



## **Patagonia: Turquoise Lakes & Torres del Paine**

9 days, Puerto Natales to El Calafate

Trip code SCPE

## What's included

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing April 7th, 2025 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

## Puerto Natales

Arrive at any time. Bask in the energy of Puerto Natales, the gateway to exploring the stunning Torres del Paine National Park. Get to know the unique charm of this Patagonian town with its corrugated-tin houses and cozy lodging. Later, mingle with your fellow travellers, and get excited for the adventures to come as you talk and laugh together at the hostel. (Selfies...or it didn't happen).

Please note the airport in Puerto Natales is small with limited flight connections. Most flights will be through Punta Arenas in Chile or El Calafate in Argentina, both of which would involve taking a public bus or transfer. Your welcome meeting normally starts at 6pm (please see welcome note on arrival at the hotel). Should you need to rent anything for your upcoming days in the park, please be aware that rental shops normally close by 8 or 9pm, so you would need to be there by that time to guarantee being able to get what you need.



### Accommodation

Factoria Patagonia (or similar)

Hostel



### 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.

#### ACTIVITY

Connect with new friends on your first night out in a new destination. Only available on 18-to-Thirtysomethings tours.

Day 2

## Puerto Natales/Serrano Camp

Prepare for epic views and life-changing scenery during today's transfer into Torres del Paine NP. Your first exposure to the untamed beauty of the area will be on a trek to the Serrano River Lookout. Prepare to be amazed as you hike to the viewpoint and witness the mountain range spread across the national park with the contrasting greens and greys of the landscape. Arrive at Serrano Campsite in the evening just in time for a group dinner together before the light fades beyond the horizon. Your body may be tired, but your mind will be working in overdrive to take it all in. Sweet dreams!



### Meals included

Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Serrano Campsite (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine National Park

1h30m

84km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle from Puerto Natales to Torres del Paine National Park and the trailhead for the Serrano River lookout.

14K trek to Serrano View Point

Torres del Paine National Park

4h-5h

14km

Hike 14km to the Rio Serrano Lookout enjoying the gorgeous scenery as you walk. Keep an eye out for birds and other wildlife as you arrive to the lookout over plains with imposing mountains rising in the distance. Flowing from the drainage of the great Toro Lake, the Serrano River winds its way through the extensive plain and empties into the Última Esperanza sound. Today's hike is an amazing introduction to the landscape.

Private Vehicle

Torres del Paine National Park - Serrano Camp

Travel by vehicle from the trailhead of the Rio Serrano Lookout to the campsite nearby.

Day 3

## Serrano Camp/Laguna Azul Camp

Enjoy breakfast at camp surrounded by Patagonia's beauty before heading out to trek to the base of Las Torres to see a closer view of the dramatic three towers, and the practically irresistible turquoise lagoon below. Share a packed lunch in the splendour of the natural landscape (try to stop yourself from making too many reels & just enjoy it). Later, return along the same trail and meet your driver to transfer to Laguna Azul Campsite. Relax amid your surroundings and have dinner together at camp before sleeping in your tents under the vast Patagonian sky. Today checks all of the boxes!



### Meals included

Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Laguna Azul Campsite (or similar)

Campground



### Today's Activities

22K Trek to Base Torres

Torres del Paine

8h

22km

Today you will hike to the otherworldly "Blue Towers" known as Torres del Paine. These rocky peaks overlook dazzling turquoise lake nestled in a valley of mountains. A truly beautiful reward for completing this challenging and iconic day hike in Patagonia's beloved national park. The trail passes through the scenic Ascencio Valley, roughly following the river. Then it culminates with a steep climb up to Lago Torres to the base of the granite towers.

Private Vehicle

Serrano Camp - Laguna Azul Camp

Travel by private vehicle to today's hike to the base of the towers in Torres del Paine. Afterwards transfer to your second camping stay at Laguna Azul.

Day 4

## Laguna Azul Camp/Puerto Natales

Wake to the sounds of nature in Torres del Paine before a short one hour trek to the Sierra Masle lookout. Search for animals such as guanacos and birds as you walk before catching a gorgeous view of the granite towers. Transfer back to Puerto Natales for a free afternoon to hangout with your newest travel pals and explore the area. Some local bar hopping, anyone?



### Accommodation

Factoria Patagonia (or similar)

Hostel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Puerto Natales

Spend a free afternoon back in Puerto Natales. Rest those sore muscles and explore this coastal town at leisure, taking in the views or wandering through the streets.

