

Ultimate Patagonia

HIKING IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO, CHILE, AND ARGENTINA



Wilderness Travel



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With over four decades of exploring Patagonia, we've honed our journeys to perfection. There is so much to see in this incredible realm that we feel strongly you shouldn't rush this trip. We take the time to get you to all the iconic highlights, from the storied Beagle Channel to the soaring spires of Fitz Roy in Argentina and Torres del Paine in Chile. We'll visit penguin colonies in Tierra del Fuego, and in Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine national parks, hike the classic trails plus our "secret hikes" with Patagonia's grandeur all to ourselves!

TRIP DATES

2024

February 16-March 2, 2024
February 23-March 9, 2024
March 1-16, 2024
March 8-23, 2024
November 22-December 7, 2024
December 27-January 11, 2025

2025

January 2-17, 2025
January 8-23, 2025
January 15-30, 2025
January 20-February 4, 2025
January 26-February 10, 2025
February 1-16, 2025
February 8-23, 2025
February 13-28, 2025
February 19-March 6, 2025
February 26-March 13, 2025
March 3-18, 2025
March 10-25, 2025

****Book early to get the most attractive airfares, especially for the holiday departures!**

What Makes WT's "Ultimate Patagonia" Special?



THE ABSOLUTE BEST OF PATAGONIA

We've created the perfect journey in Patagonia, including all of the wonders you want to experience in this epic land, with the right logistics. We'll get you to the iconic places including Fitz Roy and Torres del Paine, hiking by day and being welcomed at boutique hotels and heritage estancias by night. And we take you to far-flung Tierra del Fuego, the legendary Beagle Channel, and colonies of penguins!



THE RIGHT PACING TO TRULY EXPERIENCE PATAGONIA

Patagonia is vast, and its weather is notoriously changeable—you can't rush this trip, or you may never see the mountain views, much less truly experience its amazing parks. We include enough hiking days in Los Glaciares National Park and Torres del Paine National Park so that you get to do not only the classic hikes, but also our secret off-the-beaten-path ones. Other companies may pack the same parks into a shorter trip, but you end up spending more time in the vehicle getting between locations, rather than hiking.

INSIDER ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE ACCOMMODATIONS

Our decades-long relationships in Patagonia give you special access to some of Patagonia's most renowned estancias and enchanting lodges. We start at Hostería El Pilar, a delightful inn right at the edge of Los Glaciares National Park—with views of Fitz Roy right from our dining table! At century-old Estancia Helsingfors, we'll see no other hikers and savor the incredible experience of having Patagonia's world-class trails all to ourselves. We usually have sole access to each of these boutique accommodations, and you'll be welcomed like family.



SUPERB TRIP LEADERS AND EXPERT LOCAL GUIDES

Wilderness Travel has deep roots in Patagonia, and our Trip Leaders have decades of experience and incredible knowledge to share. You'll be introduced to countless locals along the way and given a wonderful insider's experience of the land and its people. Because we add additional local guides on all our hikes, we have the flexibility to adapt the hikes to prevailing conditions and offer shorter versions of the major hikes for those who want it.



COMFORTABLE TRAVEL

Patagonia is enormous! Travel here requires a few long drives, but we do it in comfort, with a redesigned bus that has half the seats removed, doubling your leg room. We have the same experienced (and delightful!) driver throughout the trip, and make plenty of stops for photography and wildlife spotting.



TIERRA DEL FUEGO: GATEWAY TO THE ANTARCTIC

You wouldn't want to miss this breathtaking austral realm where you'll hike ancient lenga forests alive with birdsong, explore by Zodiac in the Beagle Channel, and walk through one of the southernmost penguin rookeries in the world.

The Uttermost Ends of the Earth

An immense, wild territory covering over 400,000 square miles of Chile and Argentina, Patagonia spans the entire southern tip of South America, including the archipelago of Tierra del Fuego. Its wonders include two World Heritage national parks and the massive Southern Patagonian Ice Field—at over 200 miles long, it's the second-largest area of permanent ice outside the poles. On his circumnavigation of the globe in 1520, Magellan sailed the strait that now bears his name. His crew claimed to have seen patagón people—a supposedly giant race of indigenous South Americans—on the shores, which likely gave the region its name. Join us on our carefully designed itinerary, deep into this legendary and beautiful realm.





We Share the Best of Patagonia's Spectacular National Parks

LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK

This realm of rock and ice is home to the great Southern Patagonian Ice Cap and 47 major glaciers—including some of the most accessible ones in the world. Crowning it all is the seven-summited Fitz Roy massif (11,073'), whose granite spires challenge the world's best climbers to extraordinary feats. The sheer size of this Argentine national park is staggering, and we don't rush your experience of it. We'll explore three different sections of the park including the classic trails near El Chaltén. By Lago Viedma, you'll enjoy trails and incredible views that few other travelers experience, and by Lago Argentino, the unforgettable Perito Moreno Glacier.

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Selected as one of the five most beautiful places in the entire world by National Geographic Magazine, Torres del Paine National Park in Chile has earned its ranking. Here a host of granite spires soar 6,500 feet straight up from the undulating Patagonian steppe, creating one of Earth's most jaw-dropping sights. Our days are spent hiking along deep blue Lago Nordenskjöld, where Paine Grande is beautifully reflected, and along the iceberg-strewn shores of Lago Grey, with impressive Grey Glacier in the distance. Our grand finale hike brings us up the Valle Ascencio trail to the ethereal green lake that lies right at the base of Paine's sheer towers.

