

PATAGONIAN ANDES

Argentina and Chile



Patagonia is a Geographical wonderland, with a rich variety of landscapes and wildlife. This expedition explores the most spectacular areas of this incredible area, which photos simply cannot do justice to. The expedition embraces Argentina as well as Chile and gives us a chance to contrast the two nations whilst we explore the Pinnacles, towers and glaciers that dominate the Southern most area of Latin America.

The trip ...

Day 1 London – Buenos Aires

Fly from London to Buenos Aires (via Madrid), on an overnight flight.

Day 2 Buenos Aires

After completing customs and immigration formalities, we will be met and transferred to our hotel. There will be a chance to explore some of the sights of this amazing city.

Day 3 Buenos Aires – El Calafate

Our journey continues today, and we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to El Calafate, ready to begin our exploration of Patagonia.

Day 4 El Calafate – Torres Del Paine

Today we head across the Patagonian bushy steppe into Chile, crossing the border at Cerro Castillo. We will spend the night camping at Los Torres Eco Camp in the heart of the national park.

Day 5 Torres Del Paine – Pehoe

The true beauty of the area now unfolds, as we make short excursions to some of the best viewpoints overlooking the Grey Peninsula and Lake Pehoe. Then we take the catamaran across the turquoise waters of Lake Pehoe.

Day 6 Lake Pehoe - Grey Glacier Trek

Today our trek takes us close to the phenomenal Grey Glacier via a trail leading towards Lago Grey. Initially we will see small 'icebergs' floating in the lake and then the towering walls of the snout, from which blocks of ice occasionally sheer off and cascade into the turquoise waters below. From the Mirador, the immense glacier stretches as far as the eye can see. We return to our camp at Pehoe for the night.

Trekking time approx 6 hours.

Day 7 Lake Pehoe – French Valley Trek – Refugio Los Cuernos

We trek first to the Italian camp and next up the French valley to the Frances Lookout towards the French Glacier, which literally clings to the mountainside across the valley. From here we head down through forested tracks to the lakeside beauty of Refugio Los Cuernos.

Approx trekking time 5 hours.

Day 8 Refugio Los Cuernos – Paso Los Cuernos Trek – Los Torres

This beautiful trail leads under the Cuernos (horns) of the Paine massif. The landscape is wild and extensive; from time to time, the path takes us along the shores of the lake.

Approx trekking time 5 - 6 hours.

Day 9 Los Torres – Ascencio Valley Trek

Trek up the Ascencio Valley, to the lookout where the soaring Torres del Paine and glacial lake combine to create one of the most famous sights in the natural world.

Approx trekking time 8 hours.



Day 10 Los Torres – Perito Moreno Glacier – El Calafate

We visit the colossal Perito Moreno glacier. We will be able to get close enough to hear the ice creak and groan and may be lucky enough to see great blocks sheering off the walls.

Day 11 Los Glaciers National Park – El Chalten

The northern section of the park is dominated by the world-famous silhouette of the Fitzroy Massif. After scenic drive to the small village of El Chalten nestled at the foot of Mount Fitzroy, we should have time for an evening walk along the river to Piedra del Fraile before returning to El Chalten.

Day 12 El Chalten – Mt Fitzroy – El Chalten

From El Chalten we start trekking towards Camp Poincenot and continue up the steep trail that leads to the Cerro Fitzroy lookout, at Laguna de Los Tres. We descend via the Rio Blanco trail back to El Chalten

Day 13 El Chalten – Laguna Torres / Cerro Torre – El Chalten

Today we will trek along the River Fitzroy valley towards Laguna Torres. We will have extraordinary views of the needle-like Cerro Torre, before descending via Laguna Madre and Lagoon Hija. We go back to El Chalten for the night.

Day 14 El Chalten – El Calafate

Today we return to El Calafate, where the remainder of the day will be free.

Day 15: El Calafate – Buenos Aires

Today we fly north back to Buenos Aires. On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel.

Day 16 Buenos Aires – London

The day will be free for exploring Buenos Aires and doing any last minute shopping! Later in the day we will transfer to the airport for our international flight home.

Day 17 London

We will land back in the UK after an amazing adventure!

The Itinerary

While Far Frontiers Expeditions will make every effort to provide the itinerary as presented, this is sometimes not possible and your patience and understanding are requested if the itinerary should change.