Trek from Laguna Azul to Sierra Masle

Torres del Paine National Park

1h

Starting at the vibrant Laguna Azul embark on a short hike near the lake to Sierra Masle. It will take about an hour and you will reach a massive rock with incredible views awaiting. Walk through open fields before reaching the lookout point, and search for some Patagonia flora and fauna as you go.

Private Vehicle

Laguna Azul Camp - Puerto Natales

1h30m-1h45m

116km

Transfer from Laguna Azul Camp to Puerto Natales with a stop along the way for one last hike into the dramatic scenery of this national park.

Big Night Out

Puerto Natales

Enjoy a night out on the town with your travel friends and truly let your hair down in the fun atmosphere of Puerto Natales which has a great craft beer scene.

Ready for the next adventure?! Grab some breakfast at the hotel and hop in a taxi to the bus terminal in Puerto Natales. Travel along roads featuring views of endless plains and towering mountains as the group crosses from Chile to Argentina. Play games with your travel mates, throw on that downloaded Spotify roadtrip playlist, and enjoy the ride. Arrive to the town of El Calafate in the late afternoon and spend time on your own to get settled. Walk around the tiny town, choose to find a spot for some dinner together, and maybe set out on a sunset walk to Lake Nimez in search of some noteworthy views for that Instagram Story you'll want to post later. It might mainly be a day of travel, but the sights along the way make the journey worth the effort.



## Accommodation

Folk Hostel (or similar)

Hostel



## Today's Activities

Local Bus

Puerto Natales - El Calafate

5h-6h

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

Border Crossing (Chile - Argentina)

Cerro Castillo - Paso Río Don Guillermo

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

Free Time

El Calafate

Upon arrival to El Calafate in the early evening the group will enjoy free time to become acquainted with this Argentinian town.

It's time to set those eyes on the best glacier you'll likely ever see. It's big, it's bright, and it's 70 metres high and over 30km long! Enter Los Glaciares National Park in the morning and visit Perito Moreno, one of the few glaciers in the world that are said to be growing. You'll have the option to make the visit even more epic with an optional boat tour to get closer to the glacier, but otherwise the group will enjoy a walking tour along the platforms of Perito Moreno. Sit down for a packed lunch with a view and gather for some photos before heading back to El Calafate. Spend an early evening exploring the views around town before opting to grab dinner with the group. Tonight's challenge will be to find a cozy bar with some local beers and music for dancing. Why not embrace the bizarre?



## Accommodation

Folk Hostel (or similar)

Hostel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier

1h30m

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

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

Perito Moreno Glacier - El Calafate

1h30m

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

Free Time

El Calafate

Take advantage of this free evening in El Calafate to go out on the town. Grab your newest travel pals and go have the time of your lives.



## 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/El Chaltén

Lace up those hiking boots folks because today you're traveling to Argentina's "National Capital of Trekking" - El Chaltén! Board the bus and wind deeper into the untamed, gorgeous landscapes of Los Glaciares National Park. Find yourself surrounded by mountains that are part of the larger Patagonian Andes. This paradise for nature lovers and adventure enthusiasts is waiting for you to enjoy. Take advantage of free time to relax amid the wild beauty, or choose to head out on an optional trekking excursion to Condores Sightseeing Point or Chorrillo del Salto Waterfall. Gather later this evening to swap stories during an optional group dinner in town.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Don Atilio (or similar)

Hostel



### Today's Activities

Local Bus

El Calafate - El Chaltén

3h

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

Free Time

El Chaltén

The afternoon is yours! Opt to head into the exceptional natural beauty of Los Glaciares National Park. Simply walk amid the impressive landscapes or choose to partake in various trekking activities.

Day 8

## El Chaltén

Enjoy some breakfast at the hotel before getting out there into the bliss of the great outdoors. Choose from a variety of trekking options that suit many different activity levels and have those phones at the ready to document the amazing views. Options include the Condores Sightseeing Point and Chorillo del Salto Waterfall (if you didn't do either yesterday) or the more challenging Laguna de los Tres hike which will take most of the day. And what sounds more perfect than choosing to find a local spot for a nice cold drink after a day of exercise through the most inspiring landscapes at "The Edge of the World"?



