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Patagonia Dreaming

19 days, Buenos Aires to Buenos Aires

Trip code SAPD

What's included

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- Torres del Paine National Park excursion (3 nts camping)

- "W Circuit" hike
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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2015 and onwards

Itinerary



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.

Arrive in Buenos Aires at any time. Check into the hotel and enjoy the city as there are no planned activities.

After exploring, rest weary feet and enjoy a drink in one of the many sidewalk cafes and restaurants. Begin to understand the contemplative Argentine way of life. Buenos Aires will be the last chance to try the succulent bife and parrilladas, so dig in and enjoy!

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



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Tonight, the adventure begins. Feel free to explore– but make sure you're back in time to meet your group. After introductions, your CEO will review the details of your trip.



Optional Activities - Day 1

San Telmo Visit

San Telmo

Free

Take a step back in time visiting charming San Telmo, one of Buenos Aires' oldest barrios (neighbourhoods). Stroll along cobblestone streets and discover colonial architecture, museums, churches, and one-of-a-kind finds in the local antique shops. The barrio's weekend market and street artists' displays are must-sees and highlights for many visiting the capital.

Teatro Colón Tour

Buenos Aires

25USD

Explore this stunning opera house on a guided tour and find out why it is voted one of the best acoustic venues in the world.

Tren de la Costa

Buenos Aires

20ARS

Do as the locals do and escape the hustle and bustle of the city on a scenic coastal train ride. Gaze out the window at the Rio de la Plata passing by the window. The full journey takes 30 minutes from Maipu station to the Tigre delta, a popular getaway for locals. Stay on board for the full journey, or hop off at one of the stations, each with its own personality.

La Boca Neighbourhood Visit

Buenos Aires

10USD

Visit La Boca to soak in the vibrancy of the barrio's brightly coloured buildings and El Caminito (a cobblestone street lined with artist studios that's often used as an impromptu setting for tango performances). Or, if lucky, catch a match at fabled La Bombonera, the home stadium of the Boca Juniors' fútbol club (the crowd's excitement is electric!).

Buenos Aires Bike Tour

Buenos Aires

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/San Carlos de Bariloche

In the morning fly to Bariloche. Free afternoon to explore.

Take a short flight to San Carlos de Bariloche, the entrance to northern Patagonia. Jump on a cable car in Cerro Otto for stunning views or simply relax in a cafe.

Sample a beefy parillada or a variety of fresh salmon or lake trout.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Plane

Buenos Aires - San Carlos de Bariloche

2h15m-3h

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

Luggage restrictions: 15kg for checked luggage and 5kg for carry on.

Free Time

San Carlos de Bariloche

Explore the town in free time.



Optional Activities - Day 2

Hiking

San Carlos de Bariloche

Hit some trails to get up close to the area's natural beauty. Enjoy amazing views amid mountains and lakes while exploring the Lake District on foot.

Horseback Riding Bariloche

San Carlos de Bariloche

42USD

Hop in the saddle and head out on horseback to explore the Lake District's diverse and beautiful terrain from a completely different perspective. Giddy-up!

Mountain Biking

San Carlos de Bariloche

450USD

Take to two wheels and head out to explore. Choose from a number of different scenic routes and trails that wind through the Argentine Lake District's stunning landscapes.

Day 3

San Carlos de Bariloche

Choose how you want to spend your free day to explore the countryside. Optional activities include hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

San Carlos de Bariloche

Free time to enjoy some of the activities available in the town.



Optional Activities - Day 3

Mountain Biking

San Carlos de Bariloche

450USD

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Bariloche Rafting

San Carlos de Bariloche

195USD

Grab a paddle, strap on your helmet, and head down the Class III/IV rapids of the Manso River towards the Chilean border. Take a rest from paddling and take in the beautiful scenery around the emerald waters before rewarding your hard work with an "Asado Patagónico" (Patagonian barbecue).

