

STUNNING SKIES OF PATAGONIA

Ideal Months: March & April

Visiting the Southern Patagonia Andes is to see the Earth as it was 10,000 years ago, over the end of the last Ice Age. The region features a vast high plateau covered by steppe vegetation that lays down from the Atlantic Ocean to the foot of the Andes Range.

Rising steeply above the steppe, the Andes show sharp shaped uneroded mountains due to the very recent receding of glaciers. They are still covered by the most extensive area of glaciers

outside the world's polar regions. Mountains within these frozen plateaus appear as rock islands called nunataks. Huge glaciers spill off into enormous lakes. From the 350 glaciers sliding down from the Ice Field, the Perito Moreno Glacier is probably the most famous. As for mountains, names such as Mt Fitz Roy, Torre and Paine, known by climbers all over the world, offer the most spectacular, magic and beautiful mountain views of the world, with their outstanding granite walls.



DAY 01- EL CALAFATE – EL CHALTEN

El Calafate

Arrival in El Calafate (airport/ bus depot). Meet the driver and transfer to the impressive El Chalten.

El Chalten

This is a 3 hour drive on a scenic road and while on the road you will experience the famous Patagonian steppe and the feeling of the pioneers when they visited these lands centuries ago.

Arrival and after the accommodation, we will visit the house of Andreas Madsen, the pioneer inhabitant in the area. This spot is unique and carefully selected to get the best views of the Fitz Roy Massif.



DAYS 02, 03 & 04 – EL CHALTEN

El Chalten	<p>3 complete full days to enjoy short hikes to panoramic lookout points to capture the best of the area.</p> <p>Fitz Roy, Cerro Torre and Laguna del Desierto will be part of the complete menu of the area.</p> <p>Early morning and late afternoon departures are guaranteed to enjoy the stunning sunrises and sunsets in the area.</p>
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DAY 05- EL CHALTEN – EL CALAFATE

El Chalten	A last morning to enjoy the Patagonian sunrise, explore the quaint town of El Chalten and early afternoon transfer to El Calafate.
El Calafate	Arrival and accommodation.



DAY 06 – AN ESTANCIA IN PATAGONIA

El Calafate

Full day visit to Nibepo Aike Ranchhouse, a true working ranch.

The drive will take us close to Lago Roca, a beautiful spot in the area. Nibepo Aike is an estancia that retains the essence of the original Patagonian estancias. Covering an area of more than 12,000 hectares, it stretches as far as the border with Chile. The estancia was formerly dedicated to sheep production, maintaining a small herd nowadays, but its chief output is breeding Hereford cattle, for which it has developed a prestigious herd.



DAY 07 – PERITO MORENO GLACIER

El Calafate

Morning meet the guide at the hotel for your transfer to the Perito Moreno Glacier area. Enjoy a full day walking along the trails that give access to many lookout points which are perfect to capture the best photos.

Los Glaciares NP, in the sub-Antarctic Continental Ice-cape, known as the "Third Pole", which extends over 60,000 sq.km (23,000 sq. miles) and gives birth to several major glaciers along the Patagonian Andes. We will board a small boat to cross Argentino Lake in front of towering ice walls of the Perito Moreno glacier and will navigate around the ice blocks, which are constantly calving from it. The wildlife of the area includes Andean condors, buff-necked ibis, black-chested

buzzard eagles, ashy-headed geese, etc.



DAY 08 – EL CALAFATE & DEPARTURE

El Calafate

A free morning to explore the small village on own; we can always do an extra exploration of the area before the transfer to the airport / bus depot.

Weather in Patagonia

Weather conditions: *Weather is highly unpredictable. Particularly in spring or early summer, fine weather may deteriorate almost without warning, as violent westerly storms sweep in from the Pacific Ocean. Strong westerly winds are usually at their worst from November to January, but typically continue through the end of April. Temperature can vary a lot too, ranging from -5C to 25 C, averaging 15 C.*

What to pack:

Basic pack should include:

- Day pack
- 1 or 2 pants
- Polar wear / warm sweater.
- Light pullover / sweatshirt.
- Water bottle.
- Camera and memory.
- Trekking shoes (that have been broken in)
- Comfortable gym shoes for resting.
- Warm parka and windbreaker.
- Gloves, cap, bandanna, sunglasses.
- Sunscreen / sun block