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CHILE & ARGENTINA: PATAGONIAN WILDERNESS

Raw, thrilling and extraordinary: a journey through the wilds of Patagonia is unparalleled.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries

Latin America, Argentina, Chile

15 days from AU$19,855 pp

Private

Journey Overview

Experience the coasts, capes and wild seas of the far south, from Santiago to Buenos Aires on this stunning and immersive journey to the end of the world. Hike to the edges of glaciers, where the ice cracks and rumbles around you. Take an unforgettable sea voyage through magical fjords and channels. And choose from a suite of wilderness adventures with a skilled naturalist in tow. Patagonia possesses such grandiose and imposing landscapes they will leave you breathless.

Journey Highlights

- Embark on a spectacular four-night cruise to the fjords, channels and glaciers of Tierra del Fuego
- Walk on one of the fastest moving and last advancing glaciers on the planet
- Venture into the wilderness of Torres del Paine National Park
- Get up-close among hundreds of native Magellanic penguins on Isla Martillo
- Explore the notorious ship graveyard at remote and legendary Cape Horn



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Santiago, Chile

Welcome to Santiago, a leafy metropolis wedged between the Chilean coastline and the Andean foothills. Spirited and worldly, with a burgeoning arts scene and plenty of charisma, Santiago is an historical hub on the cusp of a modern-day revival. Your A&K representative will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel in the vibrant Lastarria district. Ease into local time as you discover this creative neighbourhood at your leisure: admire the colonial-style architecture or simply seek out the rooftop bar for laid-back drinks and Andes views.

The Singular Santiago

Day 2: Santiago

Santiago is the perfect place for strolling through leafy neighbourhoods. Enjoy an expertly guided, private walking tour with a charming local who has plenty of Chilean stories and historical prowess to spare. Discover the historical evolution of the city, which dates back to the Spanish conquerors, with its stunning architecture. Wander around the quirky Plaza de Armas, watching artists at work, friendly chess games and street performances, before you travel back in time at the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino.

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Day 3: Santiago – Puerto Natales

Today, take to the sky for your flight to Puerto Natales, a formerly modest fishing port on the Señoret Channel in Chile’s southern Patagonia — the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. For the next three nights you’ll be staying at Chile’s most talked about hotel, a cosy haven, which marries striking luxury with incredible views over the Patagonian fjords. This afternoon, you’ll meet with your local naturalist who’ll discuss the selection of wilderness adventures available to you over the coming days.

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Days 4-5: Puerto Natales

Spend two days at leisure choosing from an array of shared expeditions into otherworldly landscapes of granite spires, ice and deserted pampas that are the Torres del Paine: choose an adventure that nourishes the soul and meets your fitness level. Perhaps sail through the Patagonian Fjords and marvel at the Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers. Observe the prolific wildlife, including flamingo, condor and guanaco — a llama-like native of South America and tasty bait for pumas. Meet local Patagonians and learn their way of life. Or trek far off the beaten path and see firsthand how the jagged granite ridges and spires are magnificently serrated. Celebrate your discoveries the Patagonian way — with a feast of meats barbecued over hot coals.

The Singular Patagonia* | *Meals: BLD

Day 6: Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas

Embark on your spectacular southern Patagonia cruise, aboard the Ventus Australis, and spend the next five days on an immersive expedition to the fjords, channels and glaciers of the southern-most tip of South America. Following a welcoming toast, the ship will depart for one of the remotest corners of the earth. During the night, cross the Strait of Magellan and enter the labyrinth of channels that define the southern extremes of Patagonia.

Ventus Australis* | *Meals: BD

Day 7: Ainsworth Bay – Tuckers Islets

From dawn, sail up Seno Almirantazgo Fjord — rich in stunning marine life, including elephant and leopard seals, and black-browed albatross. Go ashore at Ainsworth Bay via Zodiacs for a rare immersion into the wilderness. Keep your eyes peeled for southern elephant seals and an extraordinary abundance of birdlife as you follow your guide into the sub-polar forest, past streams and waterfalls, moss-covered rock faces, peat bogs and beaver habitats. For those after a more strenuous hike, traverse the crest of the glacial moraine. Both excursions afford staggering views of Marinelli Glacier and the Darwin Mountains. After lunch, board the Zodiacs again for an incredible visit to the more than 4,000 penguins of Tucker Islet.

