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Wild Patagonia: Peaks, Glaciers & Pumas

Explore Southern Chile & Argentina on a Grand Andean Adventure



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Trip Details:

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Days
9 Days /
Nov-Mar

Price
From
\$14795

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The southernmost Andes rise in spires to the sky, their sheer granite heights drawing the eye and spirit upward. Sunrise bathes the peaks in rosy alpenglow. Glaciers wind down in frozen rivers from the ice-crowned massifs, choking turquoise lakes with floating blue bergs. Patagonia has no peer on Earth when it comes to dramatic mountain landscapes. On our cross-border expedition into Chile and Argentina, look for condors, guanacos and elusive pumas on guided hikes. While never assured, puma sightings are on the rise, and we hope to get a glimpse of this stealthy hunter in Torres del Paine National Park. Learn about conservation strides on visits to working estancias where protecting wildlife and raising livestock are mutually compatible goals. Explore and photograph diverse facets of this legendary adventure realm on our all-encompassing odyssey to the bottom of South America.

Trip Highlights

From our base at Patagonia Camp, look for guanacos, huemul, condors and Darwin's rhea against the famous backdrop of Torres del Paine's granite spires

On a private cruise to the face of Perito Moreno Glacier, towering 240 feet high, watch icebergs calve into the turquoise waters of Lago Argentino

Get an exclusive look at how modern-day Patagonia ranchers sustain their livelihood while protecting habitats and wildlife—including rebounding pumas



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Itinerary At A Glance

- Day 1**
El Calafate, Argentina
- Day 2**
Los Glaciares National Park—
Private Cruise to Perito Moreno
Glacier
- Day 3**
Scenic Drive to Estancia Cerro
Guido
- Day 4**
Cerro Guido—Conservation Safari
& Puma Restoration Project
- Day 5**
Ranch Hike / Gaucho Heritage &
Traditions
- Day 6**
Torres del Paine National Park /
Patagonia Camp
- Days 7 & 8**
Exploring Torres del Paine &
Patagonia Camp

Wild Patagonia: Peaks, Glaciers & Pumas Itinerary

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Day 1: El Calafate, Argentina

Our Patagonia journey begins in Argentina’s adventure capital of El Calafate, where we meet our Expedition Leader and traveling companions at a welcome dinner. On the edge of the Southern Patagonia Ice Field, El Calafate was originally a hub for wool traders in the early 20th century. It became an important tourism base when Los Glaciares National Park was created in 1937 and remains so today.





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Itinerary At A Glance

Day 9

Transfer to Puerto Natales /
Depart

Day 2: Los Glaciares National Park—Private Cruise to Perito Moreno Glacier

Board a private boat for a cruise on Lago Argentino, the country's largest lake and the third-largest in South America. Icebergs frequently litter its teal-blue waters, as the lake is fed by several glaciers that flow down from the 6,500-square-mile Southern Patagonian Ice Field, one of the most extensive non-polar glaciated areas in the world. The biggest, and one of Patagonia's premier highlights, is Perito Moreno Glacier, towering 240 feet above the lake's surface and spanning nearly 3 miles. We approach its jagged blue face at close range, hoping to see an iceberg calve from the imposing wall of ice. Winding down nearly 19 miles from the perpetual snowfields of the Andes to its terminus in the huge lake, Perito Moreno is the most famous of the more than 50 outlet glaciers spilling from the ice field, and one of very few advancing glaciers on the planet. We disembark for a short hike along a secluded shoreline, following a maze of boardwalks offering varied vantage points on the glacier and icebergs drifting on the lake. Return to El Calafate to spend a second night.

Day 3: Scenic Drive to Estancia Cerro Guido

Depart El Calafate this morning and cross the border into Chile, driving south on a scenic route over rolling steppe, with Patagonia's jagged peaks an ever-present backdrop. Keep an eye out for wildlife, which we frequently spot on the way to Estancia Cerro Guido, where we spend the next three nights. On arrival at the estancia—the Spanish name for a large private tract of land devoted to raising sheep or cattle in Patagonia—we check in to our lodge and gather for an orientation to this impressive conservation project.

Established by European pioneers at the end of the 19th century, this is the largest cattle ranch in the history of Chilean Patagonia, still a working livestock and agricultural enterprise on nearly a quarter-million acres. Dedicated to conservation leadership, the ranch has sought to achieve coexistence between livestock and wildlife, demonstrating that both can flourish in harmony. Improving the condition of its grasslands has attracted native fauna, including grazing guanacos. Given its location on a biological corridor with Torres del Paine National Park, wildlife on its vast expanse is abundant, and we frequently spot gray fox, Andean condor and Darwin's rhea, a large flightless bird that is a relative of the ostrich and stands three feet tall. If we are especially lucky, we may also spot a puma—they are making a comeback, with concerted conservation efforts.

