

10-DAY ARGENTINA FAMILY VACATION

Available year-round



DAY 1 | BUENOS AIRES

Hassle-Free Transfer from the Airport to the City with the assistance of an English-speaking representative.

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires you will be met at Ministro Pistarini International Airport (Eze Airport) and take a private transfer to your hotel. No matter how early you land in the morning, your room will be ready for you upon arrival: early check-in is guaranteed. You'll receive our Argentina Challenge Adventure Kit, the perfect tool to get your family engaged and excited about the places you'll visit and the people you'll meet.

Walking Orientation Tour: Discover the Neighborhood

How do locals interact with their city? The best way to figure it out is to walk side-by-side with them... get ready to take your first Buenos Aires walking tour, and start discovering the city at your own pace with a local guide.

Our guide will pick you up at your hotel and, over the course of 2 hours, you will wander the neighborhood together. Depending on your hotel's location and your personal interests, you can choose to explore either the Northern area of the capital, the aristocratic face of the city, filled with magnificent architecture, or the green spaces and bohemian culture of the trendiest area of the city. It's up to you!

Enjoy the unscripted moments of chit-chat with your tour guide... and with other locals you meet along the way! The icing on the cake will be tasting Argentina's world-famous ice-cream! We recommend trying the *dulce de leche* ice-cream... you won't go back to vanilla. By the end of this tour you will have acquired a clearer picture of the neighborhood in which you're staying; where the main supermarkets, pharmacies, banks and currency exchange houses are located.

- Accommodation: Hotel Ilum, Loi Suites Recoleta or similar
- Meals included: None

DAY 2 | BUENOS AIRES

Get a Taste of Enchanting Buenos Aires, Half Day City Tour

In the morning you will be picked up from your hotel (private service) to enjoy our traditional Buenos Aires city tour. You will be swept away by the highlights of our beloved Buenos Aires.

Over the course of a half day you will have the chance to visit the historical and political center of the city around May Square (Plaza de Mayo) and the Pink House (the presidential house). San Telmo with its cobblestone streets and the oldest residential neighborhood and La Boca where Buenos Aires turns colorful and tango is ever present: come to walk Caminito street and dance with the locals. The next stop the chic and aristocratic Recoleta, where the big palaces remind us why Buenos Aires was once referred to as "Paris of the South".

At the end of the tour you will be driven back to your hotel (private service).

Duration: 5 hours - Included: Transportation mentioned above.

Discover the City with a Specialized Bike Tour

In the afternoon, get ready to explore the city on two wheels. Departing from Palermo district, start your bike tour to discover the Northern region of Buenos Aires, where you'll find the famous Recoleta Cemetery, the Floralís Generica, and the biggest green areas of Buenos Aires.

Stop at Recoleta cemetery and leave your bikes to walk through the amazing tombs and mausoleums, 90 of which have been declared historical monuments. Dare your kids and find the exact place where the mythical Evita Perón (one of our first female political leaders) rests, or David Alleno's tomb, the cemetery keeper that saved money during his whole life in order to be buried with the most important characters of Argentine history.

Continue your bike-ride to the park that houses the incredible Floralís Generica, the giant metallic flower of Buenos Aires, where you'll stop to have a snack while

watching this breathtaking sculpture actually move! Taste some traditional Argentine maté (herbal tea) and *alfajores* (finger-licking sandwich cookies filled with dulce de leche).

We'll keep riding on to explore Palermo Woods, the biggest green area of Buenos Aires, where you'll have a close-up view of the beautiful Planetarium and enjoy a typical Porteño lunch from one of the many food trucks spread all over the area. We'll return to our departing spot after 5 hours of family fun.

Includes: Guided assistance during excursion, water & snack

- Accommodation: Hotel Ilum, Loi Suites Recoleta or similar
- Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 3 | BUENOS AIRES: FD Estancia

The Power of La Pampa

Argentina is famous worldwide for its soccer players, but also for the vastness of its green fields best known as 'La Pampa'. That endless land at the edge of the horizon is still home to the descendants of the first gauchos (Argentine cowboys), who still care for and work the land as their ancestors taught them to.

There are still some estancias (ranches) that preserve the gaucho traditions, and are located in picturesque towns within Buenos Aires' province. One of the most alluring estancias is El Ombú de Areco, a colonial style working ranch built in 1880 that is located in the town of San Antonio de Areco, where gaucho traditions are still palpable all around.

Today, we'll pick you up at your hotel to begin a 9-hour visit to this time-honored ranch. Learn about the gaucho culture and traditions, strolling around the beautiful

old streets, museums and ancient pulperías (grocery stores) in San Antonio de Areco before heading to El Ombú.