TIERRA DEL FUEGO

The archipelago at South America's very tip is a world of its own, named by the explorer Magellan for the many campfires he saw burning along the shores. We'll hike the wild, windswept beaches of the Beagle Channel, with the Cordillera Darwin's snow-capped peaks rising 8,000 feet above us—it feels like the edge of the world! From charming Ushuaia, gateway to Antarctica, we hike in Tierra del Fuego National Park's native lenga and canelo forests, explore by Zodiac in the channel where Darwin sailed, and watch the antics of Magellanic penguins on Martillo Island.



Itinerary

TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length: 16 days
Arrive: Buenos Aires, Argentina
Depart: Punta Arenas, Chile
Lodging: 15 nights hotels and lodges
Meals: All meals included except 1 lunch and 1 dinner (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity: Hiking / Trekking
Trip Level: 1 2 3 ④ 5 6
 10 hiking days on moderate to steep trails, 5-8 hours a day, altitudes below 4,000 feet, possible extreme wind and sudden rainstorms

"An unforgettable trip. Well organized, planned, paced."

Daisy R., New York, NY

DAY 1 BUENOS AIRES

Welcome to Argentina! After your early morning arrival, we give you a few hours to rest up and grab a snack or lunch. In the afternoon, we set out on a guided tour of the enchanting neighborhoods and fascinating corners of South America's most seductive capital. We'll stop at the famous Recoleta Cemetery, where Eva ("Evita") Peron is buried, and the picturesque neighborhood of La Boca, a barrio of historic brightly-colored houses and a haven for street artists. Tonight we gather for a delicious Welcome Dinner at an Argentine restaurant. Overnight at Palladio Hotel or CasaSur Bellini Hotel...D

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).

DAY 2 USHUAIA / TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK

A flight 1,500 miles south brings us to "the southernmost city in the world," Ushuaia, set between the sea and the snow-capped 8,000-foot peaks of the Cordillera Darwin, only 600 miles from Antarctica! We'll get a taste of this austral realm on our coastal hike on gently rolling terrain in Tierra del Fuego National Park, which stretches along the storied Beagle Channel, named for the H.M.S. Beagle, the ship that brought naturalist Charles Darwin and Captain Robert Fitz Roy here in 1833. Overnight at Hotel Los Yamanas, with its views across the Beagle Channel in Ushuaia...BLD

Hiking Details: 4 miles, 3-3.5 hours



DAY 3 ESTANCIA HARBERTON / BEAGLE CHANNEL / ZODIAC RIDE / PENGUIN COLONY

We travel through the green-carpeted peat valleys of Tierra del Fuego to Harberton, the first estancia ever established in Tierra del Fuego. Leaving right from the estancia, we take a covered Zodiac-style boat along the Beagle Channel to Gable Island, for a hike with 360-degree views of the channel as far as the distant town of Puerto Williams in Chile. After lunch at a shepherds' hut, we head back by Zodiac, stopping at Martillo Island for a walk among penguins! These birds are

always a highlight with their antics and vocalizations as they waddle along the beaches of the Beagle Channel. Three thousand pairs of Magellanic penguins and a smaller colony of gentoo penguins breed here. Overnight at the Los Yamanas Hotel in Ushuaia...BLD

Hiking Details: 3 hours, 4.3 miles

Driving Time: 3-3.5 hours

DAY 4 CALAFATE / EL CHALTÉN / LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK (NORTHERN REGION)

After flying north to the town of El Calafate, we journey across the Patagonian steppes to El Chaltén (1,150') in the far north of Los Glaciares National Park. As we travel, Fitz Roy,

the crown jewel of Los Glaciares National Park, comes closer into view, its great shark fin sheering out of the pampas. With luck, the weather will grant us remarkable views. Arriving at the town of El Chaltén, we'll continue about 10 miles to our cozy and remote 10-room lodge, Hostería El Pilar, with its idyllic setting on the edge of the park and fantastic access to hiking trails. Our groups normally have this charming lodge all to ourselves, making us feel as if we have exclusive access to the park. The striking form of Fitz Roy will catch our eyes right from our dining table tonight, whetting our

"The trip design was brilliant. Each day we thought we had captured "the prize" but the next day was even better. How did you do this?"

Peter G., Washington, DC

appetite for the amazing days of hiking to come. Fitz Roy and its six satellite spires rise at seemingly impossible angles, their polished granite walls too steep for snow to cling to. Behind the Fitz Roy massif rises the forbidding needle of Cerro Torre (10,280'), one of the world's greatest mountaineering challenges. These sculpted rock towers have long drawn the biggest names in climbing...BLD

Driving Time: About 4 hours

DAY 5 LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK (NORTHERN REGION) / HIKE TO THE BASE OF FITZ ROY

We've crafted our days here so that you can truly experience

the wonder of this extraordinary environment. Many companies rush you in and out after just a night or two which, given Patagonia's notoriously changeable weather, could mean you miss seeing the mountains entirely! You've come a long way to get to Patagonia, and you don't want to rush through it. These extra days are worth it. Patagonia is a second home for our Trip Leaders and they are adept at making the most of your time here. In addition, there is a local hiking guide with us, so shorter hiking options are offered on some days. The hiking times we list are estimates and include stops for photography and lunch. Depending on weather conditions, we may do these hikes in a different order.

