

Voyages to the Tip of the World

Argentina & Chile

with Paine National Park & Strait of Magellan Cruise

14 & 15 Days

from \$2399



Itinerary I - 14 Days

Day 1, Thu or Sun: Depart Home City

Day 2, Fri or Mon: Arrive in Buenos Aires Morning arrival and transfer to your selected hotel. In the afternoon, you will have a tour of the "Paris of South America." Drive down 9th of July Avenue, the widest street in the world, past the Colon Opera House to the Plaza de Mayo. The plaza is faced by the pink Presidential Palace and the National Cathedral, which houses the tomb of the liberator, San Martin. Next visit "La Boca," the old port district with its pastel houses and shops. You will have time to browse for souvenirs.

Day 3, Sat or Tue: In Buenos Aires A day completely free to explore on your own. Sip traditional tea at a local tea shop or visit one of the *estancias* on the *pampas*. This evening enjoy a typical Argentine beef dinner followed by a folklore show and Tango performance. (B, D)

Day 4, Sun or Wed: Buenos Aires/Tierra del Fuego/Embark Cruise Transfer to the municipal airport in Buenos Aires to board a flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost commercial airport in the world on the island of Tierra del Fuego, where the Andes meet the Beagle Channel. Transfer directly to the pier to commence your exciting adventure on board the *Australis* cruise around the southern tip of South America to Punta Arenas, Chile. (B, D)

Important Note: You may substitute the cruise with an air sector from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas, which operates Monday-Friday from NOV-MAR. Approximate cost is \$160 per person including taxes. See page 24 for packages to extend your stay at Ushuaia on Tierra del Fuego.

**Sailing on the M/V Via Australis (Sun -Wed) or
Sailing on the M/V Mare Australis (Wed-Sat)**

Note: Cruise costs are not included. See page 36 for rates, deck plans and route map.

Day 5, Mon or Thu: Cape Horn and Walaia Bay Special navigation into the Beagle and Murray Channels into the open sea to circle Cape Horn, with an opportunity to visit the southernmost point in South America, weather permitting. Here you will get a panoramic view of the famous and mythical Cape Horn, the place where the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans merge and the last promontory of South America. (B, L, D)



Guanaco, a South American camelid

Day 6, Tue or Fri: Bay of Günter Plushow Glacier Sail the main branch of the Beagle Channel. Disembark at the Bay of the Günter Plushow Glacier and hike near the glacier. After this unforgettable experience, you will continue navigating through O'Brien and Ballenero Channels, Bahía Desolada, Paso Aguirre and Cockburn Channel. (B, L, D)

Day 7, Wed or Sat: Arrive in Punta Arenas and Transfer to Puerto Natales Early in the morning you will disembark on Magdalena Island, home of a colony of over 120,000 penguins in different stages of breeding. You will then take a walk to San Isidro Lighthouse, which used to guide the explorer sailors crossing the Strait of Magellan. Afterwards sail into Punta Arenas, arriving at 11:00 AM. Now, one adventure ends and another begins. You will be picked up at the pier and transferred to downtown Punta Arenas to meet up with your van transfer to Puerto Natales for an overnight stay. The drive takes about four hours, crossing the Patagonian Plain on a smooth, paved road. (B)

Day 8, Thu or Sun: Puerto Natales to Paine National Park The morning sightseeing van departs for Paine National Park and makes a stop en route at Milodon Cave, where Charles Darwin discovered the fossils of a giant, pre-historic sloth. This and other discoveries made during his voyage on board the *HMS Beagle* led to his theories of natural selection and evolution. Continue on a well-graded road another two hours, to enter the national park, where soon the magnificent, craggy peaks of the Towers of Paine come into view. You will spend three nights in the park at the Hosteria Las Torres or a similar hotel according to availabilities. During the high season, December through March, it is advisable to book and prepay these reservations as early as possible. (B)

Ushuaia, where the Andes meet the Beagle Channel



Itinerary II – 15 Days

Days 9 & 10, Fri & Sat or Mon & Tue: In Paine National Park Days at leisure for sightseeing on your own. You may obtain information and purchase tours at the hotel front desk. Tours vary in degree of strenuousness, ranging from half or full-day hiking excursions to half or full-day tours via sightseeing van. (B daily)

Day 11, Sun or Wed: Paine National Park to Santiago Early morning van transfer directly from Paine National Park to Punta Arenas airport for an afternoon flight to Santiago. Meeting service and transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

