



## Adventures in Patagonia - Private Tour

ARGENTINA, CHILE - TRIP CODE PTPA

DISCOVERY

### Why book this trip?

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Patagonia is home to some of the most spectacular landscapes on earth, full of emerald lakes fed by icy glaciers and towering mountain ranges home to guanaco and vicuna. End your days with a glass of malbec surrounded by the region's towering scenery.

- **Perito Moreno Glacier** - This magnificent glacier showcases the might of nature
- **Torres del Paine** - Walk among the glacial lakes and mountain ranges of this immense national park
- **Buenos Aires** - Explore Argentina's diverse capital, from tango-filled La Boca to upmarket Palermo



**INCLUDED MEALS**  
 Breakfast: 13  
 Lunch: 2  
 Dinner: 3



**TRIP STAFF**  
 Driver(s)  
 Local Guide(s)



**TRANSPORT**  
 Car  
 Ferry  
 Flight  
 On Foot



**ACCOMMODATION**  
 13 nights  
 comfortable hotel



**TRIP PACE:**  
 Full on

## Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

### DAY 1 - Trip begins in Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital, located on the southern shores of the Rio de la Plata. Since its founding by Pedro de Mendoza in 1536 the city has thrived on trade and its vibrant streets are filled with an eclectic mix of European architectural styles, with Spanish, French and Italian classicism rubbing shoulders with remnants of Victorian grandeur.

You will be met on arrival in Buenos Aires by a driver, and taken to your centrally-located hotel. You can either arrive into either Aeroparque Internacional Jorge Newbery (AEP) or Ezeiza International Airport (EZE), a 30 minute or 1 hour drive respectively from our hotel. There are no activities planned today, so feel free to arrive in Buenos Aires at any time. For those booking their own flights, you will just need to let us know your flight details no later than three weeks prior to departure, in order to be met on arrival.

If your flight arrives earlier in the day, you could explore this lively city by wandering the city streets, admiring the impressive architecture and relaxing parks, or enjoy the traditional Porteno pastime of people watching from the many sidewalk cafes.



**ACCOMMODATION:**  
 Patios de San Telmo (or similar)

**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



**SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE**



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

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## **DAY 2 - In Buenos Aires; explore the diverse barrios of the Argentinian capital**

Take tour of the city on foot and on public transport with a local guide, exploring the major landmarks around the Plaza de Mayo, site of the famous mass demonstrations by supporters of Juan Domingo Peron in 1945, organised by his wife Eva. Visit the colourful vibrancy of La Caminito in the La Boca district of the city. Settled originally by Italian migrants, the area is famed for its colourful houses and lively street performers. Discover artistic San Telmo, as well as the dockside area of Puerto Madero. San Telmo has a superb antiques market on Sundays, where you may frequently find some live tango dancing - it's worth bearing this in mind when you look at dates.

The afternoon is free for you to do some solo exploration. You might want to seek out the elaborate mausoleums of the famous Recoleta Cemetary, the final resting place of some of Argentina's most revered figures, including Eva Peron herself, as well as the superb collection of gardens in Palermo Park.



ACCOMMODATION:

Patios de San Telmo (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## **DAY 3 - Fly to Ushuaia; free afternoon for glacier visits or penguin spotting**

Transfer early to the airport today for the flight to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, spectacularly located on the Island of Tierra del Fuego at the very tip of the South American continent. Flight times to Ushuaia change regularly throughout the year, so it may be the case that you depart in the very early hours for your internal flight. Beyond this remote port lies the Beagle Channel and then the open waters of The Drake Passage, where the deep rich waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans converge amidst some of the most challenging seas on earth. This afternoon is free, flight time permitting.

You may wish to spend some time exploring this remarkable city at the end of the earth and visit the Maritime Museum, housed in what was once the prison, to learn a little something about the harsh realities of life on these unforgiving oceans. Alternatively, there are different boat trips available into the Beagle Channel, which allow you to experience a little something of the power and majesty of these southern oceans.

