

# IN THE WAKE OF MAGELLAN: PATAGONIA BY LAND AND SEA



**30** WILDLAND  
WILD YEARS ADVENTURES

## Itinerary Overview

Immerse yourself in the wilds of Patagonia by land and sea without sacrificing comfort or convenience. Arriving in Santiago, Chile and departing from Buenos Aires, Argentina, our circumnavigation of Patagonia combines a 5-day voyage through the Straights of Magellan and around Cape Horn with overland explorations led by naturalist guides in Torres del Paine, Tierra del Fuego, and Los Glaciares National Parks. Voyage through the Straits of Magellan and Beagle Channel aboard either the 129 passenger *M/V Ventus Australis* or the 210 passenger *M/V Stella Australis*. Glide through fjords, inlets, glaciers, and islands between Punta Arenas, Chile and the Argentine city of Ushuaia, in Tierra del Fuego. The comfortable and informal expedition ship offers daily naturalist-guided excursions into the field and evening lectures in which you relive the incredible history of exploration, discovering the ancient lands of the Yamanas, Onas, Alacalufes and Tehuelches. Observe first-hand and close-up icebergs and glaciers, penguins, elephant seals and many other species of wildlife. Optional add-ons are available in the Chilean Lakes District or Iguazu Falls.

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTELS	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1	SANTIAGO	The Singular Santiago	-	Arrival – Santiago City tour
2	PUERTO NATALES	The Singular Patagonia	BD	Transfer to Puerto Natales
3	PUERTO NATALES	The Singular Patagonia	BLD	Excursions in and around Torres del Paine National Park
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5	BEAGLE CHANNEL	Cruceros Australis	BD	Embarkation in Punta Arenas
6	AINSWORTH BAY	Cruceros Australis	BLD	Elephant Seals, Ainsworth Bay & Tucker Islets
7	PIA GLACIER	Cruceros Australis	BLD	Glacier Alley hiking and the Beagle Channel
8	CAPE HORN	Cruceros Australis	BLD	Murray Channel, Cape Horn National Park, Wulaia Bay
9	EL CALAFATE	Eolo Lodge	BL	Disembark at Ushuaia. Fly to El Calafate
10	EL CALAFATE	Eolo Lodge	BD	Perito Moreno Glacier trekking*
11	EL CALAFATE	Eolo Lodge	BLD	Free day at Eolo Lodge
12	BUENOS AIRES	Legado Mitico	BL	Morning free for riding/hiking. Fly El Calafate – Buenos Aires
13	DEPARTURE	(Day use)	B	Half day city tour, Departure

# Itinerary in Detail

## **DAY 1: SANTIAGO**

Early morning airport reception and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon take a historic tour of Santiago including the Presidential Palace, once the National Mint and thus called "La Moneda", the historic main square or "Plaza de Armas", the Cathedral, the National History Museum, and "Casa Colorado" the historic residence of the Governor. Continue on to Santa Lucia, the hill upon which the Spanish founded Santiago in 1541. Overnight at **The Singular Santiago**.

## **DAY 2: PUERTO NATALES – TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK**

*Drive time: 2.5-3 hours*

Transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a local transfer agent to begin your journey to Puerto Natales, watching for guanaco, ostrich, black-necked swan, flamingo, and condor along the way. Located on the shores of La Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope) Sound, Puerto Natales is ideally located for travelers who want to sample Torres del Paine National Park and soak up the beauty of southern Patagonia on easy day hikes, but value a high degree of comfort and prefer not to endure the long overland journey into the heart of the park. Your home for the next three nights is the elegant Singular Patagonia Lodge, where you can choose among an assortment of guided excursions into Torres del Paine National Park and exploring the surrounding mountains, rivers and pampas. Overnight at the **Singular Patagonia Lodge**.

