

BUENOS AIRES, IGUAZU & CLASSIC PATAGONIA 15 DAYS

FROM 3015 USD

15 Days/ 14 Nights

Highlights

Tango in Buenos Aires
Tour Iguazu Falls
Perito Moreno Glacier Tour
Patagonia Adventure
Peninsula Valdes Whale Watching



Patagonia is a vast area bordered on the north with the Colorado and Barrancas rivers, and on the south with the archipelago of Tierra del Fuego.

Description

Best of Argentina invites you to visit Argentina's most seductive cities- Buenos Aires and Ushuaia, along with its most popular national parks- Los Glaciares / Perito Moreno Glacier,

Iguazu Falls and Tierra del Fuego. This trip also features a Valdes Peninsula whale watching cruise and visit to South America's largest Magellanic Penguin colony.

* if you are interested in this tour, please contact us at booking@wander-argentina.com



Day 1 – Buenos Aires & your Argentina trip

Welcome to Argentina!

Capital of Argentina and described as the Paris of South America, Buenos Aires proudly embraces this title, as well as shows off plenty of its own culture!

Explore the traditional European architecture, the cobbled streets lined with rustic outdoor cafes, the local antique and artisan markets that offer plenty of bargain shopping, and the mouthwatering aroma of prized Argentine beef sizzling on an open "parrilla" (barbecue) in the air. Buenos Aires is home to some excellent local designers and you will certainly find the perfect leather jacket, long leather boots and handbags for all occasions. Though above all, Buenos Aires is known as the home of the tango. Be sure to enjoy a traditional dinner-tango show and explore the colorful San Telmo and Recoleta neighborhoods.

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires you will be met at the airport and have a transfer in private to your hotel.

You will have the rest of the day to enjoy this vibrant city, leaving you the remainder of the day to explore the historic neighborhoods and enjoy the cafe culture of Buenos Aires.



Day 2 - Buenos Aires City Tour & Tango Show

In the morning, you will be picked up from your hotel to enjoy our City Tour.

Over the course of a half day you will have the chance to visit the historical and political centre of the city; <u>San Telmo</u> with its cobblestone streets, <u>La Boca</u> where Buenos Aires turns colorful and tango is ever present, and the chic and aristocratic <u>Recoleta</u>, where the big palaces remind us that Buenos Aires was once the Paris of the South.

Duration: 4-5 hours

In the evening you will be picked up from your hotel (shared service) to be driven to one of Buenos Aires' most emblematic cultural highlights — a Dinner and <u>Tango Show</u> offering a spectacular demonstration of the finest local dancing accompanied by delicious Argentine cuisine and all the Malbec you'd like.

At the end of the evening you will be driven back to your hotel.

Total duration (dinner + show); 4 hours (aprox).



Day 3 - From Buenos Aires to Puerto Madryn

At the appropriate time you will be taken to the domestic airport for your flight to Trelew (67 km south of Puerto Madryn)- private service.

Upon arrival, you will be taken to your hotel in Puerto Madryn (shared service).



Day 4 – Peninsula Valdes Whale Watching

After breakfast you will be led on a full day's tour of the Valdes Peninsula. To enter this UNESCO World Heritage site, you will cross an incredibly narrow strip of land with sea on both

sides. Further along you will arrive at Caleta Valdes, a large natural creek that is home to a colony of sea elephants. After admiring Caleta Valdes you'll continue along the road as it drops suddenly down into a crescent of golden cliffs overlooking a bright blue bay and the small village of Puerto Piramides. Here herds of southern right whales tend to arrive in June.

You will take a boat trip around the Golfo Nuevo bay and watch these immense creatures gliding past. The peninsula navigation allows you to get unusually close to the whales. You will even get wet if they jump!

hile the whales may be seen from late June to mid December, the sea elephants and sea lions are permanent residents. Following your tour you will return to your hotel in Puerto Madryn.



Day 5 - Penguins in Punta Tombo - Puerto Madryn

Today you will leave Puerto Madryn and drive 120km south to visit the largest colony of Magellan penguins in South America.

The colony's population reaches over half a million birds during the peak season, and the best time to visit is between October and April. One of the greatest features of this reserve is the fact that you can literally walk among the penguins and observe their habits.

You'll have the opportunity to see how they feed their babies, defend their territory, build their nests, and of course watch their characteristic comedic waddle in and out of the sea. You will then return to your hotel in Puerto Madryn just in time to enjoy the sunset.



Day 6 - From Puerto Madryn travel to Ushuaia

At the appropriate time you will be transferred from your hotel to the airport to take your flight to Ushuaia.

This is the southernmost city of the word, surrounded by mountains and facing the Beagle Channel — it's a place you will never forget.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel leaving you the rest of the day to explore the city, try some of delicious fresh seafood, or learn of the region's history at the Prisoners Museums.



Day 7 - Patagonia Adventure in Ushuaia: Trekking & Canoeing

You will be picked up from your hotel (shared service) and drive towards Tierra del Fuego National Park. Once at Ensenada Bay, you will have time to enjoy the view over the Beagle Channel before starting the trekking along the coast.

These six kilometers of wild trail will give you the possibility to watch the native flora and wild fauna of the channel as well as the opportunity to discover old native remains left by the ancient dwellers of the area, the Yamanas. In 3 hours you will reach Roca Lake where lunch will be ready. After a complete homemade picnic you will start canoeing along Lapataia river, which will take you to Lapataia Bay on the Beagle Channel, precisely where the Panamerican Highway and number 3 National Route ends. Return to Ushuaia.