All boat trips allow for wildlife spotting. One trip to the Isla de los Lobos is on a small yacht, taking in Bird

Island and the sea lion island, as well as the Les Eclaireurs lighthouse. Another trip offers a longer excursion going further into the Beagle Channel, where you may spot (in addition to the above) cormorants and albatross. This boat trip also takes you to see the two penguin colonies on the Isla Martillo. Here you can view Magellanic and Gentoo penguins from the boat as well as, luck permitting, the King Emperor penguin. The third boat trip that we have listed in our Optional Excursions information also takes you to Isla Martillo, as well as the historic ranch at Harberton that dates back to the late 1800s. For this third trip we use the only local tour company with permits to land on the island, in small groups, and this will give you the chance to walk among the penguins at a respectful distance. Due to the limited numbers permitted we recommend booking this particular excursion in advance through Explore - all price details are in the Optional Excursions information within your trip notes. The other trips can be booked locally through our agent, who have an office in central Ushuaia.



**ACCOMMODATION:**

Villa Brescia Hotel (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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#### **DAY 4 - Discover the Tierra del Fuego National Park**

Explore the Tierra del Fuego National Park today with your local guide. Translating as the Land of Fires, this National Park is separated from Patagonia by the waters of the Magellan Strait, and plays home to a magnificent landscape of lakes, forest and tundra, set beneath an imposing backdrop of ragged mountain peaks. Take a leisurely walk along a forest trail to Lapataia Bay, taking in the expansive views and hopefully coming across some of the abundant wildlife in the area. These peaks and valleys, filled with Lenga and Guindo trees, provide a rich haven for Patagonian grey fox and condor. After lunch you'll return to Ushuaia with a free afternoon to further explore the area.



**ACCOMMODATION:**

Villa Brescia Hotel (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 5 - Travel across the Magellan Strait to Punta Arenas, by bus and ferry**

It's a long travel day today, as you'll spend the whole day on various types of transport to cross into Chile. A private driver will take you to the public bus terminal, from where you'll take the bus across Tierra del Fuego, crossing the Magellan Strait by ferry. The ferry crossing leads to border control (fruit and nuts cannot be taken into Chile - a small but important note if you like travelling with these snacks!), from where you'll get back on the bus towards Punta Arenas. The entire journey will take approximately 12 hours including the ferry crossing, border control and several stops. From the bus stop to the hotel in Punta Arenas is a 10 minute walk.

One of the largest maritime settlements in the region and the first Chilean settlement along the waters of the Magellan Strait, Punta Arenas was founded in the mid 19th century, beginning its life as a penal colony and growing rich on sheep ranching and (before the opening of the Panama Canal) the vital facilities that it offered to shipping traversing the dangerous routes through the southern oceans. Take the opportunity tonight to taste some local specialities, such as king crab, and perhaps sampling some of the excellent Chilean wines before retiring for the evening.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hotel Savoy (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 6 - Drive across the Patagonian Steppe to Torres del Paine National Park**

A landscape of rugged mountains, turquoise coloured glacial lakes and spectacular wildlife, the majestic vistas of Chilean Patagonia are some of the most scenic and environmentally diverse regions on the planet. Travelling north across the Patagonian steppe, with its desolate rolling plains and views of the peaks of the Cordillera in the distance, you'll take a shared transfer that passes through the city of Puerto Natales and the gateway into the sumptuous landscapes of the Torres del Paine National Park.

Torres del Paine contains what must surely be some of the most beautiful natural vistas on earth - it was once described by the priest and mountaineer Alberto de Agostini as one of the most spectacular sights that the human imagination can conceive. Blessed with an abundance of natural wonders, the 934 square miles of land was turned into national park in 1959 and takes its name from the Tehuelche Indian word

payne meaning blue, apt acknowledgment of the striking turquoise lakes that abound in this astonishing place. This dramatic drive ends at the perfectly located accommodation in Torres del Paine.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Cabanas Del Paine Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

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### DAY 7 - Hike to Base Torres for spectacular mountain views

Undertake one of the park's most famous day hikes today, with the challenging 22km trek to the base of the Torres del Paine. The entire hike is full of breath-taking panoramas as you cross glacial lakes, passing through river valleys and mountain forest, culminating in one of the most impressive lookouts in the park, over the spectacular Torres - imposing pinnacles of sharp granite that rise up over 2600m to pierce the sky. The total ascent and descent of the hike is 950m, taking you from a starting altitude of 30m to the peak of 980m, over approximately ten hours of walking time. The terrain is hilly, with mainly small and undulating slopes until the last kilometre, which is a steep push to the top. You'll be hiking in a group of other travellers today, sharing the hiking guide with a maximum of 10 people.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Cabanas Del Paine Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

