Argentina Family Private Journey

ENCHANTING BUENOS AIRES, A HISTORIC ESTANCIA,
AND THE WONDER OF IGUAZÚ FALLS

Wilderness Travel

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WHEN TO GO

November to March

ABOUT PRIVATE JOURNEYS

Wilderness Travel Private Journeys are designed for people who want to travel with their own small private group, but who still want to experience the same superb itinerary design, great accommodations, and signature quality of Wilderness Travel's escorted group trips. These Private Journeys allow you to choose your own dates and your traveling companions—and enjoy the WT touch on all aspects of the journey.

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Discover the secrets of Buenos Aires, South America's most seductive capital, stay at a classic estancia (ranch) on the pampas, then witness the majesty of Iguazú Falls, one of the most breathtaking sights in the natural world. Our family-focused Private Journey begins in Argentina's stylish capital, where you'll walk (or bike, if you prefer) in the city's most famous neighborhoods, from bohemian San Telmo, with its cobbled streets, to the colorful port of La Boca, where tango is ever present. A choice of activities is offered each day. After a relaxing overnight at a classic turn-of-the-century ranch out in the pampas, fly to Iguazú Falls, a World Heritage Site surrounded by an incredible forest full of tropical wildlife, from toucans to parrots and monkeys. You'll visit both the Argentine and Brazilian side of the falls, exploring walkways that weave in and around the cascades for up-close perspectives. Fun optional add-ons include attending a professional soccer game in one of the most famous stadiums in the world, enjoying an asado dinner, the Macuco Safari Experience at Iguazú Falls, and a cooking class and dinner. At journey's end, join our family-tailored extensions to Patagonia for hikes in Los Glaciares National Park or to Bariloche to explore the luxuriant forests and glacial lagoons of the Lake District.

TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length: 6 days
Arrive: Buenos Aires, Argentina
Depart: Iguazu Falls, Argentina
Lodging: 6 nights hotels
Meals: All meals included except 5 dinners and 1 lunch (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity: Cultural Adventures, Walking
Trip Level: 1 ② ③ 4 5 6
Cultural explorations and walking tours, optional easy to moderate hikes of 2-5 hours

Itinerary

We encourage you to arrive in Buenos Aires a day early to rest up from the flight and enjoy a relaxing day in the city. We are happy to book extra hotel overnights for you, an "on your own" expense.

DAY 1 BUENOS AIRES / AFTERNOON CITY WALKING TOUR

Welcome to Argentina! You'll be met on arrival at the Buenos Aires international airport (EZE) and transferred to the Palladio Hotel in the Recoleta neighborhood, with its boutiques and Parisian-style townhouses. After your early morning arrival, we'll give you a few hours to rest up and grab a snack or lunch. In the afternoon, you'll be met by your private guide for a two-hour exploration of South America's most seductive capital. Influenced by the great European cities, Buenos Aires has its own distinct personality and proud traditions. One of the biggest joys of life in the city is its abundance of parks and gardens, picturesque plazas, and lovely green open spaces. How do the locals interact with their city? They walk, and your walking tour will let you discover the city at your own pace. Depending on your interests, you can choose to explore the northern area of the city (Recoleta and Palermo) to enjoy its magnificent Art Nouveau architecture, or enjoy the bohemian culture of San Telmo. It is up to you! Enjoy the unscripted moments of chitchat with your guide and with other locals and sample some delicious local dulce de leche ice cream along the way. Overnight at Palladio Hotel…Dinner on your own

Should you wish to arrive in Buenos Aires early to rest up from jet lag and enjoy the city, we are happy to book extra hotel nights for you (an "on your own" expense).

Optional Add-Ons:

Watch a Professional Soccer Game (private)
Soccer is the number one sport in Argentina and the "Big Five" professional teams of Argentina are Boca, River, Independiente, Racing, and San Lorenzo, all based in Buenos Aires. Watch an exciting game this evening in one of the most famous soccer stadiums in the world and see some of Argentina's great players live, in action! Your local soccer guide will teach you the chants and songs and explain the ins and outs of fútbol Argentina—and its passionate fans.
Included: Private transportation, private guide, and tickets.
Duration: 4 hours, including driving to/from. Not available between December 15 and late February.
See Trip Cost section for additional cost

