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Buenos Aires - Esquel - San Carlos de Bariloche

8 Days / 7 Nights

December 9, 2020 - December 16, 2020

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Introduction

Patagonia is synonymous with intense rugged beauty and world-class hiking. You would struggle to find a more intensely beautiful, rugged and diverse countryside, from vivid green alpine meadows dotted with wildflowers, to vast steppes stretching as far as the eye can see.

Covering the entire area of southern Argentina & Chile, Patagonia boasts a landscape of hugely varied terrain and insurmountable natural beauty; from broad vistas, snow-capped mountains and enormous glaciers, to wild rivers and crystal clear lakes, lush forests and breathtaking sunsets. It's a land that for years has inspired legends and mystical stories of adventure; it's a dream location for outdoor enthusiasts around the world.

Patagonia is also one of the richest places in dinosaur fossils worldwide. Some of the most spectacular species of these legendary animals have been discovered in several paleontological sites in the vast spaces of Neuquén Province. So, where better to experience the total solar eclipse viewable from the South American continent?

Join us in a unique 7-day adventure that weaves together one lifetime moment after another: visit the land where the biggest dinosaur is known to have roamed and enjoy the best of Patagonia: the lake district area, its forest and volcanoes, its regional cuisine, its delicious chocolates and its magnificent National Parks: Los Alerces, Nahuel Huapi and Los Arrayanes.

This is an unmatched opportunity to experience a rare astronomical event while discovering the natural beauty of Argentina's south!

Be sure to check out our amazing trip extensions to broaden your South American experience

Accommodation	Type	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Duration
Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel		Buenos Aires	Dec 9	Dec 10	B&B	1 Night
Huemules Reserva de Montaña		Esquel	Dec 10	Dec 12	HB+	2 Nights
Charming Lodge & Private Spa		San Carlos de Bariloche	Dec 12	Dec 16	B&B	4 Nights

Price

2020 Total Solar Eclipse Experience -Patagonia

December 9-16, 2020-8 days, 7 nights

We are the best-priced trip for this Incredible experience.

Pricing and terms

- \$4999.00 per person double occupancy
- Add \$1,000 for single supplemental
- Save \$300.00 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 1, 2019
- Reserve your space: Deposit \$750.00 (\$350.000 is non-refundable) per person
- Balance of trip due as follows:
 - 50 % of the balance due by March 1, 2020- (non-refundable)
 - Final payment due by June 1, 2020 (non-refundable)

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Included

- 7-night accommodation at selected hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- Catering service at the Eclipse Campsite including cold & hot drinks
- 2 lunch + 1 box lunch
- 4 dinners at hotels/mountain resort
- Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- Sightseeing tours with English-speaking local guides
- Tips for baggage handling
- National Park Entrance fees
- Roundtrip Domestic flight from Buenos Aires (AEP) to/from Barilouche

Excluded

- International flights, alcoholic beverages.
- Extras at hotels (telephone calls, laundry, etc.)

Terms and Conditions

Itinerary Terms and Conditions

Payment Terms:

- Reservation Deposit: \$750.00 due with registration.
- 50 % of the balance due by March 1, 2020-
- The remaining deposit balance is due June 1, 202
- Your completed registration forms with valid info must be submitted with March 1 payment. (This is a good time to check that your passport expiration is good thru June 2021 or get it renewed now!!)

Cancellation and refund Policy:

- Initial deposit (\$350.000 is non-refundable)
- As of March 1, 2020, the reservation is non-cancellable, and all deposits are non-refundable.
- Please keep in mind, TREE must pay advance deposits for hotel, tour and transportation on your behalf and for this reason, we cannot make exceptions to our cancellation policy.
- Substitute travellers: Should you not be able to travel after deposits are non-refundable, you have the option to substitute travellers up to 60 days prior to the departure date. There will be a one-time \$250 administrative fee to process the transfer plus any additional transportation costs (i.e., prepurchased airline tickets).

Day 1: Wednesday, December 9

Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel, Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires

Situated on Argentina's Rio de la Plata coast, Buenos Aires is a thriving portside capital defined by a rich history, vibrant culture and strong European influence, with the result that it's sometimes called The Paris of South America. Countless museums covering a cornucopia of subjects; an active theatre culture; carnivorous buffets second to none; sensuous tango performances; a mosaic of architecture; and shops to fit all fancies – all these facets and more make up the seductive blend that is Buenos Aires. Some of the city's highlights include the buzz of the La Bombonera Stadium; tango and milonga venues such as the Bohemian La Catedral; and heritage architecture such as that at the Cementerio de la Recoleta, where visitors can wander through a 'city' of massive statues and marble mausoleums. Don't miss the International Festival of Independent Cinema and the vibrant annual Pride Parade.