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## DAY 8 - Discover Torres del Paine National Park on foot and by bus

On your second day in Torres del Paine, you'll head out in another shared excursion to explore the park by vehicle and on foot. Start the day with a visit to Lake Grey, a lake the epitomises the rugged nature of Torres del Paine, with its spectacular views of Glacier Grey backed by jagged mountains. Continue to the stunning panoramic viewpoints over Nordenskjold and Pehoe Lakes, the windy shores of the Laguna Azul and the cascading waterfalls of Paine and Salto Grande in this all-encompassing excursion around the national park. There will, of course, be opportunities for some short walks amid the wild landscapes.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Cabanas Del Paine Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

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## DAY 9 - Travel to Calafate, the gateway to the Glaciares National Park

Travel back into Argentina today, with a private transfer to the bright blue waters of Laguna Amarga before joining a shared transfer to Calafate. Cross the vastness of an empty, treeless plateau, where the only signs of life are the occasional estancia sheltering behind a windbreak of rare trees, and traverse the Argentinian border at Cerro Castillo. The final destination is Calafate, situated on the southern shores of Lago Argentino, an unassuming little community that has been declared the national capital of the glacier region and the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. The drive should take approximately 6-7 hours today and again, the hotel is only a few minutes' walk away from the bus stop.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hainen (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE





MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### DAY 10 - Full day visit to Perito Moreno Glacier

Today you have a full day visit to the awe-inspiring Perito Moreno Glacier, a highlight which ranks as one of South America's most magnificent sights and arguably one of the world's greatest spectacles. Fed by the vast expanse of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field, the glacier covers some 250 sq km, and at its deepest point is over 700m with an impressive list of statistics. It stretches over 30km and at its deepest point is over 700m thick. It is advancing at a rate of 700 metres per year, but is estimated to calve off great chunks at probably the same rate, meaning that it has remained pretty much stationary for nearly a century. All in all it is a natural masterpiece of quite spectacular majesty.

During the visit today, you'll be taking a boat trip to witness the sheer enormity of the glacier wall at close quarters, before driving back to Calafate.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hainen (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### DAY 11 - Drive to El Chalten

Take a shared transfer to the picturesque town of Chalten (approximately 3 hours), lying at the confluence of the De las Vueltas and Fitz Roy Rivers in Los Glaciares National Park. Arriving in the early afternoon, the afternoon is free to explore the town and its surrounding trails. You will have the option to visit the Huemul reservation, a private pristine reserve 16kms from Chalten, with numerous trails to explore. Although you don't get the spectacular views that you have come to expect from Torres, the park is beautiful in its solitude and is home to a diverse number of species including condors, foxes and the magellanic woodpecker.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Pudu Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel





SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 12 - Hike to the base of Mount Fitz Roy**

Over the next day and a half, you have the opportunity to explore the stunning Fitz Roy Massif. Set out with a local guide, weather permitting, to cover the distance to the base of Mount Fitz Roy, whose unmistakable summit is almost permanently covered in cloud, a phenomenon that was believed to be smoke by the indigenous Tehuelche who named it Chalten (smoky mountain). The mountain reaches a height of some 3405m, and our aim is to reach the base at around 1200m. Its forests and slopes are home to a unique array of wildlife, including the elusive huemul, a small deer and the majestic condor, one of the largest land birds on the planet. The scale and grandeur of this setting, where the glaciers seem to hang suspended between the jagged peaks, makes this walk a truly rewarding excursion.

The hike is on a well-marked trail covering a variety of terrain, from atmospheric forest and flowing rivers to open mountain scenery. The total ascent and descent is approximately 730m, over a distance of 22km. This return journey will take some 8-9 hours.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Pudu Lodge (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 13 - Fly to Buenos Aires**

It's a three hour drive back to Calafate this morning, in time for an afternoon flight to Buenos Aires. The rest of the afternoon and evening is at your leisure - you may wish to book a tango show for a truly Latin experience.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Patios de San Telmo (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### DAY 14 - Trip ends Buenos Aires

Your trip ends today, and you will be taken to the airport to meet your international flight. There are no activities planned today, so you are free to depart from Buenos Aires, either Aeroparque Internacional Jorge Newbery (AEP) or Ezeiza International Airport (EZE), at any time. If your flight is departing later in the day, luggage storage facilities are available at the hotel.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## Trip information

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### Climate and country information

#### Argentina

##### Climate

Argentina has a climate that ranges from subtropical in the north to cold in the temperate south. The Andes has erratic rainfall and flash floods from December to May. From June to September spring like sunny days temper the cold nights.

