



PATAGONIA & MENDOZA ADVENTURE

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Trip Highlights

ENJOY the bold and stunning scenery of Argentina. Travel a route that follows the spine of the Andes, from the wine region in the North to peaks and glacial lakes of Patagonia in the South.

EXPLORE a fascinating culture that blends both native and European traditions.

SAVOR world-class local wines and Argentinian barbecue in Mendoza, known for its cool climate and sunny skies.

HIKE picturesque trails to the base of Aconcagua, the highest peak in the Americas.

EXPERIENCE some of the last wilderness regions in the world — Mount Fitz Roy and Glacier National Park in southern Patagonia.

WALK on the ice of Perito Moreno glacier, considered the eighth wonder of the world for its spectacular vistas.



What's Included

- Nine nights at comfortable local lodges
- 24/7 local Argentine guide
- Internal flights:
 - Buenos Aires → Mendoza;
 - Mendoza → BA → El Calafate;
 - El Calafate → Buenos Aires
- Private transport with local drivers
- All meals (except for two dinners)
- All your National Park entrance fees
- All tours and activities as mentioned
- Tips for activity guides
- All transfers to and from the airport



Tour Dates

Limited to just 16 guests

- ~~November 8-17, 2024~~ — Full
- February 28-March 9, 2025
- ~~November 7-16, 2025~~ — Full
- February 27-March 8, 2026
- November 6-15, 2026
- December 29-January 7, 2027

Tour Price

\$7,895 per person (based on double occupancy). Includes three internal flights, valued at approximately \$1,000 per person.

\$670 single supplement for a private room is added for solo travelers.

Tour Map





TOUR ITINERARY



Day One

Arrive in Buenos Aires and meet your driver who will be waiting for you at the airport. Check into your hotel and in the evening we will have an introductory Meet & Greet at 5pm in the lobby where you can ask any questions you have about the tour and go over the days to come. (For the pre-trip extension to Iguazu Falls, see the section after this standard itinerary.)

Meals not included.

Day Two

After an early breakfast we transfer to the domestic airport, and fly to Mendoza. Upon arrival we go on a city walk, stop for lunch, and then head to our hotel in the picturesque village of Chacras de Coria.

Following time to settle into your room, we set off for dinner. We'll toast to the start of our adventures with wines from local vineyards.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner with wine included.



Day Three

Today* we set off to visit some local wineries! Our expert guide will give a detailed explanation about the growing process and techniques of cultivation. We hope you are hungry for an Argentinian specialty: the *asado*. Learn about Argentina's barbecue tradition and taste some of Mendoza's best Cabernets and Malbecs. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon with time to relax and enjoy the pool and grounds.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner with wine included.

**Note that Days 3 and 4 may be swapped depending on the weather.*

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So many people have been asking me about how I take such amazing trips and I get so excited to tell them about this company. I have met some of the kindest, funniest people along the way and all without having to stress about whether or not I am missing any beautiful or interesting sights because the guides with Gondwana know...exactly what's worth seeing, eating and drinking and when to go! I can't recommend this company enough.”

- Emily Y.



Day Four

Today (see *note on the previous page) we set out early for a two to three hour scenic drive towards the snowcapped Andes Mountains and the starting point for our half-day hike. The drive follows the Rio Mendoza into the Uspallata Valley and over the famous Bridge of the Incas, a historical site and beautiful mineral formation. The walk is moderate difficulty — our expert mountain guide accompanies you through rolling terrain at over 9,000 feet. Wildflowers flank the path, which leads toward the south face of Aconcagua (the highest mountain in the Americas) and provides incredible views. Relax with a picnic lunch and take in the vista. Return to your hotel later in the day to enjoy your final evening in Mendoza. Stay in and enjoy a gourmet meal in the dining room or get suggestions from our guide and walk to a nearby restaurant.

Breakfast and lunch included.

Day Five

In the morning we will head to Mendoza airport to board a flight to El Calafate (via Buenos Aires), a beautiful small community in Patagonia. If there's interest, we may take a short walk from the hotel to stretch our legs and explore the downtown. Dinner will be close to our comfortable accommodations where we'll be staying for the next two nights.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner with wine included.