## **DAY 3 & 4: TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK & ENVIRONS**

A team of expert guides host expeditions that show you the real Patagonia, far beyond just Torres del Paine. Venture through hidden fjords to access remote mountains and hanging glaciers, visit authentic ranches, horseback ride across the pampas and kayak quiet rivers through dense beech forests. Challenge yourself with a long day-hike up to the glacial lake at the base of the Towers in Torres del Paine National Park or explore the park by vehicle with short stops for photographs and easy hikes to scenic outlooks. Guests can choose different guided activities each day but also always have the leisure to take the mountain bikes and pedal into the nearby town on their own. The hotel has a complete spa offering a variety of treatments and the heated pool, indoor and outdoor, is the perfect end after a day of incredible expeditions. At the restaurant you'll find a blend of native and international cuisine for a unique dining experience and the bar offers a great place to mingle with other guests, discuss the day's adventures, and plan for the next one over a happy hour cocktail to glass of South America's finest wines. Overnight at the **Singular Patagonia Lodge**.

## **DAY 5: PUNTA ARENAS**

*Drive time: 2.5-3 hours*

After breakfast in the morning, your vehicle takes you south to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival into this port city in the mid-afternoon, you'll be taken to the local office to register for your cruise to Ushuaia aboard the *M/V Stella Australis* or the *M/V Ventus Australis*. Beginning at 6:00 PM, the Captain and crew will welcome you aboard with a cocktail party where you get to meet your fellow shipmates. Shortly after, the ship will begin its journey to the ends of the world, through fabled Strait of Magellan towards Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire) and Patagonia. Overnight onboard.

## **DAY 6: AINSWORTH BAY & TUCKERS ISLETS**

With the first light of dawn, navigation will continue through Almirantazgo Fjord. Disembark in scenic Ainsworth Bay near Marinelli Glacier in Alberto De Agostini National Park. Here you will take a walk to get an up-close look at an elephant seal colony (depending on the animal's location) and enjoy the solitude of the Magellan Forests. From here head on out on one of two guided excursions: one along a stream, peat bog and beaver habitat to a waterfall tucked deep inside a pristine sub-polar forest; the other is a more strenuous hike along the crest of a glacial moraine. Both afford views of Marinelli Glacier and the Darwin Mountains. Overnight onboard.

After lunch, board Zodiac boats to observe a colony of Magellanic penguins (found only in the Southern Hemisphere) and many other bird species including king cormorants, Chilean skuas, kelp geese, dolphin gulls, eagles and even the occasional Andean condor. In September & April, outside of the penguins breeding season, you travel instead go to Brookes Bay to visit a different glacier. Overnight onboard.

#### **DAY 7: PIA GLACIER – GLACIER ALLEY**

Early morning finds you navigating the Beagle Channel, entering Pia Bay. After disembarking near Pia Glacier, a short exhilarating hike takes you to a lookout point that is ideal for viewing the mountain range where the glacier originates and its flow all the way to the sea. This afternoon, set sail again along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel through majestic “Glacier Alley”: home of the Spain, Romanche, Germany, Italy, France, and Holland glaciers. Overnight onboard.

#### **DAY 8: CAPE HORN – WULAIYA BAY**

Sail through the Beagle and Murray Channels to disembark in Cape Horn National Park. Cape Horn, a sheer, almost 425-meter-high promontory where the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean merge, was discovered in 1616 by the Dutch commercial expedition organized by Isaac Le Maire. The Cape owes its name to the Port of Hoorn, the expedition’s departure point.

In the afternoon, will disembark at historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of the largest Yamana aboriginal settlements. Here you will have the choice of three hikes (of increasing degrees of difficulty) that ascend the heavily wooded mountain behind the bay. On all of these you will be strolling through a lovely Magellan forest of lengas, coigües, canelos, ferns, and other endemic fauna to reach a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the bay. This evening, the Captain invites you to the Farewell Dinner as you prepare to sail for Ushuaia, Argentina. Overnight onboard. *\*Note that the landing at Cape Horn National Park is weather permitting only.*

#### **DAY 9: USHUAIA – EL CALAFATE**

Cruise slowly across the Beagle Channel toward the island of Tierra del Fuego and reach Ushuaia, the most important settlement on the island, at dawn. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to the airport for your flight to El Calafate. You’ll be staying at Eolo Lodge, a luxury accommodation that embodies the spirit of Patagonia: its indigenous roots and the personal experiences of the first Europeans to settle the land. Overnight at **Eolo Lodge**.