##### Time difference to GMT

-3

##### Plugs

3 Pin Flat

##### Religion

Predominantly Roman Catholic.

##### Language

Spanish is the main language throughout this region, along with a number of indigenous dialects, of

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# Chile

## Climate

The best time to visit is spring (Sept-Nov) and autumn (March- April). Between June and September the heat in the northern part of the country is less intense. Remember rain can fall at any time of the year and the weather is changeable in the mountains. Easter Island has a tropical climate so is likely to be quite hot and humid. It can also rain there in the evenings and become chilly.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion
-4	2 Pin Round	Predominantly Roman Catholic.

## Language

Spanish, Aymara, Rapanui.

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## Budgeting and packing

## Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

A selection of optional activities are listed below to help you budget for your adventure. Whilst the basic tour price you pay before you travel includes a great selection of highlights, we have also built in free time to allow you the flexibility to choose from a carefully selected range of additional excursions and activities. Alternatively, take time to relax; the choice is yours. Our local agent has an office in Ushuaia and a representative in Chalten, making it easy to book locally.

Argentina is undeniably an expensive destination to visit, and the costs of these optional excursions do show that. However, please remember that at certain destinations there may be several options to choose from and it may not be possible to fit all the activities in.

Day 3: Ushuaia - Beagle Channel Catamaran inc. penguins viewing (from the boat) US\$66

Day 3: Ushuaia - Estancia Harberton and Isla Martillo inc. penguins viewing (on the shore) US\$144 + US\$20 entrance fee (all boat trips have an additional 20 pesos harbour tax). This should be pre-booked before departure

Day 3 or 4: Ushuaia - End of the World Museum US\$15

Day 11: El Chalten - Huemul Reservation (includes Guide, transfers + Entrance Fee) - minimum 2 Pax US\$D 160 per person

Optional excursions can be paid in either USD cash (not dispensed by ATMs in Argentina or Chile), or Argentinian Pesos, at the daily exchange rate. At Torres del Paine, payment is only accepted in USD, and the hotel charges a 19% interest on the use of Chilean Pesos.

Card payments are also accepted. However, suppliers often charge extra for a card payment, up to approximately 10% of the quoted price above.

## Clothing

A warm sweater or fleece, good waterproofs and a windproof jacket are all essential. We also recommend bringing waterproof trousers as weather conditions can change suddenly whilst walking. Laundry services are available throughout.

## Footwear

Comfortable and sturdy walking boots with good ankle support and tread are essential. Trainers or sandals for relaxing in.

## Luggage

15Kg

### Luggage: On tour

One main piece of baggage and daypack.

Total allowance for your international flight: 44lb/20kg. Luggage limit for domestic flights is 15kg. You may leave excess luggage at the hotel in Buenos Aires.

Remember you are expected to carry your own luggage so don't overload yourself.

## Equipment

Binoculars, torch, water bottle, insect repellent, suncream (at least factor 15), good quality sunglasses and a lipsalve with sun protection and walking poles (if you use them).

## Tipping

### Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in Argentina. Some local staff will look to you for personal recognition of particular services provided, and with that in mind we propose the following guidelines as a reference point. These are of course discretionary, and tipping in general is not compulsory and should always be based on the service that you receive.

Private drivers - \$2 USD per person per day

Guides - \$2-5 USD per person depending on whether it is a half or full day tour

## Argentina

### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£11	£20	£3-4	£2

## Foreign Exchange

### Local currency

Argentine Peso (ARS)

### Recommended Currency For Exchange

You can choose to either change your money in advance or on arrival at the airport. Here you will find both ATMs and Bureau de Change. The exchange rate with the ARS is approximately ARS 57 to the British Pound, but do check for the most up to date rate prior to your trip. You may wish to take additional USD cash in order to pay for optional excursions, which is not dispensed by ATMs in Argentina.