Day Six

In the morning we will drive along the southern leg of Lago Argentino and take a boat across the lake for a trek over the Perito Moreno Glacier. Due to local regulations the glacier trek is not available to guests 65 years or older so we offer a glacier cruise instead. After the beautiful cruise we'll visit the Perito Moreno Boardwalks, which offer many amazing views of the glacier. Relax and enjoy our boxed lunch along while watching fallen icebergs. In the afternoon we stop at the Canal de los Tempanos, a channel that separates the peninsula from the mass of ice.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



Day Seven

In the morning we head to El Chaltén, a small mountain village in Santa Cruz Province. On the way we'll stop by the Nimes Reserve for an easy walk. A number of interesting birds visit the bog, which is interesting to observe from the boardwalk. El Chaltén is located along the riverside of Rio de las Vueltas, within the Los Glaciares National Park. We'll enjoy a traditional lunch and enjoy some nice views. If time allows, we will hike to Puma viewpoint or Condor viewpoint. Afterwards we check into our unique and cozy hotel followed by dinner at a favorite local eatery.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included.



Day Eight

For those who feel up for it, the Fitz Roy hike is a spectacular loop totaling 18 km (11 miles, 600 ft. of elevation gain). A scenic morning drive takes us to the starting point of this hike. We start in the valley of Rio Electrico where there are great views of Marconi and the Piedras Blancas Glacier. As we hike the path, keep an eye out for the elegant red crest of the Magellanic Woodpecker. We stop for a picnic lunch at Poincenot camp, then continue to Laguna Capri, enjoying incredible views along the way, before hiking back around to El Chalten.

Another option available is to ascend the steep and difficult trail to Laguna de los Tres (An additional 2 miles, 900 ft. of elevation gain).

We will return to El Chalten for a relaxing evening.

Breakfast and lunch included.

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I always wanted to see Patagonia and had started following Gondwana on Instagram a few years back. So when I started planning this trip Gondwana seemed like a good fit.

Dani was an amazing guide and couldn't have asked for a better person to take care of everyone. Kept everyone up to date and was able to take care of issues promptly.”

- Catie C.



Day Nine

After breakfast we begin trekking along the glacier valley (3 miles, 600 ft. of elevation gain) to Cerro Torre lookout. From there, enjoy one of the most amazing views in Patagonia—the Southern Face of legendary Cerro Torre is known for its lake and hanging glaciers.

After we return to El Chalten for a rest and lunch, we will offer another hike to the Mirador de los Condors (2.5 miles and 300 ft. of elevation gain), a perfect complement allowing you to observe the Cerro Torre and Fitz Roy together and the uniqueness of this landscape. This evening is our farewell dinner in El Chalten.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included.

Day Ten

After a good night's rest we begin to say our goodbyes as this is the end of our adventure.

Board your flight from El Calafate to Buenos Aires and receive a complimentary transfer either to the international airport or to your hotel if you're staying the night. Note that a second transfer the following day from your hotel in Buenos Aires to the airport is not included, but we can help arrange it upon request.

If you are planning on doing the post-trip extension to Ushuaia see the section below.

Breakfast included.



ACCOMMODATIONS



LOI Suites Recoleta

Buenos Aires

Overlooking the waters of Rio de la Plata, LOI Suites Recoleta enjoys a prime location in one of Buenos Aires' most fashionable neighborhoods. Their rooms feature elegant décor, high-speed Wi-Fi and individual climate-control. Enjoy their large indoor swimming pool area with a café, fitness center, jacuzzi, and sauna facilities.



Posada El Encuentro

Mendoza

A beautiful property, with brick buildings featuring wood, stone and cane accents. The rustic charm here will make your worries melt away. All rooms overlook the garden and have air conditioning. Relax with some fine wine and enjoy the pool surrounded by fruit and olive trees.