Our first hike starts right from Hostería El Pilar, and brings us to the blue lagoon below the towering spires of the majestic Fitz Roy massif. 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. We'll see the jumbled ice blocks of the immense Piedras Blancas and Marconi glaciers spilling down from the mountains as we hike higher, passing Campamento Poincenot, a base for international

hikers and climbers. Our 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. In 1968, the legendary "Fun Hogs" (Yvon Chouinard, Doug Tompkins, Lito Tejada-Flores, and Dick Dorworth) made their epic six-month journey to Patagonia by van and climbed its holy grail, Fitz Roy, making the first ascent of the now-classic California Route. That trip set the course for two of the men—

Tompkins and Chouinard—as they would become Patagonia's fiercest defenders and dedicate their lives to the environment. Chouinard founded the Patagonia clothing company and the logo is the famed ridgeline of Fitz Roy. After taking in the grandeur all around us, including Fitz Roy's massive hanging glaciers, we return by the same path to our cozy lodge. Overnight at Hostería El Pilar...BLD

Hiking Details: Approximately 12 miles, 8-9 hours

Ascent 2,300 feet, descent 2,300 feet

Shorter Option: 9 miles, 5 hours, ascent 900 feet, descent 900 feet

"The trip totally surpassed my expectations. Patagonia was absolutely breathtaking and one of the most spectacular travels I have had so far."

Elizabeth C., Toronto, Ontario





DAY 6 LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK (NORTHERN REGION) / HIKE TO CERRO TORRE

This morning we set out for one of the most renowned hikes in Los Glaciares National Park: the Laguna Torre trail, a long (but not steep) hike right 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. Torre Egger is considered by some mountaineers to be the most difficult climb in the Western Hemisphere. Together they form one of the most iconic mountain panoramas in the world. We start our hike in El Chaltén, with a gradual ascent into a

fairytale woodland of southern beech trees, where we'll keep an eye out for noisy red-crested Magellanic woodpeckers. The tumbling Río Fitz Roy parallels our path in a canyon below as we reach the viewpoint of Mirador Laguna Torre. We then hike up through glacial terrain to milky-blue Laguna Torre for vistas across the lake of the three towers. We'll have lunch at the lake, watching floating icebergs calved from the Torre Glacier, before descending via the same route. Overnight at Hostería El Pilar...BLD

Hiking Details: Approximately 12 miles, 6-7 hours

Ascent 1,000 feet, descent 1,000 feet

Shorter Option: 3-4 hours

"This was a trip of a lifetime. I loved, loved, loved the hiking, the views, the corners turned to find a spectacular glacial lake, towering rocks, a glacier swooping down, a waterfall. What more could a person want?"

Lee W., Riverside, RI

DAY 7 LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK (NORTHERN REGION) / HIKE TO LOMA DEL PLIEGUE TUMBADO—OFF THE BEATEN PATH

We head for the lightly traveled Loma del Pliegue Tumbado trail, which lies between the Río Fitz Roy and the Río Tunel.

Both Cerro Torre and Fitz Roy are in view on this hike, and we'll see them from the south side, a new perspective. Our trail begins amid low, rocky hills and weaves steadily uphill through tussock grasses and into a tranquil, sun-dappled forest criss-crossed by streams. The views are ever-changing on this trail and beautiful all the way. Emerging into moss-covered alpine terrain, we hike to the top of Loma del Pliegue Tumbado, a rocky peak, for unconventional 360-degree panoramas

of Cerro Torre, Lago Torre, Cerro Solo, and the blue Río Fitz Roy. We descend by the same route. Overnight at Hostería El Pilar...BLD

Hiking Details: Approximately 12 miles, 5-7 hours

Ascent 2,800 feet, descent 2,800 feet

Shorter Option: 4 hours, still with great views



DAY 8 LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK (CENTRAL REGION) / LAGO VIEDMA HIKE

Los Glaciares National Park is vast—2,795 square miles! Today we discover a new region of this park and a new lodge, Estancia Helsingfors. About half of our morning drive is on a dirt road, taking us off the beaten path, with perspectives of the Fitz Roy group from the south. Looking at this massif, we can imagine the adventure of legendary American rock climbers Alex Honnold and Tommy Caldwell who in 2014 made their epic traverse of the entire Fitz Roy skyline across its six satellite peaks—a span of four miles of incredible route finding. Around lunchtime, we'll arrive at our lodge, Estancia Helsingfors. Once a sheep ranch, it was built at the turn of the century by Finnish pioneer Alfred Ramstrom. It lies on the shore of Lago Viedma, with distant views of Fitz Roy. This afternoon, you can rest up and enjoy the ambiance of the lodge and its expansive grounds, or join your Trip Leader on a hike up the narrow arm of Lago Viedma. The hike takes us up the lake's western arm, with Cerro Norte looming above deep waters that constantly change color from bright turquoise to emerald to gray. We are welcomed like family at this charming

8-room estancia and normally have it all to ourselves.

Overnight at Estancia Helsingfors...BLD

Driving Time: About 4 hours

Hiking Details: 3 miles, about 2 hours

"You could not have designed a better itinerary. Every day, every lodge, every meal, every experience was (unbelievably) better than the day before. Thank you for making this a phenomenal travel experience that I'll remember for a lifetime."