### Where To Exchange

Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

### ATM Availability

Available in Buenos Aires. In Patagonia some cards with Chip and Pin do not work in the ATM machines. Always have some cash as back-up as they are not always reliable

### Credit Card Acceptance

Credit card are widely accepted in many shops and restaurants but some may be subject to a service charge

### Travellers Cheques

We do not recommend Travellers Cheques

## Chile

### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£13	£20	£3.00 - 4.00	£2

## Foreign Exchange

### Local currency

Chilean Peso (CLP)

### Recommended Currency For Exchange

You can choose to either change your money in advance or on arrival at the airport. Here you will find both ATMs and Bureau de Change. The exchange rate with the CLP is approximately CLP 880 to the British Pound. We recommend you take some emergency cash in USD as the GBP exchange isn't very good. Notes should be in good condition otherwise they may not be accepted. Please check on line for up to date information

### Where To Exchange

Tour Leader will advise on arrival

### **ATM Availability**

ATMs can be found in the major towns and cities for cash withdrawals in CLP. Always have some cash back up as they are not always reliable

### **Credit Card Acceptance**

Credit card are widely accepted in many shops and restaurants but some may be subject to a service charge

### **Travellers Cheques**

We do not recommend Travellers Cheques

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## **Transport, Accommodation & Meals**

### **Transport Information**

Car, Ferry, Flight, On Foot

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## **Essential Information**

### **Government Travel Safety Advice**

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

### **Under 18 immigration guidance**

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### **Price Guarantee**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

### **Visa and Passport Information**

Please note we require a photocopy of your passport 3 month pre departure.

It is essential that you provide Explore with a photo copy of your passport at the time of booking, as this will be required in order to confirm accommodation.

Argentina: Visas are not required for UK, US, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand citizens.

Please note Australian passport holders will need make a payment called the 'reciprocity fee' in advance

of travel to enter Argentina. This currently costs US\$ 100. This payment needs to be made online at <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/templates/reciprocidad/reciprocidad.htm> The receipt generated at the time of online payment must be printed and given to local immigration authorities together with your passport.

Chile: Visas are not required for UK, New Zealand, Australian, US and Canadian citizens.

Other nationalities should consult the relevant consulate.

All visa information is subject to change. You should confirm all visa related issues with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

USA: (including those in transit) Citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and passport holders from several EU countries can enter the United States without a visa under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) - where you apply for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation), which applies if you enter the country by sea or by air. This must be done on line - <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> no later than 72 hours prior to travel. Travellers who have not registered before their trip are likely be refused boarding.

You must have an electronic passport with a digital chip containing biometric information about the passport owner. UK passports which are biometric feature a small gold symbol (camera) at the bottom of the front cover.

If you have visited Iraq, Syria, Iran or Sudan since 2011 or are dual nationals of these countries, you cannot travel with an ESTA and instead you will need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. If you are unable to provide a valid visa before boarding flights to the US, or entering via another method, you may not be permitted to travel.

Please note for your ESTA application you will be required to supply Point of Contact information. Explore's USA contact information will be listed on your final documentation which you will receive approximately 3-4 weeks before departure. If you are leaving for the USA before this, please call the Explore team to get this information.(Not necessary if in transit)

For further information please check out the US embassy website. Visa applications - <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html>

Canada: An electronic travel authorisation (ETA) is required by British citizens transiting via Canada. For more information see the official Canadian government website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>

Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://www.travcour.com) to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity

for your chosen destination.

## Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

## Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

### Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

## Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.



## Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

## Argentina

### Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against typhoid, tetanus, polio and hepatitis A. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website - <http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended. Yellow fever is only recommended for those travelling to Iguazu falls. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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## Chile

### Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio and hepatitis A. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue Fever and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website - <http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

## Additional Information



## Tour Staff

Unlike our group tours our private journeys do not have a Tour Leader. However, you are still in safe hands as we work closely with our expert local suppliers on the planning and organisation of your holiday to ensure that you have a fantastic time. You'll be met on arrival in Buenos Aires by one of our english-speaking local guides, who will go through your holiday details and answer any questions you may have. The guides throughout are excellent, and will help to bring the destination to life. At times you may travel unaccompanied, for example on public transport from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas, but you will have all the information that you need to explore and there is always the reassurance that you have someone on hand with our 24/7 emergency contact number.

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## Reviews

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