre, hike to Laguna Capri or head up to the Condor Mirador to enjoy great views of the town. Afterwards, head to the quaint little town of El Calafate, and opt for a hearty dinner to refuel.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hosteria Posta Sur (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

El Chaltén

Explore the region by foot and hike one of the many trails around El Chaltén.

Private Vehicle

El Chaltén - El Calafate

3h-3h30m

152km

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride on our private G Adventures transportation.



### Optional Activities - Day 5

Cerro Torre Hike to El Chaltén

El Chaltén

30USD

7h-8h

18km

Hike through the Cerro Torre Valley (Los Glaciares National Park; grade: easy to moderate) to Torre Lake and Glacier for a close view, weather permitting, of the awesome spires that make up Cerro Torre (3,102m/10,178 ft) and its neighbours. A treacherous cap of ice known to climbers as “the mushroom” tops this slender needle of granite. Stop by the lake for some relaxation upon your return.

Laguna Capri Hike

El Chaltén

3h-4h

12km

Enjoy this easy to moderate hike up to a blue water lagoon, Laguna Capri. Surrounded by native forests and offering a stunning view of Fitz Roy.

Condor and Eagle Lookout

El Chaltén

30USD

1h-2h

6km

Also known as Mirador de los Cóndores y Mirador de las Águilas. It's one of the shortest hiking options in the area, enjoy a lighter hike to a viewpoint often overflowed by condors with spectacular panoramic views of the town and the mountains. Detour to another viewpoint to admire the Viedma lake and the steppe.

Distance: 6km

Duration: 1-2 hrs

Travel to Perito Moreno Glacier for an included guided tour. Opt to take a boat ride on the lake to get a different view of the stunning landscape and marvel at how large the glacier is up close.

Argentino Lake, discovered in 1873, is the southernmost of the four water sheets produced by the Pleistocene Glaciation. With its fjords and fingers it covers 1,505km<sup>2</sup> (935 mi<sup>2</sup>), and is considered one of the most breathtaking lakes in the world.

The Perito Moreno Glacier is an imposing river of ice, 2.7km (1.7 mi) wide by 55m (180 ft) high, which descends from the continental ice field to the Canal de los Tempanos.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Accommodation

Hosteria Posta Sur (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Perito Moreno Glacier Tour

Perito Moreno Glacier

Get out there and explore the natural wonder that is the Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the world's few "advancing" glaciers. Head to the southern end of Los Glaciares National Park, where Moreno's 60m (197 ft) wall of ice sporadically chokes off the narrow "Canal de los Tempanos" (Iceberg Channel) creating a natural ice dam, which eventually explodes in a dynamic display of force.

Please note this tour does not include walking on top of the glacier.



## Optional Activities - Day 6

Perito Moreno Glacier Boat

Perito Moreno Glacier - El Calafate

80USD

Get a closer look at the sheer magnitude of the impressive Perito Moreno Glacier. Head out on the glacial lake for spectacular views of the south wall. Keep your camera at the ready, this won't be an experience you'll soon forget, but you'll want to capture it just in case.

Day 7

## El Calafate

Enjoy free time, take a leisurely hike to Laguna Nimez or explore the souvenir shops and restaurants in town.

Home to the immense Perito Moreno Glacier, the quaint alpine town of El Calafate is the perfect base for exploring the nearby glaciers. Los Glaciares National Park, the most renowned in Argentina, was created in 1973 to preserve this vast glacial area encompassing the Upsala Glacier and the incredible Onelli Bay.

The main strip of this tiny town is lined with small wooden shops, browse for souvenirs, chocolates, or stop in one of the restaurants for a rest.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hosteria Posta Sur (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

El Calafate

Enjoy free time to explore town and the surrounding area.



### Optional Activities - Day 7

Laguna Nimez

El Calafate

15USD

Visit Laguna Nimez Reserve, a bird sanctuary protecting prime avian habitat. Spot flamingos, upland geese, silvery grebe, red-gartered coots and many other species found in the area.

Day 8

## El Calafate/Puerto Natales

Continue on to Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. Explore the town, eat a hearty meal, and rest well for the 4-day hike ahead.

Once a small fishing village, Puerto Natales is now a hub of adventure enthusiasts itching to explore unforgettable Torres del Paine NP.

Get any last-minute shopping done and rent all equipment needed for the hike. Extra gear not needed for the Paine hike can be stored at the hotel. Then, get ready for a detailed briefing with your CEO and local mountain guides about everything you need to know about this trek.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Capitan Eberhard (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Puerto Natales

Explore the coastal town of Puerto Natales at leisure, take in the views or wander through the streets.

