

Argentina Private Journey

PATAGONIAN PEAKS AND GLACIERS



WHEN TO GO

November to March

For our Private Journey trips, you choose your own group and your preferred dates—there are no set departure dates. Private Journeys are available to groups as few as two people or as large as you like. While many guests choose to book this tour exactly as is, our Area Specialists can work with you to customize it to your wishes. Contact us for availability, questions, or to book your adventure!



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The mountain majesty of Patagonia is truly awe-inspiring, with sheer granite peaks soaring to the sky above tumbling blue-white glaciers and gleaming turquoise lakes. On this Private Journey, explore the lively city of Buenos Aires, with its charming Old World architecture and tango halls, then head south to Glacier National Park, a World Heritage Site that protects some of the most impressive mountain scenery on the planet. Here the shark fin of the Fitz Roy Massif (11,703') and its surrounding satellites rise from the golden pampas, sculpted from solid granite into fantastic spires and towers by the tremendous force of glaciers. Some of the largest and most accessible glaciers in the world are here, including the mighty Moreno, with its 10-story-high ice wall calving icebergs into the cobalt waters of Lago Argentino. The wild beauty of Patagonia is unmatched anywhere on earth, and our Private Journey brings you into the heart of it on daily guided hikes—you decide how far you want to go! In the evenings, enjoy wonderful meals and cozy accommodations where you can raise a glass of fine Argentine wine and toast your amazing adventures.

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—even if it's just the two of you—yet still enjoy a guided adventure.



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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

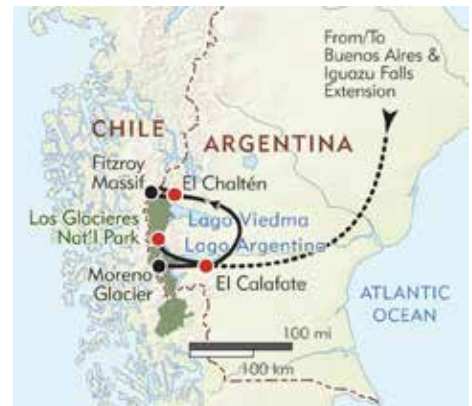
Morning arrival in Buenos Aires airport, where you are met by your guide for a transfer to the hotel. The city’s architecture recalls Paris or London at the turn of the century, and is graced with leafy parks and artisan districts with galleries and antique shops. This afternoon, enjoy a privately guided half-day tour of this famous city. Explore the city’s historic neighborhoods, storied landmarks, and urban art culture on a tour of the city’s street art—colorful murals decorate the walls of buildings across the city, and your guide will take you to some hidden corners of the city to see them. Or, if you are more of a nature lover, try a walking tour where you can learn about the huge variety of tree species that fill the city’s sidewalks and parks. Jacaranda trees (including a rare variety with yellow blooms), Silk Floss trees, Lapachos, and Monkey Puzzles are a few of the city’s interesting species. Sample some favorite local foods along the way—try the empanadas filled with beef or homemade ice cream topped with dulce de leche. Overnight at Mio Buenos Aires in the heart of the Beaux-Arts Recoleta neighborhood...meals on your own

DAY 2 EL CHALTÉN / LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK

Transfer to the airport and fly to El Calafate, a small town in the Santa Cruz Province on the banks of glacier-fed Lago Argentino. El Calafate is the gateway to southern Los Glaciares National Park and it is named for the thorny calafate bush, which blooms in the spring with yellow flowers and in summer with purple fruits. On arrival, a three-hour drive across the wilds of Patagonia brings you to El Chaltén (1,150'), a mountaineering mecca and a popular base for those exploring Los Glaciares National Park. En route, keep an eye out for herds of wild guanacos and ostrich-like, flightless rheas. We have suggested three classic hikes in the park, but there are easier options. Each day's choice of activities is dictated by weather and your preference of activity level. Overnight at Chalten Suites Hotel, a comfortable retreat in this wild, untamed landscape...BD

DAY 3 LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK / FITZ ROY HIKE

Strikingly beautiful Los Glaciares National Park, one of the natural wonders of South America, is an extraordinary wilderness that includes gigantic ice fields and the rugged, iconic Cerro Fitz Roy (11,703'), the park’s crown jewel held sacred to the ancient Tehuelche people. The Fitz Roy Massif and the surrounding peaks rise at spectacular angles, sculpted from solid granite into fantastic spires and towers by the tremendous force of the region’s glaciers. This complex of peaks and “needles” captivates experienced mountain climbers from all over the world.