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Don Atilio (or similar)

Hostel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

El Chaltén

Enjoy a full free day to explore Los Glaciares National Park. Choose between a multitude of trekking options for varying abilities. Try out the famed Laguna de Los Tres, or trekking to places like Condores Sightseeing Point, or Chorrillo del Salto Waterfall. There's no time to be bored in a place as beautiful as this! Get those legs moving and breathe the fresh Patagonia air into your lungs.



### Optional Activities - Day 8

Laguna de los Tres Hike

El Chaltén

7h-9h

25km

The scenery around El Chaltén is spectacular and the best way to enjoy it is by hiking through it. Today's hike is a full-day to Rio Blanco Base Camp and Laguna de los Tres vantage point for an absolutely stunning view, weather permitting, of the complete FitzRoy Massif. Mt Guillaumet, St Exupery, Mermoz, Juarez, and other mountains form the jagged group.

As hard as it is to say good-bye to places that change you, the time has come. Depart El Chaltén after breakfast and ride on a public bus back to El Calafate where the tour will end on arrival. You should make it there by 12pm, but we suggest booking onward travel no earlier than 4pm to guarantee enough time to make it to the airport. Should you wish to continue exploring the area we encourage travellers to book postnights and see what else these incredible places have to offer. Travel safe and bring the memories made here home with you forever. Though we recommend writing it all down so you don't forget!

Please do not book onward travel prior to 4pm.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Departure Transfer

El Chaltén - El Calafate

2h

You will be met at your hotel and transferred to the airport at the end of your adventure.

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?

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.

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

All camping equipment for the Torres del Paine trek is provided and included in the cost of your trip. 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.

### 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.

## 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. 14

## What meals are included in this trip?

3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 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?**

Private vehicle, public bus, hiking

## **Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?**

We believe solo 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 solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

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

Hotels (6 nts), Camping (2 nts).

## 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.

From Puerto Natales airport (PNT), you can take a taxi directly to the city centre.

As there are only a few flights per week to Puerto Natales, you may find it more convenient to arrive to Punta Arenas airport (PUQ), as there is daily flights. From Punta Arenas airport, it is around a 3 hour drive to Puerto Natales. You can take a taxi from the airport or an airport bus service (Bus-Sur).

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.

Please make sure to keep the stamped immigrations receipt you receive when you arrive into Chile. This receipt is required when leaving Chile.

## 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 instructions should I follow at the finishing point?

Depart El Chaltén after breakfast and ride on a public bus back to El Calafate Airport where the tour will end on arrival. You should make it there by 12pm, but we suggest booking onward travel no earlier than 4pm to guarantee enough time to make it to the airport.

## What should I take on my trip?

Most people automatically assume that the weather is hot in South America, but in Patagonia 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.

Camping equipment for Torres del Paine is provided and included in the cost of your trip. A sleeping bag and mat are also provided. You may leave the bulk of your gear stored in Puerto Natales. While hiking you will only need to carry your daypack with supplies for the duration of each day

# 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)

## 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 Essentials:

- Day pack (30 litres is the recommended size)
- 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
- Hat
- Hiking boots/sturdy walking shoes
- Hiking pants (Convertible/Zip-off and quick dry recommended)
- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Reusable water bottle
- Sandals/flip-flops
- Scarf (Scarf/Buff/Neckwear)
- Snacks
- Socks (Trekking socks (woollen or synthetic, not cotton))
- Sport t-shirts (Cotton/Dri-Fit)
- Sunglasses
- Thermal base layer
- Toiletries (Preferably biodegradable)
- Towel
- Walking poles ((Available for rent, highly recommended))
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket
- Waterproof backpack cover

**Optional/Useful packing list:**

- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Ear plugs
- Locks for bags
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Sleeping bag liner/sleep sheet  
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. All other camping equipment (like, sleeping bag/Tent/Thermal insulation mattress) for your time camping in Torres del Paine is provided and included in the cost of your trip. You will be required to carry only what you need for the days in the park. 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 only available in the city of Puerto Natales. Please note that campsites don't have laundry facilities. 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?

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 the cost of living in Chilean Patagonia 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 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 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 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?

### Perito Moreno Glacier

- Perito Moreno Glacier Boat  
(80USD per person)

### El Chaltén

- Laguna de los Tres Hike

## 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 group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (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 and 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 judgement 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.

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. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## 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.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

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 leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. 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](mailto: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/](http://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.

## 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.