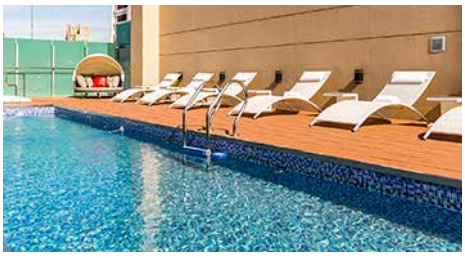
Savor a Closed-Door Asado Dinner (shared)
Argentine steak is found in every restaurant in Buenos Aires, but where can you enjoy steak the way locals do? Try a true asado argentino (Argentine barbecue) in an authentic "closed-door" grill in the trendy Palermo neighborhood. Closed-door restaurants are "secret" dining spots that are part of a growing trend in Buenos Aires of chefs who host dinners in reservation-only private spaces. For this dinner, Luis, your expert asador (or grillmaster), prepares a 5-course dinner and a chance to learn asado traditions as you gather around a big family table. Each course is paired with a selected wine. Asado in Argentina is much more than a meal—it's a cultural and convivial experience and you'll feel as if you are being hosted by an old friend. You will be in a small group setting (up to 12 guests). Included: 5-course dinner and beverages, pick-up and drop-off at your hotel. Duration: 2-3 hours (approximately).
See Trip Cost section for additional cost

DAY 2 EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES ON FOOT OR BY BIKE

Your program today includes your choice of one of the following private guided options. The minimum participation in any option is two persons. Dinner is on your own, and your guide is happy to make recommendations or reservations for you, if needed. Overnight at hotel...BL

Half-Day Buenos Aires City Tour (best option with younger kids): Take a wonderful tour through the city's historic districts with a private car at your disposal. Your guide will bring you to some of the most famous spots in the city, and you'll learn fun facts, such as why the Presidential Palace is painted pink and why the wooden houses of La Boca are so colorful. Visit bohemian San Telmo, the oldest residential neighborhood, with its superb architecture and cobbled streets, and the colorful port of La Boca, where tango is ever present and you can walk along famous Caminito Street, an open-air art museum, and dance with the locals. If you're a soccer enthusiast, you'll learn all about the local fútbol (soccer) team, the Boca Juniors, the nation's most popular team. Continue your day of cultural immersion as you learn about Buenos Aires' rich history and chat with the locals (known as Porteños). At the end of your tour, you'll be returned to your hotel. Included: Private guide, transportation, snack, and water. Duration: 5 hours.

Half-Day Buenos Aires Bike Tour (best option with teenagers): Explore the city on two wheels! Buenos Aires has a vast bike path network that passes through many beautiful parks. Departing from Palermo district, start your bike tour to discover the northern section of the city, where you'll find the famous Recoleta Cemetery, the Floralis Generica, and



the biggest urban park in Buenos Aires. At the Recoleta Cemetery, leave your bikes to walk through the amazing tombs and mausoleums, 90 of which have been declared historical monuments. Dare your kids and find the exact place where the revered Evita Perón rests (she was one of the country's first female political leaders and has mythical status in Argentina). Look for the tomb of David Alleno, the cemetery keeper who saved money his whole life in order to be buried with the most important characters of Argentine history. Continue your bike ride to the park that houses the incredible Floralis Generica, the giant metallic flower of Buenos Aires, where you'll stop to have a snack while watching this breathtaking sculpture actually move! Taste some traditional Argentine maté (herbal tea) and some alfajores (finger-licking sandwich cookies). Keep riding on to explore Palermo Woods (Bosques de Palermo), an urban haven known for its groves, lakes, and rose gardens. Covering almost 1,000 acres, the park includes the zoo, the planetarium, the velodrome, and a world-renowned Japanese garden. You'll have a close-up view of the beautiful planetarium here and enjoy a typical Porteño lunch from one of the many food trucks spread over the area. You'll return back to where you began after five hours of family fun. Included: Bikes with gears, helmet, basket, water bottle, snacks, lunch, private guide. Duration: 5 hours.

DAY 3 ESTANCIA EL OMBÚ DE ARECO / GAUCHO LIFE IN THE PAMPAS

Today you'll bid farewell to Buenos Aires and head into the countryside for an authentic stay at an exclusive estancia (working ranch) set on the vast lands called the pampas. Estancias are known for livestock, horses, traditional barbecues, and folkloric performances, and your estancia is the historic El Ombú de Areco, built in 1880 and spreading over some 850 acres in a park-like setting.
En route, visit the pretty town of San Antonio de Areco, with its cobbled streets and 18th century church on the central plaza. The town is the national capital of gaucho tradition, with an Old West flavor, charming cafes, and a silversmith workshop. An annual festival celebrating pampas culture is held here in November, with gauchos arriving from all over to participate in gaucho games, horsemanship, and traditional dances.