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length:	9 days
Arrive:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Depart:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Lodging:	8 nights in comfortable hotels and estancias
Meals:	All meals included as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity:	Cultural Adventures, Hiking / Trekking
Trip Level:	1 2 ③ 4 5 6 Easy to strenuous day hikes (your choice)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike to the base of the towering monolith of Mt. Fitz Roy, the jewel of Patagonia
- Explore the fantastic Perito Moreno Glacier, with its spectacular calving icebergs
- Visit Estancia Cristina, a historic ranch in an exclusive glacial valley, only accessible by boat

“A beautifully planned and orchestrated trip. The hiking and scenery were fabulous. Thank you very much. WT runs a first class show.”

Alison F., Alton, NH

Itinerary (cont'd)



“Our first private journey but 4th WT trip. We really like the combination of guides, planned itinerary, and individual choices throughout the journey.”

*Patricia B. and Doug J.,
Granite Bay, CA*

Today, we suggest heading out on a private full-day guided hike to the Fitz Roy base camp and the beautiful mountain lake, Laguna de Los Tres. The trail leads through forest and open plains, with the first significant stop at Laguna Capri, which offers a distant, though inspiring, glimpse of Fitz Roy, which is also reflected in the crystal clear waters of the lagoon. This is the perfect place to enjoy your box lunch while taking in the magnificent views of the surrounding mountains from the shores of the lake. Your hike resumes as you head toward Laguna de Los Tres at the base of Fitz Roy, where three glaciers drain into a stunning mountain pool. From here, the views of Lake Viedma and the vast Patagonian steppe are spectacular on a clear day, and are a good way to break up the sometimes challenging uphill hiking. The hike will lead up onto a natural balcony looking over Laguna Sucia, and the Saint-Exupery and Poicenot spires. An easier hiking option offers beautiful views of the Piedras Blancas Glacier and the huge rock walls of Fitz Roy. Overnight at Chalten Suites Hotel...BL

Hiking Details: The challenging option is a tough hike of 10 miles, with an elevation gain and loss of 3,000 feet; it is a steep 8- to 9-hour hike. The easier option is 3.7 miles (900 feet elevation gain and loss). With stops for rest and photography, the easier option usually takes 3 to 4 hours round trip.

DAY 4

LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK / CERRO TORRE HIKE

The needle-like spike of Cerro Torre (10,280'), with its sheer 6,000-foot rise from the pampas, is famous for its beauty, and notorious for the difficulty of its climb. Countless expeditions attempt the summit every year, and it is considered one of the most challenging mountains in the world. With vertical walls, dramatic changes in weather, and winds of more than 60 miles per hour, this is not a place for the faint-hearted. Your full-day hike, however, will be far less strenuous! And, as always, you can choose how long and far you'd like to go. The trail begins with a gradual, scenic ascent toward El Mirador, a lookout point with a great view of Cerro Torre. From El Mirador, you'll hike the short distance down to the Fitz Roy River valley and along flat land, walking among shrubs and other native flora adapted to this environment, into enchanting woodland, and eventually to the last glacial area surrounding the lake. The trail ends on the banks of Laguna Torre, which offers beautiful views of Cerro Torre and the Torre glacier, surrounded by the Egger and Standhard spires and the Adelas mountain range. Overnight at Chalten Suites Hotel...BL

Hiking Details: 11 miles round trip, with an elevation gain and loss of 2,400 feet; 6-7 hours on a well-established trail. The easier option is 3 miles round trip (to El Mirador).