Mirador del Lago El Calafate

This lakefront hotel features beautiful views over the water and is just steps away from the commercial center. Rooms feature Wi-Fi, mini fridges and flat screen TVs and their comfy king beds will help you rest well for our adventures.



Chalten Suites El Chalten

Enjoy a stroll in the garden after a fresh gourmet breakfast at Chalten Suites. Rooms feature Wi-Fi, flat screen TV's, a walk in shower and a mini-fridge and the attentive service staff will make sure you are comfortable and well rested for hiking. They offer laundry service here as well.

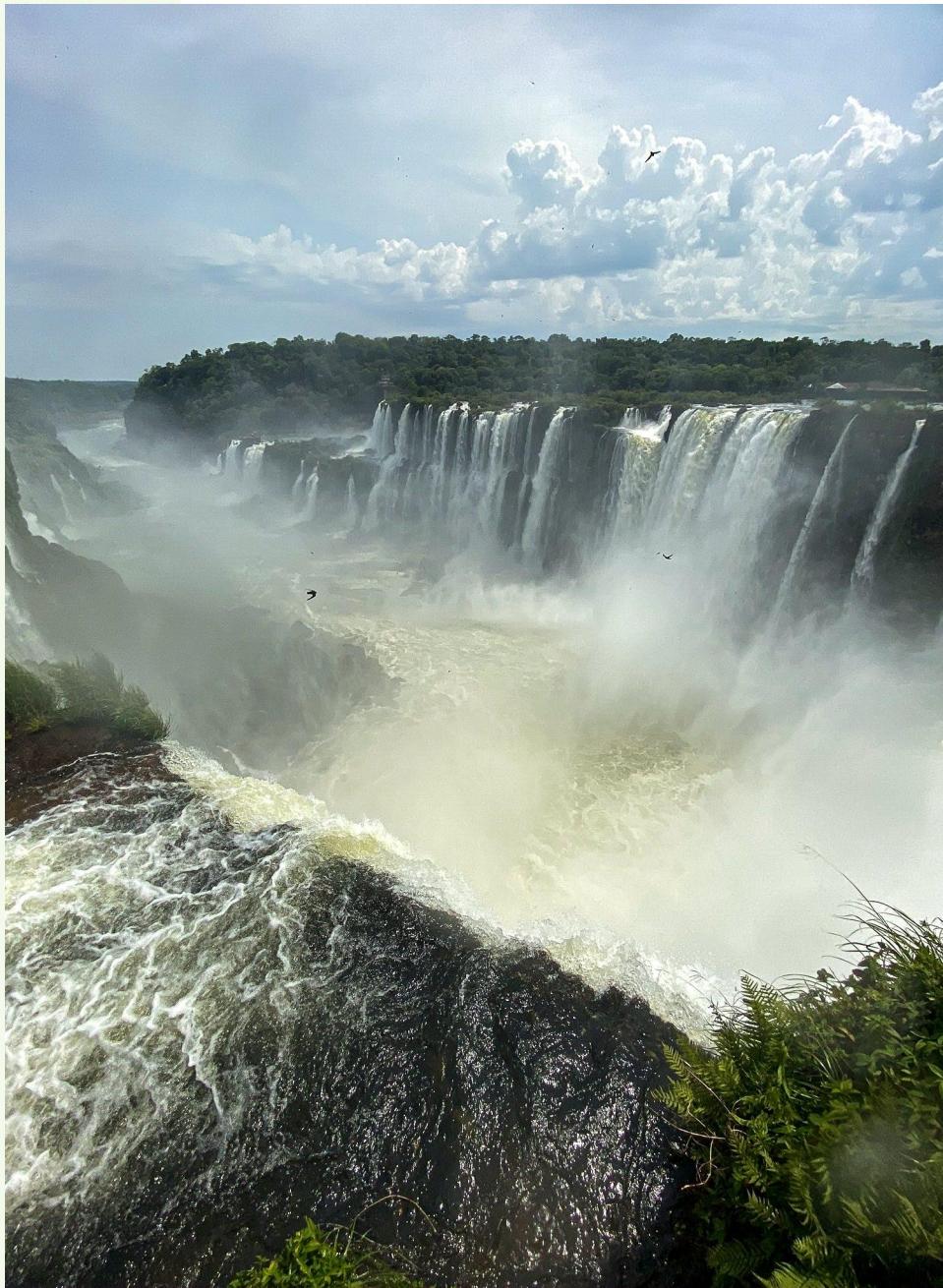


PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

IGUAZU FALLS

This three day extension takes you to Iguazu Falls, located on the river border between Argentina and Brazil.

