

# Patagonia

## Adventures



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Patagonia is nature's hideout—a magical land of gigantic spaces and celestial skies. Located near the bottom of the world, it straddles two countries, Chile and Argentina. Its rugged, wild beauty is so unique that most of it is protected under World Biosphere, national park or national reserve status. Here, glaciers gouge out valleys, tree-studded cliffs flank rivers of ancient ice, and wildlife roams freely amidst moss-covered forests and craggy granite peaks.

The California Native proudly offers our series of special trips to Patagonia, and we would love to have you join us.

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*About twice the size of France but with fewer people per square mile than the Western Sahara, the wild beauty of Patagonia spans both Chile and Argentina.*

### 8-day Patagonia Explorer

**W**e visit glaciers, pampas and beautiful lakes on both sides of the Andes on this trip to spectacular Patagonia, where we can hike, photograph wildlife and relax in this untouched land at the bottom of the world. You can also extend your trip by adding a visit to the Atacama Desert, Iguazú Falls or Easter Island.

**1st Day:** Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, Argentina, we are met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is open for relaxation and sightseeing.

**2nd Day:** We fly to El Calafate, where we spend the next two nights. Located on Lago Argentino, El Calafate is the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park and the Perito Moreno Glacier.

**3rd Day:** Today we spend the day visiting Los Glaciares National Park and the Perito Moreno glacier, the largest glacier in Patagonia. After a boat ride past towering ice walls, we land and approach the glacier by foot.

**4th Day:** Leaving Argentina, we cross the border into Chile and drive to Torres del Paine National Park. Declared a World Biosphere Reserve in 1978, the park is famous for its spectacular granite spires, beautiful lakes and incredible glaciers. We spend the next three nights at the ecologically sensitive Ecocamp Las Torres, which offers “luxury camping” similar to the grand lodges of Africa. We sleep in six-foot-high, wooden-floored dome tents, each with two beds and a gas heater.

**5th Day:** We drive to Lake Grey, home to floating icebergs, and take a leisurely hike to view the Grey Glacier. We then hike to Mirador Pehoe for a breathtaking

view of the Paine massif. From the shores of Lake Pehoe, we walk to the Salto Grande, a giant waterfall.

**6th Day:** Today we visit the eastern side of the park and Laguna Azul, where we walk through an ancient beech forest and have the opportunity to spot many species of birds. As an alternative, we may choose to spend the day hiking to the foot of the Paine Towers, the dramatic symbol of the park.

**7th Day:** We travel back to El Calafate, where we spend the night.

**8th Day:** We transfer from our hotel in El Calafate to the airport for our flight home via Buenos Aires or continue our vacation to the Atacama Desert, Iguazú Falls or Easter Island.

**What's included:** Airfare within South America, land transportation, accommodations (four nights in hotels, three nights at the Ecocamp), guided tours, boat trips, ten meals. The maximum group size is 18. Minimum: two persons.

**Departs:** Every Friday

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$2970\*

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## 13-day Patagonia Explorer

This trip includes all that is in our 8-day Patagonia Explorer and also visits the Valdes Peninsula, the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia and Tierra del Fuego. You can also extend it by adding a visit to the Atacama Desert, Iguazú Falls or Easter Island.

**1st Day:** Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, Argentina, we are met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is open for relaxation and sightseeing.

**2nd Day:** In the morning we fly to Trelew, originally colonized by Welsh settlers, where we spend the next two nights. Upon arrival, we are met and driven to Punta Tombo Rookery, home to one of the largest Magellanic penguin colonies in the world, as well as kelp gulls, skuas, giant petrels and guanay cormorants.

**3rd Day:** Today we explore the Valdes Peninsula—its rocky beaches and sheltered bays are home to one of the world’s largest concentrations of marine mammals. We see elephant seals, sea lions and dolphins, as well as penguins, guanacos, rheas, foxes and armadillos. If whales are present, we can arrange an optional boat trip for a closer look.

**4th Day:** In the morning we fly from Trelew to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, for a two-night stay. The rest of the day is free to explore the town.

**5th Day:** Tierra del Fuego National Park greets us today with its beech forest and myriad birds, including black-chested buzzard eagles and Andean condors. We then take a ride on the historic Train to the End of the World. The afternoon is spent sailing through the Beagle Channel, viewing marine mammals and birds.

**6th Day:** The morning is open for relaxing and sightseeing. We then fly to El Calafate, where we will be met and taken to our hotel for a two-night stay.

**7th Day:** Today we spend the day visiting Los Glaciares National Park and the Perito Moreno glacier, the largest glacier in Patagonia. After a boat ride past towering ice walls, we land and approach the glacier by foot.

**8th Day:** Leaving Argentina, we cross the border into Chile and drive to Torres del Paine National Park. Declared a World Biosphere Reserve in 1978, the park is famous for its spectacular granite spires, beautiful lakes and incredible glaciers. We spend the next three nights at the ecologically sensitive Ecocamp Las Torres, which offers “luxury camping” similar to the grand lodges of Africa. We sleep in six-foot-high, wooden-floored dome tents, each with two beds and a gas heater.

**9th Day:** We drive to Lake Grey, home to floating icebergs, and take a leisurely hike to view the Grey Glacier. We then hike to Mirador Pehoe for a breathtaking view of the Paine massif. From the shores of Lake Pehoe, we walk to the Salto Grande, a giant waterfall.