Day 12, Mon or Thu: In Santiago You will have the morning to rest and refresh before an afternoon motorcoach city tour. Enjoy visits to Santa Lucia Hill and San Cristobal Hill before stopping at Bellavista, Santiago's Bohemian district replete with art galleries, restaurants and theaters. Time permitting, stop to see a lapis lazuli workshop. (B)

Day 13, Tue or Fri: Depart Santiago You will have this day free for last minute shopping and sightseeing on your own before an evening departure back home. So many memories and so many experiences you will treasure forever! (B)

Day 14, Wed or Sat: Arrive Home City

All airfares within South America are included in the rates and are subject to change without notice. Airfares from/to North America are **not** included.

Tour Rates Per Person Hotel Category	Itinerary I & Itinerary II		
	DbI	SgI	TpI
Tourist Class	\$2399	3665	2119**
First Class	\$2569	3999	2310
Superior First Class	\$2780	4345	2510
Deluxe Plus	\$2999	4795	2885

Surcharges may apply for OCT, NOV & MAR in Buenos Aires and Santiago

Note: Cruises Ushuaia/Punta Arenas or v/v are NOT included in the quoted tour rates. The cruise rates are additional, based on category and season. See our website for ship specifications: www.ecoadventures.com and page 36 for rates, deckplans and route map.

Hotels City	Tourist Class	First Class	Deluxe Class*	Deluxe Plus Class
Buenos Aires	Bisonte Palace	Aspen Towers or Park Chateau Kempinski	Loi Suites or Park Plaza Kempinski	Sofitel or Melia Boutique Recoleta
Pto. Natales	Charles Darwin	Altiplanico Sur	CostAustralis (Seaview)	
Paine Park		Hosteria Pehoe, Las Torres or best available		
Santiago	Eurotel Hotel	Torremayor	Radisson	Ritz Carlton

*Note: Sheraton Hotels may be substituted in Santiago and Buenos Aires

**Rate is quoted on the basis of the Waldorf Hotel in Buenos Aires

Magellan Penguins on Magdalena Island, Chile



Day 1, Wed or Sat: Depart Home City

Day 2, Thu or Sun: Arrive in Santiago Afternoon Santiago City Tour

Day 3, Fri or Mon: Leisure Day in Santiago (B)

Day 4, Sat or Tue: Santiago to Punta Arenas/Puerto Natales (B)

Day 5, Sun or Wed: Puerto Natales/Paine National Park (B)

Days 6 & 7, Mon & Tue or Thu & Fri: In Paine National Park (B daily)

Day 8, Wed or Sat: Paine Park to Punta Arenas/Embark Australis Cruise (B, D)

Sailing on the M/V Via Australis (Wed-Sun) or
Sailing on the M/V Mare Australis (Sat-Wed)

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Day 9, Thu or Sun: Ainsworth Bay/Marinelli Glacier/Tucker Islet With the first light of dawn, navigate Almirantazgo Fjord. Disembark in Ainsworth Bay near Marinelli Glacier for a walk to see the beaver dams, and the Magellan forests, as well as a close-up view of a colony of sea lions. In the afternoon, visit a small colony of Magellan penguins at Tucker Islet, where dolphins may likely join you. (B, L, D)

Day 10, Fri or Mon: Garibaldi and Pia Glaciers Sightseeing of Garibaldi Glacier and the impressive snow-covered mountains of the Darwin Range. Disembark at the coast of the Garibaldi Inlet to take an adventurous excursion where you will appreciate the wild vegetation and forests on the slopes of the mountains. Disembark at the Pia Glacier and hike to an observation point. (B, L, D)

Day 11, Sat or Tue: Cape Horn and Puerto Williams Navigation through the Beagle and Murray Channels to disembark at the Cabo de Hornos (Cape Horn) National Park. Weather permitting, you will get a panoramic view of the famous and mythical Cape Horn, the place where the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans merge and the last promontory of South America. Disembark at Puerto Williams, the southernmost town in the world. (B, L, D)

Day 12, Sun or Wed: Arrival in Ushuaia/Buenos Aires Sightseeing in Ushuaia and transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. (B)

Day 13, Mon or Thu: In Buenos Aires Sightseeing in Buenos Aires and evening Tango Show with dinner. (B, D)

Day 14, Tue or Fri: Depart Buenos Aires (B)

Day 15, Wed or Sat: Arrive Home City