You'll arrive at the estancia in time for lunch (a typical asado), with the opportunity for an afternoon horseback ride through lush green countryside or a relaxing bike ride. There's also a peaceful swimming pool (available during Argentina's summer months, December through February) and many areas to take a relaxing siesta. There are sometimes gaucho skill demonstrations on horseback or folkloric dances to watch in the afternoon. The estancia is the perfect place to soak up the gaucho culture and watch sunset over the pampas. Overnight at Estancia El Ombú de Areco…BLD
Driving Time: 1.5 hours

DAY 4 FLY TO IGUAZÚ FALLS

After breakfast at the estancia, transfer to the domestic Jorge Newbery Airport (AEP) for a flight to the small town of Puerto Iguazú on the Argentina-Brazil border. You'll transfer to your hotel near the falls and have the afternoon to relax and enjoy the pool. Overnight at hotel…B
Driving Time: 2 hours
Flight Time: 2 hours

DAY 5 IGUAZÚ FALLS / FULL-DAY ARGENTINE SIDE

Iguazú Falls straddles the border of Argentina and Brazil on the mighty Iguazú River, with 250 separate cascades that tumble a mile down from the cliffs of the river. The most stupendous part of the falls is The Devil's Throat (Garganta del Diablo), where 1,800 cubic meters of water per second hurtle over a semicircle of rock into a boiling river canyon. The falls are not the only attraction here. The surrounding forest is packed with wildlife, and there are ample opportunities for seeing toucans, capuchin monkeys, black caciques, coatamundis, and a host of gorgeous butterflies.

Your private guide will pick you up at the hotel for a full day's exploration of the Argentine side of Iguazú National Park, with its incredible subtropical forest of exuberant vegetation that shelters many species of wildlife (and your guide will help you spot them). The Argentine side of the falls is filled with a myriad of paths that allow you to view the falls from many different perspectives. Walk the lower and upper walkways, then enjoy some free time for lunch near the falls. To visit The Devil's Throat, the largest of the falls and for many, the most spellbinding, you'll board the "Jungle Train" and walk out along the boardwalks to see it. Today you should be prepared for a full day of walking (6-7 hours), as you explore trails that weave in, out, and around all the different cascades (note: all the upper walkways are suitable for strollers and wheelchairs, but the lower walkways have steep stairs).

DAY 6 FOZ DE IGUAZÚ / HALF-DAY BRAZILIAN SIDE

While Argentina has 80% of the falls on its side, Brazil has the best panoramic views. Today you'll have a half day on the Brazilian side (usually 9 am to 1 pm). You'll be transferred across the border via the international bridge, then enter the park by way of the Parque das Aves ("The Bird Park"), where you walk to the entrance of the Parque Nacional do Iguaçu. You'll be thrilled by the views and the landscape, but this is also a great opportunity to learn about the region's grand geography. Accompanied by your guide, enjoy views of the massive Argentine side of the waterfalls, then reach Floriano Waterfall, the highlight of the Brazil side, and the Salto Santa María, where it feels like you're walking on the water. Although you'll be looking into Argentina, your feet will be on the ground in Brazil! After your explorations, you'll have some free time to visit the gift shop and take a special elevator to a high viewpoint. Lunch (a Brazilian buffet) is included and you'll re-cross the border to return to your hotel. Overnight at hotel…BL

Driving Time: 45 minutes each way to cross the border and back

Walking Time on the Brazil Side: 2-3 hours

Note: A visa to enter Brazil is not required for US, Canadian, Japanese, and Australian citizens.

Optional Add-Ons:

The Macuco Safari Experience (best option for older kids) Board a trolley for a scenic overview of Brazil's side of the falls. During this almost 2-mile tour through the jungle, bilingual guides will comment on the park's special flora and fauna. There is an optional short walk toward a stunning 65-foot waterfall known as Salto do Macuco. The last stop on the trolley ride brings you to a spot where you'll board inflatable boats (RIB boats) to cruise up the river to the Three Musketeers waterfall, where you can get a "baptism" in the falls if you choose (there is also a dry option). The boats have a driver and are shared with other travelers. During this optional add-on, you will be without your guide. He or she will be waiting for you when you exit the park. There, a driver will return you to your hotel on the Argentine side. Duration: 2 hours, combined with the half-day on the Brazilian side of the falls.
See Trip Cost section for additional costs

