

DAY 01 EL CALAFATE

Early arrival at El Calafate airport. Reception and transfer to the hotel. Lunch. Half day excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier, located in Los Glaciares National Park. This imposing ice river, which is 3 km (2 miles) wide and 50 meters (164 feet) high, descends from the Patagonian Continental Icefield, provoking ice cracks and explosions during its slow forward movements. Because of its breathtaking beauty and unusual behavior, it was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 02 EL CALAFATE

Breakfast. Day at leisure for an optional tour: full day lake excursion to Upsala Glacier and Onelli Bay, cruising among hundreds of icebergs that have detached from the glacier. Upsala is the largest continental glacier in the Southern Hemisphere. The height of its walls varies between 60 to 80 meters (196 to 262 feet) and it has an area of 595 km² (229 square miles). Lunch. Return to the hotel. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 03 EL CALAFATE - HELSINGFORS

Breakfast. Transfer to Helsingfors Inn on Helsingfors vehicles. This typical Patagonic ranch was founded at the beginning of the XIX century by a Finnish pioneer, who fell in love with the solitude and the greatness of the landscape. Now, it welcomes visitors offering all the necessary facilities for their comfort. Arrival at the Inn. Lunch. In the afternoon, trekking to Estancia 'Los Hermanos'. This ranch, located only 5 km (3 miles) from the inn, belongs to the same owners. Here the premises and the typical activities of a Patagonian farm can be observed. Return to the Inn. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 04 HELSINGFORS

Breakfast. In the morning, we will sail towards the Viedma Glacier. After a 40 minute navigation from the pier at the inn, we will arrive to the front of the imposing Viedma Glacier. From the Zodiac it is possible to observe pieces of ice detaching from the glacier, which in turn originates icebergs. Once we have landed and after a short walk, we will get to the ice, which will let us live a unique experience: getting into the caves formed at the edge of the glacier. Return to the inn. Lunch. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 05 HELSINGFORS

Breakfast. In the morning, horseback ride to 'Laguna Azul' (Blue Lagoon), a volcanic formation fed by a small but attractive glacier. We will leave behind both lake Viedma and the imposing Mt. Fitz Roy to get into an Andean - Patagonian wood. After some hard climbing, we will discover a beautiful landscape surrounded by snow covered peaks and an icy river that melts into the waters of Laguna Azul. Box lunch. We will return to the inn through a path that borders the serpentine course of Ramstrom river. Accommodation.

DAY 06 HELSINGFORS / EL CHALTEN

Breakfast. In the morning, we will sail and trek towards 'Laguna del Morro' (Del Morro Lake). After sailing through an arm of Lake Viedma, which gets into the Andes Mountains, we will reach the lake, a crystalline water mirror that reflects the green woods surrounding. An ideal spot to enjoy trout fishing. Return to the inn. Lunch. Transfer to La Leona on Helsingfors vehicles, and later on continuing to El Chaltén by regular bus line. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 07 EL CHALTÉN

Breakfast. Full day trekking to Piedras Blancas Glacier, passing by Mt. Rosado and Mt. León. We will border Chorrillo del Salto river, from where we can get a breathtaking view of the Fitz Roy and Saint Exupery massifs. We will hike to Capri Lagoon, enjoying a stroll along mountains, rivers, forests and the beautiful scenery of Patagonia, world renowned for trekking. We will continue to Río Blanco, up to the Camp site to begin the ascension to Laguna de Los Tres, at the foothill of Mt. Fitz Roy (8 hours). Box lunch. Return to the hotel. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 08 EL CHALTÉN

Breakfast. In the morning, optional trekking to Torre Lake, skirting the Fitz Roy River, and through a lenga wood where it is common to see red head woodpeckers and flocks of

parrots. Arrival at the camp site, the climbing expeditions base, continuing to Bidwell Camping and admiring an excellent panoramic view of Torre Lake, Las Adelas Glacier, Torre Glacier and Mt. Torre (6 hours). Box lunch. Return to the town. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 09 EL CHALTÉN / EL CALAFATE

Breakfast. Early departure to El Calafate by regular bus line. Reception at the bus station and transfer to the airport, or continuation towards Torres del Paine (Chile).

Optional: tour to Torres Del Paine see page 15.

Discovering the Magic Route

Trekking & sailing through forests, glaciers and lakes.

Los Glaciares National Park is perhaps one of the truly untouched areas in the southern hemisphere where 47 major glaciers descend from the Continental Ice Field falling into the lakes. This tour starts at Estancia Helsingfors, a magical place by Lake Viedma, surrounded by snowed-capped mountains, crystalline water lakes and old trees. We will continue to El Chaltén, (the name given by natives to Mt. Fitz Roy), located in the heart of Los Glaciares National Park. The natural surroundings offer a privileged scenery with multiple alternatives to practice outdoor activities such as trekking, hiking and mountain climbing by the Fitz Roy massif area.