— *Kathie D., Belle Isle, FL*

DAY 9 LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK (CENTRAL REGION) / LAGUNA AZUL—OUR "PRIVATE" HIKE

As the only guests at Estancia Helsingfors, we'll be the only hikers on the beautiful trail to Laguna Azul, a sublime turquoise glacial lagoon that truly earns its name. Right from the lodge, we walk up a beautiful grassy trail with easy footing as we ascend through alpine terrain brightened with wildflowers, into the Río Alfredo valley

and make our way higher into beautiful forests. The real highlight of this hike is the calm solitude, broken only by the sound of the calving ice from the hanging glacier above the lake. We'll bring a pack lunch to enjoy at the lake. Overnight at Estancia Helsingfors...BLD

Hiking Details: 9 miles, 6-7 hours

Ascent 2,100 feet, descent 2,100 feet

DAY 10 LAGO ARGENTINO / PERITO MORENO GLACIER / EL CALAFATE

Patagonia's native wildlife is one of its unique charms, and the list includes guanacos (a member of the camelid family), endangered huemul deer, rheas (Patagonia's flightless bird), flamingos, condors, red fox, armadillos, and more. As with all of our drives, we'll keep an eye out for wildlife as we head to spectacular Perito Moreno Glacier, a 200-foot-high wall of blue ice and one of the few glaciers in the world that is still in equilibrium. The sounds are as amazing as the sight of three-mile-wide ice wall dropping huge chunks of ice into Canal de los Témpanos (Iceberg Channel) below. We'll walk along a network of boardwalks for phenomenal views of the electric-blue ice wall, its deep crevasses, and the immense Southern Patagonian Ice Cap stretching into the distance. Overnight in El Calafate at Xelena Hotel. Dinner is on your own this evening, and your Trip Leader is happy to make recommendations, depending on how fancy or local you want to go...BL
Driving Time: 6 hours, with stops

DAYS 11-12 TO CHILE: TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Crossing the Patagonian steppe from Argentina into Chile, we make plenty of stops for photography and chances to see wildlife. In Chile, we enter the spectacular realm of Torres del

Paine National Park, a surreal world of stone carved by ice and a wonderland of eye-popping scenery. Paine's famed peaks are known as 'The Towers' for their vertical spires. Paine Grande, the highest tower, tops 10,000 feet, its dazzling rock pinnacles rising from snow and ice. From our hotel, we have access to hiking trails and legendary views. Overnight at Hotel Lago Grey...BLD

Driving Time: 7 hours

Day 12 Hiking Details: 9 miles, 5-6 hours

Ascent 600 feet, descent 1,300 feet

DAY 13 TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK / LAGO GREY / LAGO NORDENSKJÖLD

From Hotel Lago Grey, an easy morning hike brings us along the beach, where we'll see icebergs sculpted into fantastic shapes and "bergy bits" floating in the clear waters. There are magnificent views of Grey Glacier in

the distance. The afternoon's hike brings us along the shores of Lago Nordenskjöld, where the imposing Paine massif and the Cuernos del Paine are wonderfully reflected in turquoise waters. We continue to Hotel Las Torres, which is owned by one of the pioneering families who settled this land long before it was a park. Set on eight acres, the estancia has been converted into a large lodge with magnificent "great rooms" with floor to ceiling windows framing the Paine massif. This accommodation has an absolutely unbeatable location—inside

"A fabulous itinerary, with spectacular scenery and hiking opportunities, wildlife, lodge comfort, quality dining, and no altitude—wow!"

— Karen G., New York, NY





the park and close to the base of the Torres del Paine. While we're here we can watch traditional huasos (as gauchos or cowboys are called in Chile) working with the estancia's on-site stable of riding horses...BLD

Driving Time: 2-3 hours

Hiking Details: Two separate hikes, total 7 miles, 4-4.5 hours

DAY 14 TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK / VALLE ASCENCIO HIKE

Departing directly from the lodge, we get an early start for our grand finale hike, a classic that leads through the Valle Ascencio (Ascencio River Valley) to the base of the three massive Paine towers that form the central Paine massif. This is one of Paine's iconic hikes, and it is a steep and challenging one—but we'll be in good hiking shape by now! We hike up through beech forests, then ascend steeply to the glacial moraine just below Paine, where we'll have breathtaking views of the iconic Paine Towers in all their glory, rising above a beautiful gray-green lake. Our descent follows the same path.

"Impeccable itinerary and outstanding implementation. Every day delivered a new 'oh my' because of the variety of the scenery and experiences. Thanks, Wilderness Travel!"

— Jan D., Meyersdale, PA

Overnight at Hotel Las Torres...BLD each day

Hiking Details: 12 miles, 8 hours

Ascent 2,800 feet, descent 2,800 feet

Shorter Option: 8 miles, 2,000 feet

DAY 15 PUNTA ARENAS

We head to Punta Arenas, whose location on the legendary Strait of Magellan made it an international crossroads of

shipping until the opening of the Panama Canal, as ships bound from Europe had to "round the Horn" to reach the Pacific ports. In this port city, our hotel, the Cabo de Hornos, is a renovated historic property on the town square. We gather for our Farewell Dinner this evening, possibly a "quincho" (traditional Chilean barbecue) in a private home. Overnight at Hotel Cabo de Hornos...BLD
Driving Time: 6 hours



DAY 16 PUNTA ARENAS / DEPART

Morning or midday transfer to the airport in Punta Arenas to connect with homeward flights via Santiago...B

This is our planned itinerary for the trip. All travelers must keep in mind, however, that Patagonia's weather is notoriously changeable: weather fronts can form quite quickly and are driven across the peaks and pampas by Patagonia's powerful winds. Even the dramatic topography of the parks has an effect on the weather, and conditions can be completely different from one hour to the next. We will make every effort to follow this itinerary, but we may change the order of the hikes or substitute different hikes if the Trip Leader deems it necessary. Remember, this is Patagonia, where nature has the final say!

