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# Birding TIERRA DEL FUEGO



## Day 1 – BUENOS AIRES

Reception and assistance at Buenos Aires 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 the airport. Birdwatching in Río Gallegos estuary, which is an important breeding zone for the South American tern and the Magellanic plover (endemic). Lunch. Transfer to Estancia Monte Dinero, next to Cabo Vírgenes. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 3 – CABO VÍRGENES / PUNTA ARENAS

Breakfast. Birdwatching in Cabo Vírgenes, Magellan Strait eastern side, where there is an important Magellanic penguin colony (120,000 pairs). This is the place for the black-browed albatross. Transfer to Pali Aike National Park in Chile, which is a steppe spread with small volcanoes where there are some lesser rhea. Lunch. The travel continues to Puento Arenas. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 4 – RÍO VERDE / ISLA MAGDALENA

Breakfast. Departure to Río Verde. Birdwatching in: Río Verde (on the Skyring glacier), Laguna Blanca (Coscoroba swan), Estancia Olga Teresa (where there are important 'condoreras' or breeding places and nests of Andean condor), Otway glacier (seabirds) and Cabeza del Mar (pelagic birds). Departure to Isla Magdalena in the Magellan Strait, breeding colony of Magellanic penguin (40,000 pairs), kelp gull and dolphin gull). Lunch. Return to Punta Arenas. Dinner. Accommodation.

## Day 5 - ISLA CARLOS III

Breakfast. Transfer to Río Grande pier. Departure to Isla Carlos III. Sailing through glacier Otway and Jerónimo channel. Accommodation. Lunch. The excursion through channels and fjords will let you to observe all Antarctic birds families (7 families). Observations of pelagic and sea birds. The highlights are great skua and striated caracara (endemic). Dinner.

## Day 6 - ISLA NÖIR

Breakfast. Departure to isla Nöir, which is the most important crested penguin breeding gathering in the continent: rockhopper (70,000 pairs) and macaroni (18,000 pairs), nesting colonies of southern giant petrel. Lunch. Return to Isla Carlos III. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 7 - ISLA CARLOS III / PUNTA ARENAS

Breakfast. Sailing up to Santa Inés island. Lunch. Return to Punta Arenas. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 8 - PUNTA ARENAS / PORVENIR

Breakfast. Transfer to Porvenir. Magellan Strait crossing. Arrival in Porvenir. Accommodation. Lunch. Birdwatching in the Porvenir boundary: Laguna de los Cisnes, Verde, and Deseada (swans, geese, grebes). Departure to Bahía Lomas-Punta Catalina (Ramsar site): high non-breeding gathering of beach birds from the northern hemisphere: red knot, white-rumped sandpiper and hudsonian godwit among others. It is an important place for chilean flamingo. Return to Porvenir. Dinner. Accommodation.

## Day 9 – PORVENIR / ESTANCIA VICUÑA

Breakfast. Transfer in 4WD towards Estancia Vicuña, in the southern side of the island. Birdwatching in Córdón Baqueado, Río Rasmussen and Blanco, Deseado and Depreciado lakes. Accommodation. Lunch. Night watching of ferruginous pygmy-owl and rufous-legged owl. Dinner.

## Day 10

ESTANCIA VICUÑA / BAHÍA SAN SEBASTIÁN  
Breakfast. Birdwatching in Estancia Vicuña and Bella Vista area, the closer place to Darwin range in all the tour. This is a very good place for watching the gorgeous Magellanic woodpecker. Lunch. Return to Argentine border. Departure to San Sebastián-Punta Páramo bay (Ramsar site). In winter there are great quantities of beach birds: hudsonian godwit, red knot and white-rumped sandpiper among others. Arrival in San Sebastián. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 11 – ESTANCIA DESPEDIDA

Breakfast. Birdwatching in Bahía San Sebastián. Transfer to Estancia Despedida. Lunch. Birdwatching in Cabo Peñas and Los Flamencos ranch surroundings: de la Suerte, Grande, Carmen lakes and Cabo Peñas lagoon. Arrival in Estancia Despedida. Accommodation. Dinner.

## Day 12

ESTANCIA RIVADAVIA / LAGO YEHUIN  
Breakfast. Transfer to Estancia Rivadavia. During the journey, birdwatching in San Pablo cape on the Atlantic ocean. Arrival in Estancia Rivadavia. Accommodation. Lunch. Departure to Chelpehmut and Yehuin lakes (Imperial Shag breeding colony) and Shelnosh hill (Andean condor). Return to Estancia Rivadavia. Dinner. Accommodation.

## Day 13

USHUAIA / TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK  
Breakfast. Transfer to Ushuaia. During the journey, birdwatching in Valle de las Cotorras and in the Rancho Hambre peat bog. This is the place for the Austral parakeet, the more austral psittacido. Accommodation. Lunch. Birdwatching in Tierra del Fuego National Park (90 reported species): negra lagoon, Pjpo river, Lapataia bay and Ensenada (on the Beagle channel), there, the flightless steamer-duck and flying steamer-duck are very common. Watching of the green-backed firecrown, which is the southernmost hummingbird. Guanaco hill. Return to Ushuaia. Dinner. Accommodation.

## Day 14

ESTANCIA HABERTON / BUENOS AIRES  
Breakfast. Departure to Estancia Moat and Victoria lagoon. Birdwatching in Estancia Haberton and sailing through the islands. Birdwatching in Martillo island, Magellanic and Gentoo penguins colonies. Return to Ushuaia. Lunch. Transfer to Ushuaia 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.

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