Circuito Chico Tour

San Carlos de Bariloche

40USD

Enjoy an introduction to the highlights of San Carlos de Bariloche on a circuito chico tour. Stop at Bahia Lopez (Lopez Bay) and Panoramic Point and take in the beautiful landscape. Continue on to Cerro Campanario (Bell Mountain), opt to get an even better view by riding the chairlift.

Day 4

San Carlos de Bariloche/Puerto Varas

Enjoy a scenic bus journey to Puerto Varas and arrive with free time to explore the town.

Journey aboard a comfortable bus across the Andes and through the marvelous mountain scenery of the Lake District. Spend 2 nights on the shores of Lake Llanquihue, enjoying the perfect views of Osorno Volcano.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Bus

San Carlos de Bariloche - Buenos Aires

3h-3h30m

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

No organic food please (should be eaten before the border crossing). Be aware of car sickness on this ride, windy road.

Lunch will be on the bus. Feel free to bring snacks and lunch for the ride.

Border Crossing (Argentina - Chile)

Paso de Jama - San Pedro de Atacama

1h

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

Local Bus

San Carlos de Bariloche - Buenos Aires

3h-3h30m

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

Day 5

Puerto Varas

Enjoy a free day in Puerto Varas. Optional activities include rafting, hiking, or exploring Chiloe Island.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Puerto Varas

Enjoy a free day in Puerto Varas.



Optional Activities - Day 5

Osorno Volcano Day Hike

Volcán Osorno

161USD

Discover the natural beauty of the region on this exhilarating hike up to the ice-clad Osorno. Enjoy spectacular views of Lake Llanquihue, the surrounding mountains and forests, and the Petrohue River valley resting below.

Rafting

Grab a paddle and experience the thrill of rafting on this fun-filled, adrenaline-boosting wild ride down the river.

Chiloé Island Excursion

Isla Chiloé

180USD

Take the ferry to the Big Island of Chiloé, the land of myths and legends. Immerse yourself in its rich history, traditions and fascinating tales. Cross the Chacao Channel, continue to Ancud and explore its vibrant market. The highlight of your adventure awaits at the Puñihuil National Monument, where you will witness the communal life of Magellanic and Humboldt penguins along with other sea birds. Have lunch at a local restaurant and share special moments with the community and fellow travellers.

Day 6

Puerto Varas/Punta Arenas

Fly south to Punta Arenas to enjoy an orientation walk and take some free time in the evening to explore this charming city.

At the very end of the Chilean mainland, looking across the Straits of Magellan to Porvenir and Tierra del Fuego, Punta Arenas is a city of about 100,000 people.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Puerto Varas - Puerto Montt

30m

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

Plane

Puerto Montt - Puerto Natales

2h15m-2h30m

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

This flight has a lot of turbulence. It flies over the Patagonian southern ice field.



Optional Activities - Day 6

Tour of Fuerte Bulnes

Punta Arenas

25000CLP

Travel back in time on a guided tour of this historic fort founded in 1843. Replicas of a post office, church, jail and other buildings were constructed to commemorate where Chile took possession of the Magellan Strait.

Day 7

Punta Arenas/Puerto Natales

Relax and enjoy the scenery on the bus ride to Puerto Natales.

Puerto Natales is the entrance way to Torres del Paine National Park.

During the day, explore the town, eat a hearty meal for energy, and rest well for the 4-day hike ahead. Get any last-minute shopping done in Puerto Natales, and rent all equipment needed for the hike. Any extra gear not needed for the Paine hike will be stored.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Bus

Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales

3h

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

Day 8

Puerto Natales/Torres del Paine National Park

Embark on a 4-day excursion within Torres del Paine NP, 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)

Las Torres Camp - Laguna Amarga Camp

9h-10h

16km

Hike through dense forest and mountain paths before making the ascent to the base of Las Torres. Trek for 4-5 hours there and another 4-5 hours back - it's oh-so-worth it! Then, take a 30-min transfer to Refugio Laguna Amarga (along with the duffels) and camp nearby.

Day 9

Torres del Paine National Park

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



Today's Activities

W Trek (Day 2)

Laguna Amarga Camp - Cuernos Camp

5h-6h

11km

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.