Local Bus

El Calafate - Puerto Natales

5h-6h

362km

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Border Crossing (Argentina - Chile)

Cancha Carrera - Arroyo Guillermo

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Day 9

## Puerto Natales/Laguna Azul Camp

Embark on a 4-day excursion within Torres del Paine National Park, hiking the famous W Trek. Start the 62km (38.5 mi) route by trekking to the base of Las Torres to see the dramatic three towers and turquoise lagoon below.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

W Trek - Day 1 (Laguna Camp)

Las Torres Camp - Laguna Azul Camp

7h-9h

22km

Hop on a private transfer and enjoy the two and a half hour drive to the entrance of Torres del Paine National Park. Stop at the Welcome Center and get ready to start the trek. Hike through dense forest and mountain paths before making the ascent to the base of Las Torres. Hike about 4 hrs in and 4 hrs back. Then, transfer to the campsite at the end of the day for some spectacular food and time to reflect on the first leg of the journey.

Locations: Hike from the Welcome Center to the Base of the Towers and back.

Distance travelled: 22km (14 miles roundtrip)

Time: 7-9 hours.

Elevation gain: 750m (2,460 ft.)

Day 10

## Laguna Azul Camp/Cuernos Camp

Wake up surrounded by breathtaking landscapes. After breakfast, continue hiking along the W route, crossing Paine River and passing through grassy fields. Stop at Lake Nordenskjöld and snap a photo of the mountains reflecting in the lake before reaching the refuge.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Campsite Los Cuernos (or similar)

Campground



### Today's Activities

W Trek - Day 2 Welcome Center to Cuernos Camp

Laguna Azul Camp - Cuernos Camp

4h-5h

12km

Take in some amazing scenery on this stretch – light blue lakes contrast beautifully against the deep green forest. Test your endurance on a couple of uphill sections, but mainly enjoy a straightforward hiking day. Head to the spectacular campsite for the night near Cuernos Camp.

Location: Welcome Center to Cuernos Camp

Distance travelled: 12km (7.5 miles roundtrip)

Time: 4-5 hours.

Elevation gain: 175m (575 ft.)

Private Vehicle

Laguna Azul Camp - Lake Pehoé

2h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Boat

Lake Pehoé

45m

Climb aboard and get your float on.

Day 11

## Cuernos Camp/Paine Grande Camp

Today hike to the French Valley lookout to see the mountain range spread across the National Park. Take in the dramatic, contrasting greens and greys on the landscape.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Campsite Paine Grande (or similar)

Campground



### Today's Activities

W Trek - Day 3

Cuernos Camp - Paine Grande Camp

8h-9h

19km

Enjoy breakfast in Cuernos. Hike first to the Italiano Park Ranger Station, then set out to the French Valley lookout. Here, soak in views that are absolutely amazing! Get a great view of the fresh glacier, where it's possible to see avalanches.

Locations: Hike to French Valley and Paine Grande Campsite

Distance travelled: 18km

Time: 6-7 hours

Elevation gain: 550m (1800 ft)

Day 12

## Paine Grande Camp/Puerto Natales

The final day of the W Trek leads to Grey Lake and the lookout point for Grey Glacier. Gaze off into the distance admiring the scale of this immense glacier. Continue trekking to Lake Pehoé and finish by taking a picturesque ferry ride across the lake enjoying the sense of accomplishment before returning to Puerto Natales for the night.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Hotel Capitan Eberhard (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

W Trek - Day 4 Paine Grande Camp to Grey Lookout

Paine Grande Camp - Lake Pehoé

4h

11km

Hike to Grey Lake viewpoint before ending the hike. Enjoy amazing views across the lake. Glacier Grey makes a stunning background. Head back to Paine Grande campsite to hop on a boat and cross lake Pehoé where a private van will be waiting to take you back to Puerto Natales.

Locations: Paine Grande Camp to Grey Lookout

Distance travelled: 11km (7 miles)

Time: 4 hours

Elevation gain: 400m (1,315 ft)

Private Vehicle

Las Torres Camp - Puerto Natales

3h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 13

## Puerto Natales/Buenos Aires

Travel back into Argentina to El Calafate and catch an evening flight from Patagonia to Buenos Aires.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Accommodation

Loi Flats Buenos Aires (or similar)

Hotel

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### Today's Activities

Local Bus

Puerto Natales - El Calafate

5h-6h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Plane

El Calafate - Buenos Aires

3h30m

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Day 14

## Buenos Aires

Depart at any time.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

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### Optional Activities - Day 14

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## Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

## Are there Itinerary notes?

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## What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

### 1. COMBO TRIP

Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

### 2. LUGGAGE

Please Note: Aerolineas Argentinas allows 1 piece of checked luggage that weighs up to 15kg (33 lbs) and 1 piece of carry on luggage that weighs up to 8kg (17 lbs) on internal flights. If luggage is overweight, the airline charges ARS \$15,000 at check-in (approx. 15-20 USD) up to a max of 23 kgs per piece. Luggage over 23 kgs is not allowed for internal flights.

