Patagonia and Buenos Aires

Join your trusted travel friends at UW-Madison Continuing Studies for an incredible journey to the incomparable landscape of Patagonia. Experience the wild remoteness and maritime drama of Cape Horn and Tierra del Fuego and the awesome majesty of the Andean glaciers on this very special trip to the furthest reaches of South America.

From Buenos Aires to Patagonia, and back, you will learn about the history, the flora and fauna, and the glaciology and geology of some of the most spectacular scenery on earth!

With like-minded learners you’ll begin in Buenos Aires, visiting the museums and other fine institutions of this elegant and sophisticated city, before heading south to the remote town of Ushuaia for a four-night cruise through one of the most captivating wilderness regions in the world: Southern Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.

Disembarking in Punta Arenas, Chile, the next leg of the journey takes you overland through the southern Andes to El Calafate and the famed Los Glaciares National Park for three nights among the glaciers of this captivating landscape.

As always, you will enjoy the outstanding services, exquisite lodging, and the exceptional guides that you have come to expect when you travel with us.

Don’t miss this rare opportunity to visit the uttermost regions of the earth!

Group size will be limited to 24 persons in order to ensure a quality experience.

~Live and Learn~
Itinerary

Oct 16  Depart the United States.

Oct 17  Buenos Aires  After a morning arrival your trip begins with an afternoon visit to the National Museum of Fine Arts for a private guided tour of this wonderful collection. This evening we travel to the Abasto neighborhood for dinner and an unforgettable Tango performance.

Oct 18  Buenos Aires  A half-day educational city tour of this beautiful and cultured city introduces you to her historic sites, diverse neighborhood, and beautiful and world-famous opera house.

Oct 19  Ushuaia and Four-Night Cruise  Transfer to the airport for our flight to Ushuaia where we board our ship the Via Australis for a four-night cruise exploring Cape Horn and Tierra del Fuego.

Oct 20  Cape Horn National Park and Wulaia Bay  Sail through the Drygalski and Niasau Bay to Cape Horn National Park for a shore excursion. We go ashore in the afternoon to visit historic Wulaia Bay and walk through the unique flora of this extreme southern forest.

Oct 21  Pia Glacier and Garibaldi Glacier  Passing through Beagle Channel our route takes us to Pia Fjord for a visit to Pia Glacier, and later we pass through Garibaldi Fjord for an excursion through Patagonia’s cold jungle ecosystem.

Oct 22  Piloto and Nena Glaciers, Agostini Sound  Sail through Cockburn Channel to anchor in Chico Sound for a Zodiac boat excursion to explore Alakaluf Fjord. In the afternoon we walk to the front of Águila Glacier.

Oct 23  Straits of Magellan, Magdalena Island and Punta Arenas  A shore excursion on Magdalena Island to visit the penguin colony before arriving at Punta Arenas, Chile, where we disembark and transfer overland to El Calafate.

Oct 24  El Calafate  Full-day excursion through an Andean-Patagonian forest to the ice field at Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park.

Oct 25  Los Glaciares National Park  Depart early for a trip to the port of Punta Bandera to board our boat for a trip through the icebergs to Upsala Glacier, disembarking near Estancia Cristina where we visit the Museum Costumbrista and drive up the mountain for a hike above the glacier.

Oct 26  El Calafate, Buenos Aires, USA  After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our flight to Buenos Aires and our connecting overnight flight to the United States.

Oct 27  Arrive United States.

Important Information
Everyone is welcome on our trips. There will be a normal amount of tourist walking in Buenos Aires as we tour the city; and our shore excursions from our ship sometimes find us on foot over uneven terrain. While we are not going to be undertaking anything remotely resembling an extreme activity, Patagonia is a rugged land. There are some easy hikes through unique forests and over glacial erosion and, occasionally, we climb into and out of Zodiac boats for our shore excursions, so please be aware that there are some unique travel conditions in this spectacular and remote area of South America.

You should also be prepared for maritime conditions and the vagaries of tide and swell while on our ship and, in general, expect the extreme and unpredictable weather for which this region is famous. Our accommodations, on the other hand, are truly outstanding and extremely comfortable. See next page.

Thank you.

 Lodging
Buenos Aires Hotel Panamericano Buenos Aires Two nights, www.panamericano.us
Patagonia & Cape Horn Via Australis, Four nights www.australis.com/site/en
El Calafate Hotel Posada Los Alamos, Three nights www.posadalosalamos.com

Price
The price of this trip is $8899. This price includes international airfare, two domestic flights in South America, all lodging, daily breakfasts and most other meals, a four-night cruise with full-board and all shore excursions (A-type cabin), all entrance fees, cruise fuel surcharges, all ground transportation, guides, and services. This price is based upon double occupancy.

Port charges of $40 at Ushuaia and Punta Arenas must be paid in person and are not included in this price.

Due to the high cost of a single cabin on our cruise, the single supplement for this trip is $1732 (T). That is entirely beyond our control, but we will do everything that we can to help you find a roommate if you are a solo traveler.

Personal tips and drinks are extra, as is your visa.

Your travel director
Doug Whittle is the UW-Madison director of educational travel. He served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Zaire and has traveled independently in Asia, Africa, Europe, and throughout Central and North America. He has led trips on five continents for UW-Madison.

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Please register me for
Patagonia and Buenos Aires  Oct 16-27 2015

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EMAIL (INFORMATION IS ONLY USED BY US TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU)
Check all that apply
 Reserve a room for two people (standard package).
 Reserve a single room ($1732 supplement).
 My roommate is: 

Payment information
Enclosed is a check payable to UW-Madison for the trip deposit of $1000/person.
Note: We accept credit cards for all subsequent payments.
Future payment schedule and details will be included in your registration confirmation packet.
Your deposit is nonrefundable. We urge you to purchase trip cancelation insurance as part of your travel insurance to recover your costs in case you must cancel your plans to join us. Travel insurance information will be included in your registration confirmation packet.

Return this registration form and deposit to:
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