Day 10

Torres del Paine National Park

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



Today's Activities

W Trek (Day 3)

Cuernos Camp - Paine Grande Camp

7h-8h

24km

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

Day 11

Torres del Paine National Park/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.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

W Trek (Day 4)

Paine Grande Camp - Grey Lake

4h-4h30m

11km

Hike to Grey Lake viewpoint before ending the hike. Enjoy amazing views across the lake. Glacier Grey makes a stunning background.

Boat

Lake Pehoé

45m

Climb aboard and get your float on.

Private Vehicle

Lake Pehoé - Puerto Natales

1h30m

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

Day 12

Puerto Natales/El Calafate

Cross back over the Andes and travel by bus back into Argentina to El Calafate. Free afternoon to explore.

Leave Chile and return to Argentina, travelling across the dusty, windy altiplano. The long road takes us through the arid southern pampas and across the border to the turquoise waters of Argentino Lake and the town of El Calafate. A spectacular drive west towards the mountains leads us to the dynamic Moreno glacier. Look for condors, rheas, eagles or flamingos en route, but the real star of the day is the stunning Moreno Glacier, at the southern terminus of Glacier National Park.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Bus

Puerto Natales - El Calafate

5h-6h

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

Border Crossing (Chile - Argentina)

Los Andes - Uspallata

1h-1h30m

80km

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

Local Bus

Puerto Natales - El Calafate

5h-6h

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

Day 13

El Calafate/El Chaltén

Enjoy an included visit to Perito Moreno Glacier and marvel at its size and beauty, then travel by bus to El Chaltén. Free time for optional walks.

Visit Perito Moreno Glacier in the morning before continuing on to the town of El Chaltén located in the north end of the park.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Perito Moreno Glacier Visit

El Calafate

Explore Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the world's few "advancing" glaciers. See the glacier's magnificent natural beauty firsthand, and enjoy awe-inspiring views (it stretches about 250 sq km/97 sq mi in size and 30km/19 mi in length).

Private Vehicle

El Calafate - El Chaltén

3h-3h30m

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



Optional Activities - Day 13

Perito Moreno Glacier Boat Tour

Perito Moreno Glacier

80USD

Embark in the floating dock in the south arm of Argentino Lake, and navigate along the Iceberg Channel towards the front wall of the Perito Moreno Glacier where most of the ice calving takes place. This boat trip lasts approximately one hour.

Full-day guided hike in Glacier National Park to Laguna de los Tres.



Today's Activities

Los Glaciares National Park Guided Hike

El Chaltén

9h-11h

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 15

El Chaltén/El Calafate

Free morning to enjoy optional activities like hiking Viedma glacier or Laguna Torre, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Drive back to El Calafate in the afternoon.



Today's Activities

Free Time

El Chaltén

Pick your adventure in this area perfect for outdoor activities.

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 15

Laguna Torre Hike

El Chaltén

5h-6h

Enjoy easy hiking on this trek to Laguna Torre. Traverse glacial valleys, passing through serene beech forest, to arrive at awe-inspiring views of Cerro Torre's peaks of granite and ice.

Mountain Biking

El Chaltén

2h30m-4h

36km

Hop on a mountain bike and enjoy an amazing ride in this scenic area perfect for outdoor adventure. Get dropped off at Laguna del Desierto, and get your legs pumping to bike 36km (22 mi) back to town (enjoy a tailwind the entire way). The ride takes about 2.5 hours. Opt to be picked up at Hosteria del Pilar, if you would like a shorter ride.

Viedma Glacier Boat Trip

Lago Viedma

1050ARS

Enjoy a boat trip on Lake Viedma with a close-up view of Viedma Glacier -- it's a relaxing way to take in the gorgeous scenery.

Viedma Glacier Hike

Ventisquero Viedma

2475ARS

Enjoy a boat ride out to the glacier then head out on foot to explore the majestic beauty of the Viedma Glacier, a valley glacier in Glacier National Park. Have an unforgettable, up-close experience of this amazing natural wonder.

