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# 13 DAYS IN THE ANDES

## BARILOCHE – USHUAÏA SELF DRIVING TOUR

Andean Lakes & Volcanoes Great Circle

Patagonia from north to south, from glaciers to Tierra del Fuego

Discover a unique and customized self-driving tour in the Andes.

You will remember all your life this exceptional adventure !



Forget the stress of everyday life, take a little break  
to spend a few days in fabulous landscapes !

- 4 days of self driving tour in the Volcanoes & Lakes area straddling Argentina and Chile, 914 km along the lakes and around the volcanoes, with great stops such as Pucón, the most charming resort of Chile, dominated by the smoking volcano...
- 7 days of self driving tour in Patagonia, from north to south, straddling Argentina and Chile, 1379 km. We will be captivated by the imposing glaciers and icebergs, by the majestic peaks of the Andean Cordillera, recorded among the "50 Best places to see" in the world (by National Geographic). We will enjoy trekking or horse riding in the beautiful Torres del Paine National Park. We will cross the Strait of Magellan like the famous navigators some centuries ago. And finally, we will drive across the uninhabited area of Tierra del Fuego to get to the end of the world !

Take part in a trip worthy of a lifetime  
with the 1<sup>st</sup> self driving tour operator in South America !



#### USHUAIA

- . The *End of the world* train in the Tierra del Fuego National Park,
- . The Port of departure for cruises in Antarctica,
- . The beautiful colors of the sky above the Andean mountains,
- . Ushuaia by night...



### GLACIOBAR

In El Calafate, a bar fully made of ice,  
-9°C inside the bar, only 20mn inside.  
A great experience with fresh or hot cocktails...



### PERITO MORENO GLACIER

Mini-trekking on the glaciér, Nautical Safari,...



### TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Car ride, trekking, horse riding



### BALCONES DE EL CALAFATE

A slow climb by car through an ancient glacial and seabed.  
From the top, the view is spectacular...



### MAGNIFICENT GLACIERS & TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK



**ALSO A GASTRONOMIC TRIP...**

**ARGENTINA QUINTESSENCE - DISCOVER THE ARGENTINA BBQ RESTAURANT,  
THE SO-CALLED PARRILLADA**

**EL CALAFATE - TASTE THE WONDERFUL EMPANADAS**

**TORRES DEL PAINE - ENJOY THE MEAT COOKED ON A SPIT**

**USHUAIA- TASTE KING CRAB**



## DAY BY DAY PROGRAM



### **Day 1** *Arrival in the Volcanoes & Lakes Region*

Welcome at Bariloche International Airport (BRC).  
Private transfer to the hotel. Checkin.  
Free time for a walking tour in San Carlos de Bariloche, the most famous resort in Argentina.  
Dinner downtown.



### **Day 2** *San C. de Bariloche – San Martin de los Andes (ARG)*

Breakfast and checkout at our hotel in San Carlos de Bariloche.  
Private transfer to BRC Airport, pick-up of vehicles (paperwork).  
Quick stop for lunch in San Carlos de Bariloche, and start of our self-driving tour in the Volcanoes & Lakes Region !  
Straight to Traful Lake by a nice dirt road. Then, we will alternate lakeside and valley-side roads till San Martin de los Andes, at the bottom of Lácar Lake estuary.  
Checkin and rest at our hotel.  
Dinner at our hotel or in the city center.



### **Day 3** *San Martin de los Andes (ARG) – Pucón (CH)*

Breakfast and checkout at our hotel in San Martin de los Andes.  
The road meanders along the lakes and in the low mountains, but it becomes really amazing when it bypasses the imposing volcano Lanin to enter Chile. The descent on Pucon is beautiful, in the middle of larches, at the foot of the volcano.  
Lunch-picnic after the Chilean boarder, while admiring the volcano. Early arrival and checkin at our hotel in Pucón.  
Walking tour of the resort, swimming in Villarica Lake or in the pools of our hotel, rest on the terrace of our hotel overlooking the lake... Dinner downtown or at our hotel.  
*Option for after-dinner (NOT included) :* Entertainment at the cassino next to our hotel





#### **Day 4** *Pucón – Puyehue (CH)*

Breakfast and checkout at our hotel in Pucón.

On the Chilean side, the Lakes Region is just as beautiful, with more green, apparently more inhabited, but it remains very authentic.

And we drive with pleasure in the middle of volcanoes and lakes : Calafquen, Panguipulli, Rinihue (dominated by volcano Shoshuenco), Ranco and finally Puyehue !

Checkin at our hotel overlooking the lake.

Dinner at our hotel or in the small village.



