

Adventure in Patagonia

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Southern Patagonia is dominated by two vast continental icecaps, the Northern Icefield and the Southern Icefield, which are the most intensely glacier-covered regions in South America. Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful places in the world, Southern Patagonia includes the worldwide renowned Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine National Parks. Their towering granite peaks attract thousands of trekkers every year

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DAY 01 - EL CALAFATE

Reception at El Calafate airport and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

DAY 02 - EL CALAFATE / EL CHALTÉN

Breakfast. Transfer to El Chaltén by regular bus line. El Chaltén is a village located in the heart of Los Glaciares National Park and at the feet of Mt. Fitz Roy which is found at the northern end of the park and which is part of a range of bizarre peaks including the needle-like rock pinnacle of Mt. Torre. From El Chaltén, one of the most popular hikes leads to the first camp site for the ascention to Mt. Torre. From here, it's possible to admire the walls of this granite mountain that for many decades was considered 'impossible to climb'. The primitive inhabitants of the area venerated Mt. Fitz Roy and called it El Chaltén, which means 'mountain that smokes' as they believed it to be a volcano, probably because its summit is always covered with a layer of clouds. The summit, that can be easily seen from far beyond, must have served them as an orientation signal during their annual migrations from the Atlantic Ocean to the Andes. Afternoon at leisure for short walks. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 03 - EL CHALTÉN

Breakfast. Trek to Laguna Torre. This stunning trek along the forest, will take us to the foot of one of the world's nicest and most challenging

mountains in the world, Mt. Torre. The starting point is a steep slope which will enable us to gain altitude over De Las Vueltas River Valley. We arrive at a lookout point from where it is possible to appreciate a breathtaking view of the rest of the circuit up to the bottom of Fitz Roy River Valley, facing Mt. Torre and Adelas Range. Continue across a wooden bridge across a stream and along the lower edge of a moraine until reaching Jim Bridwell camp. A walk through young moraines with no vegetation will lead us to the coast of Laguna Torre and to another extraordinary panorama which has rendered this area as a 'must' for trekkers and climbers from all over the world: Mt. Torre, flanked by Egger, Standhard and Bifida spires and the Adelas Range, Mounts Nato and Grande, both with their respective glaciers spreading down towards Laguna Torre. Box Lunch. Return to the hotel. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 04 - EL CHALTÉN

Breakfast. Full day trekking to Laguna de los Tres. This moderate trek will give us the chance to reach the spot with the most spectacular views of the 'Patagonian giants'. Every turn of the trail offers a new and impressive landscape. During this 8 hour hike we will be in touch with amazing spots of the Andean Patagonian region. Continue towards Laguna de los Tres, passing by Mt. Rosado and Mt. León, skirting

Chorrillo del Salto River, with a breathtaking view of Fitz Roy, Saint Exupery and Piedras Blancas massifs. Lunch. Then continue to Poincenot camp site, named after the 1952 French expedition participant who died trying to cross Fitz Roy River. Crossing Rio Blanco, we reach the camp site with the same name where the ascention to Laguna de los Tres starts, at the foot of Mt. Fitz Roy. We will continue our trek visiting a balcony from where we will have a spectacular view of Laguna Sucia, a beautiful greenish lagoon with small icebergs floating all over it, 300 meters. (1,000 feet) below us, and its homonymous glacier. From this balcony, also a cascade falls down nearby the lagoon. Instead of returning to El Chaltén, we walk along the valley of Blanco River. One hour after passing by Poincenot base camp, we reach Laguna Piedras Blancas. The Piedras Blancas Glacier appears on the eastern face of Mt. Fitz Roy in a series of icefalls that sprawl down into this impressively bleak and cold melted water. We continue to Hosteria El Pilar. Dinner. Accommodation at the inn.

DAY 05 - EL CHALTÉN

Breakfast. Morning short drive back to town and commence trekking to Plieque Tumbado, the only place in the area from where it is possible to see the entire panorama of the most important mountains of Patagonia: Mt. Torre and Mt. Fitz Roy, apart from Rio de las Vueltas valley, El Chaltén, Viedma Lake, Paso del Viento, Tunnel river, Toro Lagoon and Huemul hill. The spectacular views of these peaks make this trek the most wonderful in the area, offering a special look at one of the wildest and most untouched areas in the planet. A wondrous unforgettable image that will be printed in your heart indelibly. Return to the inn. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 06 - EL CHALTÉN / EL CALAFATE

Breakfast. Day at leisure. Optional Tours (*): horse-back riding around the area, visit Lago del Desierto, Viedma Lake navigation, mountain bike, trek to Piedra del Fraile. Departure to El Calafate by bus at 6 AM. Arrival transfer to your hotel. Accommodation.

DAY 07 - EL CALAFATE

Breakfast. Overland trip to Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the world's largest active continental glaciers, declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO because of its breathtaking beauty and its unusual behaviour. Box Lunch. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

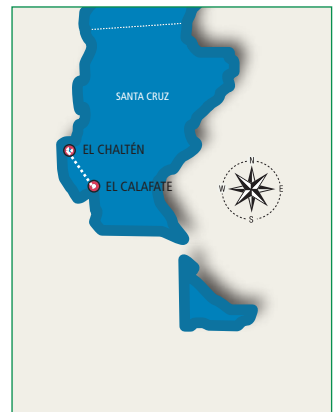
DAY 08 - EL CALAFATE

Breakfast. Day at leisure. Optional Tour (*): Upsalla & Onelli Navigation: Departure from your hotel towards Puerto Bandera to board a catamaran that will take us to Upsala and Onelli Glaciers. Sail along the Northern Arm of the Argentino Lake towards Upsala, the largest continental glacier in the Southern Hemisphere. Disembark at Onelli Bay for a walk through the lenga forest to reach Onelli Lagoon where Bolado, Onelli and Agassiz Glaciers converge down into the waters. (If icebergs prevent disembarking at Onelli Bay we will stop at Puesto de Vacas). Other optional tours available, please enquire. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

DAY 09 - EL CALAFATE

Breakfast. Transfer from the hotel to El Calafate airport (#) or to the bus station for the optional post tour to Torres del Paine.

(*): Optional tours are not included in the package price.
(#): Note: in case of flying to/from Río Gallegos airport, optional regular bus transfer to El Calafate (316 km / 196 miles) can be arranged at an extra cost.
Note: guide not included in regular bus transfers.



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