

PATAGONIA WONDERS

PROGRAM 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, El Calafate, Puerto Natales, Puerto Varas & Santiago



Day	City	Activity	O/N	Meals
Day 1	Sat	Buenos Aires	Arrival in Buenos Aires. Half day City Tour	Buenos Aires -
Day 2	Sun	Buenos Aires/Ushuaia	Departure to Ushuaia	Ushuaia B
Day 3	Mon	Ushuaia	Half day National Park. Beagle Channel Navigation	Ushuaia B
Day 4	Tue	Ushuaia/El Calafate	Departure to El Calafate	El Calafate B
Day 5	Wed	El Calafate	Full day Perito Moreno Glacier	El Calafate B
Day 6	Thu	El Calafate	Day at leisure. Optional: Upsala & Onelli Navigation	El Calafate B
Day 7	Fri	El Calafate/Puerto Natales	Transfer to Puerto Natales, passing by Cerro Castillo	Puerto Natales B
Day 8	Sat	Puerto Natales	Full day Torres del Paine National Park	Puerto Natales B
Day 9	Sun	Puerto Natales	Full day Balmaceda & Serrano Glaciers tour	Puerto Natales B
Day 10	Mon	Puerto Natales/Puerto Varas	Departure to Puerto Montt. City tour	Puerto Varas B
Day 11	Tue	Puerto Varas	Full day Navigation to Peulla	Puerto Varas B
Day 12	Wed	Puerto Varas/Santiago	Departure to Santiago	Santiago B
Day 13	Thu	Santiago	International departure flight	- B

Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1

Arrival in Buenos Aires (-)

Upon arrival, our collaborators offer a welcoming reception and will transfer you to the hotel. A documentation kit, detailed program explanation plus luggage and hotel registration assistance is offered. Get acquainted with Buenos Aires during this tour highlighting the city's major neighborhoods and attractions. Among the points of interest you will see are Main Square Plaza de Mayo surrounded by the Casa Rosada (Presidential Headquarters Office), the Cabildo (Colonial Town Hall) and the Cathedral. You will also drive through the charming streets of San Telmo and down the colorful roads of La Boca, famous for its multicolor tin houses. Later, drive through elegant Barrio Norte on your way to the Recoleta Cemetery, an amazing aboveground cemetery lined with mausoleums and statues. Finally, visit Palermo and its magnificent mansions and parks. Overnight in Buenos Aires.

Day 2

Ushuaia (B)

At schedule time, transfer to the airport to take your flight to Ushuaia. Upon arrival, reception and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Ushuaia.

Day 3

Half Day National Park – Beagle Channel Navigation (B)

This is a half day excursion to the only national protected area of the island. The park is located 12 km to the west of Ushuaia City, near the international limit with Chile. Within the park, you will appreciate the local flora composed by beech trees and different kinds of bushes and flowers. Fauna is represented by natives and introduced animals, such as reddish foxes, beavers, rabbits and many species of birds (more than 90). Ensenada Bay, Roca Lake and Lapataia bay are the touristic places that we visit, including some short walks near the lake, beaver dams and Lapataia Bay. At the end of the national park, we reach the finish of the national route N° 3, located 3063 km far from Buenos Aires. After 4 hours of excursion we return to Ushuaia.

BEAGLE CHANNEL NAVIGATION - SEA LION'S ISLAND. We will set off from the tourist port, sailing along the Ushuaia Bay and the Beagle Channel, where we will see the southernmost city of the world, surrounded by an exclusive landscape, the combination of mountains, forest and the sea. We will observe the Montes Olivia and Cinco Hermanos (Olivia and Five Brothers), Estancias Figue and Tunel (Tunnel and Figue Ranch). Continuing with our trip, we will arrive at the Faro Les Eclaireurs (Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse). There, we will see a small colony of Rocky or Magallanic Cormorants. Sailing back, we will get closer to the Isla de los Lobos (Sea Lion's Island) just to enjoy these curious and really nice marine mammals and the Isla Despard (Despard Island), the natural habitat of the Imperial Cormorants. During the trip, we will enjoy big diversity of marine birds, such as the southern giant Petrels, black-browed albatross, Southern American terns, gulls, and little seagulls. Sailing between the Bridges Archipelago and through the Paso Chico, we will go back to the City Ushuaia. Once back and getting closer to the Ushuaia Bay, admire the impressive frame offered by the Ushuaia City. Overnight in Ushuaia.

