

Expedition Down South

DAY 01 BUENOS AIRES

Meeting at Ezeiza International airport and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. In the afternoon, city tour visiting some of the most interesting places of this cosmopolitan city: Plaza de Mayo (May Square), Casa Rosada (Government House), the Cabildo (Colonial Town Hall), the Metropolitan Cathedral, Avenida de Mayo (May Avenue), the Congress Palace, the Colón Theatre, and La Boca, San Telmo, Palermo and Recoleta neighbourhoods

DAY 02 BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast. Day at leisure for optional tours. We recommend the Fiesta Gaucha: full day excursion dedicated to visit an estancia, a typical Argentine ranch, an ideal place to appreciate the local gaucho skills at cattle breeding and horseback riding. It's also a great opportunity to taste the typical Argentine 'asado' (barbecue) which consists of cow ribs placed on an iron grid and grilled on wood embers.

DAY 03 BUENOS AIRES / PUERTO MADRYN

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Trelew. Reception and transfer to Puerto Madryn. Optional excursion to Punta Tombo Fauna Reserve to admire the magnificent Magellan penguin colony. Accommodation.

DAY 04 PUERTO MADRYN

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour to the Valdés Peninsula, passing by Ameghino Isthmus, located between the Nuevo and the San José gulfs. Visit to Puerto Pirámide, and its sea lion rookery. It is a great opportunity to take the optional whale watching boat excursion you cannot miss (available from June to November). The tour continues to Punta Delgada for a view of its important colony of sea lions, and Caleta Valdés where sea elephants seem to have found their ideal natural habitat. Return to Puerto Puerto Madryn.

DAY 05 PUERTO MADRYN / USHUAIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Trelew airport to board the flight to Ushuaia. Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. In the afternoon enjoy a brief city tour including the End of the World Museum.

DAY 06 USHUAIA / MARE AUSTRALIS

Breakfast at the hotel. Half day excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park, located 12 km (7 miles) from Ushuaia. Enjoy an excursion with multiple panoramic sights of the Beagle Channel, Lapataia River, Laguna Verde and Roca Lake. In the afternoon, embark the Mare Australis cruise ship. Dinner on board. Sail along the Beagle Channel.

DAY 07 MARE AUSTRALIS

Sail through the Beagle and the Murray Channels to disembark in Cape Horn National Park. Cape Horn is a natural sea wall, almost 425 meters (1,394 feet) high, that was discovered on January 30, 1616, by a commercial expedition from the Netherlands organized by Isaac Le Maire and under the command of Captain Willem Schouten. Cape Horn was named after Port of Hoon from where the expedition had departed on June 14 - 1615. Later, we will disembark in Wulaia Bay, which was one of the most important Indians sites of the region.

DAY 08 MARE AUSTRALIS

Sailing through Garibaldi Fjord to enjoy the spectacular views of the same name glacier and the impressive snow fields of the Darwin Range. On the route along the bay, the ship makes a short stop to admire the sea lions. Take the opportunity to disembark on zodiacs at one of the beaches along this protected and wonderful place, to undertake an adventurous trek to appreciate the lush vegetation and the virgin forests that cover the mountain slopes. After this unforgettable experience continue the navigation through O'Brian and Ballenero Channels, Bahía Desolada, Paso Aguirre and Brecknock Channel.

DAY 09 MARE AUSTRALIS / TORRES DEL PAINE

Early in the morning, disembark in Magdalena Island, home of an enormous penguin colony with over 120,000 of them in different stages of breeding. Take a walk to San Isidro Lighthouse, that used to guide the explorer sailors on their way across the Magellan Strait. After the visit return to Punta Arenas to dock at 11 AM and start the disembarking formalities. Thus the adventure comes to an end. Disembark at Punta Arenas to depart on regular bus line to Torres del

Paine. Meeting and accommodation.

DAY 10 TORRES DEL PAINE

Reception. Full day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park to admire its marvellous flora and fauna with the majestic frame of the Andes Mountain Range. Also take the opportunity to admire its lakes, rivers and glacial era landscapes. Accommodation at Torres del Paine.

DAY 11 TORRES DEL PAINE / EL CALAFATE

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by regular bus line to El Calafate. Meeting and accommodation.

DAY 12 EL CALAFATE

Arrival and reception. Full day excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier located in Los Glaciares National Park. This imposing ice river, 3 km (2 miles) wide and 50 m (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 behaviour it was declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco. Later, boarding the boat for a navigation excursion.

DAY 13 EL CALAFATE / BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Buenos Aires. Meeting and transfer to the hotel.

DAY 14 BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Ezeiza International Airport to board the international flight.

Optional extra night:

DAY 13 EL CALAFATE

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure for optional tours. We recommend the full day Estancia Cristina excursion (formerly known as Upsala Explorer). Sailing by the front face of the Upsala Glacier, towards Estancia Cristina to take a walk to the Upsala Glacier view point on 4WD vehicles

DAY 14 EL CALAFATE / BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Buenos Aires. Meeting and transfer to the hotel.

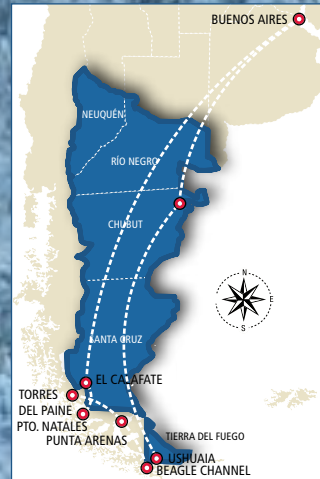
DAY 15 BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Ezeiza International Airport to board the international flight.

* To take Punta Tombo's excursion on the arrival date, passengers must arrive at Trelew's airport before 10 AM; to take it on the departure's date, passengers must leave Trelew's airport after 04 PM.

* Cruceros Australis reserves the right to alter, change, modify or omit part of the itinerary without previous notice.

* This programme has to start on Fridays.



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DAYS

PATAGONIA

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NOT INCLUDED

FRIDAYS

ACCORDING TO ITINERARY

SPANISH AND BILINGUAL (English, German, Italian, French)

GUIDE ON BOARD (Spanish and English)