#### **DAY 10: PERITO MORENO GLACIER WALK\***

Drive to a spectacular lookout of Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park. Permanently advancing along its 3-mile front, columns of ice over 20 stories high peel off the face and crash into Lago Argentino creating massive icebergs. Cross Lago Argentino by catamaran along the front wall of the glacier to the edge of the Patagonian Ice Cap and hike through the beech forest and up onto the ice pack! Don crampons to spend two hours walking among the crevasses, caves, and tunnels of this active glacier. Watch for Andean condor and Buff-necked Ibis. Enjoy a picnic lunch by the lateral moraine of the glacier and return to the Perito Moreno lookout for hiking and photographing. *(For a 6 hour trek on the glacier see our [Big Ice Tour](#)).* Overnight at **Eolo Lodge**.

*\*NOTE: Participants in the glacier walk must be between the ages of 10-65 due to the park’s rigidly enforced age restrictions. Should you not meet these requirements, don’t fret! Inquire about available [alternative experiences](#).*

#### **DAY 11: EL CALAFATE**

Enjoy your day at leisure at Eolo Lodge to soak up all that this dramatic property has to offer. One horseback ride is included in your stay at Eolo or you might choose trekking nearby on Mount Frias or in La Anita Valley, mountain biking over unique terrain and rugged trails, or bird-watching around the lodge property. Overnight at **Eolo Lodge**.

## **DAY 12: BUENOS AIRES**

Morning at your leisure to enjoy the estancia life. Time permitting, you can hike the trails through the property or go for a horseback ride accompanied by the estancia's gauchos. Transfer to El Calafate airport for late afternoon or evening flight to Buenos Aires. You'll be met at the airport and escorted to your hotel nestled in the Palermo neighborhood. Overnight at **Legado Mitico**.

## **DAY 13: DEPARTURE**

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Buenos Aires for an in-depth look at the city with a local expert who will introduce you to the city, its history, its style, and the peculiar psychology of "Porteño" residents. You visit historical sites such as the Barrio Norte with its splendid old homes; San Telmo where the artist and musicians live and work; La Boca, a neighborhood of brightly painted Italian family homes and restaurants; and the Avenida 9 de Julio with its towering obelisk as much a symbol to Buenos Aires as the Eiffel Tower is to Paris. Your hotel room is available for day use until evening transfer to airport for onward flight.

### **END OF SERVICES**

**Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.**

#### **PRICING AND DATES:**

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#### **INCLUDED SERVICES**

- 12 nights hotel accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- All guided tours and excursions
- English-speaking guides
- Airport-hotel transfers, land and sea transportation
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services
- Port fees of \$65 per person associated with the cruise portion in
- National Park Entrance fees

#### **NOT INCLUDED SERVICES**

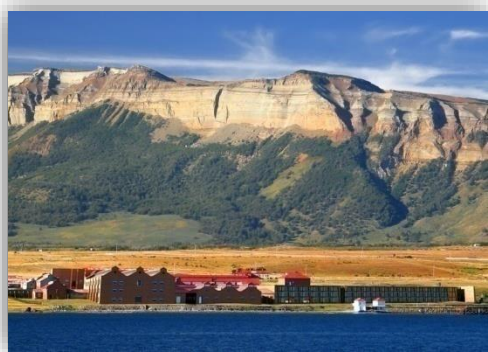
- International or internal airfare
- Tips and gratuities
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

## Accommodations



### **THE SINGULAR, SANTIAGO**

Built to blend seamlessly into the Neighborhood of Lastarria, The Singular Santiago combines the style of early 20th century buildings with neoclassical French architectural influences. The result is a striking new addition to the Santiago cityscape. The hotel's design embraces the artistic heritage of the neighborhood, while adding a cutting-edge modernity: it is an innovative homage to the city's history and culture. The Lastarria neighborhood is the epicenter of the arts in Santiago. Walk just a few minutes, and you can discover some of the finest visual and performance art Chile has to offer at The Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum of Visual Arts, the Gabriela Mistral Center and more.