Day 16

El Calafate/Ushuaia

Fly to Ushuaia. Opt to take a boat trip on the Beagle Channel or hike in Tierra del Fuego National Park.

Take a short flight to the southern-most city in the world: Ushuaia, which is situated on the island of Tierra del Fuego.

Enjoy an optional cruise along the Beagle Channel (named after Darwin's expedition vessel) providing panoramic views of the scenery and the chance to spot marine animals and a variety of marine birds. Back on land there are various options, including bird watching, day hikes in Tierra del Fuego National Park, horseback riding, and a visit to a penguin colony in Harberton Ranch.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Plane

El Calafate - Ushuaia

1h15m-1h30m

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Optional Activities - Day 16

Pinguinera C/Piratur (by Catamaran and Bus)

Ushuaia

1700ARS

Learn all about rural life on this visit to Harberton Ranch, the oldest estancia in the Tierra del Fuego area. Tour the grounds, which include a botanical garden, a cemetery, and a nearby natural history museum. En route, also take in some wildlife watching with a stop at a penguin colony.

The Maritime Museum and Prison at the End of the World Museum

Ushuaia

36USD

Visit the Navy Museum, which was previously the Recidivist Prison. Learn about two different histories of seafarers and prisoners who both arrived at "the end of the earth."

Beagle Channel Sailing

Ushuaia

1020ARS

Navigate the Beagle channel on a catamaran and admire the Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse, Seal Island, and Bird Island.

Tierra del Fuego National Park Visit

Ushuaia

Explore this stunning coastal national park extending 630 sq km. The Tierra del Fuego National Park has many different attractions, like Acigami Lake and Lapataia Bay, where the Pan-American Route ends. This is the southernmost national park of Argentina and the only one that protects mountains, sea, and forests within its limits.

Day 17

Ushuaia

Free time for optional activities.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Ushuaia

Free time is yours to use any way you want! Get out there and explore.



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Horseback Riding Ushuaia

Ushuaia

100USD

3h-4h

Ride around Ushuaia on horseback for amazing views of the landscape.

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Day 18

Ushuaia/Buenos Aires

Fly back to Buenos Aires for the final night. Opt to go to a tango and dinner show.

Enjoy a free morning in Ushuaia before the return flight to Buenos Aires and a final night out on the town.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Ushuaia

Relax or explore – the choice is yours!

Plane

Ushuaia – Buenos Aires

3h30m

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Optional Activities - Day 18

Tango Dinner Show

Buenos Aires

Discover the passion of tango. Watch the pros step and slide around the dance floor while you dine on a traditional Argentine dinner. Get lost in the music, savour the sensuality, and see why this traditional dance continues to ignite the senses of locals and visitors alike.

Depart at any time. We highly recommend booking pre- or post-accommodation to fully experience this vibrant city.



Today's Activities

Departure Day

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

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Is there an itinerary Disclaimer?

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

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?

15 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

What are the meals like on this trip?

Eating is a big part of traveling. G Adventures understands the importance of breakfast to start your day, we strive to include a basic breakfast wherever possible. A typical breakfast may include toast, coffee and tea, however this may vary depending on the city. Should breakfast not be included, your CEO can suggest some local options.

Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. While trekking in remote regions etc. food is included, plentiful and made of fresh local ingredients.

For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Public bus, boat, plane.

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.

Please Note: Aerolineas Argentinas allows 1 piece of luggage that weighs up to 15kg on internal flights. For every extra kilo the airline will charge \$10 per kg at the time of check-in.

Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

We believe single travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (15 nts), camping (3 nts).

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

Nights 8-10: Torres del Paine National Park.

What is the joining hotel?

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

What are the joining instructions?

Officially the airport is called Ministro Pistarini International Airport, but it is commonly referred to as Ezeiza. It is situated 35 km (22 miles) from the city, about 40 minutes in a taxi. A taxi to the centre cost approximately \$45 USD and can be arranged from the official counter inside the Arrivals area.