#### **Day 5** *Puyehue (CH) – San C. de Bariloche (ARG)*

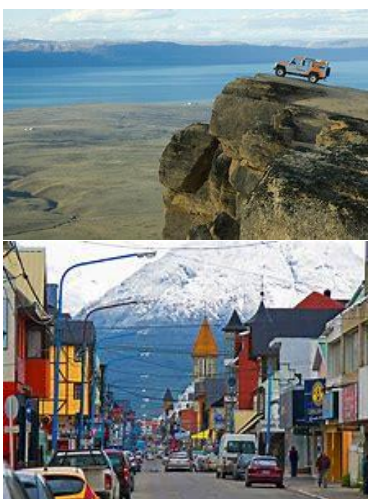
Breakfast at our hotel. The National Park of Puyehue is renowned for its thermal activities. Free morning to relax and enjoy an outdoor activity (trekking, horse riding, mountain bike, fishing – NOT included).

Checkout at 12:00. After a quick lunch, crossing the National Park of Puyehue, with its wooded hills and the Osorno volcano rising majestically to the right, for 44 km till the Argentina boarder. Then straight for 30 km till the intersection with Ruta 40 at the tip of Espejo Grande Lake.

The Ruta 40 takes us to Villa Angostura then Bariloche, by the beautiful road along Nahuel Huapi Lake, with the view of Cerro Catedral overlooking San Carlos de Bariloche.

Checkin at our hotel in San Carlos de Bariloche.

After a rest, quiet walk and dinner in the city center.



#### **Day 6** *Arrival in Patagonia, El Calafate (ARG)*

Breakfast and checkout at our hotel.

At 9:30, transfer to BRC Airport and cars drop-off.

Checkin and boarding for a 1h45 flight to El Calafate (FTE). After landing at FTE Airport, transfer to vehicle rental (paperwork) and start of our self driving tour in Patagonia, that will take us till the *end of the world* city, Ushuaia...

Transfer and checkin at our hotel in El Calafate. Quick lunch.

Afternoon excursion to Balcones de El Calafate : it is not far in kms, but it takes time to get to the top of Cerro Huyliche ! We will activate the double traction of our cars, driving to the west, ascending slowly but firmly through an ancient glacial and seabed. Arriving at the balcony itself, if the weather permits, it is worth having such a diverse landscape framed in the Andes, with most part of Argentino Lake, the Perito Moreno glacier, the peaks of Chaltén (alt. 3.375m) and Torre (3.128m), the Santa Cruz River on the right that flows 300 kms till the Atlantic Ocean, and right in front of us, El



Calafate city which looks like a model, with cars and people moving like in a slow motion movie...

Back to our hotel in El Calafate : time for a rest and/or a nice walking city tour before having dinner downtown.



### **Day 7 Full day around El Calafate (ARG)**

Free program for a nice hiking tour around El Calafate, or...

*Option (NOT included) :*

Full day boat excursion on Argentino Lake to Upsala & Spegazzini glaciers (boarding at Punta Bandera, pick-up 08:30 at our hotel by Agency partner, return to hotel 16:30, ~163\$). Located on the Northern part of Argentino lake, Upsala is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest glacier in South America and the 2<sup>nd</sup> in Argentina. The blue icebergs that have separated from Upsala drift slowly on the lake, and the closer you get to the glacier, the bigger and more numerous they are. Exceptional show on the background of snowy mountain peaks.

Unlike other Patagonian glaciers, Spegazzini does not undergo ice melting. Exceptionally beautiful glacier...

Late afternoon visit of the Glaciarium, an interactive museum to discover the wonderful world of glaciers, and the Glaciobar, a bar that runs at -9°C, where we can stay only 20mn. A great experience with very fresh cocktails !

Dinner downtown at a local meat restaurant.

And maybe a digestive walk near the hotel before sleeping !



### **Day 8 El Calafate (ARG) – Perito Moreno glacier (ARG) – Puerto Natales (CH)**

Breakfast and checkout at our hotel in El Calafate.

Morning excursion by car to Perito Moreno Glacier. We will watch the glacier as a whole from the catwalks facing it, looking for a block to come off in a din that is as fast as deafening.

*Options (NOT included) :*

- . Nautical Safari (~20\$/p.), which comes close - not that much, but the chances of seeing a block fall are higher.

- . Mini-trekking on the glacier (1h20, ~95\$/p.), through deep caves wearing shoes with crampons, to see new shades of blue and get closer to the impressive sounds that the glacier





organism generates.

Afternoon drive to Puerto Natales by Ruta 40, with lunch/picnic on the way.

The road is straight and flat, but the Andean peaks stand majestically all the way to the right. Just beautiful... After crossing the Argentina border, we drive along the Torres del Paine National Park and finally reach Puerto Natales.

Checkin and rest at our hotel in Puerto Natales, and dinner down.



### **Day 9 Full day in the Torres del Paine National Park (CH)**

After breakfast at our hotel in Puerto Natales, we will drive to the Torres del Paine National Park, for a full day of outdoor activities.

The Torres del Paine National Park is located at the southern tip of the Andes in the heart of Patagonia. Known for its beautiful lakes, numerous glaciers and granite peaks, it was designated a National Park in 1959 and a World Biosphere Reserve in 1978 because of the richness of its conservation animals. It is also one of the most attractive places in the world.