The Argentine Experience Cooking Class & Dinner (not recommended for young kids)
At a cozy (and hidden!) restaurant in downtown Puerto Iguazú, enjoy a special experience in traditional Argentine cooking. Your bilingual guide will be waiting to greet you on arrival. You'll arrive at a large kitchen table where materials will be set up for your cooking class. Don your apron and start by making your first Argentine cocktail with delicious Malbec wine. After making and sampling your beverages, it's time to prepare Argentine empanadas. Learn how to properly fill the empanada and practice your skills in the *repulgue* (the special way to close and seal the empanada). Then it's time to order your steak. Learn how to ask for your desired cooking point in Spanish, hear about the classic social customs used by Argentines at the dinner table, and finish the evening by sipping on maté and making alfajores de maicena (cookies overflowing with dulce de leche). Finally, make your way back to your hotel with full bellies and fabulous memories. Duration: 4 hours. Included: transportation to/from hotel (driver only), 3-course meal with wine pairing.
See Trip Cost section for additional cost

DAY 7 IGUAZÚ / DEPART OR JOIN OUR PATAGONIA EXTENSION OR BARILOCHE EXTENSION

After breakfast, transfer to the Iguazú airport for departing flights to Buenos Aires or join our extension to Patagonia or Bariloche…B
Driving Time: 1 hour

Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through Spring 2027
$4,695 (5-8 members)
$5,195 (3-4 members)
Single supplement: $1,255

Child Pricing: $2,795 (children 3-11 years old, sharing room with 2 adults. Only 1 child per room in most cases, please ask if other arrangements are possible).

Holiday surcharges apply December 20, 2026, to January 3, 2027, and during the Easter holiday period.

Optional Argentine Experience Cooking Class in Iguazu: $140
Optional Closed-Door Asado Dinner In Buenos Aires: $240
Optional Macuco Safari Experience in Iguazu: $140
Optional Professional Soccer Game in Buenos Aires: $290

The prices above are for the ready-to-book adventure outlined in this Detailed Itinerary, a popular option that has been handcrafted by our Area Specialists to include the best of every destination. While many travelers choose to book this tour as is, our Area Specialists are also happy to work with you to customize this Private Journey to suit your specific interests and style of travel. We can arrange for longer or shorter stays, or add an extension to additional places of interest. We can even add special activities or customize excursions depending on your interests. We invite you to contact us to discuss your options!

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of local guides
- Hotel accommodations as noted
- All meals included except 5 dinners and 1 lunch as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Land transportation and activities as noted

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International or domestic airfare, any meals not specified after each itinerary day in the Detailed Itinerary, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, expenses such as medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, or passports and visas, and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, laundry, etc.).

SIGNING UP FOR A TRIP

Early reservations are recommended since accommodations often sell out far in advance. Please call 1-800-368-2794 and ask for our Latin America Manager or email us at latinamerica@wildernesstravel.com with any questions that you may have about this trip. To reserve your Private Journey, we will need to know your preferred dates of travel. We will then check availability and send you a proposed itinerary with exact pricing for your adventure. We can typically hold a provisional booking for one week. At that time, we must collect your initial deposit or accommodations will be released. We accept Visa, Mastercard, or American Express card. Upon receipt of your deposit, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a letter of confirmation, Detailed Itinerary, Trip Application, Medical Form, and Pre-Departure Information Booklet with information to help you prepare for your adventure. Please see our Cancellations and Transfer Fee Schedule for specific payment information.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: $1,000
90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Minimum fee: $1,000 per person
61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost
46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost
45 days or less: 100% of trip cost
*Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: http://www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan/travel-insurance

Patagonia Family Extension

Watch the ice tumble down from the 200-foot-high ice wall of the world-famous Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park (and walk on the glacier's ice, if you like!), then hike a spectacular trail beneath the seven-summited Fitzroy Massif (11,073'), whose granite spires challenge the world's best climbers to extraordinary feats. With a choice of family-friendly hikes and walks, this extension is a great introduction to Patagonia's legendary steppes, mountains, lakes, and glaciers.

