

10
DAYS

PATAGONIA

THE
ULTIMATE
EXPERIENCE



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DAY 01

EL CALAFATE - HOSTERIA ALTA VISTA

Reception. Transfer to Hostería Alta Vista. In the afternoon departure for a Horseback ride with a 'local baqueano' guide. Ladies will be astounded by the enormous variety of flowers, particularly during spring months, standing out: narcissuses, variety of roses and irise among other. Bird watching of a great number of Patagonian native species such as cauqueños, Patagonian woodpecker, Patagonian zorzal, colorado chest, also other common birds such as flamencos, swans, ducks, condors and eagles. Return to the Hosteria. Accommodation.

DAY 02

EL CALAFATE - HOSTERIA ALTA VISTA

Full American Breakfast. Depart towards Perito Moreno Glacier situated within Los Glaciares National Park, 80 km 50 miles from El Calafate. The Argentino Lake will appear on the right side of the road with its Bahía Redonda (Round Bay) that shows interesting and assorted bird species. The first half of the road goes through a landscape typical of the Patagonian steppe, whose characteristic species are the broom sedges (hard, thorny type of grass) and 'calafates' (bushes belonging to the barberry family which is well-known for its yellow flowers and violet fruits). From the National Park entrance onwards the landscape drastically changes, the flora grows richer with species that are typical of the Andean-Patagonian Forest such as: ñires, lengas and guindos. Perito Moreno Glacier is an imposing ice river with an area of 195 m², a length of 30 km and a front which is 5 km wide; the frontal walls rise between 30 and 60 meters over the lake level. In the central area of the glacier the ice reaches a depth between 250 to 350 meters. It has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Walk along the paths placed in front of its western wall. Free time for lunch. Take a navigation tour to enjoy a view of the glacier from the water level, to get a better idea of the height of its peaks and towers. Return to the hosteria. Accommodation.

DAY 03

EL CALAFATE - HOSTERIA ALTA VISTA

Full American breakfast. Departure to Puerto Bandera to board the catamaran that will leave northbound towards the 'Devil's Mouth'.

Navigate among icebergs up to the western front of Upsala Glacier. From there, the boat will arrive at Estancia Cristina, which boasts the unique advantage of being the only land access to Upsala Glacier. The second part of the excursion is done on 4WD vehicles that run across rivers and woods and an immense variety of landscapes, to reach Upsala Glacier, the entrance gate to the Southern Patagonian Icefield. From there follows an upwards trail along a rocky path up to the glacier's lookout. Upon return to the ranch you will enjoy a great Patagonian lamb barbecue. Visit the main house of the estancia to get in touch with the history of the place and of the intrepid pioneers that settled in this uninhabited land. You will return by boat again to Puerto Bandera, and from there by bus to El Calafate. Accommodation.

DAY 04 EL CALAFATE - HOSTERIA ALTA VISTA / BARILOCHE - TUNQUELEN

Full American Breakfast. Transfer to El Calafate local airport to board the flight to San Carlos de Bariloche. Arrival and reception. Brief sightseeing of Bariloche and transfer to Hotel Tunquelen in Llanos del Lago Bay. The hotel boasts a 6 hectares park where natural and typical vegetation has been carefully preserved and invite guests to go for a walk. Among other facilities, you will enjoy of the living room with a beautiful fireplace and unsurpassable panoramic view, a stone terrace over looking the majestic Nahuel Huapi Lake, a Health Club with gymnasium, sauna, massage room and alternately hot and cold shower with a conditioned swimming pool, library and a game room. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 05 VICTORIA ISLAND

Breakfast in the hotel. Departure to Port Tunquelen to board the passenger boat that will take you to Victoria Island National Lodge located on Nahuel Huapi Lake. Victoria Island is the larger lacustrine island of the country, some 20 km in length, being part of Nahuel Huapi National Park. Beyond the central area, the island is a natural wildlife reservation: it is almost entirely covered by a forest of evergreen coihues and Andean cypresses inhabited by a great variety of birds. Red deer and fallow deer abound and are frequently spotted by visitors. The lodge has multiple facilities: library, recreation room, meeting room with a home theater and satellite