TRIP AT-A-GLANCE

DAY	PLACE
DAY 1	Buenos Aires, Palladio Hotel or CasaSur Bellini
DAYS 2-3	Tierra del Fuego National Park, Los Yamanas Hotel
DAYS 4-7	Los Glaciares National Park, Hostería El Pilar
DAYS 8-9	Los Glaciares National Park, Estancia Helsingfors
DAY 10	Calafate/Perito Moreno Glacier, Xelena Hotel
DAYS 11-12	Torres del Paine National Park, Hotel Lago Grey
DAYS 13-14	Torres del Paine National Park, Hotel Las Torres
DAY 15	Punta Arenas Hotel Cabo de Hornos
DAY 16	Depart



Welcomed Like Family

Our long-term relationships in Patagonia give you the privilege of insider access. The boutique, family-owned lodges and estancias we partner with are a highlight of our In Patagonia journey for many guests, welcoming us in at the end of each day with a glass of Malbec and a roaring fire. In many of the lodges, we will have the whole property for our group alone, and as Patagonia becomes more and more popular as a destination, this kind of special access is increasingly hard to find. We've been staying at some of these estancias for 30 or more years. They know us, and we know the wonderful families, hosts, and long-time staff members who make these accommodations feel like home in the wilderness. They are not "fancy" in the elegant sense, but instead are genuine,



"We were so well taken care of—lovely hosterias, in unbelievable settings, always comfortable, and fantastic food."

— Lee W., Newton MA

inviting, secret hideaways that you will long remember. We start off with a bang at El Pilar, a storybook lodge on the edge of Argentina's Los Glaciares National Park, where Fitz Roy is framed by the dining room window and the home cooking is superb. El Pilar sits right on the trail of one of the best hikes in the park, and is run by a wonderful couple, Guillermo and Cristina. Estancia Helsingfors is way off the road, exclusive to our group, and has the most magnificent setting imaginable (we even have the trails to ourselves here). Hotel Las Torres, while a larger lodge, has an unbeatable location—nestled spectacularly at base of the Torres del Paine inside the national park itself. The views are amazing and we start our world-class hikes right from the front door.

Trip Details

PRICING INFORMATION

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through Spring 2024

\$10995 (13-15 members)

\$11495 (10-12 members)

\$11995 (7-9 members)

Single supplement: \$2195

Internal airfare: \$525 (subject to change)

Call for 2025 pricing

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in comfortable lodges, inns, and hotels
- All meals included except 1 lunch and 1 dinner as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Land and boat transportation, airport transfers, and baggage handling as noted

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, internal flights, meals not specified after each itinerary day, travel insurance, 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, cost of medical immunizations (if any), and expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge!

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

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

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

Accommodations



HOTELS IN BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Day 1 (1 night)

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

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.

CASASUR BELLINI HOTEL

Set in the Palermo neighborhood of Buenos Aires where you can walk to art galleries, shops, bars, and a wide range of restaurants, the CasaSur Bellini features spacious, studio-like guest rooms with stylish, modern decor. There is also a spa, fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool. At breakfast, try the medialunas con dulce de leche—a special Argentine pastry treat.



HOTEL LOS YAMANAS

Ushuaia, Argentina, Days 2 to 3 (2 nights)

Right on the shores of the Beagle Channel just outside Ushuaia, Los Yamanas has incredible panoramas of this legendary waterway and the rugged mountains that flank it. It's a perfectly positioned base for our explorations around Tierra del Fuego and the Beagle Channel.



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 *Ultimate Patagonia* webpage and click on “Accommodations.”

Accommodations



HOSTERÍA EL PILAR

El Chaltén, Argentina, Days 4 to 7 (4 nights)

With the perfect location on the edge of Los Glaciares National Park, El Pilar is a picturesque 10-room country inn with incomparable access to the trailheads of the park's most sought-after hikes—and we usually have this special place all to ourselves! Guest rooms are simple and cozy, and there are phenomenal Fitz Roy views right from the dining room. It's a great place to relax after our hikes, welcomed in with a roaring fire and a glass of hearty wine. Our hosts, Guillermo and Cristina, offer warm hospitality and delicious home-cooked meals.

"Estancia El Pilar was delightful and Cristina and Guillermo were wonderful hosts." Susan S., Chestertown NY

ESTANCIA HELSINGFORS

Lago Viedma, Argentina, Days 8 to 9 (2 nights)

This historic end-of-the-road estancia, with just nine guest rooms, stands in magnificent isolation on the shores of Lago Viedma. Our group always has this serene lodge—and the nearby hiking trails—to ourselves, which gives Helsingfors an exquisitely exclusive feel. The scenery is breathtaking, the bar is well stocked, and meals are first class (local lamb roasted over an open fire is a specialty).



"Helsingfors has excellent quality, amazing food and service, and impeccable hospitality." Alexey K., New York NY



XELENA HOTEL

El Calafate, Argentina, Day 10 (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.

Accommodations



HOTEL LAGO GREY

Paine National Park, Chile, Days 11 to 12 (2 nights)

With its prime setting along an iceberg-dotted lake in Paine National Park, Hotel Lago Grey gives us direct access to Paine's glaciers and trails. From the dining room's large picture windows, we'll have a stunning perspective on the calving ice of the Grey Glacier. There are great places around the property to watch the sunset, and the views of massive Paine Grande provide a constant visual feast.

