



Patagonia

A paradise of gaucho culture, alpine settings and glaciers where Chile and Argentina meet

11 DAYS FROM \$8,390

1. Arrive Santiago

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Singular Santiago. Welcome to Chile. A transfer is included upon arrival from Santiago International Airport to The Singular Santiago, a luxury hotel in the heart of downtown Santiago. Settle in and join us for a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals D**

2. Travel to Puerto Natales

This morning fly south from Santiago. Puerto Natales is the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park and located on the shores of the Última Esperanza (Last Hope) Sound. Named by a 16th-century Spanish explorer who became lost in a maze of channels and fjords while searching for the Strait of



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- After taking in Upsala Glacier during a cruise on Lake Argentino, disembark at Estancia Cristina, a remote cattle ranch, for a private visit, a ride in a 4x4 vehicle and hike to a view of the glacier, a visit to the ranch's museum dedicated to Argentina's cowboys, and lunch
- Walk the length of massive Perito Moreno, perhaps seeing it calve an iceberg or hearing its eerie groans, and have lunch overlooking Lake Argentino
- On a private visit to the workshop of the Draghi family, world-famous silversmiths of Argentina, see silverworks and saddlery that pay tribute to the local gaucho culture
- Feast on an open grill lunch at a private gaucho fiesta followed by a demonstration of riding and horse-whispering skills by gauchos (cowboys) of the Argentine outback

Magellan, the area was settled in the early 20th century by European immigrants as a shipping port for the local wool and meat-packing industry. Continue on to The Singular Patagonia, formerly a waterfront factory built in 1915, and now an award-winning luxury resort at the end of the Última Esperanza Sound with floor-to-ceiling views of mountain ranges and the Señoret Channel. Dinner is at your leisure tonight at the hotel. **Meals BD**

3. Cruising Patagonia's fjords

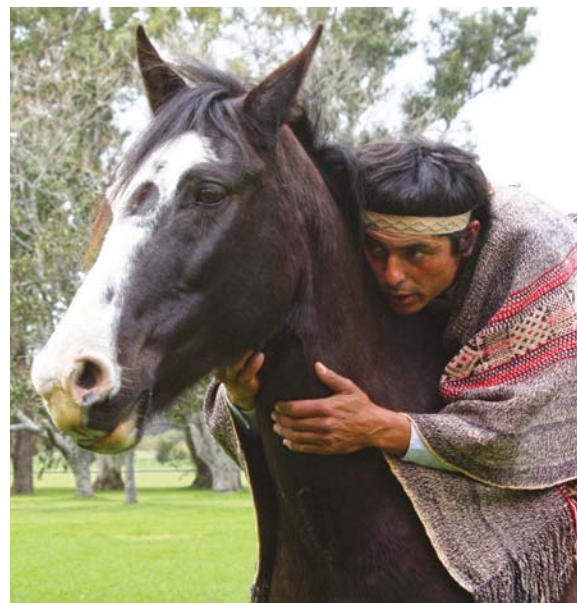
Weather permitting, a cruise through Última Esperanza Sound introduces you to a mystical landscape of fjords, mountains, cliffs and caves, plunging waterfalls, and ice floes. Keep your eyes peeled for cormorants and nesting condors. Disembark at glacier-filled Bernardo O'Higgins National Park for an easy trek through the unspoiled wilderness to a viewpoint overlooking massive Serrano Glacier, and take in bluish white Balmaceda Glacier creeping over Monte Balmaceda. Stop for lunch at a local estancia, before returning to your hotel for a historical walking tour of the property. Join us in the hotel's award-winning restaurant for a special wine-pairing dinner featuring Chilean wines and regional cuisine, promising a memorable taste of local specialties. **Meals BLD**



Tango was born in the streets of Buenos Aires in the late 1880s finding its footing in storied dances still popular today.

4. Torres del Paine National Park

Journey north from Puerto Natales into the heart of one of South America's most spectacular nature preserves, a photographer's paradise of glacier-carved fjords, valleys, mountains, steppes, and sub-polar forests – all dominated by the grandeur of Torres del Paine, a unique trio of granite peaks with serrated edges that jut dramatically skyward, also known as Cleopatra's Needles. Against this rocky backdrop the park's lakes are remarkably vivid – in shades of emerald and turquoise – owing to the rock flour produced by the restless grinding of the mountains by glaciers. The palette of the lakes is offset by rolling plains covered with red wildflowers. Keep your eyes peeled for the foxes, pumas, guanacos, rheas, and large birds of prey who call this rugged landscape home. For a taste of local life and cuisine, enjoy lunch at a restaurant inside the park. Continue exploring the park before dinner at leisure at your hotel. **Meals BLD**



From scenic treasures and natural pleasures in the remote alpine landscapes of Patagonia to the skilled equestrian artistry of Argentina's legendary gauchos on a ranch outside of Buenos Aires, your journey promises a varied in-depth look at life in Chile and Argentina.