### **SINGULAR PATAGONIA LODGE, PUERTO NATALES**

The Singular Patagonia Hotel is located in the restored Bories Cold-Storage Plant. Built in 1915 in true post-Victorian industrial style, this industrial plant was fully operational for nearly seven decades, generating employment and contributing to the population growth in the Patagonia region. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1996 by the Government of Chile. This heritage has been restored by The Singular Hotels preserving the architectural and cultural legacy by transforming them into a luxury hotel. It is ideally located for exploring the Chilean Patagonian landscape. A team of expert guides will host expeditions to the most interesting

places in Patagonia. These will be made through fjords, mountains, glaciers, farms, and forest. Guests can choose different activities: horseback riding, trekking, kayaks, and bird watching among many others. The hotel has a complete spa with therapies that blend the best of the original roots of Patagonia with the modern techniques of wellness. Heated pool, indoor and outdoor, it's the perfect rest after a day of incredible expeditions. The mix of native and international cuisine, will provide a unique dining experience. At the bar you will find the time to talk about the different experiences of the day or planning the next day sharing the best wines of Chile.



### **M/V VIA AUSTRALIS & M/V STELLA AUSTRALIS**

Built in 2005 and 2010 respectively, the *Via Australis* (136 pax in 64 cabins) *Stella Australis* (210 pax in 100 cabins) feature comfortable cabins all with panoramic windows, private baths, individual climate controls, and safety box. All cabins are 161 sq ft and feature either 1 large double bed or 2 lower twin beds. Two comfortable lounges accommodate naturalist talks and gatherings, while the spacious open air terrace on the uppermost Darwin deck presents the spectacular Patagonian scenery in all its splendor. The vessels also accommodate an infirmary, gift shop, game room, and library, and the *Stella* features a gym. The vessels were built according to SOLAS

2005 and MARPOL 73/78 updated standards for worldwide oceanic navigation. The International Maritime Organization has issued their Safety Management Certification, guaranteeing international safety standards as well as high standards of environmental protection. *Mare Australis* features echo sounder, radar, GPS and integration with the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System. There are emergency generators, fire stations, smoke detectors in each cabin and a sprinkler fire suppression system throughout the ships.



### **EOLO LODGE, EL CALAFATE**

Located in the stunning La Anita Valley, Eolo spreads over 7,000 acres between the Perito Moreno Glacier, Lago Argentina, and Torres del Paine. An experience at Eolo emphasizes the essence and raw beauty of its natural surroundings, bringing guests to a simple awe of this location. Eolo is a country lodge designed as a classic Patagonian estancia with modern comforts including a restaurant, bar, living room, library, indoor swimming pool and sauna.



### **LEGADO MITICO**

A superb luxury boutique accommodation in the heart of the infamous Palermo Viejo district, Hotel Legado Mitico offers a quirky and intimate representation of the city. Each of the 11 large rooms are styled with a different famous Argentine theme, with iconic nick-nacks and photos adorning the rooms. A restored town house surrounded by other antique houses from the 1900's, common interior rooms feature leather armchairs and bookshelves to give the feel of a home rather than a hotel. The outdoor garden patio provides a tranquil respite from the bustle of the city.

# Booking your Wildland Adventure

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You can book online using our [Reserve a Trip form](#) or by calling 1-800-345-4453. Your space on a trip is confirmed once we receive your reservation form and initial trip deposit. All travelers must sign and submit a [Release of Liability](#).

Deposit requirements are as follows:\*

- 20% of total trip cost per person for all trips in South America.

\*Some trips require additional non-refundable deposits, especially when yachts have been chartered, or if permits to visit archaeological or wildlife sites have been purchased in advance.

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## PAYMENTS, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Full payment of the trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. If you must cancel before departure, money will be returned less the cancellation fees charged by WA Inc. plus any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already advanced to airlines, hotels and local operators:

Days Prior to Departure: Fee per person

91 or more: \$300

61-90 days: Initial deposit amount

31-60 days: 50% of land cost

30 or less: 100% of land cost

## PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will send you a comprehensive Pre-departure Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions and more. You will receive a final trip packet including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

## REFERENCES AND QUESTIONS

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