Ventus Australis* | *Meals: BLD

Day 8: Pia Glacier – Glacier Alley

Overnight sail around the western end of Tierra del Fuego via its dramatic arterial channels to Pia Fjord and the mighty Pia Glacier. On arrival at the glacier, head out in a Zodiac boat to get the full impact of the glacier's sheer size and mesmerising beauty, before disembarking for a hike to a stunning panorama. Back onboard, continue east along the Beagle Channel through Glacier Alley. Keep your eyes fixed on the glowing white and blue tidewater glaciers that spill from the huge Patagonian Ice Field sprawled across the snow-capped Darwin Range.

Ventus Australis | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Cape Horn – Wulaia Bay

Sail through Nassau Bay and into the remote cluster of uninhabited islands that include legendary Cape Horn, the notorious ship graveyard of the turbulent Southern Ocean. Weather conditions permitting, go ashore to admire the lighthouse, Chapel and modern Cape Horn Monument — a stone monument that honours seafarers who've made it through these treacherous waters alive. This afternoon anchor at historic Wulaia Bay, renowned for its archaeological sites of the Yámana people. Explore the museum to learn about the 10,000-year history of the Yámana people and the early Europeans who lived in the region. You have a choice of three hikes (varying grades) through an enchanted Magellan forest to a dramatic vista overlooking the bay.

Ventus Australis | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Ushuaia, Argentina

Sail into Argentine waters and dock in the world's southernmost city, Ushuaia, your gateway to the Patagonian paradise of Tierra del Fuego. This beautiful city, perched dramatically between the Martial mountains, the bay, and the Beagle Channel, is popular for its sheer beauty, spectacular marine wildlife, and for its acclaim as the city at the 'end of the world'. Drop your bags at your luxurious hotel set on a magnificent outcrop overlooking the Beagle Channel and get straight to the heart of the town's beguiling history at the military prison, where tales of the most notorious residents will astonish and amaze. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Arakur Ushuaia | Meals: B

Day 11: Ushuaia

Today, journey into the scoured plains, rusted peat bogs, mossy lenga forests and snowy ranges of the remote Tierra del Fuego. Stop at the region's oldest ranch, Estancia Harberton, nestled along the gunboat-grey Beagle Channel. Sail to Isla Martillo and walk among the enchanting native Magellanic penguins, as well as smaller colonies of gentoo and king penguins. Continue to the far-flung Gable Island, the largest and most beautiful uninhabited island in the channel, surrounded by sea, silence, and stunning birdlife for a rustic lunch.

Arakur Ushuaia | Meals: BL

Day 12: Ushuaia – El Calafate

Take to the skies once more for El Calafate, gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Upon arrival your local host will transfer you to your luxury Relais & Chateaux accommodation set on a 10,000-acre paradise, an oasis in the middle of the barren Patagonian landscape. Spend time relaxing and soaking up the extensive views, take a stroll around the property or venture further afield for horse-riding, mountain biking, hiking or birdwatching.

EOLO Patagonia's Spirit | Meals: BD

Day 13: El Calafate – Perito Moreno Glacier – El Calafate

If you only plan on visiting one glacier in your life, this is the one to pick: experience a once-in-a-lifetime walk on Perito Moreno Glacier. Drive across the steppe, admiring black-necked swans, flamingos, steamer ducks, coots and Magellan goose to the National Park access gate, where expert guides will help you to put on a pair of crampons and explain how to use them. Then step on to the glacier itself for a hike through the fascinating landscape of streams, small lagoons, gullies, crevasses and plenty of ice formations. Afterwards, watch building-sized icebergs calve from the face in a dramatic audible crash, as you traverse steel catwalks (almost 4000m total) that allow you to see, hear and photograph the blocks tumble into the lake below.