DAY 1 (DAY 7 OF MAIN TRIP) IGUAZÚ FALLS / BUENOS AIRES / EL CALAFATE

Fly to El Calafate in southern Argentina, where you are met and transferred to the Kau Yatún Hotel, about a 15-minute walk outside El Calafate's bustling town center. The hotel is a former ranch house located on the Estancia 25 de Mayo ranch and has a peaceful setting with sheep grazing on the grounds. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the excellent in-house restaurant. Overnight at the Kau Yatún Hotel (alternative hotel choice: Estancia Nibepo Aike)…D

DAY 2 PERITO MORENO GLACIER TOUR / GLACIER MINI-TREK

Your program today includes your choice of one of the following options. The minimum participation in any option is two persons. Before your Perito Moreno excursion, stop in at the Glaciarium Museum to learn about glaciers and their first explorers, with the natural sound of the ice caves playing through the museum's halls. You can visit the museum's Ice Bar and take a sip of a drink in a glass made of ice! Dinner is on your own in El Calafate. Overnight at the Kau Yatún Hotel (or Estancia Nibepo Aike)...BL

Full-Day Perito Moreno Glacier Excursion (private) plus Mini-Hike on the Glacier (shared): Head out for a private tour of the famous Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park. This awe-inspiring sight is a 20-story-high wall of blue ice. The creaking sounds of the glacier are as amazing as the sight of the three-mile-wide ice wall dropping huge chunks of ice into the Canal de los Témpanos (Iceberg Channel) below. You'll walk along a network of boardwalks for phenomenal views of the electric-blue ice wall, its deep crevasses, and the immense Southern Patagonian Icecap stretching into the distance. You will have a box lunch en route. Duration: Driving Time: 3 hours to/from glacier, Walking Time: 3 hours.

Mini-Hike on the Glacier (for ages 8 to 65)
After the private Perito Moreno Glacier excursion, join a guided group to experience this iconic glacier up-close and walk on the ice itself. The route will bring you along the lateral side of the glacier, moving upward onto the ice on a moderate circuit that introduces you to the fascinating glacial landscape with its bubbling streams, icy lagoons, crevasses, and sculptured ice formations in incredible shades of blue. Truly a once in a lifetime experience! You will be given crampons to put on your hiking boots when you are on the actual glacier. You will have a box lunch en route. (Note: the age limit of 65 on this excursion is dictated by the operator's insurance

company, and while this is not a hard hike, they unfortunately will not allow people over age 65 to participate.) Duration: About 4 hours, including the 20-minute boat ride over to the glacier and back.

Full-Day Perito Moreno Glacier Excursion (private) plus Glacier Boat Ride (shared): After the private Perito Moreno Glacier excursion (described above), take a spectacular boat ride that will let you fully appreciate the massive size of the ice walls of the Perito Moreno as you cruise the blue waters below—you'll never feel closer to this gigantic and impressive natural masterpiece than viewing it from the water. Duration: 1 hour.

DAY 3 EL CHALTÉN / LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK / LOS CÓNDORES HIKE

A morning drive brings you to Los Glaciares National Park, a realm of rock and ice that is home to the great Southern Patagonian Ice Cap and 47 major glaciers—including some of the most accessible ones in the world. Along the drive, you'll stop in at the historic La Leona Roadhouse, where the outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid hid in 1905 after robbing a bank.

Around noon, arrive at the charming village of El Chaltén, the Argentine hiking and climbing capital, set at the foot of Fitz Roy and surrounded by glaciers, lakes, and forests. It is a paradise for walkers and climbers alike. Stretch your legs on a hike up Los Cóndores (The Condors), a vista point with spectacular panoramas over the town and the mountains, and perhaps spot some soaring condors along the way. It's a great introductory afternoon hike for understanding the geography of the area, for drinking a cup of maté or just sitting and contemplating the beauty of Patagonian nature. Another viewpoint, Las Águilas (The Eagles), is not far away and a great place to admire the vast space of the Patagonian steppe and immensity of Lake Viedma. This hike concludes with a quick stop at the national park visitors' center and maybe a chat with a park ranger who will surely have an interesting tale to tell. Lunch is on your own in El Chaltén, a very walkable town, and part of the fun of it is enjoying one of the locally owned restaurants. Overnight at Hosteria Senderos in El Chaltén…B
Driving Time: 3 hours
Hiking Details: 1.5 hours, 1.7 miles

DAY 4 HIKE THE LAGUNA DE LOS TRES TRAIL OR THE LAGUNA TORRE TRAIL

Your program today includes your choice of one of the following private guided options. The minimum participation in any option is two persons. Overnight at Hosteria Senderos...BL