Day 8 – Beagle Channel Cruise / El Calafate

After making your way to the tourist pier, embark on a boat excursion along the famous Beagle Channel. You will gain panoramas of Ushuaia Bay and see the diverse marine wildlife, such as cormorants and fur seals, on De los Lobos and De los Pajaros Islands. On one of the Bridges Isles, you can explore the island for concheros, or giant shells, and enjoy the views of Chile and Argentina. Not to mention, passing the Les Eclaireurs lighthouse. During the excursion, you can enjoy snacks and the favorite Argentine drink, mate.

At the appropriate time you will be taken to the domestic airport for your flight to El Calafate.

Welcome to Southern Patagonia!

El Calafate is located in the Patagonian steppe, dry and dramatic.

It is on the border of Lago Argentino (Argentina's biggest lake), considered capital of the glaciers. It is the gate to visit worldwide known Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the only glaciers in the world that is still advancing.

Upon arrival you will be taken to the hotel (shared service) and have the rest of the day to relax or explore the areas around the town or if possible, make the one kilometer hike out to Laguna Nimez for a beautiful Patagonian sunset.



Day 9 - El Calafate: Perito Moreno Glacier Tour

After an early breakfast, you will leave on a full day excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier (shared service), in Los Glaciers National Park. A UNESCO World Heritage site since 1981 and home to one of the most awe inspiring landscapes in Argentina, Perito Moreno Glacier is a site to behold.

During about 1 hour a bilingual guide will provide you with all the information you might want to know, and things you might have never thought about.

On arrival you will have the chance to enjoy stunning views of the glacier from the nearby walking trail and viewing platforms.

But not just that, you will also enjoy the included Perito Moreno Glacier boat cruise that will take you close enough to fully appreciate the 80m high ice walls! In the early evening, you will return to you hotel in Calafate.



Day at leisure to enjoy any of the optional tours around El Calafate. We suggest a visit to Estancia Cristina, a bike ride out to the lake, or a boat cruise to explore some of the more remote glaciers in the region.



Day 11 - The Patagonia Adventure ends - Back to Buenos Aires!

At the necessary time, you will be transferred to the airport (shared service) to take your flight to Buenos Aires.

Upon arrival, you will be taken to the hotel. Private service.

This can be a perfect day to explore the areas you hadn't visit on your first stay here. Walking along the new harbor, go to a milonga or even to visit the world famous Opera House.



Day 12 – From Buenos Aires travel to Iguazu Falls

At appropriate time, you will have a private transfer to the domestic airport to take your flight to Puerto Iguazu, private service.

Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and provided a private transfer to your hotel. You will have the afternoon to relax and enjoy the tropical climate and jungle setting.



Day 13 – Iguazu Falls Tour: Argentine Side

After breakfast you will depart on a private, full day tour to the Argentine side of Iguazu Falls where you will have intimate views of this unforgettable section of the Iguazu River. An experienced guide will show you the hidden gems of this unique National Park and will take you off the beaten path to show you the best views.

<u>Lower and upper walkways</u> permit up close and personal experiences with this magnificent spectacle of nature. Trails through the 210 square mile reserve provide visitors with various views of the Falls, especially the largest one, Devil's Throat. The ecological train ride is included in the tour. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Note that in the park there are different excursions you can take for an additional cost. The most popular ones are "Gran Aventura" and it's shorter version "Aventura Nautica", in which the Iguazu boat trip takes you right up to the base of the Falls.

This exciting excursion is highly recommended in order to experience the true power of Iguazu Falls. (Please be aware- on the boat trip there is a 100% chance that you will get wet...the Falls

provide a refreshing "natural shower". Be sure to take some extra clothes if you want to do this excursion.)

You don't need to reserve this excursion in advance (although you can if your want). It has departures every 15 minutes, and you can book it locally).

This day will be a real adventure, full of thrills and spills, and is an absolute must for the adventurer at heart.



Day 14 – Iguazu Falls Tour: Brazilian Side - return to Buenos Aires

After breakfast, enjoy a private, half day excursion to the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls where you will enjoy vast panoramic views of the Falls allowing you to take them in their entirety.

"Brazil requires that most tourists have a visa to visit the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls. Please check with the Brazilian Consulate to ensure that you have the appropriate visa before traveling or you will not be allowed to enter Brazil. For example- US citizens, Canadians & Australians (as well as other nationalities) need a visa to visit the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls."

At the appropriate time in the afternoon you will have a private transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires.

Upon arrival to Buenos Aires, you will have a private transfer to your hotel.



Day 15 - Buenos Aires - the adventure in Argentina comes to an end!

At the appropriate time you will have a private transfer to the international airport for your flight back home.

All Transfers mentioned, including

to and from airports.

- 4 nights in Buenos Aires, 3 in Puerto Madryn, 3 in El Calafate, 2 in Ushuaia, 2 in Iguazu.
- Breakfast and meals mentioned in the itinerary.
- Tours described in the itinerary.
- Bilingual guide (English / Spanish).

Not Included

- National Park Entrance Fees
- International or Domestic Flights.
- Travel / Medical Insurance To get a free quotation please follow this link: World Nomads

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