Day 4 **El Calafate (B)**

At schedule time, transfer to the airport to take your flight to El Calafate. Overnight in El Calafate.

Day 5 **Perito Moreno Glacier (B)**

We leave Calafate, heading towards Perito Moreno Glacier. It is an 80 km long bus ride, making stops along the way to take pictures. All the way a guide from "Los Glaciares" National Park will be with us, giving us all the information about the surrounding area, the history and mysticism of this unique glacier. After entering the Andean Patagonian forest area, we'll stop at "Curva de los Suspiros" (Sighs Curve), to enjoy the first panoramic view of the Perito Moreno Glacier, continuing our way to the platforms and balconies in front of the glacier, having free time to visit them on our own. Return to Calafate. Overnight in El Calafate.

Day 6 **Free Day (B)**

Day at leisure for personal activities. Overnight in El Calafate.

Optional **Full Day Upsala & Onelli Navigation**

We navigate along Northern Channel of the Argentino Lake, departing from Punta Bandera port, 50 km away from Calafate. We navigate among huge icebergs, resulting from the constant calving of Upsala Glacier, until we reach its front. Afterwards we disembark at Onelli Bay for an 800 mts walk, through a "lengas" woods reaching Onelli Lake, where three glaciers join: Onelli, Bolados and Agassiz, flowing down from the Andes Range. After staying there for about two hours, we continue our navigation along Spegazzini and Heim Sur channels, reaching the glaciers of the same name. We arrive at Punta Bandera Port at about 7:30 pm, continuing with the bus to Calafate.

Day 7 **Puerto Natales (B)**

Transfer from Calafate to Cerro Castillo and then transfer to Puerto Natales. Overnight in Puerto Natales.

Day 8

Full Day Torres del Paine National Park (B)

The National Park Torres del Paine is an absolute must when visiting Patagonia. You will see the most important spots of the Park. We will make a stop at the Milodon Cave. We also visit the Amarga lagoon which was studied for its chemical, biological and physical features. You can enjoy the beautiful panoramic views of the Paine mountain range and you may be lucky and see some red foxes and condors. You will admire the Nordenskjold and Pehoé lakes and we will go on a short hike to the Salto Grande waterfall. We will walk along the stunning area of the glaciers, where you will see ice floes of the Grey Glacier walking through forests of lengas. We will be back in Puerto Natales around 20:00. Please take with you a rain jacket, sunglasses and comfortable shoes, because the trip includes some short hikes through the forests and the breathtaking territory of the Torres del Paine National Park. Overnight in Puerto Natales.

Day 9

Full day Balmaceda & Serrano Glaciers tour (B)

Departure from Puerto Natales Getting deep into Ultima Esperanza Sound we shall see a spectacular scenery of bays, mountains and waterfalls along with a great variety of birds like the condor and the cormorants in their nests. We should also enjoy watching the small young sea wolves in their colonies depending of the season. Once in the base of the Balmaceda Mountain we will disembark into the Bernardo O'Higgins National Park to start a short walk to the shore of a quiet and small lake which keep in its waters ices with romantic and fantastic shapes in the very feet of Serrano Glacier, which hangs from the high summits of the mountain. After an hour there, we head back to the Estancia Perales for lunch and visit. Sail back to Puerto Natales, keeping unforgettable images and a feeling of calm and peace. Arrival to Puerto Natales around 17:30. Overnight in Puerto Natales.

Day 10

Puerto Montt: City tour Puerto Montt & Puerto Varas and visit of the fishmarket Angelmo (B)

At schedule time, transfer to the airport in Punta Arenas to take your flight to Puerto Montt. Upon arrival we drive to the viewpoint of Puerto Montt from where we enjoy a wonderful view of the bay and the volcanoes Osorno and Calbuco. After that we visit the city centre, the main square (plaza de armas) and the cathedral. We continue towards the harbor Angelmó. This part of the city was and still is the centre of commercial activity. Constantly boats that ship products from various islands arrive at this port. The old port down the coastal road is now a tourist attraction: here we find a market on which handicrafts of the area are sold. Puerto Varas is situated on the south west margin of lake Llanquihue, 20 km from Puerto Montt and possesses all the poetry of its houses full of roses and the intimacy of the bay. One can appreciate the evidence of German colonization in their typical constructions and beautiful gardens. The volcanoes Calbuco and Osorno stand out in the horizon. The insertion of different cultures in these desolate difficult territories where nature offers all its beauty but also big difficulties keeps being a strong challenge for man. Overnight in Puerto Varas.

