



ARGENTINA

ON THE TRAIL OF ARGENTINA'S PATAGONIA BY FOOT 7-DAYS

The name Patagonia evokes images of windswept and isolated landscapes, massive glaciers and awe-inspiring granite peaks. Our adventure tour starts in the small town of El Calafate, and then continues onwards into Los Glaciares National Park. We'll hike to the Mount Torre viewpoint with views of glaciers, the Adela range and Mount Torre. We will then visit Perito Moreno Glacier, hiking alongside majestic mountains and through pine forests to the famed Mount Fitz Roy. For this Patagonia hiking tour, bring along your spirit of adventure and expect to be mesmerized by dramatic beauty.

Day 1

EL CALAFATE - EL CHALTEN

ARRIVAL

In the morning, you'll be picked up at the airport and transferred to El Chalten. Please make sure your flight arrives no later than 11:00am. You have the remainder of the day free in El Chalten to relax and explore your surroundings. We will meet in the evening for dinner and a trip briefing.

Accommodation: Cabin

Meals: Dinner

Day 2

FITZ ROY TREK

HIKING

After breakfast we will transfer by car to the trailhead. From here, we'll begin our hike and ascend gradually all morning along the Rio Blanco to the base camp of the same name. This is the camp where climbers wait for a break in the weather when attempting the always-difficult ascents of the granite monolith. We'll ascend more steeply to Laguna De Los Tres where we will have close-up views of several of the routes used to climb Fitz Roy, weather permitting. From here, we will hike back to our van and transfer back to El Chalten for the night.

Hiking Distance: 20 km / 12 mi

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3

PILEGUE TUMBADO TREK

HIKING

We'll start with a hearty breakfast and then head out for another day of hiking. We'll hike a lesser-known trail in Los Glaciares National Park that provides stunning 360° views of the Patagonian landscape. After hiking through forest, wind swept plains and rock fields, we'll arrive at the viewpoint and have panoramic views of the Cerro Fitz Roy and Torre Valleys below us, as well as the Patagonian steppe and Lake Viedma. After our day of hiking, we'll return to El Chalten for the evening.

Hiking Distance: 20 km / 12 mi

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



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Day 4

MOUNT TORRE - EL CALAFATE

HIKING

This morning we'll hike to Laguna Torre, one of the more famous walks in the area that can't be missed. The trail passes through a wide variety of landscapes of glacially formed valleys and dense forest before ending at the Mount Torre viewpoint. We'll take a short break at the top to admire the views of the Adela Range and Mount Torre. From here, we'll head back to the van and transfer to a comfortable hotel in El Calafate. This evening dinner will be on your own in El Calafate.

Hiking Distance: 18 km / 11 mi

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Day 5

ESTANCIA CRISTINA - CANADON DE LOS FOSILES

HIKING

This morning we'll transfer to Estancia Cristina, sailing through the north arm of Argentina Lake. Upon arrival, we'll jump in 4x4 jeeps and drive 9.5km/6mi on a mountain road. A glacier once covered this area. We'll arrive at the continental ice refuge and there we'll start our hike admiring the local flora and fauna, as well as fossils leftover from glacier activity. On our hike, we'll have impressive views of Lake Guillermo, Patagonian ice fields and Upsala Glacier. Our hike finishes in the valley of the estancia, and then we head back by boat to El Calafate. Overnight at the same hotel in El Calafate.

Hiking Distance: 14 km / 9 mi

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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Day 6

PERITO MORENO GLACIER

SIGHTSEEING

This morning we'll then set off to see one of the most famous geological sights in the world, the Perito Moreno Glacier, located in Los Glaciares National Park. It is one of 48 glaciers fed by the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and is a protected UNESCO site. Perito Moreno is one of the few glaciers that is still stable with seasonal fluctuations in the position of its snout. It calves into Lake Argentino and sometimes the terminus creates a natural dam and part of the lake becomes landlocked. Every so often it is possible to see huge lumps of ice break off and fall into the lake and float away as icebergs. With some luck we'll spot some wildlife in this area including condors, buff-necked ibis, black-chested buzzard eagles and ashy-headed geese. In the afternoon, we'll return to our hotel in El Calafate for our farewell dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

EL CALAFATE

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport to connect with your flight onwards.

Meals: Breakfast



TRIP INCLUSIONS

Trip Includes

All accommodation (twin shared), meals as indicated, internal transportation, airport transfers and English-speaking guides.

Not Included

International airfare, internal air to and from El Calafate, airport departure taxes, gratuities, meals not indicated and items of a personal nature.

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