TV and the Spa with massage room, sauna, jacuzzi, and heated outdoor swimming pool. In the afternoon, depart for a horseback exploration heading to the northern part of the island. Leaving from the Lodge's stable (central area), to the North up to 'Camino de la Costa', then taking the path that goes behind 'Cerro Bella Vista'. From there we can see the lake and will stop to enjoy a rustic lunch and continue during the afternoon. Return to the lodge. At dinner time Patagonian-Mediterranean cuisine will be offered including lamb, trout, pink salmon from the Pacific and white salmon from the Atlantic, deer and wild boar, mushrooms, smoked meats and cheeses of the region, forest berries and wild herbs. Accommodation.

DAY 06 VICTORIA ISLAND

Breakfast. The 100 acres of Anchorena Bay, its inlet and inner harbors may be explored entirely by rowing small boats or kayaks. We leave from 'Playa del Toro' (located at the bottom of the lodge) with very stable double kayaks; rowing through the lake, which has very calm waters, visiting its inner bays, coasts, beaches where we can rest, to its estuary where we can see the immensity of the open lake. In our way back we can snorkel or swim. The lodge's boats are also available for fishing trips, as well as sightseeing to the most alluring and remote parts of the lake. Lunch. In the afternoon depart for a mountain bike expedition pedaling through the island. Leaving the lodge we take the paths of the central area, then we go south so as to reach the way to the Southern point. After that we keep on inside the peninsula's forest, up to 'Playa del Toro' from where we arrive to the Lodge's beach bar. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 07

VICTORIA ISLAND / LANIN NATIONAL PARK - ESTANCIA RIO QUILLEN

Breakfast. Transfer out from the island navigating this time towards Villa La Angostura. From there where we will start our day trip riding on the Seventh-Lake Route. We will stop and have lunch at San Martín de los Andes and follow the journey up to Estancia Rio Quillén in Lanín National Park. We will arrive by tea time, just in time to take pleasure of a beautiful sunset next to the fireplace. On the evening you will meet with a guide that will plan your expeditions

around the area of the next couple of days. Dinner and Accommodation.

DAY 08 LANIN NATIONAL PARK /

ESTANCIA RIO QUILLEN

Breakfast. Departure for a full day horseback expedition to Lake Quillén. The ride departs from the main house heading south towards Lake Quillén. A spectacular ride, which combines riding through lenga forests and wild flowers, while enjoying the stunning views of river and Lake Quillén from above. You will reach a lookout from where you will enjoy a dazzling view of Lake Quillén with the majestic Lanín Volcano in the background. The trail goes on along the forest to abruptly descend to Lake Quillén where a well deserved lunch will be waiting for you. We will enjoy the afternoon on the beach and ride back to the Estancia afterwards. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 09 LANIN NATIONAL PARK - ESTANCIA RIO QUILLEN

Breakfast. Departure to navigate the Quillén river. Quillén is one of the best places for dry fly fishing in the Argentine Patagonia. A classic river valley and home to aloof the brown trout and the voracious rainbow trout. Its crystal clear waters, where catch and release is compulsory, are exclusively for guests. Although 8 pounders have been caught by the more expert ones, fish of 2 to 4 pounds are common in Quillén's runs, riffles, and pools. The Malalco stream, an amazing spring creek and tributary of Quillén river is not always open because of conservation measures, which makes it every fisherman's dream. Return to the Estancia. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 10 LANIN NATIONAL PARK /

ESTANCIA RIO QUILLEN

Breakfast. Transfer to San Martín de los Andes airport to board flight.

NOTE: Minimum age required for Victoria Island National Lodge is 12 years old.

The Ultimate Experience

Following the Patagonian trails

Five-star ranches will comfortably accommodate you and take you around the magnificent landscapes that characterize Argentine Patagonia. Other activities will allow you to embrace the wonderfulness of nature in this unique spot on Earth. You will advise, with one of a kind encounters, native fauna and vegetation from the different habitats you will visit along the trip.