Day Itinerary

Welcome to Argentina!!! Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will be greeted at Ezeiza International Airport by an experienced guide who is just waiting to introduce you to one of the world's most exciting cities.

A private vehicle will transfer you to your selected hotel for your check-in. The afternoon will be free to rest and recover from your flight in style.

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
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9 Dec

Ezeiza International Airport
[EZE]

Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel

Transfer

Overnight: Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel

Designed with exquisite French-style architecture, the Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel blends in with the historical monuments within the Recoleta area. The hotel is central for exploring this tourist destination as it is close to the Recoleta Cemetery and various other tourist attractions.

The Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel has restaurants, bars and a spa. A unique feature is the Winter Garden with the heated pool.



Day 2: Thursday, December 10

Huemules Reserva de Montaña, Esquel

Esquel

Set at the base of the Andes Mountains in northeastern Chubut Province, the town of Esquel was the southernmost stop on the La Trochita railway route. The line once connected stops along 400 kilometres of Patagonia via steam locomotives and was dubbed 'the railway almost at the end of the world'. While most of the railway has long since been discontinued, some of the original trains still operate in Esquel, taking visitors the 20 kilometres to the hamlet of Nahuel Pan. This tiny village rests the below the mountain of the same name and has a visitor centre where you can engage with locals and learn about traditional customs and handicrafts. Another cultural attraction in the area is the Leleque Museum, located just outside Esquel and housing a vast collection of native relics. The town also serves as a kick-off point to the Los Alerces National Park, with its primeval forests and sparkling lakes, and the dazzling San Rafael Glacier, located just across the border in Chile.

Day Itinerary

Breakfast at your hotel. In the morning you will be transferred to domestic Airport for your flight to Esquel, in North Patagonia. Your guide will meet and greet you at the airport and transfer you to Huemules Mountain Reserve.

Our Reserve offers 6200 hectares of Patagonian Andean Forests with numerous circuits for the most incredible activities in Nature. Your stay includes daily excursions you can choose that require different levels of physical effort.

These excursions will allow you to tour the lenga and ñire forests, cross melting snow formed creeks and discover at every step new landscapes in imposing Patagonia. In our excursions, we will be able to view the most representative local animals: woodpeckers, caiquenes, condors, foxes and deer, among others.

Your accommodation will be in comfortable domes, featuring queen size box spring and mattress with down duvets. Options: full size, twin or three beds. You will fall asleep and wake up to an incredible view of the landscape. The domes' layout was designed to allow you maximum privacy. Each guest has their own private deck with open views from their room.

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
10 Dec	Scheduled		Jorge Newbery Airport [AEP]		Esquel Airport [EQS]			

Transfers

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10 Dec		Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel	Jorge Newbery Airport [AEP]		Transfer
10 Dec		Esquel Airport [EQS]	Huemules Reserva de Montaña		Transfer

Overnight: Huemules Reserva de Montaña

Set amongst the lush vegetation of the Patagonian Andean forest, overlooking the snowy summits in the heart of Patagonia lies the unique Huemules Reserva de Montaña. The property is home to double and triple dome styled accommodations, each set amidst the forest and equipped with a private deck overlooking breathtaking views, an en-suite facility and biodegradable amenities. Guests can look forward to indulging in delicious cuisine as the property prepares all meals using traditional Patagonian cooking techniques and flavours. Summer activities include horseback riding, trekking and mountain bike rides, while winter activities include horseback riding, snowshoe trekking and ski touring.



Day 3: Friday, December 11

Huemules Reserva de Montaña, Esquel

Day Itinerary

Between November and April, the region offers a myriad of activities to enjoy. Discover the mesmerizing spring hues with patches of snow, summer with its intense green shades and the spectacular fall with its unique palette of red hues.

During this time of the year, we offer trekking, horseback riding, and mountain biking excursions, covering unique circuits with breathtaking scenery just in the company of the Patagonian immensity. Each step is an experience and each circuit a different sensation.

Day 4: Saturday, December 12

Charming Lodge & Private Spa, San Carlos de Bariloche

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, you will be transferred by land to San Carlos de Bariloche (290km – 4 hours), where you'll be greeted by yet another experienced guide for this charmingly Alpine-style city resting on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. You'll then check into your hotel.

