ARGENTINA - SIGNATURE PATAGONIA

TRIP CODE
MCFHSP
DEPARTURE
Daily During Patagonia Season (Oct-Apr)
DURATION
9 Days
LOCATIONS
Chile, Patagonia, Argentina

INTRODUCTION

This incredible 9-day Patagonian comfort adventure is the perfect pre-expedition addition to an Antarctic cruise. Starting in Santiago and staying in handpicked hotels, this unique itinerary will show the natural beauty of Southern Patagonia and finish in El Calafate, where you can fly directly to Ushuaia to connect with your Antarctic adventure (flight not included).

This package starts with a tour of Chile's capital, Santiago, before flying to the world epicentre of natural beauty â□□Patagonia. A unique and unrepeatable landscape where mountain glaciations, rivers and lakes, waterfalls, native forests, snowdrifts, fjords, archipelagos, ice fields, and Magellanic steppes make up a wild nature that awes and inspires. Stay in a Patagonian Lodge, a world-class refuge that includes daily excursions in the company of a bilingual guide. Choose from a horseback ride guided by a traditional *gaucho* through the Patagonian landscape, hikes in the Ventisquero Valley and to archaeological monuments, a field day to a typical Patagonian Estancia to enjoy an authentic lamb roast, mountain biking to the shore of Balmaceda Lake or a hike through Torres del Paine National Park and to the incredible Las Torres peaks.

This itinerary is also offered in reverse - **Signature Patagonia - El Calafate to Santiago**

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per the itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

ITINERARY

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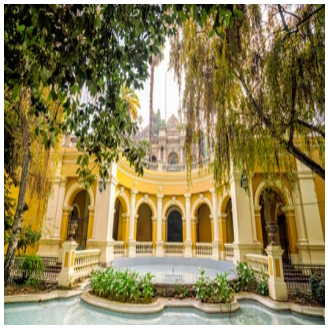
DAY 1: Arrive in Santiago

Arrival day in the Chilean capital of Santiago. You will be collected from the airport and transferred to your hotel by private car transfer. The rest of the day is yours to recover from your flight.

DAY 2: Santiago

Spend your morning getting to know Santiago on a half-day city tour. You will visit the highlights this cosmopolitan city has to offer. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the local area where your hotel is located. Barrio Lastarria is an upmarket, vibrant, and safe neighbourhood, home to some of Santiago's best cafes, bars and restaurants with lots of boutique retail stores. (B)



DAY 3: Fly Santiago to Patagonia- Torres del Paine

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred by private transfer to Santiago airport to meet your flight to Patagonia. On arrival, you will be collected to begin your journey into one of the world's most beautiful and pristine national parks, Torres del Paine, where you will spend the next four nights in an all-inclusive lodge of your choice. The transfer time will take approximately 5 hours and you will be offered incredible views of the Patagonian landscape as you watch estancias, lakes and snow-capped mountains pass you by. On arrival at your lodge, check in and the late afternoon and evening is free for you to organise the following day's excursions. (B,D)

DAY 4: Torres del Paine NP Excursions

Choose from one of the many activities included in your lodge stay. Activities on offer include hiking one of the many world-class trails or to Las Torres base viewpoint, horseback riding, taking a cruise on a lake to view the Grey glacier, or a cultural visit to an estancia and learn about the gaucho culture that is unique to Patagonia. Please note additional charges may apply for some activities depending on certain lodge inclusions. (B,L,D)

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DAY 5: Torres del Paine NP Excursions

The excitement continues today, wake up and enjoy breakfast at your lodge, before you head out on another hand selected excursion within the incredible Torres del Paine National Park. Whatever you didn't have the opportunity to do yesterday is ready and waiting for you to explore today. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Torres del Paine NP Excursions

Make the most of your final full day here in the beautiful Torres del Paine National Park by partaking in another full or half day excursion with one of the lodges experienced guides. There truly is something for everyone, catering for all activity levels so be sure to make the most of your last day. Enjoy dinner and your surrounds one last night before preparing yourself for tomorrows departure. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: Torres del Paine to El Calafate

Today you say bid farewell to the Chilean Patagonia and say hello to the Argentinian Patagonia. A shared transfer van will help with immigration formalities when crossing from Chile and into Argentina and deliver you safely to El Calafate, Argentina. Transfer time is approx. 6 hours. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the tourist shops, restaurants, and cafes of El Calafate, one of Argentina's premier tourist destinations. (B)

DAY 8: El Calafate and Perito Moreno Glacier

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred via the beautiful Patagonian and into Los Glaciers National Park, home to the world-famous Perito Moreno Glacier. Join a boat cruise on the lake where you will get up close to Mayo, Negro and Perito Moreno Glaciers and bear witness to the 74-meter-high glacier calving right in front of your eyes. Perito Moreno Glacier is one of the only glaciers left in the world that continues to advance forward. On return to El Calafate, enjoy the rest of the afternoon soaking up the atmosphere in this beautiful village. (B,L)

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DAY 9: Depart El Calafate

There are no activities planned for today and a private airport transfer will collect you from your hotel and deliver you to El Calafate airport. Continue north to Buenos Aires or southwards to Ushuaia, the world's most southern city. Ushuaia is also famous as the gateway for tourists travelling to Antarctica. Speak to our reservations staff about linking this itinerary to one of our 26 small ship expeditions to Antarctica from Ushuaia. Alternatively, you can choose to extend your Patagonian stay with a visit to El Chalten. (B)

INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotels & Lodges
Inclusions	**Inclusions** Private airport transfers to/from Puerto Natales. Transfers to/from El Calafate and/or Punta Arenas may have a surcharge or may only be available when staying a certain amount of nights in your Torres Del Paine lodge. Internal flights as part of this itinerary Accommodation with breakfast daily All meals at the Patagonian Lodge Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated **Exclusions** International flights Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides & drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	This itinerary is only available between October to April due to the Patagonia season. This itinerary can be done in the reverse. Contact us for more details. Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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