The climate is variable, sometimes the sky is clear, sometimes cloudy and rainy. You will admire the colorful wildflowers, blue lakes and green valleys, as well as snow-capped peaks.

Some suggestions : tour of the lakes by car, trekking, horse riding (NOT included), fauna and flora observation,...

Lunch/picnic in the middle of the mountains, for example in a wonderful natural garden in front of the peaks of Torres del Paine, as part of a trekking along beautiful lakes. Unforgettable...

Dinner will be in Puerto Natales.



### **Day 10 Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas (CH)**

Breakfast and checkout at our hotel in Puerto Natales.

Morning drive to Punta Arenas, starting with a quick stop at the Mylodon Cave Natural Monument (where remains of an extinct animal and humans were found).

Arrival in Punta Arenas for lunch, and checkin at our hotel. Afternoon city tour in Punta Arenas with a local guide : Bulnes Fort, Graveyard (one of the most beautiful in the world), Plaza de Armas, Mirador de la Cruz,... Nice walk on Costanera, at the edge of the Strait of Magellan.





Late afternoon at Casino Dreams and Sky Bar ?! It is an option, as well as shopping in the free zone !  
Dinner downtown.



### **Day 11 *Punta Arenas (CH) – Ushuaia (ARG)***

Morning ferry boat (2h20) between Tres Puentes (Punta Arenas) and Bahía Chilota to cross the Strait of Magellan.

Afternoon drive to Ushuaia... The Ruta 257 is paved with concrete until San Sebastian (after the Argentina border). We will drive along the "Useless Bay" (what a funny name...) at the beginning on the right, then along the Atlantic Ocean on the left after San Sebastian. The rest is a flat and wild nature, without reliefs, a kind of steppe... A no man's land, almost without a car, almost without a house, almost without anyone ! And in any case without gas station, so we will fill up in the cities on our way : San Sebastian and especially Rio Grande, where we will appreciate a quick return to civilization ! But, above all, it is a unique feeling to ride on the road that leads to the end of the world... Almost always straight, except in the Paso Garibaldi, a tortuous and difficult passage, near Ushuaia. Back to the mountains...

And finally we arrive at the "End of the world" city, exhausted but happy! Checkin at our hotel in Ushuaia.  
Dinner downtown or at the hotel.



### **Day 12 *Full day around Ushuaia (ARG)***

Breakfast and meeting point with a bilingual local guide at our hotel in Ushuaia, for a full day excursion in the area of the "End of the world" city...

Visit to Tierra del Fuego National Park (distant 12km), the most southern park on the planet and the only one in Argentina with a combination of mountains, forests (~70.000 hectares) and sea. Several stops inside the park to appreciate the exceptional nature that surrounds us : the Roca Lake, the Alakushi Indigenous Museum, the Lapataia Bay, the final milestone of the southernmost road on the planet (Ruta 3), the "End of the world mailbox",...

*Options (NOT included) :*

1/ "End of the world train" to visit the Tierra del Fuego National Park (1h, Start 10:00, 1.500 AR\$, ~37,50\$)

2/ Afternoon navigation (3h, after lunch in Ushuaia) through the Beagle Channel to the islands of the cormorants, sea lions and the lighthouse Les Eclaireurs, and also Martillo Island to see the penguins.





In Ushuaïa, we will have time to take pics at Plaza Islas Malvinas and End of the World plate, and for some shopping. Sunset, typical dinner (*Centolla* giant crab, seafood,...) and farewell night in Ushuaia !



### **Day 13 *Bye bye Patagonia ?!***

Breakfast and checkout at our hotel in Ushuaïa.

Depending on flight time, we may have time for shopping, walking and/or lunching in Ushuaïa...

Transfer to Ushuaïa Airport, car drop-off, checkin and boarding on the flight back home after an unforgettable 13 days self driving tour in the Andes OR continuation of the stay in Ushuaia and the visit of its surroundings, until the day of departure of the cruise in Antarctica...

### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE :**

- 12 nights in 4 star standard double/twin accommodation (according to local standards) with breakfast included
- Full transport from Bariloche to Ushuaïa, including 1 internal air ticket (Bariloche-El Calafate), car rental (4 days in the Volcanoes & Lakes Region, 7 days in Patagonia), ferry in Patagonia
- Safety : Travel insurance, First aid kit, GPS, Radio communication
- Mineral water and hot drinks for the 11 days on the road
- Local guides in Punta Arenas, Ushuaia
- Entrance fees/tickets for Glaciarium El Calafate, Torres del Paine National Park, Tierra del Fuego National Park, Milodon Cave
- Quadrilingual organizer & team leader (speaks English, Portuguese, Spanish, French)
- Trilingual translator (Chinese, Portuguese, English)

### **NOT INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE :**

- Lunches & dinners
- Drinks (except Mineral water and hot drinks for the 11 days on the road)
- Fuel for rented cars
- Expenditure on border crossing formalities
- Personal expenses
- Air tickets to Bariloche and back from Ushuaia