**10th Day:** Today we visit the eastern side of the park and Laguna Azul, where we walk through an ancient beech forest and have the opportunity to spot many species of birds. As an alternative, we may choose to spend the day hiking to the foot of the Paine Towers, the dramatic symbol of the park.

**11th Day:** We travel back to El Calafate, where we spend the night.

**12th Day:** We transfer from our hotel in El Calafate to the airport for our flight to Buenos Aires, where we are met and taken to our hotel. Alternatively, we may continue our vacation to the Atacama Desert, Iguazú Falls or Easter Island.

**13th Day:** We transfer to the airport for our flight home, sad to leave but filled with wonderful memories of this remote, unspoiled place at the end of the world.

**What's included:** Airfare within South America, land transportation, accommodations (nine nights in hotels, three nights at the Ecocamp), guided tours, boat trips, 20 meals. The maximum group size is 18. Minimum: two persons.

**Departs:** Every Sunday

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$4850\*

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## Patagonia Add-Ons



*Add the Atacama Desert, Iguazú Falls or Easter Island to your Patagonia Explorer trip to design a vacation that is perfect for you.*

### **Atacama Desert**

**A**dd three nights to our Patagonia Explorer trip and discover the other-worldly beauty of the Atacama desert, the driest desert in the world. Beginning in the city of Calama, we drive to the village of San Pedro de Atacama, where we spend the next three nights. During the following days we explore a variety of geologic formations and archaeological sites—the Valley of the Moon, named for its strange colors and rock formations; the ruins of the Inca fortress of Quito; El Tatio Geysers, the highest geyser field in the world (14,107 ft.); the Chaxa Lagoon, where flamingos and other Andean birds nest; the Pakana Sentinels, a group of volcanic columns; salt flats; volcanoes; and more.

**Length of time:** This package adds three nights to our Patagonia Explorer trip.

**What's included:** Airfare within South America, land transportation, three nights hotels, guided tours, 20 meals. The maximum group size is 16. Minimum: two persons.

**Departs:** Daily

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$1970\*

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## Iguazú Falls

Iguazú Falls, a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site, is twice as wide as Niagara Falls and is made up of 275 cascades spread in a horseshoe shape over two miles of the Iguazú River. We begin this option with a flight from Buenos Aires to Iguazú, where accompanied by a naturalist guide, we walk along the trails for close-up views of the falls. The next morning we take a guided walking tour of the rainforest, followed by a boat ride down the Iguazú River canyon to the falls. In the evening we return to Buenos Aires.

**Length of time:** This package adds two nights to our Patagonia Explorer trip.

**What's included:** Airfare within South America, land transportation, hotel accommodations (one night at Iguazú and one night in Buenos Aires) and guided tours. Minimum: two persons.

**Departs:** Daily

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$830\*

## Easter Island

Easter Island, with its white sand beaches and mysterious stone idols, was originally inhabited by immigrants from the Marquesas Islands around the 4th century AD. It was later “discovered” by a Dutch mariner on Easter Sunday, 1722. On this five-day trip you’ll spend four nights in a lovely hotel and visit many archaeological sites—the Rano Raruku volcano, La Perousse Bay, Ahu Hekii, Ahu TePito Te Kura, Ana Kena and the village of Orongo. The island offers wonderful opportunities for snorkeling, scuba diving, hiking and relaxing.

**Length of time:** This package adds four nights to our Patagonia Explorer trip.

**What's included:** Hotel accommodations, tours conducted by English-speaking guides, transfers, continental breakfasts, entrance fees. Minimum: one person.

**Departs:** Daily

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$650\*

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## *What is the best time to go?*

Mid-October thru mid-April are the best times to visit Patagonia. If you are planning on visiting the Atacama Desert, you probably want to avoid November thru February because the weather is very hot at this time. Easter Island is great any time of the year.

## *Do I need a passport or visa?*

If you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen you only need a valid passport. Citizens of other countries should check with Chilean and, Argentinian consulates.

## *Do I need shots?*

No special precautions need to be taken when traveling to Chile or Argentina. It is recommended, however, that you drink only bottled water while traveling in these countries.

## *How about money?*

Chile and Argentina each use their own pesos. Most ATM cards work in the machines found all over Chile and Argentina.

# Terms, Conditions and Stuff Like That

## **RESERVATIONS:**

Please reserve as early as possible, as space is limited on all of our trips. A \$200 deposit is required at the time of booking. Airfare not included in packages must be paid in full at time of booking. Final payments are due 60 days prior to the trip date. All deposits and payments are **nonrefundable**. For your convenience, we accept most major credit cards.

## **CANCELLATIONS:**

In the case of cancellation by participants, **no refunds** will be made. To protect yourself against unforeseen illness or other emergencies, we encourage you to purchase travel insurance.

## **TRIP INSURANCE:**

We offer optional travel insurance.

## **RESPONSIBILITY:**

The California Native is acting only as an agent for the particular airlines, lodgings and other providers of services. Accordingly, these arrangements are made for you upon the express condition that neither The California Native nor its officers or employees shall have any responsibility for, nor shall they be liable for, any claim or loss whether or not arising from any personal injury, illness, property loss or damage, wrongful death, monetary loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, irregularity, omission, failure to provide adequate service, additional charge, failure to warn, defect or failure in any vehicle, facility, roadway or structure or by any breach of contract, negligence or wrongful act by any person.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

We reserve the right to substitute accommodations, transportation and itinerary when we deem it necessary or advisable.