

ITINERARY 2026 PATAGONIA

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Patagonia: An Active Adventure in Landscapes and Cultures

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This tour was custom designed to actively encounter a portion of Patagonia, entirely within Argentina.

This itinerary is subject to change.

Travel demands flexibility. We will strive to balance adaptability with remaining on schedule. Please trust that, when it is not possible to follow the plan laid out below, your program leaders will work to find substitutions that retain the quality of this Study Travel program. Various details may be added or changed due to information obtained while making reservations, or perhaps on site, especially because of the weather. BLD indicate included group meals, T indicates tasting.

Friday, Oct 16 **USA – Buenos Aires**

Depart your hometown on individually-booked flights.

Saturday, Oct 17 **Buenos Aires (D)**

One group transfer will be provided upon arrival in BA, as it's also known. We'll provide more information on the timing when this tour is called a go. We'll gather in the early evening for introductions and a group welcome dinner. Overnight at Loi Recoleta or similar.

Sunday, Oct 18 **Buenos Aires (BL)**

After breakfast we'll head out on a guided half-day tour of Buenos Aires, visiting neighborhoods such as San Telmo and La Boca. We'll also experience the Recoleta district which includes South America's most opulent cemetery. Group lunch at a local pizzeria. Remainder of the day free with dinner on your own. Overnight at Loi Recoleta or similar.

Monday, Oct 19 **Buenos Aires – Bariloche (BD)**

Today we'll fly to Bariloche. (This flight will be booked by our tour operator and you will be invoiced for it in addition to the trip fee.) We'll enjoy a group dinner with local chef Lucas Mallmann, who continues the tradition of cooking with fire that his uncle Francis Mallmann is famous for. Overnight at Cacique Inacayal or similar.

Tuesday, Oct 20 **Bariloche (BLT)**

This morning we'll plunge into nature, completing a classic circuit of Bariloche, hiking the forests that surround Lakes Moreno and Nahuel Huapi. Stop at the Vivero Usina, a local nursery dedicated to the recovery of the area's biodiversity, including the native Arrayán (Chilean Myrtle) trees. We'll enjoy lunch at a traditional microbrewery, including a beer tasting. Remainder of the day free with dinner on your own. Overnight at Cacique Inacayal or similar.

Wednesday, Oct 21 **Bariloche/Excursion to Isla Victoria (BL)**

After breakfast we'll set out on an all day excursion to Isla Victoria aboard a private boat. We'll bring box lunches and enjoy about a 2.5 mile walk to the central area of the island, where we can explore the

nursery and other key sites. Along the way we'll continue to learn about the ongoing efforts to regenerate and restore the island's flora. Return to Bariloche for dinner on your own. Overnight at Cacique Inacayal or similar.

Thursday, Oct 22 Bariloche/Excursion to Enchanted Valley (BL)

This morning we'll visit the Enchanted Valley, a distinctive landscape of rocky formations. Travel to the Limay River, taking a short boat ride across to an estancia. Enjoy some light hiking to see natural caves and the impressive geological features of the valley. And then enjoy an authentic Patagonian lunch of pollo al disco on the banks of the river. Dinner on your own. Overnight at Cacique Inacayal or similar.

Friday, Oct 23 Bariloche – El Calafate – El Chaltén (B)

Today we'll fly to El Calafate. (This flight will be booked by our tour operator and you will be invoiced for it in addition to the trip fee.) Continue immediately on to El Chaltén, about a 3.5 hour drive. Lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight at Chalten Suites or similar.

Saturday, Oct 24 El Chaltén & Los Glaciares National Park (BL)

We'll enjoy a full-day guided trekking adventure to the Laguna de los Tres vantage point for view of the Fitz Roy massif (weather permitting). Ascend until the jagged peaks of Mount Fitz Roy come into view. Continue towards Laguna de los Tres, until we arrive at the old moraine ridge with views of the gorgeous laguna. Box lunches. Hike details: 13 miles, ~8-9 hours, moderate to difficult hiking; there will be two guides for this hike. Return to the hotel for dinner on your own. Overnight at Chalten Suites or similar.

Sunday, Oct 25 El Chaltén (B)

We've deliberately left today mostly unstructured so that you can pursue as much or as little activity as you wish. Enjoy the day exploring hikes in the area independently; our local guides can provide more information on hikes in the area based on your interests. One guide will be leading a short hike to the Los Cóndores and Las Águilas viewpoints for those who would like to join. Hike details: 4.3 miles, ~2-3 hours, easy hiking with a minimal, gentle incline. Lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight at Chalten Suites or similar.

Monday, Oct 26 El Chaltén/Los Glaciares National Park (BL)

After breakfast we'll walk alongside the Fitz Roy River until arriving at a viewpoint of the river canyon and Margarita waterfall. Continue to the Mount Torre viewpoint, where we'll enjoy magnificent views before arriving at Laguna Torre. After a box lunch at the lagoon, we'll trek back to El Chaltén. Hike details: 13 miles, ~6-7 hours, moderate hiking; there will be two guides for this hike. Overnight at Chalten Suites or similar.

Tuesday, Oct 27 El Chaltén – El Calafate (B)

Our private bus takes south for about 2 hours to La Leona Hotel, where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid hid out after a bank robbery. We'll have lunch here (pay on your own) before continuing to El Calafate. We'll visit the Glaciarium Museum before checking in at the hotel. Dinner on your own. Overnight at Posada los Alamos or similar. (Note that the town of El Calafate is notorious for having "just ok" hotels, other than one 5-star lodge that is a budget-buster and also located well outside of town. We decided centrally-located was more important than five stars.)

Wednesday, Oct 28 El Calafate/Perito Moreno Glacier (BL)

Today we'll visit a remote estancia to experience ranch life and an asado, a traditional barbecue and social event, deeply rooted in Argentine culture. Then we'll board a small vessel, stopping for a short

hike before boating to the face of the awe-inspiring Perito Moreno glacier. Explore the walkways and various viewpoints to witness the thundering of ice carvings. Return to the hotel; dinner on your own. Overnight at Posada los Alamos or similar.

Thursday, Oct 29 El Calafate/Galpon del Glaciar (BL)

We'll transfer to the former estancia Galpon del Glaciar. A guide will provide a historical overview of the foundation of ranches in Santa Cruz, focusing on the integrated sheep-rearing process, an activity vital to the region. Then, enjoy free time for hiking or horseback riding, and a special farewell lunch before returning to town. Dinner on your own. Overnight at Posada los Alamos or similar.

Friday, Oct 30 El Calafate – Buenos Aires – USA (BL)

Transfer to the airport for our flight to Buenos Aires. (This flight will be booked by our tour operator and you will be invoiced for it in addition to the trip fee.) In Buenos Aires, we'll visit the Costanera Sur Eco-Reserve, and have our farewell group lunch. Later, we'll transfer to the Ezeiza airport for your overnight, international flight home (booked on your own).

Saturday, Oct 31 Arrive in USA

Flights leaving Buenos Aires last night will arrive in the U.S. today.