Once you're in the estancia, enjoy a typical asado (barbecue) before either a horseback ride in nature or a relaxing bike ride. For those who like to take things slow while on vacation, there is a peaceful swimming pool (only available in summer) and many sunny relaxation areas where you can take la siesta (an afternoon nap). At the end of the day, we'll take you back to your hotel in Buenos Aires.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

- Accommodation: Hotel Ilum, Loi Suites Recoleta or similar
- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4 | BUENOS AIRES

Day at leisure to explore the cobbled, tree lined streets of Palermo Soho in search of one of a kind Porteño fashion, to sit in a café and enjoy a perfectly aged glass of malbec, or perhaps to sip yerba mate (local tea) out of your newly purchased mate gourd while people watching in one of the parks that make up the Palermo Bosques.

- Accommodation: Hotel Ilum, Loi Suites Recoleta or similar
- Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 5 | BUENOS AIRES / EL CALAFATE

Today we'll pick you up from your hotel in Buenos Aires and drive you to the airport to take your flight to El Calafate. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and take a private transfer to your hotel.

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) and is considered the capital of the glaciers. It is the gateway to visit the world- renowned Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the only glaciers in the world that is still advancing.

The rest of the day to relax or explore the areas around the town we suggest: make the 1km hike out to Laguna Nimez for a beautiful Patagonian sunset.

OPTIONAL TOUR (not included) : Rural life & estancias of Patagonia

El Calafate is a starting point for adventure travelers who desire to unearth the natural wonders of Patagonia, like Perito Moreno Glacier. But is El Calafate only about the glaciers? Well, yes and no... though glaciers are the main attraction, you

will also have plenty to discover about Argentina's rural, indigenous culture. Depart from your hotel in a minivan headed towards Glacier National Park. Leave El Calafate behind and travel for 1hr 30mins with the snow-capped Cerro Frías as your backdrop. Once inside the National Park, make your way to Nibepo Aike Ranch, the only ranch in the area that has maintained the traditions of sheep-shearing and Hereford cattle-breeding as its primary focus.

Enjoy an inviting hot drink and a delicious snack in the classic quincho (rustic dining room)! Walk the coast of Lago Argentino, watch how a real gaucho (the Argentine cowboy) works the shearing shed, and view a unique demonstration of gaucho horsemanship. Depending on the day's activities, you might help milk the cows, herd sheep, or learn the history behind the founders of the estancia. At the end of the day, return to the quincho, where a mouth-watering grilled lamb awaits, sizzling over the traditional Patagonian fire pit. Take the same road and transportation to return to El Calafate. Guide included in your transfer.

- Accommodation: **Hotel Kosten Aike** (<https://www.kostenaike.com.ar>)
- Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 6 | EL CALAFATE

Today is New Year's Eve!! Some excursions and duration may change.

Full Day Mayo Spirit Trek Sailing w/transfers

Start off the day with a pick up at your hotel, and travel to Puerto Bandera to embark on an 8-hour nautical safari where you'll discover the secluded glaciers and waterfalls of Glacier National Park that can only be reached by boat!

Sail Mayo Channel and disembark at Toro Bay to hike through the Patagonian forest; your specialized guide will tell you about the vegetation of this area (very different from other varieties inside the park) and show you the ancient cherry tree and its 10-foot-diameter trunk. Tell your kids that they can call this ancient tree El Abuelo (grandpa), as locals have nicknamed it, and prepare yourselves to discover a waterfall.

Set sail again towards Cerro Negro (Black Hill), where you'll do an easy, half-mile hike to the base of the hill to admire the massive Black Glacier. Enjoy your free time in this place that not many travelers have seen, before departing for our third stop, the famous Perito Moreno Glacier. As the boat passes by the immense icy wall, put on your beanie and grab your camera, because you may see a piece of ice breaking off and crashing into the water below.

Finally, you'll disembark at Puerto Moreno, where you can enjoy your free time wandering across the traditional catwalk circuit that surrounds the glacier before sailing back to Puerto Bandera.

Glaciarium Museum & the Ice Bar

On your way back to El Calafate, we'll make a stop at the Glaciarium Museum and learn about the history of the glaciers and their first explorers. Interactive screens, a synchronized projection, and the natural sounds of ice caves playing throughout the museum's hall will totally immerse you into the glaciers' fascinating history. At the end of your tour, visit the fascinating Ice Bar, where you can take a sip from a glass made completely of ice. At the end of the experience we'll drive you back to El Calafate.

Duration: 7/8 Hours

Note: This excursion may change due to weather conditions.

- Guide assistance during excursion.

- Accommodation: **Hotel Kosten Aike** (<https://www.kostenaike.com.ar>)
- Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 7 | EL CALAFATE / BARILOCHE

Today we'll pick you up from your hotel in El Calafate and drive you to the airport to take your flight to Bariloche. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and take a private transfer to your hotel.