Full Day Hike to Laguna De Los Tres at the base of Mt. Fitz Roy (challenging): This is the most emblematic and unforgettable hike in Los Glaciares National Park, bringing you to the blue lagoon below the towering spires of the majestic Fitz Roy massif—it's a long, full-day hike but a classic one for fit hikers. The trail leads through a truly enchanted forest of gnarled, wind-sculpted southern beech

trees festooned with delicate moss and colorful lichens. In March (autumn in these parts), these forests are often aglow in gold and red tones in the soft southern light. You'll see the jumbled ice blocks of the immense Piedras Blancas and Marconi glaciers spilling down from the mountains as you hike higher, passing Campamento Poincenot, a base for international hikers and climbers. The last stretch climbs up a large terminal moraine to powder-blue Laguna de Los Tres, a small glacial lake right beneath Fitz Roy's near-vertical east face. Fitz Roy was first climbed in 1952 by French alpinists Lionel Terray and Guido Magnone and remains among the most challenging mountains on the planet. After a packed lunch and time to take in the grandeur all around, including Fitz Roy's massive hanging glaciers, return by the same path.
Hiking Details: 8-9 hours, 12.6 miles

The Laguna Torre Trail (moderate): Another renowned hike in Los Glaciares National Park is the Laguna Torre trail, a long but not steep hike to a glacial lake below the incredible trio of granite spikes: Cerro Torre (10,280'), which soars over a vertical mile out of an ice sheet, stunning Torre Egger (9,350'), and Cerro Standhardt (8,956'), all capped by infamous "ice mushrooms" that make reaching the summit treacherous for climbers. Torre Egger is considered by some mountaineers to be the most difficult climb in the Western Hemisphere. Together the three peaks form one iconic mountain. Start your hike in El Chaltén, with a gradual ascent into a fairytale woodland of southern beech trees, where you'll keep an eye out for noisy red-crested Magellanic woodpeckers. The tumbling Río Fitz Roy parallels your path in a canyon below as you reach the viewpoint of Mirador Laguna Torre, a vista point with distant but spectacular views of Cerro Torre. Enjoy a packed lunch before descending via the same route.
Hiking Details: 4-5 hours, 3.6 miles

DAY 5 EL CALAFATE / BUENOS AIRES

Transfer back to the El Calafate airport, arriving about noon, and fly to Buenos Aires. Many travelers prefer to overnight in Buenos Aires before taking the international flight the next day…B
Driving Time: 3 hours

PATAGONIA FAMILY EXTENSION TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through Spring 2027
From $3,295 per person, double occupancy
Single supplement: $545
$1,445 (children 3-11 years old, sharing room with 2 adults. Only 1 child per room in most cases, please ask if other arrangements are possible.)

Extension Cost Includes: Accommodations and meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), transfers to and from the park, guided activities as noted (some shared, some private).

Not Included: Airfare, meals not mentioned in itinerary, optional tours, personal expenses, tips for baggage handling, and optional gratuities for guides/drivers.

Bariloche Family Extension

From Bariloche, the alpine-style resort capital of Argentina's Lake District, set out for family-friendly hikes, walks, and kayaking in some of Argentina's most beautiful natural settings, including two-million-acre Parque Nacional Nahuel Huapi, the oldest of the country's national parks. This region of Argentina is known as the Lake District, and it is a land of huge glacial lakes, vast native forests, jagged peaks, and extinct volcanoes. Bariloche rests up against the slopes of Cerro Otto, behind which is the craggy Cristo Catedral massif. The mountain atmosphere makes the Bariloche area a top ski destination in the winter months (June to August).

DAY 1 (DAY 7 OF MAIN TRIP) IGUAZÚ FALLS / BUENOS AIRES / BARILOCHE / CERRO OTTO

Fly to Bariloche, where you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon, your private guide will bring you to Cerro Otto for a ride by aerial tram to the summit for fantastic views over Lago Nahuel Huapi, a stunning 200-square-mile lake complete with peninsulas, islands, and fjords that sweep down from thick forests. Take time to enjoy the spectacular view from the summit (6,890 feet above sea level!) then make an easy hike through a forest of towering lenga trees, the native birch of the Andes. At the vista point called the Habsburg Stone, you'll have panoramas of Lago Gutierrez and Cerro Ventana. Along the trail, your local guide will give you an overview of the native vegetation and the history of the area. Descend by aerial tram for an overnight in Bariloche. Overnight at Hotel Alma del Lago…L
Hiking Time: 2 hours

DAY 2 NATURAL HISTORY ADVENTURES / ZIP LINE OR DINOSAUR PARK

Your program today includes your choice of one of the following private guided options. The minimum participation in any option is two persons. Dinner is on your own. Your guide will be happy to make recommendations for you, depending on how local or fancy you want to go. Overnight at Hotel Alma del Lago...BL

