

Patagonia

Adventures



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Patagonia is nature's hideout—a magical land of gigantic spaces and celestial skies. Located near the bottom of the world, it straddles two countries, Chile and Argentina. Its rugged, wild beauty is so unique that most of it is protected under World Biosphere, national park or national reserve status. Here, glaciers gouge out valleys, tree-studded cliffs flank rivers of ancient ice, and wildlife roams freely amidst moss-covered forests and craggy granite peaks.

The California Native proudly offers our series of special trips to Patagonia, and we would love to have you join us.

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12-day Patagonia Adventure

This trip extends our 10-Day Adventure to include a luxurious expedition cruise, from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas around Cape Horn, aboard a Cruceros Australis cruise ship. You can also enhance your trip by adding a visit to Iguazú Falls.

1st Day: Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, Argentina, you are met and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, tour the city, including the Plaza de Mayo and the “Pink House,” the colorful neighborhoods and the famous cemetery where Evita is buried. In the evening, sample one of the city’s hundreds of fabulous restaurants, and take a walk in the pedestrian-only Calle Florida and watch the colorful street vendors and performers.

2nd Day: Transfer to the domestic airport for your flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost city on the world. In the afternoon, take a ride on the historic Train to the End of the World, arriving in Tierra del Fuego National Park, with its beech forests, lakes and myriad birds, including black-chested buzzard eagles and Andean condors.

3rd Day: Spend the day exploring downtown Ushuaia, where you can visit the wonderful historical museum in the old prison. Then transfer to the port to board the cruise ship for the expedition cruise through the Beagle Channel and the Straits of Magellan.

4th and 5th Day: On the cruise, weather permitting, you'll visit Cape Horn Island, with its Albatross Monument and lighthouse, take a hike at Wailua Bay, where Charles Darwin and British Captain Robert FitzRoy encountered the Yamana Aborigines, ride in Zodiacs for an up-close view of several glaciers and ice fields, and visit the penguins at Magdalena Island. Enjoy gourmet food and drink and many activities on board ship.

6th Day: Disembark at Punta Arenas, Chile, transferring to a bus to Torres del Paine National Park. At the hotel, enjoy dinner and a view of the towering peaks.

7th Day: Spend today on a full-day excursion around the park. Declared a World Biosphere Reserve in 1978, the park is famous for its spectacular granite spires, beautiful lakes and incredible glaciers.

8th Day: Today you travel by bus back over the border to El Calafate. Located on Lago Argentino, El Calafate is the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park and the Perito Moreno Glacier. Afternoon at leisure to explore the town and

stroll along the lake.

9th Day: Visit Los Glaciares National Park and the Perito Moreno Glacier, the largest glacier in Patagonia. From the “catwalks” you view the glacier, then take a short boat ride to the edge of the glacier where you don crampons and embark on our mini-trek right on the glacier. At the end of the trek, you can sample a drink chilled with 10,000-year-old ice right from the glacier.

10th Day: Today you board a large comfortable boat to view many more glaciers and the massive ice fields left by the calving glacier, Upsala, in Onelli Bay. From here you view the Spegazzini Glacier and another side of the Perito Moreno Glacier. With luck, you might have the opportunity to witness the spectacular calving of a glacier as the towering mass of ice crashes into the water.

11th Day: Fly from El Calafate back to Buenos Aires, and spend the rest of the day at leisure shopping or exploring more of this great city. In the evening you may want to take in an optional tango show.

12th Day: Transfer to the airport for your flight home, bringing plenty of photos and memories of this wonderful land near the southern tip of the world.

What’s included: Domestic air, land transportation, accommodations, guided tours, boat trips, all-inclusive Cruceros Australis cruise, breakfasts, and box lunches (when on excursions).

Price, 2016: Per person, double occupancy \$6460*

Departures: Every Monday, October to April

***NOTE:** Prices subject to change without notice.

Patagonia Add-Ons

Iguazú Falls

Iguazú Falls, a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site, is twice as wide as Niagara Falls and is made up of 275 cascades spread in a horseshoe shape over two miles of the Iguazú River. We begin this option with a flight from Buenos Aires to Iguazú, where accompanied by a naturalist guide, we walk along the trails for close-up views of the falls. The next morning we take a guided walking tour of the rainforest, followed by a boat ride down the Iguazú River canyon to the falls. In the evening we return to Buenos Aires.

Length of time: This package adds two nights to our Patagonia Explorer trip.

What's included: Airfare within South America, land transportation, hotel accommodations (one night at Iguazú and one night in Buenos Aires) and guided tours. Minimum: two persons.

Departs: Daily

Price: Call for price

Easter Island

Easter Island, with its white sand beaches and mysterious stone idols, was originally inhabited by immigrants from the Marquesas Islands around the 4th century AD. It was later “discovered” by a Dutch mariner on Easter Sunday, 1722. On this five-day trip you’ll spend four nights in a lovely hotel and visit many archaeological sites—the Rano Raruku volcano, La Perousse Bay, Ahu Hekii, Ahu TePito Te Kura, Ana Kena and the village of Orongo. The island offers wonderful opportunities for snorkeling, scuba diving, hiking and relaxing.

Length of time: This package adds four nights to our Patagonia Explorer trip.

What's included: Hotel accommodations, tours conducted by English-speaking guides, transfers, continental breakfasts, entrance fees. Minimum: one person.

Departs: Daily

Price: Call for price

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the best time to go?

Mid-October thru mid-April are the best times to visit Patagonia. If you are planning on visiting the Atacama Desert, you probably want to avoid November thru February because the weather is very hot at this time. Easter Island is great any time of the year.

Do I need a passport or visa?

If you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen you only need a valid passport. Citizens of other countries should check with Chilean and, Argentinian consulates.

Do I need shots?

No special precautions need to be taken when traveling to Chile or Argentina. It is recommended, however, that you drink only bottled water while traveling in these countries.

How about money?

Chile and Argentina each use their own pesos. Most ATM cards work in the machines found all over Chile and Argentina.

Terms, Conditions and Stuff Like That

RESERVATIONS:

Please reserve as early as possible, as space is limited on all of our trips. A \$300 deposit is required at the time of booking (\$800 for trips which include Cruceros Australis cruise). Airfare not included in packages must be paid in full at time of booking. Final payments are due 60 days prior to the trip date. All deposits and payments are **nonrefundable**. For your convenience, we accept most major credit cards.

CANCELLATIONS:

In the case of cancellation by participants, **no refunds** will be made. To protect yourself against unforeseen illness or other emergencies, we encourage you to purchase travel insurance.

TRIP INSURANCE:

We offer optional travel insurance.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The California Native is acting only as an agent for the particular airlines, lodgings and other providers of services. Accordingly, these arrangements are made for you upon the express condition that neither The California Native nor its officers or employees shall have any responsibility for, nor shall they be liable for, any claim or loss whether or not arising from any personal injury, illness, property loss or damage, wrongful death, monetary loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, irregularity, omission, failure to provide adequate service, additional charge, failure to warn, defect or failure in any vehicle, facility, roadway or structure or by any breach of contract, negligence or wrongful act by any person.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

We reserve the right to substitute accommodations, transportation and itinerary when we deem it necessary or advisable.