The waterfalls are surrounded by lush tropical jungle and wildlife including coatis, capybaras, howler monkeys and toucans. This incredible system contains 275 falls and has the greatest flow of any waterfall system in the world. Rainbows form over the water making for amazing views and epic photographs. The “Devil’s Throat” is the most spectacular of all, at a staggering 269 feet tall and nearly 500 feet wide. For comparison, the biggest of the Niagara Falls is only 188 feet tall and half as wide. This location is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and was named one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature. Iguazu Falls is a must-see when visiting Argentina.



Iguazu Falls Inclusions

- 2 nights hotel accommodations
- Full day tour of Argentinian side of Iguazu Falls
- Half day tour of Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls
- Round trip flight from Buenos Aires to Iguazu
- All park fees and permits
- A visit to Parque Das Aves
- Two breakfasts and one dinner
- All ground transportation via private vehicles and taxis
- 24/7 Trip Leader: Dani Catania, professional guide and expert on local history, culture and mountaineering

Dates & Price

~~November 6-8, 2024~~ — Full

February 26-28, 2025

~~November 5-7, 2025~~ — Full

February 25-27, 2026

November 4-6, 2026

December 27-29, 2026

\$1,499 per person (price based on double occupancy)

\$199 single supplement (for solo travelers)



Iguazu Falls Day One

Plan to fly into Buenos Aires the day/night before. We will meet and fly out from Buenos Aires in the morning and arrive in Iguazu at midday where we will check in and have lunch. After, we depart for the Brazilian side of the falls where you can take in a wide panoramic view of the whole system, and up close views of the stunning "Devil's Throat." On the way back we will visit Parque Das Aves, where they have over 100 species of rescued birds, butterflies and reptiles. Walk through rainforest trails and take in the sights and sounds of nature while getting an up close look at colorful toucans and parrots. This park helps to rehabilitate rescue animals and support local conservation and breeding programs.

Dinner included.

Iguazu Falls Day Two

We meet for an early breakfast and then at 8am we begin our full day tour of the Argentinian side of the falls. This side includes a larger portion of the system, with longer walks that get you much closer to the action. First we take a train ride to the "Devil's Throat", where we can get views from underneath and directly on top of this immense cascade. We will also have gorgeous views of San Martin Island and a chance to get up close to several smaller falls for a more intimate experience.

Breakfast included.



Iguazu Falls Day Three

After a chance to sleep in and have a relaxing breakfast at the hotel, we will leave Iguazu in the late morning, arriving in Buenos Aires in the afternoon. This will put us back in time to meet up with the rest of our group and begin our next adventures in Mendoza and Patagonia.

Breakfast included.

Iguazu Falls, on the river border between Argentina and Brazil, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and was named as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature. Iguazu contains 275 waterfalls and has the greatest flow of any waterfall system in the world. The biggest fall, named "Devil's Throat", is twice as wide, and almost 100 feet taller than Niagara Falls! Surrounded by lush jungles and incredible wildlife (think coatis, monkeys and colorful birds), coupled with amazing views and epic photography opportunities, this is a must-see!