Day 11

Full day Navigation to Peulla (B)

We go on a boat trip to the beautiful island of Peulla which is situated in the Todos los Santos Lake. We depart early in the morning from Puerto Varas to Petrohué and enjoy impressive views of the volcanoes Osorno and Calbuco that dominate the scenery here. When we arrive at Petrohué we have 30 minutes break before the boat leaves to Peulla and crosses the Todos los Santos Lake. If the weather conditions allow it we will be able to see volcano Osorno, the Puntiguado hill and the Tronador from our boat. After our arrival at Peulla we visit the ecological villa which is a true paradise for nature enthusiasts. A couple of hours later we return to Puerto Varas. Overnight in Puerto Varas.

Day 12

Santiago (B)

At schedule time, transfer to the airport to take your flight to Santiago. Upon arrival, reception and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Santiago.

Day 13
International Departure (B)

At the scheduled time, transfer to the airport to take your international departure flight.

End of our Services

Price per person in Norwegian kroner

Patagonia Wonders 13d/12n Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, El Calafate, Puerto Natales, Puerto Varas & Santiago		
Based on / Accommodation	Double	Single Supp.
Minimum 2 passengers	Kr 14 980	Kr 7 790

Selected Hotels			
City	Category	Hotel	Web Page
Buenos Aires	Tourist Superior	Dazzler Tower Libertad	www.dazzlerhotel.com
Ushuaia	Tourist	Altos Ushuaia	www.altosushuaia.com
El Calafate	Tourist Superior	Tehuel Plaza	www.tehuelplaza.com
Puerto Natales	Tourist	Weskar Lodge	www.weskar.cl
Puerto Varas	Tourist	Bellavista	www.hotelbellavista.cl
Santiago	Tourist	Galerias	www.hotelgalerias.cl

Optional: (Price per person – Min. 2 passengers)

Full day Upsala & Onelli Navigation (no lunch) - SIB	Kr 1 360
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Departure Dates :

GROUP 1	Saturday, January 16, 2010
GROUP 2	Saturday, February 20, 2010
GROUP 3	Saturday, March 20, 2010
GROUP 4	Saturday, May 22, 2010
GROUP 5	Saturday, July 24, 2010
GROUP 6	Saturday, September 25, 2010
GROUP 7	Saturday, October 23, 2010

Payment and Cancellation Policies

- Please take note a preliminary rooming list is required 61 days prior departure. Final rooming list together with full deposit are required 31 days before group arrival.
- 32 days before group arrival will not produce any cancellation fees.
- From 31 to 15 days before group arrival, 50% of cancellation fees will be charged.
- Less than 15 days before group arrival, 100% of cancellation fees will be charged.
- For hotel accommodation, in case of any cancellation or no show, 19% taxes shall be applied on the hotel's room rate
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General Conditions

These rates are applicable if all accommodation and services are booked through Condor Travel together. In case that any service, like hotel or train, etc., is not booked through Condor Travel, a surcharge or fee may be applied, the same that will be informed upon confirmation

All transfers and excursions are inclusive of local English in each city.

Included in our rates are all services, accommodation and meals mentioned in the tour description, drinks only if stated on the tour description, taxes, tourist tickets and entrance fees, service charge at the hotels as well luggage handling fee at the airports, stations and hotels based on one piece of luggage per passenger.

Not included are airfares and airport-taxes which are quoted separately, personal expenses, extras at the hotels, drinks during meals if not mentioned on the tour descriptions, tips to the guides, drivers and waitress if its not specified on the tour description.

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Hotel rates do not include 19% sales tax which is actually exonerated by a government decree. When checking into every hotel in Peru, a copy of the front page and immigration stamp will be required. Each hotel will take care of the copies. In case of any cancellation or no show, 19% taxes is applied on the cancellation fees.

Our prices includes entrance fees and tourist tickets to certain historical natural and religious monuments, that in many cases are managed by the local authorities. Certain increased on that prices may arise without previous notice. Condor Travel will inform immediately when these increases apply, and will adjust this increases to the costs of this offer.

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