



AUTHENTIC PATAGONIA

ECOTOURISM PROGRAM

11 days and 10 nights





DESCRIPTION

The forest and the mountains. Lakes, plateau and the Patagonian mountain range deserve to be discovered.

It is time to discover all of its secrets and amazing landscapes through the senses. Immerse yourselves in the depths of this southern region that seduces by its majestic nature. This 11-days trip is perfect for anyone who decides to live an unique experience in this unknown corner of Patagonia.



ABOUT THE TRIP

RECOMMENDED PERIOD

- From October to April.

TOPICS

- Local Culture
- Ecotourism
- Sustainable Tourism
- Adventure

DURATION

- 11 days and 10 nights.

FOR WHOM IS THIS TRIP INTENDED

- Couples
- Friends
- Families

DIFFICULTY

- Easy/Medium

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Comfortable footwear and clothing
- Windbreaker jacket
- Sun protection
- Reusable water bottle
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Mosquito repellent

DAY 1: WELCOME TO ARGENTINA (-/-/-)

Arrival at Buenos Aires International Airport and private transfer to your hotel.

Your guide will meet you at the hotel to start a 4-hour walking city tour. You will discover the hidden treasures of the city, and its emblematic buildings. The tour starts in Plaza de Mayo, the historical quarter, taking a short walk in this area.

Later, you will take a local bus to the neighborhood of La Boca, where you will walk along its famous Caminito street and see the local artists. You will have the opportunity to visit a "Conventillo", a typical colourful house built by immigrants. The tours end in San Telmo, the historical neighborhood of the city.

4-hour private activity, with English-speaking guide

Night in San Telmo, Buenos Aires





DAY 2: FROM BUENOS AIRES TO COMODORO RIVADAVIA (B/-/-)

Welcome to Patagonia. Your guide will wait for you at the airport for a private transfer to Los Antiguos, through the vast Patagonian plateau. On the way, you will visit a petrified forest called Sarmiento.

Distance: from Comodoro Rivadavia to Los Antiguos through Bosque Petrificado Sarmiento: 482 km, around 6 hs

Small group excursion, with English-speaking guide

Night in Los Antiguos

DAY 3: MARBLE CHAPELS (B/L/-)

Early departure from Los Antiguos heading West.

You will discover the dizzying path through the Andes, immense lakes, steppe, and Patagonian forests to the neighboring country, Chile.

You can observe Mount San Valentín, an imposing summit of 4,058 meters, as well as the main mountains of Campo de Hielo Norte.

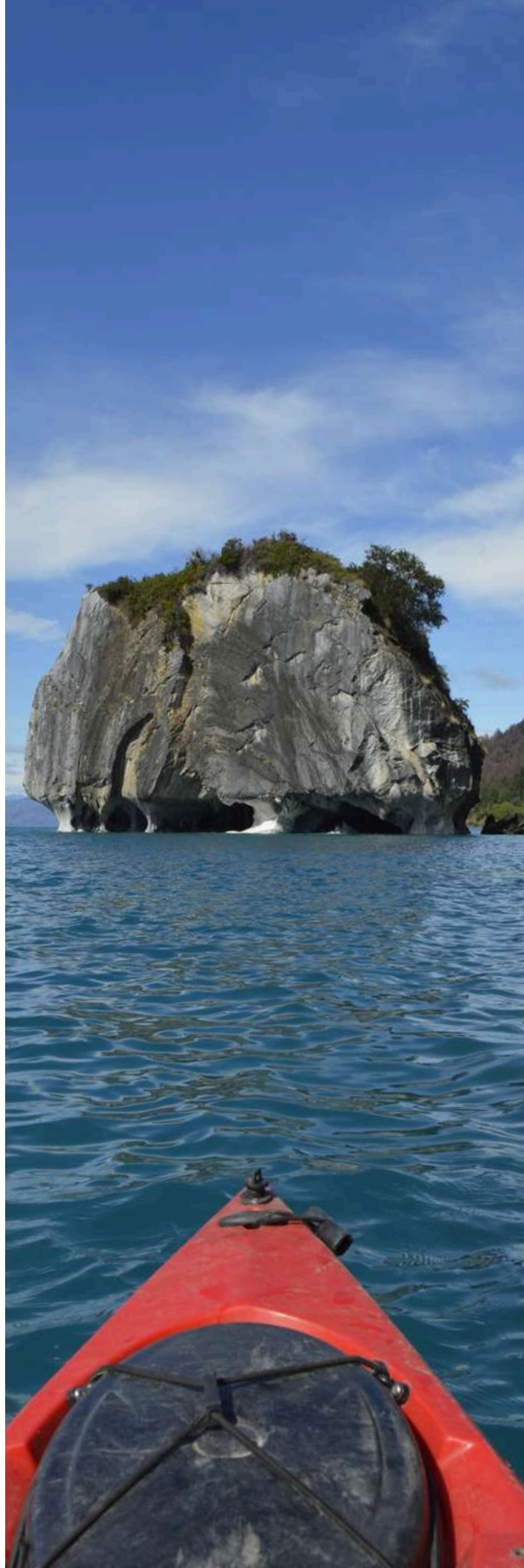
On-site, you will navigate on General Carrera Lake (or Lake Buenos Aires in its Argentinian part), one of the largest lakes in South America (1850 km²). The geology of its coasts is very varied, and includes, among other things, a base dating from the Paleozoic.