"Hosteria Lago Grey is beautiful—the food, the views, the amenities were fantastic!" *Marie K., Pittsburgh PA*

HOTEL LAS TORRES

Paine National Park, Chile, Days 13 to 14 (2 nights)

Las Torres is located in an extraordinary, privileged site—inside Paine National Park and right at the foot of the majestic Torres del Paine. Founded as an 8,000-acre cattle ranch before the park even existed, the property has stunning Paine views, a stable of Patagonian horses, and direct access to trails. The guest rooms are comfortable, spa services are available, and the restaurant was recently recognized with an award for the best cuisine in the park.



HOTEL CABO DE HORNOS

Punta Arenas, Chile, Day 15 (1 night)

Located on the central Plaza de Armas in the old port city of Punta Arenas, Cabo de Hornos is a renovated historic property with a stylish lobby of glass and stone, and a cozy bar. Guest rooms are spacious and modern, and many have views over the Strait of Magellan and the historic town square.



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 2023–SPRING 2024 EXTENSION TRIP COST

\$1450 per person, double occupancy

Solo Traveler: \$2195

Single supplement: \$750

Optional visit to Brazil side of falls: \$280 per person (Solo traveler: \$355)

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

Prices are not guaranteed until services are confirmed.

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.).

Our Trip Leaders

YOUR EXPERT—AND DELIGHTFUL—COMPANIONS ON THE TRAIL

Leaders with passion and deep knowledge of their destinations make all the difference to your experience. Our leaders are Patagonia experts—many have been guiding here for over 20 years. Their deep knowledge of the region's natural history and local culture enriches your journey immensely, and their personal connections will bring you into the heart of this fascinating region. These are our leaders, and they are joined by local guides on the trails in Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine.



JOSÉ ARGENTO

José Argento, raised in a tiny farming community in Argentina, has had a deep connection to nature for as long as he can remember. With a degree in tourism and a specialization in glaciology, he loves to talk about ice fields and share adventurous tales of famous Patagonian climbing expeditions. José has led our adventures in Patagonia since 2013, and in his words, "I love laughing with my trip members. Working as a Trip Leader is the best job I can imagine. It gets me outdoors, in touch with people, and in touch with nature." José is fluent in English, Italian, and of course Spanish. He spends half the year in Patagonia, and the other half training horses and practicing polo across the globe.



FRANCO BALDINELLI

Franco ("Frasco") Baldinelli was born in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires but ever since childhood, his dream was to live in Patagonia. After getting his degree in Tourism, he moved to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and he has been a guide for 10 years. He has a true passion for this spectacular part of his home country, a terrific knowledge of the people and natural history of the area, and a great sense of humor. He speaks good English, fluent Italian, and of course, Spanish, his native tongue. When not guiding, Frasco spends most of his free time hiking and camping in the Patagonian mountains and he also enjoys birding and photography.



CARLOS LEON

Carlos Leon was born in central Chile and has lived in Patagonia since he was a child. He has been a member of the Wilderness Travel Patagonia team since 1996, first as a driver and local guide, and then as a Trip Leader. Carlos says, "I live in a wonderful place, surrounded by amazing sights and people, and my desire is to share it with travelers. There can be no better calling than this." A tireless master of details with an easygoing nature, Carlos knows all the hiking trails of Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine national parks intimately, and has a genuine passion for trekking and outdoor life. Having studied anthropology and sociology, he also loves sharing cultural aspects, with an emphasis on the people who inhabit this unique region of the globe. He lives in Puerto Natales, gateway to Torres del Paine, where he likes to tackle some of Patagonia's toughest hikes, then relax by repairing computers!



CECILIA LORENZO

Growing up in the breathtaking landscapes of Patagonia, Cecilia's deep love for nature, travel, and exploring remote places has shaped her life and career. Her ability to combine her passions for nature, history, storytelling, and birdwatching makes her a complete guide, leaving a lasting impact on all those fortunate enough to join her on their journeys. "In Patagonia, there may not be good internet, but you will find a better connection. My goal is to provide travelers with unique and immersive experiences, leaving them with a profound appreciation for the places we visit. Join me on a journey through Patagonia, where we will uncover hidden wonders, dive into rich history, and forge lasting memories. I encourage my guests to disconnect and foster a deeper connection with nature, and the remarkable individuals they meet along the way."



ROB NOONAN

Rob Noonan came by his love of nature and the mountains early, adventuring throughout most of the Americas from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego and later earning a degree in environmental studies from Prescott College in Arizona. He has guided our Patagonia journeys since 1994, our hikes in the spectacular European Alps since 2007, and he is also our "northern ambassador" to Iceland and Greenland. In between trips, Rob lives in Flagstaff, Arizona, where he enjoys hiking and river rafting.



KAREN LUND PETERSEN

Karen Lund Petersen, born and raised in Buenos Aires, has a degree in Environmental Science and a passion for sharing nature with people--especially Patagonia's wild nature. She now lives with her family in a small village in the forests of northern Patagonia. When not out guiding our trips, she works in her vegetable garden, teaches sustainability, and lectures on food production and consumption. "I love how wild Patagonia still is. When you travel here, you feel a deep respect for the powers of nature—the strong winds, the vast openness, the magnificent granite walls, glaciers, plants, and animals... I love it all. And I especially love sharing it with others."

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, Argentina

Suggested Airport: Ministro Pistarini Int'l Airport (EZE)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 12:00 pm

Meeting Place: You will be met at the Buenos Aires airport upon arrival and transferred to the Palladio Hotel. Your Trip Leader or a WT representative will meet you outside the customs area and will be holding a Wilderness Travel sign. On Day 1, there is an afternoon tour and Welcome Dinner in the evening.

Wilderness Travel will book the Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Calafate flights for you. These internal flights will be billed on your final invoice.