Each evening, sit down to a memorable dinner featuring the native flavors of Patagonian gastronomy, highlighting fresh ingredients sourced from the ranch. Then tuck into luxuriously appointed accommodations in restored 1920s cottages built by original English pioneers, with décor reflecting the era.



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Day 4: Cerro Guido—Conservation Safari & Puma Restoration Project

Today holds an exciting adventure as we learn in depth about Cerro Guido's impressive conservation values, goals and achievements. On a conservation-focused safari, we participate in Cerro Guido's puma research project, launched in 2019. Rising early, head into the field with professional puma researchers dedicated full-time to studying pumas that live in a particular sector of the ranch called Las Condoreras. "Puma" is the name the Incas gave to this agile predator, which is also known as a cougar or mountain lion. Through observation with binoculars, review of camera traps, presentation of video material and informative talks, the research team shares their daily work with us, noting achievements and explaining challenges. We'll learn a great deal about Patagonia's most magnificent feline predator as well as the varied wildlife of the region and how to facilitate coexistence between livestock and these native dwellers in the wild. An important element of that project is the role of the estancia's Great Pyrenees and Maremma guard dogs—shepherd breeds trained to handle and protect cattle in a way that deters pumas from approaching. Of course, we keep a close watch for elusive pumas, although sightings are highly unpredictable and we do not always see them. However, we are sure to see other wildlife during our overland exploration of the ranch, and we will come away inspired by the efforts being made to restore not just pumas but an entire balanced ecosystem.

Day 5: Ranch Hike / Gaucho Heritage & Traditions

Start the morning with an easy guided hike near our lodge. The scale of the surrounding open range and mountain peaks is on full display as we traverse the grasslands on foot, drinking in the vastness of our environs and looking for native wildlife along the way. Next, our focus turns from ecology and biodiversity to the human history of Estancia Cerro Guido, as we delve into the living legacy of the rich gaucho heritage synonymous with the region. Gauchos are the traditional Patagonian cowboys who look after cattle and sheep, roaming the pastures on horseback, and we learn about their traditions on a cultural tour of the ranch today. Tour the stable, learn how sheep dogs work the herds, and watch a sheep-shearing demonstration. We also visit the orchard, greenhouse and organic gardens where produce is grown to supply the kitchen that provides our fresh farm-to-table meals. Lunch today is a highlight, as we savor a classic gaucho barbecue of lamb roasted on a spit over an open fire.



Day 6: Torres del Paine National Park / Patagonia Camp

Today we cross the steppe to reach Chile's Torres Del Paine National Park, stopping at overlooks to admire the staggering views. A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the park is home to a host of wildlife including guanaco, fox, huemul (South Andean deer), armadillo, and a growing number of pumas. An impressive array of birdlife is here, too: look for eagles, hawks, rheas, buzzards, owls, flamingos and South American condors back from the brink of extinction. Dominating the horizon are the famous Torres del Paine—the Towers of Paine—dark igneous rock spires millions of years old. Notice how the ecosystem changes as our journey continues and we move from sprawling tawny steppe into rolling mountain foothills covered in native beech forest.

Our destination is Patagonia Camp, a “rustic luxury” outpost on Lago el Toro surrounded by 84,000 acres of private land adjacent to the national park. This unique ecolodge is comprised of 20 spacious yurts tucked within the forest, with views from private decks. Comfortably spaced apart for seclusion, the deluxe yurts feature the appointments of a fine hotel. Common amenities include a large shared lounge yurt, a dining room built of warm native wood with woven wool textiles, and expansive wooden terraces overlooking the lake and mountains beyond. This afternoon holds our first chance for an excursion into the wild nature surrounding us. We've hired a puma tracker to enter the park before us, scouting the terrain for signs of these elusive cats, whose numbers are on the rise here. The tracker will be in radio contact with our Expedition Leader, so we can be apprised right away if a sighting may await.



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Days 7 & 8: Exploring Torres del Paine & Patagonia Camp

Our stay at Patagonia Camp offers a host of options and flexibility to tailor excursions around personal interests and Patagonia's notorious wind-and-weather whims. We'll have two Sprinter vans for our group's private use, plus two local guides who will join our Expedition Leader, allowing us to split up according to varied activity preferences.