DAY 5

LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK /

After breakfast, a three-hour drive brings you back to El Calafate. Drive along the shores of beautiful Lago Argentino to the spectacular and massive Moreno Glacier, one of the few glaciers in the world that is still advancing, where you'll walk along a boardwalk with phenomenal views of the towering wall of ice and the immense Southern Patagonian Ice Cap stretching into the distance. The sounds here are as amazing as the sight of the glacier's 10-story-high ice wall dropping chunks of ice into Canal de los Témpanos (Iceberg Channel) below. Overnight at Xelena Hotel and Suites in El Calafate overlooking Lago Argentino...BL

Hiking Details: 3 hours in the morning.

DAY 6

ESTANCIA CRISTINA

A morning departure brings you to the lake pier for a crossing of Lago Argentino by catamaran. Navigate around drifting electric-blue icebergs and enjoy superb views of the headwall of the Upsala Glacier, South America's longest, as you head to Estancia Cristina, set in a wonderfully remote location on the north arm of Lago Argentino. Surrounded by glaciers and the snowy peaks of the Andes, Estancia Cristina is a historic former sheep ranch accessible only by boat. Upon arrival, you have time for an afternoon of easy hiking. Options include a visit to the Los Perros Waterfall, a three-hour walk to a secluded waterfall with expansive vistas overlooking the valley, or a hike across the Caterina River Valley to Laguna de la Pesca—a picturesque lake and a delightful spot for birders and photographers alike. Overnight at Estancia Cristina in one of the cozy casitas with spectacular views of the mountains... BLD

Hiking Details: 3-4 hours for either of the half-day hikes.

DAY 7

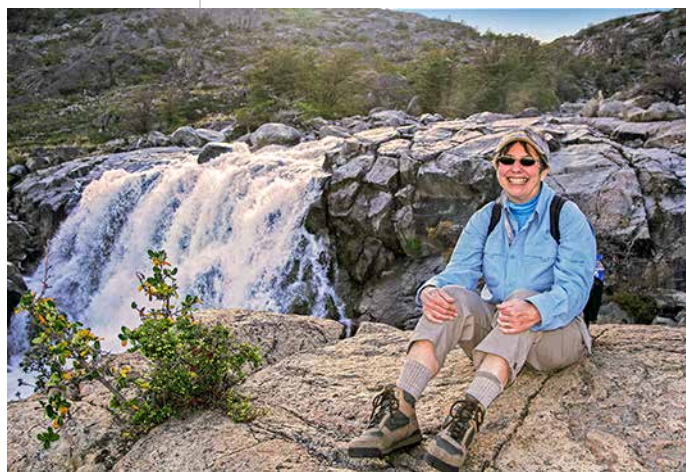
ESTANCIA CRISTINA / FOSSIL CANYON

Spend the day exploring the stunning beauty surrounding Estancia Cristina. A popular hike starts with a 4WD vehicle on mountainous roads to the Upsala viewpoint for a full-day downhill trek through Fossil Canyon. This geological wonderland features glacial erosion where 170 million year-old marine fossils have been left exposed by an ancient ocean. You'll also see interesting flora and fauna like Patagonian nire and lenga trees and enjoy expansive viewpoints throughout the hike looking out over Lake Pearson, Cerro Norte, and the Estancia's Valley. Witness the Upsala Glacier



“The organization, promptness, and friendliness of everyone involved was most appreciated. We had a trip free of concerns.”

Delores H., Cedar Grove, NJ



Itinerary (cont'd)

in all its majesty, as well as Lake Guillermo, Cerros Cono, the Southern Patagonian Continental Icefield, and perhaps even an Andean Condor soaring above the colorful terrain. Return to Estancia Cristina for a relaxing evening by the fire...BLD

Hiking Details: 5-6 hours, 9.5 miles for the Fossil Canyon hike

DAY 8

ESTANCIA CRISTINA / EL CALAFATE

Today you have time to continue exploring the area before returning to El Calafate in the late afternoon. Choose a half-day morning hike or, for those wanting to give their hiking boots a day off, the Estancia also offers horseback riding and fishing. Return by boat across Lago Argentino for overnight at Xelena Hotel and Suites...BL

DAY 9

BUENOS AIRES / DEPART

Morning transfer to the El Calafate airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Transfer to the international airport for late evening homeward-bound flights...B



Trip Cost, Payment & Insurance

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through Spring 2025

\$6,195 (6-8 members)

\$6,695 (4-5 members)

\$7,495 (2-3 members)

Single supplement: \$1,695

Holiday surcharges apply December 20, 2024, to January 6, 2025, and during the Easter holiday period.

