



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.

**With an Pre-Tour Option:
Iguazu Falls**

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.

Accommodations: Hotel Emperador Buenos Aires

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. Tonight we visit one of the city's top tango houses for dinner and a performance.

Accommodations: Hotel Emperador Buenos Aires

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4: Buenos Aires

Today is at leisure.

Accommodations: Hotel Emperador Buenos Aires

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5: Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Embark Ship

We fly today to Ushuaia, Argentina, the world's southernmost urban center. After lunch on our own and time at leisure in this windswept city, late this afternoon we embark our ship. Early this evening we set sail through the Beagle Channel.

Accommodations: M/V Australis Ship

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6: 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.

Accommodations: M/V Australis Ship

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7: 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.

Accommodations: M/V Australis Ship

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8: Cruising – Agostini Sound/Aguila 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 Aguila Glacier, which we approach via an easy walk on the shore of a lagoon.

Accommodations: M/V Australis Ship

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9: Cruising – Magdalena Island/Punta Arenas/Torres del Paine

Early this morning we visit Magdalena Island, home to an immense colony of more than 120,000 Magellanic penguins. We take some time to observe the penguins and also to visit the lighthouse that to this day 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.

Accommodations: Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10: 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.

Accommodations: Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11: 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 and Azul lagoons, and the glacial waterfall Cascade Rio Paine. Clear days at Laguna Azul present panoramic vistas of the park's namesake, the three massive granite Paine Towers. 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.

Accommodations: Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12: Torres del Paine/Punta Arenas

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

Accommodations: Hotel Cabo de Hornos

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 13: Punta Arenas/Santiago

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

Accommodations: Pullman Santiago Vitacura

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14: Valparaiso

Today we encounter the old port of Valparaiso, a one-time fishing village now Chile's third largest city and cultural heart. En route 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.

Accommodations: Pullman Santiago Vitacura

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 15: Santiago/Depart for U.S.

After a morning at leisure, we enjoy an afternoon visit to the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, known for its art and artifacts from Chile and across the Americas. Then we have time to explore on our own. From here we transfer to the airport for our overnight flights to the U.S.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 16: Arrive U.S.

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

PLEASE NOTE

This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

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