La Aldea de La Selva Lodge

Puerto Iguazu

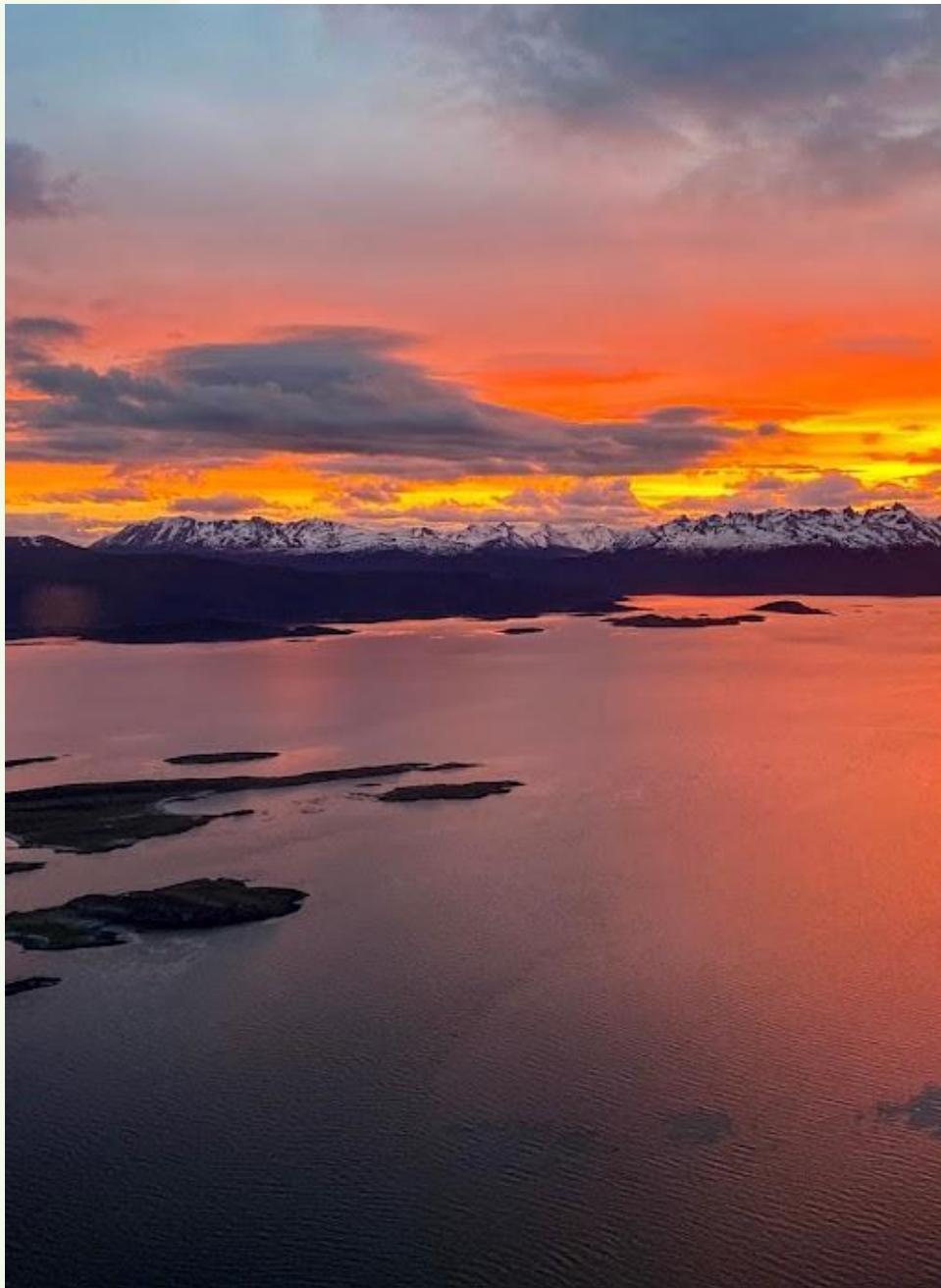
Aldea de La Selva translates in English to "Jungle Village." The hotel is surrounded by the Paraná Rainforest, and each room has a private deck with a hammock overlooking the jungle. Relax to the sounds of birds as you swim in one of their 3 pools or 2 jacuzzis. Not only is this hotel beautiful, but it is also recognized for its sustainability. Apart from having policies like recycling, composting and planting native species, they also help to provide environmental education and resources for rainforest protection initiatives. You can also visit their library, which features books on the surrounding rainforest and other local subjects. You couldn't ask for a better place to relax after our time at Iguazu Falls.