Bariloche's deep blue lakes, towering mountains, glaciers and virgin forests make it an incomparable vacation destination. The scenery alone will leave you breathless. You'll have the afternoon and evening all to yourself to stroll by the lake, explore the city and get tempted by its many chocolate factories!

Welcome dinner will be served at your hotel.

Activities

San Carlos de Bariloche

The Argentinian Lake District's most popular destination, Bariloche is a city for all seasons, with a setting second to none – stretching along a lake shoreline, surrounded by national park. The region offers a myriad of activities and leisure opportunities: whether you want to go skiing, hiking, fly-fishing, or simply kick back and indulge in an epicurean feast, it's all there for the taking. The city's numerous cafés and chocolate shops are a delight to explore by day, while after sunset, the city lights up with bars and nightclubs, where locals and visitors dance the night away.

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
12 Dec		Huemules Reserva de Montaña	Charming Lodge & Private Spa		Transfer

Overnight: Charming Lodge & Private Spa

Set above the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi, Charming Lodge & Private Spa offers leisure accommodation in suites, apartments, and private residences. All accommodations feature amenities such as LCD TVs, mini-bars, in-room safes, underfloor heating, and private bathrooms with towel warmers and luxurious bathrobes and slippers. The larger suites and the apartments and residences all have their own private spa with a sauna, Scottish shower, Finnish shower, and Jacuzzi.

The onsite restaurant by the lake offers a tempting menu featuring the classic flavours of Patagonia, homemade pasta, fresh-baked breads, and tempting desserts. The wide range of resort facilities includes a gym, heated swimming pool, two outdoor Jacuzzis, a sauna with panoramic views, a massage room, and children's playground. Services such as washing and ironing, washing of vehicles, in-room massages, room service, Wi-Fi, and advice on tours and activities in the area are also offered.



Day 5: Sunday, December 13

Charming Lodge & Private Spa, San Carlos de Bariloche

Day Itinerary

Northern Patagonia is the region which hosts the Lake District and world-famous national parks. Today, you'll visit the Nahuel Huapi National Park. Why do you ask? Well, once you get a glimpse of its uniquely stunning landscape of lakes and snow-capped mountains, you'll see the reason! What's more, you'll come across an amazing native forest of beautiful copper-colored autumn leaves standing by crystal-clear waters of the lake.

This tour starts at Bustillo Avenue, bordering Lake Nahuel Huapi, to visit Playa Bonita, Mount Campanario (chair lift is optional), San Pedro Peninsula, Llao Peninsula and Saint Edward's Chapel, and Port Pañuelo. The journey continues across the Angostura Bridge over the stream linking the Moreno & Nahuel Huapi Lakes, Bahia Lopez and El Trebol Lagoon. You will then find yourself at Panoramic Point, a natural balcony over Moreno Lake and Llao Peninsula. The secret is in the name really: this location offers rather magnificent views of the lakes and surrounding mountain ranges.

When it comes to beer, Bariloche is a city that pays it a special tribute with a street that worships this beverage. Today's tour will visit one of its main breweries for tasting and to sample a traditional dish, "picada". It is a regional

delicacy that will introduce you to the flavors of this wonderful Patagonian region. A region where smoked products and exclusive meat -including venison and boar, trout and salmon- rule.

Return to your hotel where your local guide will help you get ready for the next day's extraordinary experience: The Total Solar Eclipse!!!

Activities

Nahuel Huapi National Park

Argentina's oldest national park, Nahuel Huapi National Park lies on the foothills of the Patagonian Andes, sprawling across 7500 square kilometres. Visitors to the park will be treated to beautiful vistas of lakes, waterfalls and snow covered peaks, as well as sightings of varied animal species, including rare creatures such as the Andean and miniature deer.

Playa Bonita

A popular spot in Bariloche, Playa Bonita beach lies along the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Visitors keen on active pursuits can choose from a number of water sports, or simply spend their time sunbathing on the white sands, or lounging in one of the surrounding bars and restaurants.

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Day 6: Monday, December 14

Charming Lodge & Private Spa, San Carlos de Bariloche

Day Itinerary

Day 06 Dec 14th, 2020 – BARILOCHE/ECLIPSE CAMPSITE/BARILOCHE (B / L / D)

Get up early and enjoy breakfast before starting your journey along Route 237 towards our eclipse viewing point, where a campsite and catering service will be waiting for you to enjoy a magnificent day!!