A range of walks and hikes offer opportunities to observe the Paine massif from different angles, with roaming guanacos, Andean condors and native flora in the foreground. Classic Magellanic subarctic forest species are on display here—lenga, ñire and coihue, a tall evergreen that can reach 140 feet. We may spy the Magellanic woodpecker and, if we're lucky, the huemul, a rare Chilean deer that is a national symbol found on the coat of arms on Chile's flag. Guests who want to tackle more challenging hikes to famous national park destinations such as the French Valley, Base of the Towers or Mirador Condor will have an opportunity to do so. Mellow hike options with rewarding views include Mirador Los Cuernos, a vista overlooking the famous outcrop of dark granite horn-like spires. There are also easy outings that depart directly from camp, including Los Azules lookout and Toro's Waterfall. Those who prefer more independence can also choose self-guided walks from camp.

Lakes and waterfalls are highlights of Torres del Paine, with brilliant blue Lake Pehoe reflecting the serrated peaks like a mirror. We follow its shoreline to Salto Grande Falls, which thunders down from Lake Nordenskjold above. In the northern part of the park, the view from Laguna Azul offers a different angle on the imposing towers. We may also stop at Cascada del Rio Paine to admire this series of terraced waterfalls. As we explore, keep an eye out for wildlife, especially along the Sendero de La Fauna—the animals' trail—so named for the many guanacos that frequent the route. It winds through a favorite puma hunting ground where we may see remains of camelids that the tawny cats have preyed upon. High rock formations flank the path, providing dwellings and lookouts for these stealthy felines. While pumas are notoriously elusive, we have seen them more frequently in recent seasons.

Day 9: Transfer to Puerto Natales / Depart

Depart Patagonia Camp this morning with a transfer to your flight departure point: Puerto Natales, about a 75-minute drive. Guests can schedule their departure for any time on the final day.



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Accommodation Details:

- Patagonia Camp
- Estancia Cerro Guido
- Hotel Kosten Aike
- Mirador del Lago

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/south-america/patagonia-adventure/accommodations

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Patagonia Camp

Set within native beech forest overlooking Lago el Toro on the edge of Torres del Paine National Park, this renowned luxury ecolodge features 23 deluxe yurts with private balconies and striking views.



Estancia Cerro Guido

On a historic working sheep ranch dedicated to conservation and puma restoration, Cerro Guido guests enjoy luxury lodgings in restored heritage buildings, in view of Paine massif.



Hotel Kosten Aike

Located in the center of lively El Calafate, this hotel reflects the cultural heritage of the region with works by Argentine artists incorporating indigenous Tehuelche designs into every detail.



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Mirador del Lago

Just outside the busy center of El Calafate with views of Lago Argentino across the road, this hotel's classic Patagonia design incorporates stone and heavy timbers with rich carpets and textiles.



Experience More of Patagonia, More Personally, with Nat Hab!

Though Patagonia is one of the world's most remote travel destinations, its matchless grandeur ensures there are plenty of guided group trips to choose from. But you'll be hard-pressed to find one as distinctive as ours. While many operators focus on either Chile or Argentina, we show you the best of both sides of the southernmost Andes—and in a manner that's adventurous yet very comfortable: no endurance treks or freezing tents!

1 A More Personalized Nature Experience

We limit our group to approximately 12 travelers. You'll enjoy quieter encounters with the natural world and plenty of personal attention from our Expedition Leader.

2 Varied Angles on Patagonia's Famous Glaciers

The Southern Patagonian ice fields are some of the largest on Earth, and glacier sightseeing is a highlight. In Los Glaciares National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we do some light hiking near Perito Moreno, which unlike most glaciers is still advancing. We also view it from the water on a private boat trip on Lago Argentino, and watching icebergs calve from its 200-foot-high face is a matchless thrill. View Upsala Glacier from Estancia Cristina, too, an equally impressive sight.

3 Unique Lodgings Include Coveted Patagonia Camp

Nat Hab accommodations are often as memorable as the destinations we explore. Among the special places we stay is Patagonia Camp, with access to Chile's renowned Torres del Paine National Park. Warm, wind-resistant luxury yurts provide an immersion in the natural environs while offering supreme comfort. We also stay on a private conservation-focused ranch—Estancia Cerro Guido—for an exclusive look at how sustainable agriculture works hand in hand with wildlife protection.

4 Search for Secretive Wild Pumas

Pumas—also known as cougars or mountain lions in North America—are elusive and rarely seen, but sightings in Chilean Patagonia are increasing, and we hope to spot one. Of course we can never guarantee we'll see a puma, but we have a special excursion planned to go in search of them, and we may be rewarded if we are lucky!



