

**DAY 01** COMODORO RIVADAVIA / PUERTO SAN JULIAN

Reception at the Comodoro Rivadavia airport. Transfer across the Patagonian steppe admiring the impressive hugeness and solitude of the province of Santa Cruz towards the port city of San Julián. Time at leisure to visit the replica of the vessel "Nao Victoria" on which Ferdinand Magellan reached these coasts during the first around-the-world navigation of all times. Dinner at Restaurant. Accommodation.

**DAY 02** PUERTO SAN JULIAN / ESTANCIA LA MARIA

Breakfast. In the morning, navigation along San Julián Inlet to observe the colonies of Magellan Penguins, Cormorants and many other species of marine fauna, escorted by the funny company of the so-called Commerson's Dolphins. Lunch. In the afternoon, visit to the old British Slaughterhouse Swift at present abandoned. After the visit, continuation towards Estancia La María, located at the heart of the Patagonian steppe. Barbecue lunch and accommodation at Estancia La María.

**DAY 03** ESTANCIA LA MARIA / ESTANCIA LA ANGOSTURA

Breakfast. This estancia has the privilege of housing the best existing rupestrian painting produced by the Tehuelche aborigines. It offers to sections of colourful painted hands and graphs dating back to over 7000 years ago. Brief visit to a local petrified wood situated near the estancia. Lunch. In the afternoon, the road of the estancias continues towards Estancia La Angostura. Upon arrival, visit to the some lagoons located nearby which allow spotting of abundant bird species. Dinner and accommodation at Estancia La Angostura.

**DAY 04** ESTANCIA LA ANGOSTURA / ESTANCIA LAS TUNAS

Breakfast. Visit to Tonchi Lagoon with its abundant birds. Lunch and continuation to Estancia Las Tunas, located just in front of the deep blue of the sea-like Lake Cardiel. Outing to spot the unique Maca Tobiano, species not existing anywhere else in the world. Return to the estancia. Dinner.

**DAY 05** ESTANCIA LA ANGOSTURA / CUEVA DE LAS MANOS PINTADAS / ESTANCIA TELKEN

Breakfast. Drive along the mythic Route 40 towards the tiny hamlet of Bajo Camarones and on towards the Pinturas River Canyon to visit the Caves of the Painted hands which

surprises the visitor not only due to the impressive number of hands painted on the rock walls but also because of the scenic beauty of the massive rock walls that have preserved this jewel of the Aborigine art for thousands of years. Box lunch. Then, return to the Route 40 and on northbound to Estancia Telken. Dinner.

**DAY 06** ESTANCIA TELKEN / ESTANCIA NUMANCIA (ALDEA BELEIRO)

Breakfast. Morning at leisure to walk around. Departure northwards along Route 40 towards Estancia Numancia in the Province of Chubut, very close to the Chilean border. Dinner.

A 70-years old Patagonian ranch where the third generation of its owners offers to each visitor the exquisite attention and home-cooked meals.

The perfect place for learning about local farming activities, birdwatching, walking in the woods of native vegetation species and discovering the secrets and beauties of the landscape anciently carved by the millenary action of the glaciers.

**DAY 07** ESTANCIA NUMANCIA

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Day at leisure to join different hikes or horseback rides. Easy to medium difficulty.

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**DAY 09** ESTANCIA NUMANCIA / COLONIA SARMIENTO

Breakfast and lunch at the estancia. Departure towards Colonia Sarmiento. Accommodation at Hotel Los Lagos. Afternoon visit to Lake Musters followed by country style barbecue dinner in a local farm.

**DAY 10** COLONIA SARMIENTO / PETRIFIED WOOD / COMODORO RIVADAVIA

Breakfast. In the morning, visit to the Theme Park and Dinosaurs' Museum. Lunch based on day catch of Lake Musters. Afternoon visit to a local farm when regional products are offered and continuation to the Petrified Woods. Walk in the so-called Red Hills and Moon Valley. Continuation towards Comodoro Rivadavia. Seafood dinner. Accommodation at hotel.

**DAY 11** COMODORO RIVADAVIA

Breakfast. Short city tour. Transfer to the airport.

# Central Patagonia Estancias



HORSEBACK RIDES



CORMORANTS



MAGELLAN PENGUIN