Important facts:



The experience includes:

- Astronomy equipment
- Local guide
- Bedouin tents
- Lunch & snacks

Later, after the historic event — the second visible total solar eclipse in Argentina — join your fellow travellers for an eclipse celebration at sunset!! Return to your hotel to share talks and pictures about today's experience. Dinner is at the hotel.

Day 7: Tuesday, December 15

Charming Lodge & Private Spa, San Carlos de Bariloche

Day Itinerary

Day 07 Dec 15th, 2020 – BARILOCHE (B/-/-)

Today is at your leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities or enjoy the wonderful surroundings.

Day 8: Wednesday, December 16

Day Itinerary

Today you will be transferred to the airport to board the flight to Buenos Aires (AEP). Services end at AEP airport.

Optional night in Buenos Aires and transfer to EZE is available.

If you add on an additional trip, your return to Buenos Aires AEP will be included with your "add on" trip.

End of Itinerary

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
16 Dec	Scheduled		Esquel Airport [EQS]		Jorge Newbery Airport [AEP]			

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
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16 Dec	Charming Lodge & Private Spa	Esquel Airport [EQS]	Transfer
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Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel		+54 11 5777-8950	Vicente López 1955 C1128ACC Buenos Aires - Argentina

Travel Information



Ranging from balmy subtropical reaches in the north, to the frosty Antarctic shores of the Patagonian south, Argentina is one of the world's most geographically diverse countries. Its kaleidoscope of landscapes offer endless adventure and leisure opportunities, and this natural variety – coupled with its warm, animated locals, delectable carnivorous cuisine and fascinating history – make it a captivating and unforgettable travel destination. Whether you're most likely to be spellbound by the spectacular torrents of Iguazu Falls, the sprawling ski slopes of Bariloche, the vibrant capital of Buenos Aires, or the age-old Inca city of Humahuaca, Argentina has something to delight and mesmerize even the most seasoned explorer.

Entry Requirements

A valid passport, good for 6 months past your travel dates, is **required** for **U.S. citizens** to enter **Argentina**. Leisure and business travelers are allowed to stay a maximum of 90 days in **Argentina** without a **visa**.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Peso (ARS; symbol AR\$) = 100 centavos. Peso notes are in denominations of AR\$100, 50, 20, 10, and 5. Coins are in denominations of AR\$2 and 1, and in 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1 centavos.

US Dollars are accepted in some hotels and tourist centers. Prices in US Dollars are typically marked with US\$ to avoid confusion, but sometimes both peso and dollar prices are both preceded by just \$, so check if unsure.

Banking

Banking hours: Monday-Friday 10 AM to 3 PM.

Most major credit cards are accepted, but not as widely as in the US or Europe; even some major hotels do not have credit card facilities.

ATMs are available in most cities and have options in English, but it is still best to carry alternative forms of payment as daily withdrawal limits are low and machines don't always work. During national holidays ATMs can run out. So, it is wise to withdraw in advance.

Foreign tourists who are not resident in Argentina can no longer pay for tourism-related services (air tickets, bus travel, hotel rooms, all-inclusive tours, etc) in Pesos. These services must be paid for with foreign credit and bank cards, money transfers (in foreign currencies) from abroad, in cash with foreign money (e.g. US Dollars) or with cheques from foreign accounts.

It is suggested to bring traveller's cheques in US Dollars; these can be exchanged at banks, bureaux de change and some hotels. However, it is often difficult to exchange these in the smaller towns.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Argentina is huge, making air travel the most practical way to get around. Many flights are routed through Buenos Aires. Aerolíneas Argentinas (AR) (www.aerolineas.com.ar) serves many domestic destinations from its key hubs in Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Bariloche.

In Buenos Aires the safest option is to telephone a radio taxi; a reputable company is Radio Taxi Pidalo (tel: (011) 4956 1200). Taxis are readily available and can be hailed from the side of the road but make sure the meter is used. It is advisable to use recommended remises (taxis) - which can only be booked by telephone and have fixed prices. Passengers should enquire beforehand.

Health and Medical Information

Health, Inoculations, Medications, and Treatments

As of this writing, no inoculations are required for entry into Argentina. To obtain a current listing of any further information, call the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) free at 1-888-232-3299. The CDC reports no risk of malaria in Argentina. We advise you to pack a kit with an ample supply of your medications and basic first aid items, insect repellent, sunscreen, etc. In general, be aware of the general discomforts of travel – change in diet, sunburn, dehydration, etc.