POST-TRIP EXTENSION

USHUAIA

This three-day extension takes you to an unforgettable setting at the Southern tip of Argentina known as "Fin del Mundo" (End of the World). The city of Ushuaia is located on the island of Tierra del Fuego, known for spectacular views of the Andes Mountains and the Beagle Channel which borders Chile. Originally established as a penal colony, it is now famous for its scenery and as a gateway for travelers to Antarctica. It is home to glaciers, forests, incredible wildlife and restaurants to take in views while enjoying Argentinian seafood and wines.



Ushuaia Inclusions

- 2 nights hotel accommodations
- All your ground transportation
- All of your guided activities
- Flights from Calafate to Ushuaia, Ushuaia to Buenos Aires
- Two breakfasts, one lunch and two dinners
- 24/7 Trip Leader: Dani Catania, professional guide and expert on local history, culture and mountaineering

Dates & Price

~~November 17-19, 2024~~ — Full

March 9-11, 2025

~~November 16-18, 2025~~ — Full

March 8-10, 2026

November 15-17, 2026

January 7-9, 2027

\$1,499 per person (price based on double occupancy)

\$199 single supplement (for solo travelers)



Ushuaia Day One

We will depart for this extension on the day the Patagonia trip ends. After our flight to Ushuaia, we embark on a two-hour walking tour of the city. We'll check into our hotel and have time to relax for a bit in the late afternoon. Enjoy a complimentary welcome cocktail or coffee at a traditional Argentinian bar, and then we gather around the table for dinner.

Lunch and dinner included.

Ushuaia Day Two

After breakfast at the hotel, we leave at 9am to begin our adventures. Our first visit is to Estancia Harberton, founded by missionaries in 1886. This scenic farm is surrounded by beautiful forests, valleys, peat bogs and the famous "flag trees." We tour the historic property first and then we visit a local museum to learn all about the marine species that call Tierra del Fuego home, including whales, dolphins and seals. A picnic lunch is on the agenda before we board a Zodiac boat for a 15 minute ride to Isla Martillo. This island is home to thousands of Magellanic Penguins and other ocean birds including Gentoo Penguins, Cormorants, Petrels and Chimangos. We will walk amongst the penguins for an hour to view the different colonies and nesting habitats. Return to the hotel around 4pm and rest before we reconvene for a special farewell dinner.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included.



Ushuaia Day Three

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning. We encourage booking your flights home from Buenos Aires to depart this evening or tomorrow so that we have time for a final hike today before your included domestic flight to Buenos Aires. We'll walk for about an hour in a beautiful forest of Lengas and Guindos and stop along the way at viewpoints of the Andes. The last leg of our walk is on the "balcony" with views of the Beagle Channel below before we say our goodbyes and transfer to the airport.

Breakfast included.

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Fancy a trip to *Fin del Mundo* (the End of the World)? This is what they call the Southern tip of Argentina. Ushuaia is a city located on an island of Tierra del Fuego archipelago. Here you will see spectacular views of the Andes Mountains. Ushuaia is famous for its scenery and as a gateway to Antarctica. Things to do include glaciers to hike, slopes to ski, and restaurants to savour, all while looking at—or immersing yourself—in incredible scenery. Oh, and did we mention you can see colonies of penguins?



Los Acebos Hotel

Ushuaia

Nestled among the mountains, Los Acebos (translates to "The Holly") is a gorgeous property featuring rooms with stunning views of the Beagle Channel. There are tons of amenities to enjoy, like their fitness center, game room, table tennis and bar/lounge. Their comfortable and soundproofed rooms feature flat screen TV's and high speed Wi-Fi. This location also offers laundry and ironing services. Enjoy a drink at the bar, some fresh Argentine seafood and take in the incredible vistas at "The End of the World."



GENERAL INFORMATION



MEET YOUR GUIDE

Dani Catania

Dani is a veteran guide with more than 20 years of experience hosting travelers in his native Argentina. He grew up in Buenos Aires and has been living in Ushuaia for nearly 30 years. His passions for nature and mountaineering have led him to explore some of the most challenging regions in South America and around the world.