Prices are based on double occupancy and not guaranteed until services are confirmed.

Make it Your Trip!

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

- Accommodations as described
- All meals included as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Services of local agents and local guides
- Land transportation as noted

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, internal airfare, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, optional activities such as horseback riding and fishing, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to staff, additional hotel nights made necessary by airline schedule changes or other factors, pre-trip expenses such as medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, or passports and visas; and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, 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: www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

Iguazú Falls Extension

One of the most stunning natural wonders in the world, Iguazú Falls stretches a full mile across the Rio Parana, with 275 separate cascades—one third on the Brazilian side, two thirds on the Argentinian side—laced with rainbows and plunging hundreds of feet in a mist-shrouded subtropical landscape, truly an other-worldly spectacle. The cascades form part of the Iguazú National Park, known for more than 400 different species of birds. A walk along the footbridges of the park is a chance to spot colorful toucans and other birds. The park was declared a Natural World Heritage for Humanity by UNESCO in 1984. The Falls can be reached by paths, footbridges, and Zodiac boats, offering a number of different perspectives.



DAY 1 BUENOS AIRES / IGUAZÚ FALLS

Upon arrival in Iguazu (flights to be booked on your own), your guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel. After settling in, meet back with your guide and explore the many paths that wind around the falls, enjoying your first views of the cascades and the thundering sounds of the water. The birdlife around the Falls is abundant and fascinating. Overnight at the Hotel Gran Melia Iguazú... meals on own

DAY 2 TOUR ARGENTINE SIDE OF IGUAZÚ FALLS

Meet your guide first thing in the morning to take the train to Devil's Throat Lookout (the early morning start avoids the crowds). Here a catwalk trail brings you to a viewing platform right by the horseshoe-shaped main cascade, where several powerful falls unite (bring a dry bag to protect your camera from the heavy mist). After lunch at the hotel, enjoy an exciting afternoon boat ride to the base of the roaring cascade—be prepared to get wet! Overnight at the Hotel Gran Melia Iguazú...BL

DAY 3 IGUAZU FALLS / BUENOS AIRES

Transfer to the Iguazú Airport for a morning flight to Buenos Aires, with transfer in Buenos Aires to your hotel....B

Optional Visit to Brazilian Side

If you arrive before noon on Day 1 of this extension, you can opt for a quick excursion to the Brazilian side of the Falls for a half-day tour. However, if you prefer a more leisurely visit, we recommend that you add an extra day to your extension (total of three nights instead of two). Please call for pricing.

Optional Birding Tour

The Iguazu rainforest is home to an extraordinary number of birds, including toucans, trogons, parakeets and parrots. This two-hour excursion includes a private vehicle and guide, binoculars, telescope, field guide, and recorded sounds of all the species in the area.

FALL 2024–SPRING 2025 IGUAZÚ FALLS EXTENSION TRIP COST

From \$1,995 per person, double occupancy

Single supplement: \$985

Optional visit to Brazil side of falls: \$280 per person (Solo traveler: \$395)

Optional birding tour with specialist: \$275 per person (min 2 guests)

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy.

Note: This extension must be booked in advance of your departure. Please note that a visa is required to visit the Brazilian side of the falls. You must obtain your visa prior to arrival.

Extension Cost Includes: Accommodations, meals as listed above (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), airport transfers, services of a local guide on Days 1 and 2, sightseeing as listed above.

Not Included: Internal flight from Buenos Aires to Iguazú and return, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to guides or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, additional hotel nights in Buenos Aires, and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

Torres del Paine National Park Post-Trip Extension

The mighty spires of the Torres del Paine are among the most spectacular mountains on the planet, a magnet for hikers and climbers from all around the world. Enjoy incredible day hikes to the base of these magnificent granite towers and wonderful overnights at a beautifully located hotel. This extension begins in Calafate on Day 11 of the regular trip.