Full-Day Bariloche History & Nature with Canopy Zip Line (best option with older kids): Begin the day with visits to some of the iconic viewpoints of the area, including Campanario Hill, where you'll have a bird's-eye view over the snow-capped Andes, alpine lakes, and the 5-star Llao Llao hotel resort, first opened as a lodge in 1938. Learn the fascinating history of the mountain village of Llao Llao, now within Parque Nacional Nahuel Huapi. After a short hike

with your guide through a forest of 300-year-old arrayán trees *(Luma apiculata)*, return to Bariloche and head to Gilbert's brewery (Cerveceria Artesanal Gilbert), a fun spot to try out your culinary skills with an engaging lunchtime cooking class that introduces you to the culinary secrets of both the immigrant and native cultures of Bariloche.

After lunch, drive a bit out of town to Colonia Suiza, the first European settlement in Bariloche, where you'll proceed by vehicle to Cerro López for an adrenaline-filled zip line experience. After instruction and safety advice, you and your kids will glide from one treetop platform to another (there are 10 in all!) for a unique and exciting way to enjoy the Andean landscapes. Afterwards, head back to Hotel Alma del Lago in Bariloche.

Full-Day Bariloche History & Nature with Nahuelito Park (best option for young kids): This is the same as your first option through lunchtime, then finishes with a visit to Nahuelito Park instead of the zip line adventure. After morning activities and lunch at Gilbert's brewery, visit Nahuelito Park (Parque Nahuelito), a dinosaur-inspired theme park set in a lush green forest. The park takes its name from the Nahuelito, the Argentinian version of the Loch Ness monster, and provides an entertaining educational experience with 30 life-size replicas of dinosaurs painted by professional artists and set along walking trails in a 10-acre park. Specialized guides will explain depth the history and particularities of these former inhabitants of prehistoric Argentina. Afterwards, head back to your hotel in Bariloche.. BL

DAY 3 LAGO MASCARDI KAYAKING / VALLE ENCANTADO

Your program today includes your choice of one of the following private guided options. The minimum participation in any option is two persons. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at Hotel Alma del Lago...BL

Kayak & Hiking at Lago Mascardi: This is an ideal day of lake kayaking paired with a hike in lakeside forest of native trees. Head to Camping Wiritray, owned by the local native Mapuche community, for an introduction to kayaking and a safety review, then board your kayaks and paddle across Lago Mascardi in the heart of Parque Nacional Nahuel Huapi. Paddle to shore at Playa Leones, one of the most beautiful beaches in the park, and enjoy a hike through the forest to a small lagoon. Hike back to Playa Leones for a packed lunch and time to relax on the beach before kayaking back to the starting point. No previous kayaking experience is necessary, and all equipment is provided. Duration: 5-6 hours
Driving Time: 1-2 hours from/to hotel
Kayaking Time: 2 hours, plus an hour for a picnic lunch

Full Day Visit to the Valle Encantado: This option brings a complete change of scene from the mountain peaks of the Andes to the Patagonian steppe and craggy volcanic rock towers of the Valle Encantando ("enchanted valley'). To enter the valley, you'll cross the peaceful Limay River by boat, viewing stunning rock faces en route, and arrive in beautiful Parque Nacional Nahuel Huapi on the other side. Enjoy a walk among the big walls and volcanic caves with your guide and lunch in a beautiful outdoor setting before returning to Bariloche. The Valle Encantado has long attracted rock climbers to its crags, towers, and classic arête routes. Duration: Full day, 8 hours
Driving Time: 1.5 hours each way

DAY 4 DEPART

Fly from Bariloche to Buenos Aires for departing flights. Many travelers prefer to overnight in Buenos Aires before taking the international flight the next day…B

BARILOCHE FAMILY EXTENSION TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through Spring 2027
From $2,895 per person, double occupancy
Single supplement: $595
$1,995 (children 3-11 years old, sharing room with 2 adults. Only 1 child per room in most cases, please ask if other arrangements are possible.)

Extension Cost Includes: Accommodations and meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), daily transfers, guided activities as noted (some shared, some private).

Not Included: Airfare, meals not mentioned in itinerary, optional tours, personal expenses, tips for baggage handling, and optional gratuities for guides/drivers.

Accommodations

HOTELS IN BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Days 1 to 2 (2 nights)

In Buenos Aires, we stay at one of the following properties based on availability:

PALLADIO HOTEL

Located in the heart of the Recoleta neighborhood with its indie boutiques, hip enclaves, and architectural charm, the Palladio Hotel features modern guest rooms, an outdoor heated pool, and a spa and fitness center. The restaurant serves continental breakfast along with Mediterranean cuisine, and the Negresco Bar is a fun place to try an innovative cocktail while locals stroll in for after-work drinks.