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Day 14: El Calafate – Buenos Aires

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the cosmopolitan Argentine capital where creative talent, atmospheric cafés and aristocratic homes abound. Your A&K representative will accompany you to your luxury accommodation in the Recoleta neighbourhood, where neo-classical mansions sit alongside bustling street markets. This afternoon, take in the city at leisure, before an evening spent in the seductive embrace of Argentina's most sensuous dance. Hosted in the radically elegant ballroom of Philippe Starck-designed Faena Hotel, let the live band and Rojo Tango dancers dazzle, as you indulge in a gastronomic feast expertly paired with Argentinian wines.

Four Seasons Buenos Aires | Meals: BD

Day 15: Depart Buenos Aires

Set off on a final walk around this enchanting city, before a private transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

Meals: B

Map


URUGUAY
Santiago
Buenos Aires
ARGENTINA
CHILE
PACIFIC OCEAN
ATLANTIC OCEAN
El Calafate
Puerto Natales
Punta Arenas
Ushuaia
ARRIVE/DEPART
AIR
ROAD
CRUISE

Accommodation

The Singular Santiago



The Singular Santiago is an intriguing new addition to Santiago's vibrant Barrio Lastarria. The overall atmosphere is understated and classic, combining the style of early 20th century buildings with neoclassical French architectural influences. Exuding the charm of a bygone era, each of the 62 oversized rooms display rich woods and dark leather illuminated by vintage chandeliers, and lavish white marble bathrooms. The Singular Suite has a separate living area, double vanity bathroom and views overlooking the Parque Forestal. Room service is available on a moment's notice 24/7.

Hotel features include an indulgent Spa, sophisticated restaurant, rooftop bar and pool. In the restaurant area you'll have the feeling of at once being in a gentleman's club and also a Hong Kong speakeasy. Step outside the hotel and you'll find yourself in the bohemian neighbourhood of Lastarria, brimming with lively cafés and a cosmopolitan air. The location is great base from which to explore the older sights of the city while still having access to more modern areas of the city thanks to the excellent transport links of the nearby Metro Universidad Catòlica.

Why we like it

- The Singular Santiago is an exclusive hideaway set amidst Santiago's bustling

metropolis
- The hotel's innovative design embraces the artistic heritage of its surroundings, while adding a cutting-edge modernity
- Enjoy spectacular views towards Saint Lucia Hill at the rooftop cocktail bar and swimming pool
- The spa has an exclusive hydro-massage area, a mixed sauna, steam bath and rest area
- Bohemian neighbourhood Lastarria is renowned for its galleries, restaurants and nightlife

The Singular Patagonia



This unusual luxury hotel is actually an historic frigorifico (cold storage plant) from the days of Patagonia's thriving sheep trade - the hotel's acclaimed restaurant, bar and museum are housed in the historic land mark Puerto Bories, a former post-Victorian cold-storage plant built in 1915 and declared a National Monument in 1996. There are 57 spacious guestrooms with fjord views, a lovely spa. The original industrial architecture of the building has been preserved while contrasting state of the art technology and design delivers a sleek modern touch. The hotel maximises the surrounding landscape with gardens overlooking the fjords and spectacular views. Over 20 different expeditions are offered from adrenaline pumping adventure to sedate nature experiences.

Why we like it

- This uber-cool hotel is set on the shores of the fjord 'Last Hope' just outside the pretty town of Puerto Natales and near the Torres del Paine National Park.
- The building now combines a museum within a slick design hotel. A totally unique Patagonian experience.
- All rooms are very spacious and have large floor to ceiling windows looking over the coastline
- The huge dining room and bar area deserves a long evenings attention! Top quality food cooked in an open kitchen and a fabulously eclectic bar area with a warm and friendly vibe and an extensive wine list
- Great excursions into the park by boat, bike, horse or foot!

Ventus Australis



Newly built and launched in 2018, Ventus Australis is an expedition vessel limited to a little over 200 guests. Featuring the latest safety and environmental technology features, the vessel is designed to navigate the glacial channels and fjords of Chilean Patagonia. Spacious cabins with large windows to witness the passing scenery, gourmet dining, an open deck and several lounges to relax and unwind complete the luxury enhancements.

Arakur Ushuaia, Patagonia



If you've made it to an end of the world, then you need a special hotel to celebrate. The Arakur Ushuaia Hotel is ideally located to let you enjoy both the town of Ushuaia, as well as the wonderful scenery and landscapes at this unique destination.