DAY 1

CALAFATE, ARGENTINA/ TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK, CHILE

Transfer from Calafate by private vehicle to the sublime world of Paine National Park, one of the scenic masterpieces of the planet, declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. The park's centerpiece is the Cordillera Paine Massif, a wonderland of eye-popping scenery that emerges in a breathtakingly sheer rise from the plains of the Patagonian steppes. Once in Paine National Park, the first stop includes the cascading waterfall of Salto Grande, meaning "big jump", which connects Lake Nordenskjöld to Lake Pehoe, and enjoy a easy hike to Mirador Cuernos, where sweeping views of Paine massif's famous cuernos (horns)—incredible twisting monoliths of granite with knife-edged ridges, dominate the skyline. This view is famously photogenic when they are mirrored in the emerald waters of Lake Nordenskjöld. Later, transfer to Hotel Rio Serrano, set near the river and situated in a way that maximizes those glorious mountain views you'll be exploring in the days to come...L

DAY 2

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Paine's famed peaks are known for their vertical spires. Paine Grande, the highest, tops 10,000 feet. The east face of the Central Tower ends in a sheer 4,000-foot-high rock wall that challenges the world's mountaineers. One of the best hiking options today is to set out with your guide for a full-day trek through beautiful old-growth beech forests to an iconic viewpoint at the base of the Paine Towers. Another option is a half-day, moderate hike to Lake Nordenskjöld, with its stunning turquoise waters and fantastic views. Overnight at hotel...BL

DAY 3

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

This morning, enjoy a boat excursion across iceberg-dotted Lago Grey to the edge of the huge Grey Glacier (weather depending). After the excursion, you have multiple hiking options available (you and your guide can discuss which trail would suit you best). If you would prefer a more relaxing afternoon, you can always choose to enjoy the indoor pool and spa at the hotel. Overnight at hotel...BL

DAY 4

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Set out on a full-day or half-day hike in the dramatic French Valley, with majestic vistas of the French Glacier. This day begins with a boat navigation across the beautiful Lake Pehoe. Once you reach the beginning of the valley trail, you have the option of hiking the entire trail, or just a section of it. Overnight at hotel...BL

DAY 5

PUNTA ARENAS / DEPART

Transfer to Punta Arenas and depart on homeward-bound flights via Santiago...BL

FALL 2024-SPRING 2025 EXTENSION COST

From \$5,265 per person, double occupancy
Single supplement: \$1,195

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.



Accommodations



MIO BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Day 1 (1 night)

Set in the heart of the vibrant Recoleta neighborhood, this 29-room hotel is close to restaurants, parks, and other attractions including the famous cemetery. We stay in spacious guest suites with private balconies and seating areas. The owners are fourth generation winemakers (and wine lovers)—note the doors made of old wooden barrels from the family’s winery! Amenities include a fitness center, pool, and a spectacular spa with a variety of available treatments.



CHALTEN SUITES HOTEL

El Chalten, Argentina

Days 2 to 4 (3 nights)

With only 33 rooms, the Chalten Suites Hotel is set in the small mountain village of El Chalten, a mountaineering base for people from all over the world. Modern rooms offer views of the mountains and have under-floor heating, private bathrooms, and comfortable beds for a good night’s sleep after days spent exploring Los Glaciares National Park. The restaurant offers a homemade breakfast buffet and eggs made-to-order, as well as views out to the snowy peaks.

Accommodations



XELENA HOTEL

El Calafate, Argentina

Day 5 (1 night), Day 8 (1 night)

Set near Lago Argentino and surrounded by the stunning landscapes of Patagonia, the Xelena Hotel has a welcoming lobby and spacious rooms with great views of the lake. Feel free to take a walk around the property, enjoy a swim in the hotel's indoor pool, or simply relax at the bar with a cocktail.