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Your Expedition Leader is One of Patagonia's Top Naturalist Guides

Our Patagonia Expedition Leader is one of the most acclaimed guides in the region, with years of in-depth experience in the southern Andes. All our Expedition Leaders benefit from further resources provided by WWF scientists, so your trip is sure to be an adventure for the mind as well as the body and spirit. **Read our Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

6

Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Superlative Patagonia Adventure

Natural Habitat Adventures offers an exclusive guarantee that clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

7

Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

8

Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!



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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices:
From \$14795

Group Size:
Limited to 12
Travelers

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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Nov 15, 2026	Nov 23, 2026	\$15095 USD
Nov 18, 2026	Nov 26, 2026	\$15095 USD
Nov 21, 2026	Nov 29, 2026	\$15095 USD Habitat Club Pricing Available
Nov 28, 2026	Dec 6, 2026	\$15095 USD
Dec 4, 2026	Dec 12, 2026	\$15095 USD



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Dec 11, 2026	Dec 19, 2026	\$15095 USD
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2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
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Jan 20, 2027	Jan 28, 2027	\$15095 USD
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Jan 23, 2027	Jan 31, 2027	\$14795 USD
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Feb 5, 2027	Feb 13, 2027	\$15095 USD
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Feb 8, 2027	Feb 16, 2027	\$14795 USD
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Feb 15, 2027	Feb 23, 2027	\$15095 USD
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Feb 18, 2027	Feb 26, 2027	\$14795 USD
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Feb 21, 2027	Mar 1, 2027	\$14795 USD
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Feb 28, 2027	Mar 8, 2027	\$15095 USD Habitat Club Pricing Available
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Mar 3, 2027	Mar 11, 2027	\$14795 USD
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Mar 6, 2027	Mar 14, 2027	\$14795 USD
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Mar 13, 2027	Mar 21, 2027	\$14795 USD
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Mar 16, 2027	Mar 24, 2027	\$15095 USD
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Mar 19, 2027	Mar 27, 2027	\$15095 USD
Mar 26, 2027	Apr 5, 2027	\$17095 USD Photo Expedition
Mar 29, 2027	Apr 8, 2027	\$17095 USD Photo Expedition
Apr 1, 2027	Apr 11, 2027	\$16795 USD Photo Expedition
Nov 15, 2027	Nov 23, 2027	\$14795 USD Dates/Prices Not Confirmed
Nov 18, 2027	Nov 26, 2027	\$14795 USD Dates/Prices Not Confirmed
Nov 25, 2027	Dec 3, 2027	\$14795 USD Dates/Prices Not Confirmed
Nov 28, 2027	Dec 6, 2027	\$14795 USD Dates/Prices Not Confirmed
Dec 1, 2027	Dec 9, 2027	\$14795 USD Dates/Prices Not Confirmed
Dec 8, 2027	Dec 16, 2027	\$15095 USD Dates/Prices Not Confirmed

Pricing



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See <https://nathab.com/south-america/patagonia-adventure/dates-fees> for the latest pricing details.

Included

Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local staff, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, private boat tour to see the Perito Moreno Glacier, regional wines with dinner, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Important Information About This Trip

This realm of mountains and glaciers is among the most magnificent geographic settings on the planet. On many Patagonia tours, visitors trek long distances and camp in tents to experience the natural splendors of the region. In contrast, our trip utilizes atmospheric, well-appointed small hotels and lodges that place us among some of Patagonia's most striking scenery in genuine comfort. In order to experience the region most fully, please be prepared for some drives (all are scenic!) and easy to moderate hikes over uneven natural terrain. Optional more challenging hikes may also be offered in order to access some of the most scenic areas.



Mandatory Insurance

As of July 1, 2025 all travelers entering Argentina must carry an international medical insurance policy to be allowed entry. This measure applies at all airports, border crossings and ports.

The insurance policy must be valid for your entire stay in Argentina and must include coverage for:

- Medical and hospital care
- Accidents or illnesses
- 24/7 emergency assistance
- COVID-19 treatment and related services
- Medical evacuation or repatriation if necessary

Nat Hab's comprehensive Travel Protection Plan includes medical evacuation coverage and meets the above requirements for Argentina. Our insurance protects your investment in the event of cancellations, interruptions and illness that can cause you to miss out on all or part of your highly anticipated adventure. Many plans are available for purchase until 15 days prior to travel.

Please travel with a copy (printed or digital) of your Confirmation of Benefits (COB) document to present as verification.

If you purchase through a third party, please provide our office with company name, policy number and contact phone number prior to traveling. Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins in El Calafate, Argentina, and ends in Puerto Natales, Chile. **You must arrive in El Calafate by 4 pm on Day 1** in order to attend a welcome dinner at 6 pm. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials.

You may depart from Puerto Natales at any time on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



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