

THE **TRAVEL CLUB**

Chile & Argentina: Patagonia to Buenos Aires With Optional Iguazu 3-Night Extension 12 DAYS: Friday, March 13-Tuesday, March 24, 2020 \$5,214 per person double occupancy; \$6,114 for single reservations*

FROM SANTIAGO—CHILE'S CULTURAL HUB—TO BREATHTAKING PATAGONIA to Buenos Aires, a blend of European charm and South American flair, this multi-country vacation is nothing short of an adventure. Top off a guided Santiago tour with an optional visit to Chilean wine country before heading to southern Patagonia—a world of majestic glaciers and mountains. In the Torres del Paine National Park region we'll discover fossils in Milodon Cave, see glacial lakes and the churning Salto Grande waterfall and visit a estancia (ranch) for a delicious barbecue. As we head into Argentina we'll visit Los Glaciares National Park for an up-close look at Perito Moreno Glacier—three miles wide and twenty stories high— with a short cruise. Last on our itinerary is Buenos Aires—a sophisticated city of wide boulevards, incredible food, neoclassical architecture and sultry tango sessions.

Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels, 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 5 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Santiago, Punta Arenas, Patagonian estancia visit, Torres del Paine National Park,
- Perito Moreno Glacier, Buenos Aires' La Boca neighborhood

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 3 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including rocky ground and unpaved trails.

ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 1 Flight from Boston

DAYS 2–3 Atton Las Condes, Santiago

DAY 4 Cabo de Hornos Hotel, Punta Arenas

DAYS 5–6 Altiplanico Hotel Puerto Natales, Torres del Paine

DAYS 7–8 Design Suites Hotel, El Calafate

DAYS 9–10 Intersur Recoleta Hotel, Buenos Aires

DAYS 11–12 Return flight to Boston

or similar hotel accommodations



***Prices include round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required.**

Overnight Flight

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Santiago.

Santiago

Day 2: Arrival & sightseeing tour of Santiago

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to Chile! Transfer to your hotel before setting out to explore Santiago on a guided sightseeing tour. • Drive through the city's Barrio Bellavista, known for its bohemian charm • Set out on a short walk through Santiago's Central Market and peruse the stalls • Pass the Barrio Lastarria and the Chilean National Museum of Fine Arts • Walk up Santa Lucía Hill to soak in incredible views from the spot where Santiago was founded in 1541 • Head to Plaza de Armas where you'll see Santiago Metropolitan Cathedral, the Chilean National History Museum, and the Central Post Office Building This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with your Tour Director and fellow travelers.

Day 3: Free day in Santiago

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in Santiago or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Valparaíso & Chilean Wine Country +\$135/pp

Your day begins with a visit to the coastal city of Valparaíso, locally known as "The Jewel of the Pacific." Here, you'll embark on a guided tour of the city, passing through the UNESCO-recognized port and historic quarter. Continue through Plaza Sotomayor and the Port and Central neighborhoods to the Queen Victoria funicular for a ride up to Cerro Alegre and Cerro Concepción. This pair of hilltop neighborhoods is famous for colorful houses and imaginative street art. Stroll through their whimsical streets on a walking tour before enjoying free time for lunch. Then, make your way outside of the city to the nearby Casablanca Valley, where you'll stop at a local vineyard for a tour and tasting. Sample the

winery's signature sauvignon blanc, pinot noir, and chardonnay before making your way back to Santiago. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$145)

Punta Arenas

Day 4: Flight to Punta Arenas

Included meals: Breakfast

Travel to the airport this morning and fly to Punta Arenas in southern Patagonia. Then, enjoy a free afternoon or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Isla Magdalena Penguin Colony +\$129/pp

Board a ferry for a ride across the Magellan Strait to Magdalena Island, part of the Los Pingüinos Natural Monument. As you sail, circumnavigate Isla Marta while keeping an eye out for the colonies of sea lions and flocks of marine birds that take refuge there. Then, disembark on the nearby Isla Magdalena, a popular nesting ground for Magellanic penguins. Take some time to get up close to these charming birds before cruising back to the mainland. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from mid-October through mid-April. The weather in the Magellan Strait during this time of year can be cold and windy, so we recommend wearing warm clothes and a hat. We also recommend bringing sunglasses and a camera. In the event of rough waters, be prepared for the possibility of seasickness. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$139)

Torres del Paine Region

Day 5: Estancia Visit & Puerto Natales

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Transfer to the coastal city of Puerto Natales in the Torres del Paine region, stopping at a Patagonian *estancia*, or ranch, along the way. • Learn about work and life on the ranch while watching a sheep-shearing demonstration • Enjoy a barbecue lunch of regional specialties