The hotel is only a half-hour walk from the Beagle Channel but also offers very quick access to the hills and forests for hiking and exploring. Situated in the popular Museum district, you are only three kilometres from the Naval Hospital and centre of the town. Jump on the free shuttle bus to ensure that you experience Ushuaia's steep streets as well as tourist shopping opportunities. From here you can also try your hand at some water sports including sailing, kayaking and scuba diving.

At the hotel, you can relax in complete comfort with views that stretch over the Andes whether you are in one of the communal areas or the outdoor heated pool. There's plenty to keep you active such as the fitness centre, a golf course, indoor swimming pool and table tennis. If you're feeling lucky, try your hand in the on-site casino and then retire to the bar for some evening musical entertainment and international cuisine at the restaurant.

Each bedroom has views over the Beagle Channel and North Valley and is decorated to a high standard and modern design. With a flat-screen TV, safe, stereo system and soundproof windows, you have everything you need.

Why we like it

- Stunning surrounding views
- This resort places a strong emphasis on protecting the environment and local areas

- The outdoor heated pool overlooks Ushuaia and the snow-capped mountains
- Enjoy days of excellent nearby hiking trails to really embrace the region
- Hop on the convenient shuttle bus service to the city for a bit more hustle and bustle.

EOLO, Santa Cruz



Eolo is designed to emphasise the sheer beauty of the surrounding area. Simple and unassuming on the outside, it sits perfectly within the vastness of Patagonia - making the most of the landscapes and views with terraces and courtyards open to huge skies.

The rooms too exude an understated charm. Simple yet elegant, they do not even attempt to compete with the views from over-sized windows. Instead, they provide calm, homely spaces in which to unwind after a long day of exploration - though all the modern conveniences are in evidence.

This hotel really is an explorer's paradise. It is surrounded by unforgettable natural wonders and unique local cultures, all of which is brought into sharp focus by the hotel's experienced and knowledgeable guides. Their tales of local legends, customs and traditions offer a not to be missed flavour of the rich heritage of this remarkable area.

Why we like it

- The suites have huge windows and views of Lago Argentino, La Anita Valley and on clear days, Torres del Paine National Park in Chile
- Eolo sits in splendid isolation in the vast scenery of Patagonia
- The hotel has a lounge, restaurant, bar and library
- Eolo has a small indoor pool and sauna
- Other facilities and activities include biking, hiking and horse riding

Four Seasons Buenos Aires



The Four Seasons brand is synonymous with style and service. Situated in the heart of the exclusive La Recoleta district, this hotel is within easy reach of the city's cultural attractions. From the outside you will be wowed by the hotel's blending of a contemporary tower and early 20th-century, French-style mansion. In the tower, warm, comfortable rooms feature leather upholstered headboards and dark mahogany furnishings. Suites in La Mansión offer either French country décor, with high ceilings, antiques and Toile de Jouy wallpaper, or a more contemporary look.

Preferred Rooms and Suites on the seventh and eighth floors of the tower enjoy complimentary access to The Library, an exclusive lounge on the seventh floor that provides a selection of international newspapers and magazines, and complimentary Internet access.

Another highlight is Pony Line, a chic bar. Inspired by the sport of kings, Pony Line brings to life the casual chic of La Dolfina polo lifestyle. Balancing urban sophistication with the carefree elegance of polo in leathers and other fabrics, riding motifs, art by Alejandro Moy, and rugged yet refined elements such as pergamino-clad trunks that act as cocktail tables, the mood at Pony Line is lively and fun.

Why we like it

- Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires offers 116 spacious guest rooms and 49 suites, including seven one-of-a-kind suites in the adjacent Belle Époque-style mansion
- The hotel is located in the heart of the city in stylish La Recoleta district
- Dine on premium beef and impeccable seasonal vegetables in a dramatic airy setting

at Elena, or savour delicious bites and equally delicious wine, cocktails and artisanal beers at the casual chic Pony Line
- The Spa at Four Seasons offers a full range of massages and spa treatments based on the Germaine de Capuccini natural product line
- An outdoor, Roman-style pool is located in the hotel gardens

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