These rocks composed of Calcium Carbonate have been shaped by the erosion of the waters of the lake, and have dug superb caves where the light of Patagonia plays with water and rock to give an enchanting spectacle.

Lunch included

Small-group excursion with English/Spanish speaking guide

Night in Los Antiguos





DAY 4: VISIT CUEVA DE LAS MANOS, UNESCO'S WORLD HERITAGE SITE (B/L/-)

Today you will discover the most captivating archaeological site of Patagonia, La Cueva de las Manos.

In the heart of the Rio Pinturas Canyon, these caves are a unique testimony to the presence of men in the region almost 10,000 years ago. But it is all the large amount of hand contours that impress most, and their almost perfect conservation until today.

You will be invited to follow the footsteps of the first inhabitants of Patagonia as you walk along the paths they used to travel through the canyon. The opportunity also to discover a part of the legendary route 40 less known to the general public, where you can observe the native fauna such as condors, guanacos or even pumas.

You will participate in beautiful hikes along the Canyon Caracoles, the Canyon Rio Pinturas and through the astonishing "Tierra de Colores" (Land of Colors), an ideal site to contemplate the chromatic richness of the rock formations.

Lunch included

Small-group excursion with English/Spanish speaking guide

Night in Los Antigos

DAY 5: NATURE SAFARI AT ZEBALLOS: ON THE HIGHEST PATH IN PATAGONIA (B/L/-)

You will leave from Los Antiguos to the East, crossing the highest and most spectacular route of Southern Patagonia.

The road to **Zeballos** is parallel to the famous road 40, and was created at the beginning of the last century as an old border road to communicate the region of Los Antiguos with the **Estancias** located to the south. Today it is a **fascinating setting** because of its geology (you will be perplexed in front of the arsenic cones or even in front of the huge petrified trunks!) and **its changing landscapes**. You will appreciate the diversity of its **fauna** like nowhere elsewhere in Patagonia. This place offers the possibility to observe flora and fauna of the region: condors, South Andean deers and “choiques” (rheas), for example.

This picturesque route is known to be **the highest road in Patagonia** and crosses four distinct environments: steppe, Andean forest, high meadows and mountains. You will enjoy a view over the impressive **Monte San Lorenzo** (3706 m). Almost guaranteed observation of condors, trekking between dykes, basalt sandstone formations and simple contemplation of the landscape which changes with the seasons.

It is a unique opportunity to discover authentic **Patagonia with the five senses!**

Lunch included

Small-group excursion with English/Spanish speaking guide

Night in Los Antigos

DAY 6: ON THE ROAD TO ESQUEL (B/-/D)

Today, you will leave in private service towards the North of Chubut province. You will travel 619 km along the famous route 40, to the Huemueles Mountain Reserve (approximately 7h30 of route).

Huemueles is a private mountain reserve of 6 thousand hectares. It is surrounded by Cerro La Torta and protected from the wind by the summits of Cordon Huemueles. The private reserve is located 20 km west of Esquel, and it is a neighbor of Los Alerces National Park.

You are going to live a complete Patagonian experience immersed in full nature.

All meals are included

Night in Huemueles Mountain Reserve





DAY 7 AND 8: HUEMULES MOUNTAIN RESERVE (B/L/D)

2 full days to enjoy this private reserve. You can do two half-day activities, or one full-day activity, in this impressive natural setting of snowy mountains, forests and streams. You will be able to carry out all kinds of recreational activities and sports in nature.

Possible activities for these days:

- Horseback riding
- Trekking
- Mountain bike
- Flora and fauna watching

All meals are included

Night in Huemules Mountain Reserve



DAY 9: FLIGHT BACK TO BUENOS AIRES (B/-/-)

Private transfer to Esquel's airport. Arrival at Buenos Aires. You will be transferred to the hotel in the bohemian neighborhood of San Telmo.

Night in San Telmo, Buenos Aires

DAY 10: BIKE TOUR NORTHERN NEIGHBORHOODS OF BUENOS AIRES (B/-/-)

You will visit the northern districts of the city of Buenos Aires by bike. You will discover Plaza San Martín, the aristocratic districts of Recoleta and Barrio Parque, the parks of Palermo and Rosedal and the Congreso of Buenos Aires.

Private excursion with English-speaking guide.

Duration: around 4 hours

Departure at 2:30 p.m., you must arrive 15 minutes before. Total distance: 14 km.

Night in San Telmo, Buenos Aires





DAY 11: END OF THE TRIP (B/-/-)

You will be transferred on private service to Buenos Aires International airport, according to your flight schedule.

End of our services!



WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR?

- 10 nights accommodation in superior category hotels (7 hotel nights + 3 nights in Huemules Mountain Reserve)
- Breakfasts
- Excursions mentioned on the itinerary (small group tours or private tours)
- English / Spanish speaking guide.
- Transfers airport – hotel - airport (private service)
- Transfer from Los Antiguos to Huemules
- Meals mentioned included

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR?

- Meals (except when mentioned)
- Additional personal expenses
- Air transport (national and international), optional.
- Excursions indicated as optional.
- Tips



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