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DAYS

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Birding

Los Glaciares - Torres Del Paine

Day 1 – BUENOS AIRES

Reception at Buenos Aires International airport. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. Dinner.

Day 2 – BUENOS AIRES / RÍO GALLEGOS

Breakfast. Transfer to the local airport to board flight to Río Gallegos. Reception and assistance at Río Gallegos airport. Birdwatching in Río Gallegos estuary, zone for reproduction of South American tern and Magellanic Plover (endemic) species. Lunch. Transfer to Estancia Monte Dinero, next to Cabo Vírgenes. Accommodation.

Day 3 – CABO VÍRGENES

Breakfast. Birdwatching in Cabo Vírgenes, eastern side of The Magellan Strait, where there is an important Magellan Penguin colony (120,000 pairs). This is the perfect place for the black-browed Albatross. Lunch. Transfer to Pali Aike National Park in Chile, a steppe spread with little volcanoes, and groups of Lesser Rhea. Return to Río Gallegos. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 4 – RÍO GALLEGOS / EL CALAFATE

Breakfast. Transfer to El Calafate. Birdwatching close to El Calafate: Punta Bandera glacial lagoons, bahía Tranquila and laguna Nimez. In laguna Nimez, the traditional birdwatching site, 70 different species have been reported, most of them aquatic birds (great grebe, white-tufted grebe, silvery grebe, Chilean flamingo, and the very elegant black-necked swam, etc). Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 5 – ESTANCIA CRISTINA

Breakfast. Departure to Estancia La Cristina, in Los Glaciares National Park. Sailing through Lago Argentino up to Upsala glacier. Lunch. Full day birdwatching in Estancia Cristina. Return to El Calafate. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 6 – EL CALAFATE / ESTANCIA LAS TUNAS

Breakfast. Transfer to Estancia Las Tunas. Departure to the Strobel and Cascajosa plateau little lagoons. Return to Estancia Las Tunas, typical site for the hooded grebe, a beautiful coloured bird, which is endemic in the Southern Patagonian plateau. Lunch. There are also some uncommon species: least seedsnipe, white-throated cachelote, chocolate-vented tyrant, cinnamon-bellied and ground-tyrant among others. At night, watching of the more austral, the Bandwinged nightjar. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 7 – ESTANCIA LA ANGOSTURA

Breakfast. Transfer to Estancia La Angostura. Typical place for the elusive Austral rail. In the steppe, the gorgeous predatory Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 8 – ESTANCIA NIBEPO AIKE

Breakfast. Return to El Calafate. Transfer to Estancia Nibepo-Aike. Birdwatching in the Lago Roca area. It is the typical place for the Buff-necked Ibis. The swifts and the finches are common. Lunch. Return to El Calafate. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 9 – PERITO MORENO GLACIER

Breakfast. Transfer to Perito Moreno glacier (Los Glaciares National Park). There are reported 144 different birds species living in the park. Visit to the Perito Moreno glacier. In the forest there are two very popular species between birders: fire-eyed diucon and thorn-tailed, rayadito. Lunch. Return to El Calafate. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 10

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

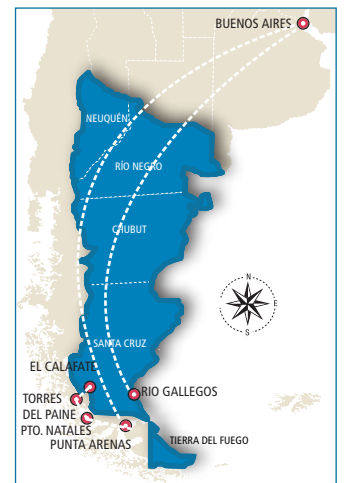
Breakfast. Transfer to Torres del Paine National Park (111 species reported). Birdwatching in lakes Toro, Sarmiento, Pehoe and Laguna Amarga. Ducks and geese are very common, mainly Andean ruddy duck and upland Goose. It is a typical site for lesser rhea and torrent duck observation. Lunch. Accommodation in Torres del Paine. Dinner.

Day 11 – LAGO GREY / PUERTO NATALES

Breakfast. Transfer to Lago Grey. Sailing up to the Grey glacier northern side. To ascend Cerro Ferrier viewpoint. Lunch. Transfer to Puerto Natales. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 12 – PUERTO NATALES / PUNTA ARENAS

Breakfast. Transfer to Punta Arenas. During the tour, birdwatching in otway glacier, Río Verde (on Skyring glacier), Laguna Blanca (coscoroba swan), Estancia Olga Teresa (where there are 'condoreras' or breeding places of Andean Condor). Accommodation. Lunch. Departure to Isla Magdalena in the Magellan Strait, which is



a breeding place of Magellanic penguin (40,000 pairs), kelp gull and dolphin gull). Return to Punta Arenas. Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 13 – PUNTA ARENAS / BUENOS AIRES OR PUNTA ARENAS / ISLA CARLOS III

Option 1: Breakfast. Departure from Punta Arenas to Cabeza de Mar (pelagic birds) and San Gregorio (Ruddy-headed Goose). Crossing the Magellan Strait towards Tierra del Fuego. Arrival in Porvenir. Accommodation. Lunch. Birdwatching in the Porvenir boundary: Laguna de los Cisnes, Verde and Deseada (swans, geese, grebes). Dinner.

Option 2: Departure to Isla Carlos III. It combines with day 5 from the Tierra del Fuego itinerary.

Day 14 – BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast. Departure to Bahía Lomas-Punta Catalina (Rasmussen site): great quantity of non breeding beach birds from Northern Hemisphere: red knot, white-rumped sandpiper and Hudsonian godwit, among others. Important site for Chilean flamingo. Return to continent. Lunch. The journey continues up to Río Gallegos. Transfer to the airport to board a flight to Buenos Aires. Reception. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. Dinner.

Day 15 – BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast. Transfer to Buenos Aires International airport to board flight.