The best part of having Dani as your guide is that he is part of the fabric of the local culture, and his stories of this area's unique history and traditions will give you a deep understanding of the region.

Dani is also Gondwana Ecotours' Operations Manager, which means he oversees, coaches, and mentors all of the guides that we work with across the world.

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“I'm looking forward to showing you the incredible nature and culture of my country. Argentina has so much to offer for the intrepid traveler so I hope you get a chance to experience it all from north to south!”

FAQ - GETTING THERE AND BACK

Is This Trip For Me?

- Our Patagonia & Mendoza Adventure requires moderate to high mobility and physical fitness since this is our most physically active trip. You should be able to walk at least eleven miles unassisted, walk on uneven terrain hiking trails, walk with moderate elevation gains between 600-700 feet (183-213 meters), climb up and down short stairs or ladders, and comfortably enter and exit vans, buses, small aircraft, and boats without assistance. The itinerary includes a domestic flight.

When should I arrive in Buenos Aires?

- You should arrive in Buenos Aires during the morning or afternoon on Day 1 of the tour. If you wish to arrive early and spend more time in Buenos Aires, let us know if you would like help setting up extra nights at the hotel.

What if I want to come explore other parts of the country before Day 1?

- We recommend joining our pre-trip extension to Iguazu Falls! It is an incredible rainforest region with great wildlife and the largest network of waterfalls in the world! If you want to do your own thing, let us know if you want help with hotel bookings, tours, or suggestions. Please do not hesitate to ask.

What do I need to do to prepare for my journey?

- Book your flight to Buenos Aires for anytime on or before Day 1 of the trip. We will ride to the airport together on Day 2 to head to Mendoza. Upon booking we will send you a pre-trip guide which includes local information and a packing list.

Are all the internal flights included?

- Yes. All domestic flights in Argentina will be purchased by Gondwana once you book your trip. The internal flights include Buenos Aires to Mendoza, Mendoza to Calafate, and Calafate to Buenos Aires. Round trip international flights to Buenos Aires are not included.

FAQ - GETTING THERE AND BACK

What if I want to stay after the trip ends?

- For those of you who want to stay longer, we recommend our Post-Trip to Ushuaia, where our guide is from. If you are looking for other ideas, we would be glad to give you suggestions.

How do I sign up?

- Secure your spots with a \$500 per person deposit (via phone, email, or on our [website](#)) that is fully refundable within 30 days of payment, provided your trip starts at least 121 days from the time of booking. The remaining balance is due 120 days before the tour departs. Read our complete [Booking Agreement here >](#)
- After signing up, we will send you a confirmation message and valuable information to prepare you for the trip. We will also send you two easy forms to submit with your registration information and flight details.

WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

Our promise is to deliver custom crafted and authentically local travel experiences that send you home with lifelong memories of your unique adventure. We strive to put our values into practice with every Ecotour that we create.

SMALL-GROUP SIZE We limit our group to 16 so you can have a unique and personalized experience.

PROFESSIONAL GUIDES Enjoy the company of guides who share their knowledge about the nature and culture with you for an unbeatable experience. Note that specific guides guiding specific tour dates is never guaranteed.

CHARITY A portion of our proceeds is donated to a local charity in Argentina. Comedor de la Chacra provides meals for children in Ushuaia.

CARBON NEUTRALIZATION We pay for Carbon Neutralization for each guest to minimize your trips impact on the environment.

LOW IMPACT Our ecotours leave a small impression on the environment because of the accommodations, restaurants, small group, and the activities.

UNIQUE LODGING Feel the heart of the destination by staying at memorable boutique hotels. We book at locally owned and eco-friendly hotels whenever possible.

ONE-OF-A-KIND ACTIVITIES Many of our activities have been created by our passionate local guides and our founder exclusively for our guests; you truly cannot get these experiences with any other company.



We hope you'll join us in Argentina!

A \$500 per person deposit is all that's needed to reserve this adventure. Contact us via phone or email to reserve your spot!

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