



Patagonian Frontiers Argentina and Chile by Land & Sea

Enjoy the rare privilege of face-to-face encounters with two of the world's last great frontiers: the majestic fjords and glaciers of Southern Patagonia, on a small-ship cruise; and the dramatic scenery of Torres del Paine on a three-night stay at the park. Along with visits to Buenos Aires and Santiago, we discover the remarkable diversity of South America.

Itinerary

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Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 1: Depart U.S. for Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 2: Arrive Buenos Aires

After arriving in this lively city this morning, we transfer to our hotel to rest (rooms are ready for our early arrival). After time to relax, we meet our fellow travelers and Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director at a briefing about the journey followed by a welcome dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3: Buenos Aires

Highlights of today's city tour include the lovely mansions and parks of Palermo and the colorful bohemian district of La Boca. Dinner tonight is on our own in this city known especially for *asado* (barbecue) – and for late dining hours.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Embark Ship

Early today we fly to Ushuaia, Argentina, the world's southernmost urban center. Lunch is on our own during our free time in this windswept city, and late this afternoon we embark our ship. Early this evening we set sail through the Beagle Channel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5: Cruising – Cape Horn/Wulaia Bay

Today we see up close one of the world's last unspoiled frontiers as we sail through Murray Channel and Nassau Bay to Cape Horn National Park, perhaps glimpsing sea lions and Antarctic fur seals along the way. At the spot where the Atlantic and Pacific merge, the sheer promontory of Cape Horn rises some 1,400 feet from the roiling waters below. This afternoon we take a guided walk along sheltered Wulaia Bay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6: Cruising – Pia Glacier/Garibaldi Glacier

We awaken this morning in Pia Fjord, home of the stunning Pia Glacier. Later we board inflatable Zodiacs and go ashore for an up-close look at the glacier, a tumbling wall of ice that extends from the mountaintops down to sea level. After lunch on board, we drop anchor in a nearby fjord for a shore excursion to Garibaldi Glacier, one of only three glaciers in Patagonia gaining mass. Here we have the opportunity to hike through the Magellanic forest, passing glacial waterfalls and viewpoints that overlook the glacier and fjord.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7: Cruising – Agostini Sound/Águila Glacier

This morning we cruise through several channels to enter spectacular Agostini Sound, where we see massive glaciers flowing down the mountainside. Later we take inflatable Zodiacs to Águila Glacier, which we approach via an easy walk on the shore of a lagoon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8: Cruising – Magdalena Island/Punta Arenas/Torres del Paine

Early this morning we visit Magdalena Island, home to an immense colony of more than 70,000 Magellanic penguins. We take some time to observe the penguins and also to visit the lighthouse that guides ships navigating through the Strait of Magellan. Then we arrive in Punta Arenas, where we board our motorcoach for the six-hour journey to Torres del Paine. We reach our lodging early this evening and dine there tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9: Torres del Paine National Park

Today we encounter breathtaking Torres del Paine, a 700-square-mile World Biosphere Reserve and one of the most unspoiled and beautiful nature preserves on Earth. We spend the day exploring this unparalleled landscape of jagged peaks, ice-blue glaciers, turquoise lakes, rushing rivers, and thunderous waterfalls. A highlight: our visit to magnificent Lago Grey, site of massive Grey Glacier and of the hotel where we stop for lunch.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10: Torres del Paine National Park

We see more of Torres del Paine's pristine wilderness today, enjoying a box lunch amidst the dramatic scenery. Highlights include visits to the crystalline Amarga Lagoon and the glacial waterfall Cascada Rio Paine. Throughout the day we're sure to see some of the park's only permanent residents: 106 species of birds and 26 species of mammals, including the beloved guanaco. We dine together tonight at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11: Torres del Paine/Punta Arenas

We travel by coach today to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, we transfer to our hotel in the city center.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12: Punta Arenas/Santiago

We fly today to the Chilean capital, where we enjoy a city tour. Tonight we have dinner together at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 13: Valparaiso

Today we encounter the old port of Valparaiso, a one-time fishing village and now Chile's third-largest city and cultural heart. Next we visit a local winery for a private tour and tasting. Tonight we celebrate our adventure at a farewell dinner at a local Santiago restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14: Santiago/Depart for U.S.

This morning we pay a visit to the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, known for its art and artifacts from Chile and across the Americas. This afternoon is at leisure to explore on our own or relax. Then we transfer to the airport for our overnight flights to the U.S.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 15: Arrive U.S.

We arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with our return flights home.

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