Day 6: Torres del Paine National Park via Milodon Cave **Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Make your way to Torres del Paine National Park, one of the largest of its kind in Chile. En route, stop to enter Milodon Cave to view its wealth of prehistoric fossils. Then, set out to explore the park's many natural wonders. • View the towering peaks of Los Cuernos del Paine, for which the park was named • Stand on the banks of Lago Pehoé, Lago Nordenskjöld, and Lago Grey, three of the park's glittering glacial lakes • Take a short hike to see the churning Salto Grande waterfall • Try to spot guanacos, foxes, rheas, and birds as you go

El Calafate

Day 7: Transfer to El Calafate

Included meals: Breakfast

Cross the border into Argentina as you make your way to the town of El Calafate. Later, enjoy a free evening. *Please note: You'll depart for Argentina early in the morning.*

Day 8: Los Glaciares National Park

Included meals: Breakfast

Make your way to Los Glaciares National Park today for an up-close look at the growing Perito Moreno Glacier.

- Stop at Lago Argentino to take in the surrounding mountain views, keeping an eye out for the flamingos and condors that call the lake their home (*seasonal*)
- Arrive in Los Glaciares National Park and embark on a cruise along the Perito Moreno Glacier face
- Take in views of the glacier from a scenic overlook and enjoy free time to explore the surrounding walking paths

Buenos Aires

Day 9: Flight to Buenos Aires

Included meals: Breakfast

Board your flight to Buenos Aires this morning. Then, spend a free afternoon and evening in the city or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Tango Show & Dinner** **+\$95/pp**

Relax and enjoy the show as accomplished tangueros, or tango dancers, perform their national dance. Accompanied by live music, the elegant performers will transport you to a bygone era. You'll also enjoy a dinner featuring regional specialties and Argentine wine. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$105)

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Embark on a guided tour of the city where tango was born. • Drive through the aristocratic Retiro and Recoleta neighborhoods to visit the grave of Eva Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina • Make your way past the National Museum of Fine Arts and the beautiful parks and gardens of Palermo • Drive along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest street in the world • Explore Plaza de Mayo, site of the May Revolution in 1810, and enter the neoclassical Metropolitan Cathedral • Enjoy free time in the La Boca neighborhood, where the influence of its Italian settlers can still be felt today Later this evening, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast

Relax in a dayroom in Buenos Aires before boarding your flight home tonight or early tomorrow morning. If you're continuing on the tour extension, you'll fly to the Argentinian side of Iguazú Falls this afternoon.

Overnight Flight

Day 12: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

Add an extension to Iguazú Falls *from \$1099 3 nights*

Iguazú Falls

Day 11: Flight to the Iguazú Falls Region

Included meals: Breakfast

Fly to the Argentinian side of Iguazú Falls this afternoon.

Day 12: Iguazú Falls

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day soaking in the natural wonders of Iguazú National Park. • Board an ecological rainforest train and ride to Devil's Throat, the most famous section of the falls • Walk along the forested footpaths on the Argentinian side of the falls for panoramic views of the waters *Please note: Pack raingear for this morning's activities and be prepared to walk on slippery, wet terrain.* Enjoy a free evening in the Iguazú Falls region or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Iguazú Cultural Dinner +\$135/pp

Whip up some of Argentina's signature dishes while learning about the country's food traditions during this interactive and unique dining experience. Start off by learning to make empanadas, a stuffed bread dish, and alfajores, which are regional cookies. Then, try your hand at preparing mate, a traditional, caffeinated South American drink made from yerba mate leaves. After, sip on unlimited wine during a steak dinner. As you eat, you'll learn about the different cuts of Argentinian meat. At the end of the night, you'll receive the recipes for each of the dishes you made so you can recreate your Argentine meal for friends and family at home. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$145)

Day 13: Iguazú Falls Jeep & boat ride

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Explore Iguazú Falls from a new perspective this morning. • Take a Jeep ride through the sub-tropical rainforest • Hop aboard an inflatable power boat to ride through the Macuco Falls Canyon • Soak in the panoramic views of the falls from the Iguazú Basin *Please note: Pregnant women and people with heart or back conditions are restricted from taking part in this morning's activities.* Enjoy a free afternoon in the Iguazú Falls region or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion La Aripuca & Guaraní Community Visit +\$69/pp

Head to La Aripuca, an outdoor agricultural and ecological center, where you'll learn about the region's unique environment. A local guide will bring you through the site and show you the center's main log structure, which is constructed from over one million pounds of endangered trees. Next, join a Guaraní Native Indian guide to visit the Yriapú village, which is one of the last remaining indigenous Guaraní communities. The Guaraní people have lived throughout Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Brazil since before the 14th century and their rich culture continues to influence the region's history and culture. While here you'll learn about their language and customs before ending the day with a 45-minute walk through the jungle to experience the area's natural beauty. *Please note: This excursion includes walking through the jungle on uneven, damp terrain.* Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$79)

Day 14: Flight to Buenos Aires & departure

Included meals: Breakfast

Fly back to Buenos Aires and relax in a dayroom before boarding your overnight or early morning flight home.

Overnight Flight

Day 15: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