ESTANCIA CRISTINA

Lago Argentino, Argentina

Days 6 to 7 (2 nights)

Founded in 1914 as a sheep ranch and surrounded by the wild mountain and glacier scenery of Los Glaciares National Park, Estancia Cristina is accessible only by a boat ride across vast Lago Argentino. This charming place is the last estancia before one reaches the great icefields of the hielo continental. Its utterly remote setting truly makes you feel at the ends of the earth, but the comfortable accommodations make you feel right at home. Each of the 20 rooms (spread out in five casitas across the grounds) offer spectacular views of the mountains.

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 Private Journey* webpage and click on "Accommodations."

Arrival & Departure

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.

Buenos Aires is the starting point for the trip. On Day 1, you will be met and transferred from the airport to the hotel. On Day 9, you will be transferred to the Buenos Aires international airport for departure on homeward-bound flights. Our Arrival & Departure Logistics memo, included in your confirmation packet, has details.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

Trip members are responsible for making their own arrangements for air transportation. Please do not purchase your airline tickets until you are confirmed on the trip and have reviewed your proposed air schedule with our office. Once your tickets have been purchased, please send us a copy of your airline schedule so that we can send it on to the local guide (make sure to include your Trip Name and Trip Dates on it).

Note: The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly; otherwise you may be denied boarding. Please remember this when reserving your flights. In addition, your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US (in most cases).

Trip Details

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated Level 3, Moderate. Although the pace of this trip is relaxed and you are free to choose the activities you like, this is an active vacation. The elevations on this trip are not particularly high. Unlike glaciers in other parts of the world that start at higher elevations, the glaciers in Los Glaciares National Park begin at a lower elevation (4,900 feet) due to the size of the ice cap. The elevation of El Calafate is 653 feet, and El Chaltén is 1,312 feet. Depending on the hikes you choose, you may experience elevation losses and gains of up to 3,000 feet in one day. The shape you're in is an important factor in the enjoyment of your trip. We recommend that you make a special effort to get in good condition by walking, bicycling, swimming, or other forms of exercise.

WEATHER

Buenos Aires is mild year-round, with temperatures in the 70s and 80s and moderate to high humidity from November through March. The ideal travel season for Patagonia and Glacier National Park is November through March ("summer" in the Southern Hemisphere). Temperatures average in the 50Fs to the high 60Fs during the day, dropping to as low as 40 at night. Patagonian weather is famously changeable—rain and snow can occur at any time. The Patagonian Andes are exposed to the strong winds that circle the Antarctic continent. Experiencing these winds is almost inevitable on any Patagonian journey. You should bring layered clothing and always have rain gear handy.

CHILDREN

This is an excellent trip for children and families. The recommended minimum age is 10. Please call us for more details.

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

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

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TOUCAN CLUB

Please note that Toucan Club discounts do not apply for our Private Journeys. However, your participation on these trips will count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular expeditions. For more information regarding our Toucan Club bonus program, please visit our website at www.wildernesstravel.com/resources/toucan-club.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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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
Calafate	55/44	55/44	50/40	45/35	39/31	35/28	34/27	36/28	41/32	47/36	50/39	54/43
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
Calafate	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5

Travel Notes

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WILDERNESS TRAVEL HAS BEEN AWARDED:

Best Travel Specialists in the World: *Conde Nast Traveler*, 2024, 4-time winner

World's Best Tour Operators: *Travel + Leisure*, 11-time winner

Best Wildlife, Hiking & Walking Trips: *AFAR Magazine*, 3 years in a row

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

Please be advised that California has established a Travel Consumer Restitution Fund under the California Seller of Travel Law that took effect January 1, 1996. This fund is designed to protect consumers from unscrupulous practices by discount airfare ticket sellers or air charter operators. Unfortunately, this law does not cover non-California residents and, even in the case of California residents, it does not cover any foreign travel where the foreign "providers of transportation or travel services" are not in compliance with the Sellers of Travel Law (compliance being defined as registered as a Seller of Travel in California and a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Fund). Thus none of Wilderness Travel's tours qualify and we are required by law to advise each client that they are not covered by the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. California law requires sellers of travel to maintain a trust account or bond. This business has a trust account. California Seller of Travel #100769640

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