We are not responsible for any prior medical problems and/or conditions and nor can we be responsible for any treatment there.

The country is very unique and full of history, but not ADA compliant. Broken pavement, ground holes, old stairwells, and other potential walking hazards exist. Wear comfortable shoes and be aware of your surroundings. Participants are responsible for being insufficient good health to undertake the trip. Travelers are expected to be able to climb 2 flights of stairs, walk a ¼ mile, and stand for 15-20 minutes at a time.

Visitors are sometimes susceptible to “traveler’s diarrhea” caused by unfamiliar bacteria. Be sure to bring along medication for this, just in case. We strongly recommend you drink only bottled water. Packaged drinks are fine. Ice at most reputable places is filtered water. If there is any doubt as to your physical fitness to travel, a consultation should be sought with your doctor. Argentinians go out of their way to assist travelers, there are few allowances for handicapped access. In case you need medical treatment, hospitals and clinics are conveniently located. At the larger hotels, medical staff is available on site.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Tap water is generally considered safe in main cities and towns, especially in Buenos Aires, but otherwise bottled water is recommended. If bottled water is unavailable, then boil water for over a minute before drinking.

Argentina serves up an exceptional standard of food, although choices can often be restricted to meat, pasta and pizza. Buenos Aires, however, offers a wide selection of culinary genres, with Japanese, Thai and Asian-fusion food becoming increasingly popular. Vegetarians may struggle to find extensive veggie options, but most restaurants do serve vegetables and salads. Outside Buenos Aires, however, vegetarians may be faced with quite limited choices.

Wherever you are in the country, meat is the name of the game here, and if you fancy broadening your carnivorous horizons, then there is a unique and wonderful array of meat treats to try. The traditional Argentine parrilla (grill) is the very heart and soul of Argentina's cuisine. Sample morcilla (blood sausage), chinchulines (intestines), or simply go for a

slab of prime Argentine beef - all sizzled to perfection. Don't forget to liberally douse your chosen meats in delicious chimichurri – a sauce made from finely chopped parsley and oregano, garlic, olive oil and vinegar. Those after an authentic and reliably delicious meat experience in Buenos Aires, try El Trapiche in Palermo, and Desnivel in San Telmo.

For breakfast, head to a traditional confitería (café) and sample a few medialunas (small, croissant-like pastries) and a strong café con leche. In cities, fashionable resto-bars (restaurant-bars) are taking hold, offering more contemporary takes on traditional Argentine cuisine, and all manner of lunch options. A strong Italian influence means quality ice cream is also popular, and in summertime Buenos Aires the many gelaterias (ice cream parlors) are certainly worth visiting. In the evening, Argentines dine late – 9 PM is considered early – and the feasts are typically massive.

Argentina's wines have flooded the international market in recent years, and are famed for their quality and value. Try a light pinot noir from Patagonia or an inky and smooth Malbec, and don't miss Argentina's celebrated white, the aromatic Torrontés.

Around 15% tip is acceptable in restaurants as well as bars (unless you were dissatisfied) which waiting staff relies on to survive.

Climate and Weather

Argentina's climate ranges from the great heat and extensive rains of the subtropical Chaco in the north, through to the pleasant climate of the central Pampas, and the sub-Antarctic cold of the Patagonian Sea in the south. The main central area is temperate, but can be very hot and humid during summer (December to February) and chilly in winter.

The most pleasant times to visit Buenos Aires are September-November and February- March. The city is best avoided in January, when the heat is at its most intense and many of its residents flee to the coast leaving behind a comparative ghost city. Exploring the wilds of Patagonia is best done in the late spring and summer months – between November and February – whilst the northern regions are at their most hospitable in the spring, autumn and winter. If heading to Argentina for a ski trip, hit the slopes during mid-June to October.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Lightweight clothing is generally all that is required in the north, whereas warm clothes are certainly necessary for the south, up in the mountains and during winter months in the central area. It is sensible to carry rain gear in all areas and bring good sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses and good walking shoes.

Electricity and Plug Standards

The official standard for plugs and sockets (outlets) in Argentina is the "Type I" IRAM-2073 which is practically interchangeable with the standards in Australia and China. However, many non-grounded sockets in Argentina are the "Type C" Europlug type. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need one or more travel plug adapters in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it is crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for both types.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Argentina usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need. But travel plug adapters do not change the voltage, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. If your appliance is not compatible with 220-240 volts, you will need a voltage converter.