### 3. HIKING

Altitude sickness is not an issue during this tour. In any of the hikes you will not be over 1200m /4000 ft above sea level. This tour hikes W Trek of Torres del Paine, staying at different campsites each night. As such, all travellers will need to carry backpacks with personal items with them for the duration of the hike. You will have porters to carry camping equipment and food. You will also have extra porters to carry a total of 5 kg of personal items per passenger, included within this 5 kg is your sleeping bag which weighs 2.5 kg. The porters will give you a bag to store these items.

You will need to carry your daypack everyday which will be approximately 5 -10kg. Items you will need to carry in your day pack include: water, lunch for the day, an extra layer of clothing and any other personal items over the 5 kg carried by the porters. Porters can be hired to assist with the carrying of belongings. Extra porters can be hired to assist with the carrying of belongings, each porter can carry a maximum of 15kg. Please ask us at the time of booking if you would like to pay to arrange extra porters for your hike.

## **What is the group leader like?**

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our group leaders, a G Adventures representative, or an expedition team. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

## **How large will the group be?**

Max 16, avg 12

## **What meals are included in this trip?**

13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Boat, local bus, plane, private vehicle, hiking.

## **Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?**

All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your passport information at the time of booking in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

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## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (10 nts), camping (3 nts).

## **Do any exceptions apply to Rooming or “My Own Room” on my tour?**

Nights 9-12: Torres del Paine National Park.

## **What are the joining instructions?**

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

If you would like to book an airport Arrival transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

## **What happens if I experience problems when arriving?**

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office Lima, Peru.

During office hours (Weekdays, 9-6pm Local Time): +51 1 241 1650

After hours Emergency number: +51 99 758 2712 (WhatsApp Available)

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

If you would like to book an airport Departure transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

## Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Available for Rent:

- Walking poles (6000 CLP per day)
- Windproof rain jacket (4000 CLP per day)
- Windproof rain pants (5000 CLP per day)

## Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Warm gloves
- Warm layers
- Scarf
- Warm hat
- Warm waterproof jacket

## Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

## Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

### **Health & Safety:**

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

### **Hiking/Trekking:**

- Gloves
- Hat
- Hiking boots/sturdy walking shoes
- Hiking pants (Convertible/Zip-off and quick dry recommended)
- Snacks (Protein bars, chocolate, dried fruits, candies, energy sweets)
- Socks (Trekking socks – woollen or synthetic, not cotton)
- Thermal base layer (Woollen or synthetic, not cotton)
- Walking poles (Highly recommended)

### **Patagonia Trekking:**

- Day pack (30 litres is a good size)
- Pack liners to waterproof bags
- Sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet (sleeping bag and sleeping mat are provided on the trip)
- Windproof rain gear

### **Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: The best clothing for trekking is either wool or synthetic materials in layers, as this is quick-drying and can keep heat in better. We suggest a base-layer, then a mid-layer such as a light fleece jacket or similar, then a windproof and waterproof layer.  
Note: All other camping equipment for the Torres del Paine trek is provided and included in the cost of your trip. Porters will carry 2.5kg of your personal gear for you while on the hike. You will be required to carry only what you need for the day in your day pack. Any luggage not required for the hike will be left at the hotel in Puerto Natales.

## **When can I do my laundry on this trip?**

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

## What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?

The currency in Argentina is the Argentine Peso (ARS) and in Chile, the Chilean Peso (CLP).

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances. Visa cards are the most widely accepted cards. While ATMs are widely available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Latin America. Check with your bank.

You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money, a combination of US dollar cash and cards is best. Please bear in mind that cost of living in Patagonia (Argentina/Chile) is much higher than the rest of South America. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

We recommend bringing USD in cash for the Argentinean portion of this tour as it is easier than using a credit card or withdrawing ARS from an ATM. USD currency is accepted in travel agencies for booking optional activities.

We do not recommend bringing travellers cheques as they are very difficult to change in country.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE TIP: Please be advised that slightly torn notes, notes that have been heavily marked or are faded may be difficult to exchange. It is best to bring notes in fairly good condition, in denominations of 100 or 50 USD (or equivalent).

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

It is customary in Latin America to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels.

There are several times during the trip where there is an opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Tips are in cash, either in local currency or USD. Please find next the suggested tips for this trip:

Trekking Guide Laguna de los Tres: USD 10

3-day driver in Calafate: USD 5

Perito Moreno Glacier local guide: USD 10

Trekking Guides Torres del Paine: USD 40 (For the 3 days)

Porters Torres del Paine: USD 15

Camping Staff Torres del Paine: USD 5

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$10 USD per person, per day can be used.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

### Buenos Aires

- Teatro Colón Tour (25USD per person)
- La Boca Neighbourhood Visit (10USD per person)
- Buenos Aires Guided City Tour
- Buenos Aires Bike Tour

### El Chaltén

- Cerro Torre Hike to El Chaltén (30USD per person)
- Laguna Capri Hike
- Condor and Eagle Lookout (30USD per person)

### Perito Moreno Glacier

- Perito Moreno Glacier Boat (80USD per person)

### El Calafate

- Laguna Nimez (15USD per person)

## Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that quite often we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)\*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

## How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

# What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.