DEPARTURE

Punta Arenas, Chile

Suggested Airport: Presidente Carlos Ibáñez International Airport (PUQ)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 16, anytime

A transfer will be provided from Hotel Cabo de Hornos to Presidente Carlos Ibáñez International Airport in Punta Arenas on Day 16. Since you will be spending the previous night in Punta Arenas, you are free to depart from Punta Arenas anytime on Day 16.

You are responsible for booking your departing flight from Punta Arenas on Day 16 as part of your international ticket. All flights from Punta Arenas connect in Santiago (SCL) en route to the US. Wilderness Travel recommends either of these choices:

1. Book your international departure flight with LATAM or Delta Airlines (they are partners) with a connection in Santiago: Punta Arenas (PUQ) to Santiago (SCL) to US.
2. Or, book your international departure flight with the airline of your choice to fly from Santiago to the US, and use LATAM or SKY Airlines for the Punta Arenas (PUQ) to Santiago (SCL) connecting flight. SKY does not partner with any other carrier.

Important: Be sure to allow **at least three hours** connection time in Santiago for immigration, customs, and security check-in for your international departure flight. The Santiago airport can be congested. Lines are long throughout the early and late evening as many flights depart SCL just before midnight.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from South America.

For this trip, Delta Airlines is a good option since they fly to both Buenos Aires and Santiago and are partners with LATAM, which provides service for the flight from Punta Arenas to Santiago on Day 16. American Airlines and United Airlines also service both Buenos Aires and Santiago.

It is always an overnight flight to reach Buenos Aires from the US, so you will have to book your flights to depart the US a day prior to the start of the trip. Buenos Aires has two airports; please book your flights to EZE, Buenos Aires' international airport.

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exitó Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in 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.

Please do not purchase your 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 we can reserve your airport transfers.

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.

Due to airline schedules, an extra overnight may be necessary at either the start or end of your trip. This is an “on your own” expense. We are happy to book extra hotel nights or extra airport transfers for you.



What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is Level 4, Moderate to Strenuous, with 10 hiking days. The hiking will be physically demanding at times, but we do offer shorter options on the longer hikes. For the most part, the trails are not overly difficult, but the approaches and descents can be somewhat steep, and the conditions can at times be rocky or muddy. All the hikes take place below 4,000 feet, so altitude acclimatization is not an issue.

There are some long driving days on this trip, and although we have a very comfortable vehicle, everyone should be prepared for stretches of bumpy road conditions. Please note that the Trip Leader may make adjustments to the itinerary and hiking routes, depending on local weather and trail conditions.

There's a saying that in Patagonia that you can experience all four seasons in one day, so be prepared for quickly changing weather. The best defense is proper clothing, and our Pre-Departure Booklet has a detailed list of recommendations for layering. An insulating base layer (top and bottom) beneath your hiking clothes will keep you warm and comfortable. Capilene, fleece, and other synthetic fabrics are excellent choices, as are lightweight wool layers by companies like Patagonia, Icebreaker, and SmartWool.

GETTING IN SHAPE

We recommend you make a special effort to get in good physical condition for this trip. The better condition you are in, the more you will enjoy your experience. We suggest you begin training several months before departure. Start gradually by doing hikes, running, using a Stairmaster, or riding bikes. The object is to improve your overall aerobic capacity and get your hiking muscles limbered up. Even a brisk 30-45 minute walk every other day over moderately steep terrain can do

wonders for your conditioning, and it's a great way to break in your hiking boots.

OUR UNIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS

Our spectacularly located estancias and lodges are a highlight of the trip, and we often have these entire lodges to ourselves. Please remember, though, that rooms in these unique places are not always of uniform or international size. Our Trip Leaders try their best to assign rooms in a fair way so that all participants experience an equal advantage throughout the trip as a whole. In addition, please note that many hotels and lodges in Patagonia have twin-bedded rooms. Very few have "matrimonial" rooms (rooms with a double bed). While we can request a double-bedded room for you if you ask us well in advance, we cannot guarantee it. Single rooms in Patagonian lodges tend to come in small sizes in exchange for the privacy they afford.

PATAGONIA'S WEATHER

We time our trips for Patagonia's ideal hiking weather, which is from late November through early March, when we can enjoy the mildest temperatures and 16 hours of daylight. November (spring) is blessed with wildflowers and March (fall) offers the start of spectacular fall foliage. With its deep southern latitude, you might expect Patagonia's weather to be more "polar" than it really is. In fact, the austral summer temperatures are relatively moderate. During Patagonia's summer months (November through March in the Southern Hemisphere), the thermometer rarely drops below 40°F and will usually reach into the high 60s and even low 70s during the day. Nevertheless, the weather is radically changeable. Rain, sleet, and snow can occur at any time—perhaps just a few hours before or after sunny skies and 70° temperatures.

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
El Chaltén	65/45	64/45	58/40	53/37	45/35	42/28	42/28	44/30	50/37	54/37	62/40	63/45
Ushuaia	55/42	55/42	53/38	50/35	40/33	39/30	40/30	42/30	45/33	50/35	55/38	58/30
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
El Chaltén	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.8	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.7
Ushuaia	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.9

The enormous, unbroken stretches of ocean to the west and south of the tip of South America leave the Patagonian Andes exposed to strong and persistent winds. Winds circling the globe between latitudes of 40°S and 60°S have little obstruction when they reach the tip of South America. Experiencing these winds is almost inevitable on any Patagonian journey. For most part, you can expect winds of 9 to 13 miles per hour, but they can occasionally gust much higher, quickly “cooling down” an otherwise pleasant day. Prepare for this by wearing layered clothing and always having rain and/or wind protection handy.