ALVEAR ART HOTEL (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

With its excellent location in downtown Buenos Aires, the modern, mid-sized Avear Art Hotel offers spacious rooms, a concierge desk, and a lovely pool and spa on the rooftop. While there are many bars and cafes within walking distance, the hotel itself has a good restaurant.

EL OMBU DE ARECO

San Antonio de Areco, Argentina
Day 3 (1 night)

Built at the end of the 19th century, El Ombú estancia remains one of the most emblematic ranches in the pampas region. Centennial oaks, araucarias (monkey-puzzle trees), and palms adorn the 10-acre park in the heart of the property, and the estancia's main building is an 1880 farmhouse that has been in the same family since 1934. There are 12 en suite guest rooms and for large families, there are interconnecting rooms. The ranch has more than 350 Aberdeen Angus cattle and 70 horses, along with fields planted with soy, corn, wheat, or oats, depending on the time of year.

Accommodations

HOTELS NEAR IGUAZU NATIONAL PARK

Iguazu National Park, Argentina
Days 4 to 6 (3 nights)

Near Iguazu National Park, we stay at one of the following accommodations based on preference:

HOTEL LOI SUITES IGUAZU

This property enjoys a remote rainforest location high above the Iguazú River yet it's just a 20-minute taxi ride from the entrance to Iguazú National Park. It has spacious air-conditioned guest rooms and three inter-connected swimming pools. The common area is linked to guest wings by walkways and swinging bridges that enhance the jungle setting. The hotel's restaurant and pool café serve excellent food.

HOTEL GRAN MELIA IGUAZÚ (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

Just minutes from the three main walking trails on the Argentine side of the falls, the hotel has the perfect location, right in Iguazú National Park, with the splendor of Iguazu Falls easily visible from the restaurant, bar, lobby, and many of the rooms. The exterior of the Melia is less than stunning, but the rooms are comfortable and the service is good. Being right at the falls gives you the chance to come back to your room to rest or change out of wet clothes between excursions. The hotel's pool and sauna/spa are a nice respite after a day of hiking in the park.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Argentina Family Private Journey* webpage and click on "Accommodations."

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

If you have booked extra services before or after the trip, an Extra Services Confirmation will be sent with your Final Documents.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Buenos Aires
Suggested Airport: Ministro Pistarini Int'l Airport (EZE)
Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 12:00 pm

Meeting Place: You will be met in the arrivals hall and transferred to your hotel before your afternoon activities. Should you wish to arrive in Buenos Aires before Day 1 to rest up from jet lag and enjoy the city, we are happy to book extra hotel nights.

DEPARTURE

Iguazú Falls
Suggested Airport: Cataratas del Iguazú International Airport (IGR)
Suggested Date & Time: Day 7, anytime

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Argentina. There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 970-818-8459 in the US or Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated a **Level 2-3 (Easy to Moderate)** according to our trip grading system, and offers a choice of in-depth walking and cultural tours and easy to moderate optional hikes. The walking tours will keep you on your feet for 4-6 hours over a mix of streets and stairs.

GETTING IN SHAPE

For your own enjoyment of travel, we recommend you make a special effort to be in good physical condition. Daily brisk walking and/or regular hiking (or using a stair-climbing machine at your gym) are excellent preparatory exercises.

WEATHER

Buenos Aires is mild year-round, with temperatures in the 70s and 80s and moderate to high humidity from November through March. The climate at Iguazú Falls is hot, tropical, and steamy most of the year.

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Buenos Aires	75/64	73/63	69/59	62/53	56/47	51/42	50/41	53/43	56/46	61/51	66/55	72/61
Iguazú Falls	88/68	86/68	90/66	84/61	75/54	73/50	73/50	79/52	81/54	86/59	88/63	90/66
RAINFALL - INCHES												
Buenos Aires	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.1	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.4	4.0	3.6	3.3
Iguazú Falls	7.5	6.3	6.3	6.7	7.1	5.9	3.9	5.5	7.1	7.5	8.3	7.5

Travel Notes

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Latin America Manager or email us at latinamerica@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

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Travel Notes

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Best Adventure Travel Companies: *USA Today*
Trip of the Year: *Outside Magazine*, 9-time winner
50 Tours of a Lifetime: *National Geographic Traveler*, 9 years in a row
Best Adventure Travel Companies: *National Geographic Adventure,* 3-time winner

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