There is also a bus company that can take you to the hotel of your choice in the centre of Buenos Aires. Manuel Tienda Leon is the most well known, and costs about \$13 USD (80 ARS). Their counter is at the customs exit.

There are exchange facilities in the Banco de la Nacion at the airport with 1.5% commission, ATM Visa and Mastercard facilities available. There are many official places to exchange money in centre of the city.

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 for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time. Similarly the last day is a departure day during which no activities have been planned.

A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

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, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and 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?

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Should you need to contact G Adventures during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our local contact in Buenos Aires. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so we may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

G Adventures Office Lima, Peru.

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

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local contact in Buenos Aires, we have a toll-free line for North America, which will connect you directly with our Toronto office. In the event that you cannot get through, you can reach a member of our Operations department at the mobile number below:

Toll-free, North America only: 1 800 465 5600.

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

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

What should I take on my trip?

Most people automatically assume that the weather is hot in South America, but because of the higher altitude in the Andes and the extreme southern nature of this trip, the temperature can feel quite cold, especially at night. We recommend the use of a duffel bag or backpack, whichever you find easiest to carry. A good size daypack is also essential. A 30 litre bag is recommended for the day hikes that we will be doing.

A sleeping bag and mat are provided.

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 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](#)

How much spending money do I need for my trip?

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 the southern cone countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile) is much higher than the rest of South America, and in the case of Argentina, more comparable with Europe. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

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 lower than 100USD (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

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!

Do I need to pay a departure tax?

Most airlines include departure tax in the cost of the ticket. If this is not included then it should be mentioned in your flight booking confirmation

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 opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$5-10 USD per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

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 \$20-25 USD per person, per week can be used.

What activities are optional on this trip?

San Telmo

- San Telmo Visit (Free)

Buenos Aires

- Teatro Colón Tour (25USD per person)
- Tren de la Costa (20ARS per person)
- La Boca Neighbourhood Visit (10USD per person)
- Buenos Aires Bike Tour
- Tango Dinner Show

San Carlos de Bariloche

- Hiking
- Horseback Riding Bariloche (42USD per person)
- Mountain Biking (450USD per person)
- Bariloche Rafting (195USD per person)
- Circuito Chico Tour (40USD per person)

Volcán Osorno

- Osorno Volcano Day Hike (161USD per person)

Puerto Varas

- Rafting

Isla Chiloé

- Chiloé Island Excursion (180USD per person)

Punta Arenas

- Tour of Fuerte Bulnes (25000CLP per person)

Perito Moreno Glacier

- Perito Moreno Glacier Boat Tour (80USD per person)

El Chaltén

- Laguna Torre Hike
- Mountain Biking

Lago Viedma

- Viedma Glacier Boat Trip
(1050ARS per person)

Ventisquero Viedma

- Viedma Glacier Hike (2475ARS
per person)

Ushuaia

- Pinguinera C/Piratur (by
Catamaran and Bus) (1700ARS
per person)
- The Maritime Museum and
Prison at the End of the World
Museum (36USD per person)
- Beagle Channel Sailing
(1020ARS per person)
- Tierra del Fuego National Park
Visit
- Horseback Riding Ushuaia
(100USD 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 do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your CEO will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgment when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards) have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/

What are the trip specific safety considerations?

Please note: You should be especially careful when wandering about the capital city on your own, particularly at night. Tourists are easy prey for individual pickpockets or groups of two or more people working as a team on the streets. Pay particular attention to anyone who 'accidentally' spills anything on your clothes or belongings (mustard, etc.), then apologizes and offers to help clean up. They will clean you out instead! Be safe and leave your passport, credit cards, travellers cheques and cash funds you won't be using immediately in the hotel's safety deposit box. Most Porteños are honest and genuinely helpful and friendly, but be safe and enjoy the city!

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 prostitutes 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 use prostitutes.

Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

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?

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at customersolutions@gadventures.com and we will send it on to you.

Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at www.gadventures.com/newsletters/

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

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.