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.

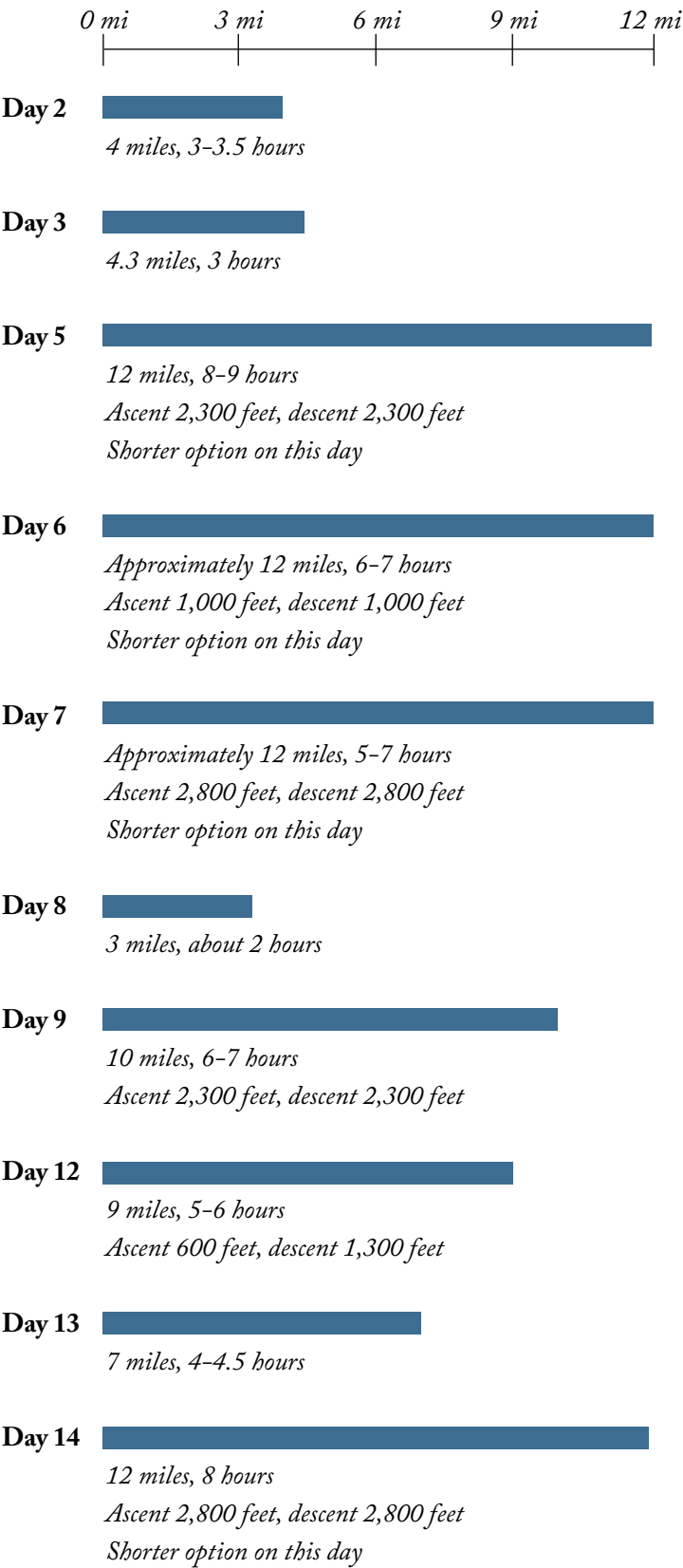
REFERENCES

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

At www.wildernesstravel.com, you can book your trip online or find out about added departures, last-minute deals, and one-time Limited Edition adventures that aren’t listed in our catalog. You can also access our complete library of detailed itineraries filled with enticing photos and videos, read bios of our Trip Leaders, find descriptions of trip accommodations, and check real-time availability of any trips that interest you.

HIKING DETAILS BY DAY



Toucan Club Rewards & Discounts



MEN'S T-SHIRT



WOMEN'S T-SHIRT



PATAGONIA SYNCHILLA FLEECE VEST
PLUS INSULATED CAMELBAK WATER BOTTLE



PATAGONIA R1 PULLOVER

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Here's how it works:

YOUR FIRST TRIP

As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel insulated stainless steel water bottle by CamelBak and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia (\$130 value).

YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia (\$140 value).

YOUR FOURTH TRIP

Discounts on the cost of your trip begin! You receive a 4% discount on the tour cost.

FIVE AND MORE TRIPS

You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of \$500.

Note: Due to special pricing considerations, Toucan Club discounts do not apply to our Private Journeys or Special Events. However, your participation on these trips does count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular adventures.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Toucan Club travel discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, unless otherwise specified. Discounts are deducted from the base trip cost and shown on the final invoice. The base trip cost is the main land/tier cost and does not include single supplement fees, extensions, internal airfare, or other additional charges. Bonus gifts (T-shirts, luggage tags, vests, water bottles, and pullovers) will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to trip departure. Terms and conditions of Toucan Club bonuses are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of Wilderness Travel, Inc.

Travel Notes



WILDERNESS TRAVEL HAS BEEN AWARDED:

World's Best Tour Operators: *Travel + Leisure*, 2022, 11-time winner

Best Travel Specialists in the World: *Conde Nast Traveller*, 2022, 3 years in a row

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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