5. Puerto Natales as you like it

Spend the day in this stunning setting just as you choose. At your resort, a variety of activities* are included, such as kayaking, bicycling, condor-watching, hiking, cave exploring, and horseback riding. Your hotel is an official national monument for its significance in the region's heritage, so in addition to great activities and amenities, you'll find a museum of local history and the restored machinery from its factory days. You can also investigate the city of Puerto Natales, learn about its mix of European and indigenous cultures, and discover its array of cafés and bars catering to international tastes. Another possibility is a full-day trek in Torres del Paine National Park. Tonight enjoy a private family-style dinner at The Grill in your hotel, feasting on entrées prepared with regional ingredients cooked on an open wood-burning grill. **Meals BLD**

6. El Calafate and Lago Argentino

Cross the border into Argentina today and arrive at El Calafate in time for lunch at a local restaurant. A small, picturesque village on the shores of Lake Argentino, El Calafate is named for a wild bush with yellow flowers and blue berries that flourishes here; El Calafate is also known as the "Village of the Glaciers," the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Continue on to your accommodations at Hotel Xelena. Nestled beside the lake, Hotel Xelena offers tranquility in a unique natural environment. Visit a local museum, the Glaciarium, dedicated to the science of glaciers and the geological history of the area. Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

7. Estancia Cristina and Upsala Glacier

It's all aboard at Punta Bandera for a cruise on Lake Argentino. The vast lake is fed by runoff from dozens of glaciers. Sail by one of the largest, Upsala Glacier, a towering wall of ice (100 feet higher than Niagara Falls) that meets the water and stretches for miles through an alien landscape of granite peaks and icebergs in a startling palette of colors. Disembark at Estancia Cristina, a cattle and sheep ranch founded by an English immigrant in the early 1900s and named after his daughter. Board a 4x4 vehicle for a scenic drive that takes you to a hike that rewards with stunning panoramic views of Upsala Glacier. Return to the estancia for close-up look at life on the ranch, including a visit to a museum dedicated to Argentina's cowboys, the gauchos. Enjoy a lunch of local cuisine, and learn to make mate tea (the national drink), brewed and served in a calabash gourd with a metal straw. Sail back to Punta Bander and drive back to your hotel for a relaxing evening. **Meals BL**

8. Perito Moreno Glacier

Drive into Los Glaciares National Park to witness one of the world's most breathtaking natural wonders, Perito Moreno Glacier. Fronting Lake Argentino for three miles, rising 240 feet from the water in dense clusters of jagged white skyscrapers, Perito Moreno is one of the few glaciers in the icefield that is advancing, its restless movement unseen but sometimes heard – its groaning, cracking, and rumbling is eerie! From high walkways on the shore opposite the glacier, you can appreciate its overwhelming scale and might even see an iceberg calve away from the ice wall, collapsing

like a tall building in an explosion of thunder and water. Enjoy lunch in the presence of this mystical phenomenon, observing how the ice changes color from white to turquoise, sapphire, and indigo with the changing light. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon and evening in El Calafate; a dine-around dinner in town is included. Be sure to take in the glowing night sky, unimpeded by man-made lights in this corner of the world. **Meals BLD**

9. Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly from El Calafate, in remote Patagonia, to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires for an orientation tour of the “Paris of South America” en route to your art-inspired hotel ideally located in a traditional area of the city that was declared a historical site; it is just steps away from elegant Santa Fe Avenue and boutique-lined Florida Street. Dinner is at leisure at your hotel this evening. **Meals BD**

10. Silversmiths, gauchos and tango

Head outside the city through lush farmlands to the artist community at San Antonio de Areco. Meet members of the Draghi family, world-famous silversmiths; visit their shop and studio to view their exquisite silver and saddlery, evoking the cowboy culture and heritage of the region. Next up, naturally, is a private lunch and gaucho fiesta, where cowboys of the Argentine outback demonstrate their legendary equestrian skills – an impressive display of acrobatic riding, herding, ring-racing and horse dancing. Return to your hotel to freshen up, then join us for a farewell dinner and tango show out on the town; tango was born in the city’s streets in the late 1800s and remains very much alive today. **Meals BLD**



FEATURED HOTEL

The Singular Patagonia

Built in 1915 as an industrial plant and transformed into a unique rustic-luxe retreat, The Singular Patagonia rules its beautiful end-of-the earth setting with a pampering spa, top-rated restaurant and stunning views that defy comparison anywhere in the world.

11. Journey Home

Tour ends: Buenos Aires. Checkout time at your hotel is noon. Transfers are included from Alvear Art Hotel to Buenos Aires International Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2023 DATES

Jan 13, 20 Feb 3, 17 Mar 3 Oct 13, 27 Dec 1, 22
/ = Sold Out!

Go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2023 PRICE PER PERSON

January - December 13

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 7,765	+	\$ 625	=	\$ 8,390
Single	\$ 8,925	+	\$ 625	=	\$ 9,550
Triple	\$ 7,625	+	\$ 625	=	\$ 8,250

December 22

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 8,265	+	\$ 625	=	\$ 8,890
Single	\$ 9,515	+	\$ 625	=	\$ 10,140
Triple	\$ 8,125	+	\$ 625	=	\$ 8,750

2023 PRICE INCLUSIONS

26 meals (10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portage. On-tour air included (2 flights).

2023 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	THE SINGULAR SANTIAGO	Santiago, Chile
Night 2-5	THE SINGULAR PATAGONIA	Puerto Natales, Chile
Night 6-8	HOTEL XELENA	El Calafate, Argentina
Night 9,10	ALVEAR ART HOTEL	Buenos Aires, Argentina

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. To enjoy this tour’s itinerary, you should be in good health and able to walk reasonable distances, often over unpaved and uneven surfaces. This itinerary cannot accommodate oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, or motorized scooters. Consult the personalized documents that will be sent to you after booking for packing instructions. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Guest Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4