Half Day Mount Otto & Habsburg Stone

Prepare to go on your first hike in the afternoon. Visit Mount Otto, known as “the pinnacle of fun.” To reach the summit, ride the legendary cable car and enjoy the best views over Lake Nahuel Huapi. Take time to enjoy the spectacular view from the summit (6,890 feet above sea level!) before starting an easy 2-hour hike through a forest of lenga trees. Reach the Habsburg Stone, a special viewpoint from which you’ll have stunning views of Lake Gutierrez and Ventana Hill. On the way, your local guide will introduce you to the native vegetation and the history of the place. At the end of this 5-hour experience, you’ll ride the cable car down the hill, and we’ll take you back to the city of Bariloche.

**This tour is available for children 9 and older.*

- Accommodation: **Alma del Lago** (<https://almasuites.com>)
- Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 8 | BARILOCHE

History & Nature Excursion with Zipline

Start this 7-hour tour, which combines both cooking and historical traditions of Bariloche, with a pick-up at your hotel, to head to the most iconic viewpoints of the area, like Campanario Hill, where you’ll have a bird’s-eye view of the snow-capped Andes mountains, different lakes, such as Lake Moreno and Nahuel Huapi Lake, and the fancy Llao Llao hotel. In the meantime, talk with your guide about the fascinating history of this small mountain village which is entirely located within Nahuel Huapi National Park.

Take a short trek in the Llao Llao Reserve through the beautiful arrayan forest, sipping maté along the way (traditional Argentine herbal tea) while your tour guide tells you about the diverse wildlife and natural history of this place.

Reach Gilbert Traditional Brewery and try out your culinary skills with a fun and engaging cooking class, which will introduce you to the culinary secrets of immigrant and native cultures found in Bariloche. Learn how to make a heavenly-tasting Argentine empanada (meat-filled Argentine pastry).

After lunch, it’s time to get active in the woods of Colonia Suiza, the first European settlement in Bariloche.

Prepare to enjoy a 2-hour zipline experience, where your kids will glide from one treetop platform to another (there are 10 in total!), using a steel rope. The youngest

will be constantly assisted by our tour guide. At the end of the canopy experience, we'll drive you back to your hotel in Bariloche.

This tour is available for children 7 and older

Duration: 7 hours.

Walking time: 1hs.

Difficulty: Low.

- Accommodation: **Alma del Lago** (<https://almasuites.com>)
- Meals included: Breakfast



DAY 9 | BARILOCHE

Explore Nahuel Huapi National Park & Go Rafting down Manso River

Today, we'll pick you up from your hotel and drive you along National Road 40 (the legendary road which extends from the North to South of Argentina) to enjoy some scenic views, passing by Lakes Gutierrez, Mascardi and Guillermo.

At one stop, we'll enter the land of a Native American Mapuche Community to share breakfast (maté or tea, and homemade fried bread and marmalade) and learn about their unique culture and traditions; a truly immersive and personal experience.

From there we will start our rafting adventure, cruising down Manso River on its emerald waters. For about 1 hour, you'll navigate your way through some medium-intensity rapids with the backdrop of this fairy-tale valley.

Depending on the weather, you may be able to take a relaxing swim. Our guides will provide security and assistance for you and your kids throughout the adventure.

On our way back, we'll stop to enjoy lunch at the historic restaurant, El Viejo Almacén. After this 10-hour experience, we'll drive you back to Bariloche.

**This tour is available for children 10 and older.*

- Accommodation: Alma del Lago (<https://almasuites.com>)
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch Box

DAY 10 | BARILOCHE

At the appropriate time, we'll pick you up from your hotel and drive you to the local airport, where your adventure in Argentina comes to a close.

- Meals Included: Breakfast

PRICES

The following prices are per person in USD:

Adult	Double Room	\$2760
Child 12 or under	Double Room	\$1999

** Prices are excluding VAT from the accommodation in Hotels in Argentina. Guests must provide a copy of their passport so as to prove they are not residents in Argentina, also they may be asked to show the stamp of entry to Argentina at check in. If these conditions aren't observed, guests will be asked to pay the VAT from the accommodation.*

INCLUDED

- 3 nights in Bariloche

- 2 nights in El Calafate
- 4 nights in Buenos Aires
- Transfers & Meals mentioned in the itinerary.
- Tours described in the itinerary.
- Bilingual guides (English/Spanish) as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Park Entrance, Fees & Mandatory Documentation

NOT INCLUDED

- International or Domestic Flights.
- Travel / Medical Insurance
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages during meals.
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone calls, travel insurance, etc.)
- Gratuities.