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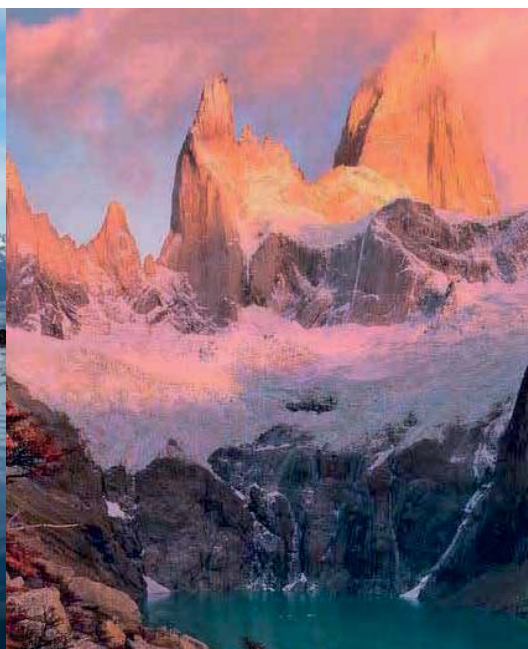
DMC ARGENTINA

SOUTHERN PATAGONIA EXPERIENCE



14 Days - 13 Nights

BUENOS AIRES - USHUAIA
AUSTRALIS CRUISE TO PUNTA ARENAS
TORRES DEL PAINE - EL CALAFATE
2020 - 2021



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Day 1: Buenos Aires

Arrival at Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) - Meet with your **ALCHEMY DMC** guide and private transfer to hotel. Mineral water included on board.

The name, Buenos Aires, literally means "good airs" in Spanish. It is one of the largest cities in Latin America, with a wide range of cultural offers and stunning sights. Being the capital of the country makes it the starting point for most of the Argentinean Experiences. Let yourself be seduced by its busy and beautiful streets full of Tango aromas and football passion, a unique mixture that turns your stay into an exceptional urban adventure.



Buenos Aires Sightseeing Experience - South area

Private Experience - Vehicle and English speaking guide at disposal. Duration: Half Day. Mineral water on board. The itineraries are liable to updates in order to provide a better service according to the day, and inclusions agreed for your tour.



Visit **Plaza de Mayo**, the city's foundational site and witness of our country's political history.

There we'll visit the **Pink House**, our *Presidential Palace*, the **Cabildo**, our primitive town hall, and the Neoclassical-styled Metropolitan Cathedral, the final home of Argentina's founding father, José de San Martín.

We'll then head for **San Telmo**, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Buenos Aires. It used to be the residential district favored by the upper class until late 19th century when a yellow fever epidemic caused the wealthier families to leave northwards. The area was marginalized until the 1970s when many artists and artisans came to San Telmo to install their workshops. Nowadays, thanks to its amazing architecture and hip atmosphere, this ancient neighborhood is really blooming. We'll walk its cobbled streets, where the city's Colonial past seems to come back to life, making a stop at **Plaza Dorrego**, best known for its traditional antiques fair, held every Sunday.

Leaving San Telmo behind, we'll continue southwards to **La Boca**, one of the city's most authentic and charming neighborhoods. It is a working class district, heavily shaped by Italian immigrants who came to our country in large numbers during the last quarter of the 19th century. Here, we'll make a special visit to the mythical **Caminito Street**, which sums up everything that gives La Boca its distinctive spirit: the strong passion for soccer, the heavy presence of art and color, and the *Tango-esque* atmosphere.

At last, we'll pass through **Puerto Madero**, the latest addition to the city's barrios. In 1991, its huge warehouses and silos were remodeled and redesigned, to finally integrate the river to the city and to create a new corporative, residential, hotel and gastronomically district, which has become the playground for the pretty Porteños and the international jet-set.

Rojo Tango

3 course dinner & live Tango Show with private transfers and drinks included.

Website: <http://www.rojotango.com/>



Rojo Passion - A cabaret designed by Phillippe Starck, created to bring back nostalgic times that already passed, with the strength of a new show full of fantasy and sensuality. Rojo Tango is love, passion, madness and glamour in a history that ends transforming itself into a legend. Located inside the exclusive Faena Hotel, Rojo Tango is a fascinating proposal that seduces all the senses combining sounds, fragrances, colors, movements and flavors.

2 overnights accommodations at **Park Hyatt Buenos Aires - Duhau Palace** - Park Room King with breakfast included

Website: <http://buenosaires.park.hyatt.com.ar/hyatt/hotels/>



Right in the heart of the French heritage district of Recoleta, Palacio Duhau - Park Hyatt Buenos Aires hotel is located on Alvear Avenue, close to MALBA (The Latin American Art Museum of Buenos Aires) and Puerto Madero. Palacio Duhau integrates into the eclectic Buenos Aires by combining stylish architecture with innovative design, comfort with technology and the renowned Park Hyatt luxury service. Check In: 03:00 p.m. Check Out: 12:00 p.m.

Meals: D

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires Sightseeing Experience - North area

Private Experience | Half Day (4hs) | Vehicle and English speaking guide at disposal | Mineral water on board. The itineraries are liable to updates in order to provide better service according to the day, and inclusions agreed for your tour



Buenos Aires is one of the most fascinating cities in both Latin America and the world. Be it for its splendid and varied architecture, with its old Colonial buildings, French palaces and state-of-the-art skyscrapers; for its vibrant nightlife and endless cultural options; or maybe just for the rich identity of the Porteños, who proudly bear the European heritage of their ancestors, more and more visitors are coming to visit.

In **Retiro** and **Recoleta**, we will learn about the dream of our local aristocrats in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when they sought to build a small-scale Paris in the heart of Buenos Aires. After visiting the impressive Plaza San Martín, where Jorge Luis Borges used to take his walks, we'll stroll down Avenida Alvear, chosen by the world's most distinguished brands to install their exclusive boutiques, looking up to see the many wonderful French-style palaces which nowadays house a number of embassies. Then we'll visit the Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar, one of the city's oldest churches, which dates to the Colonial era. Finally, we'll admire the celebrated **Recoleta Cemetery**, a true labyrinth of ornate mausoleums. We'll make a stop at Eva Peron's grave, one of the country's most recognizable icons.

We'll come across sumptuous French palaces again in Palermo Chico, the area of **Palermo** best known for its large parks designed by celebrated landscape architects, such as the illustrious Frenchman Charles Thays.

Dinner at La Cabrera Restaurant

3 course meal | Half a bottle of wine and one soft drink per person | Private transfers are included



The restaurant is a shrine to simple meat cookery and majors on exceptional steaks. It is located amongst the quietly superior boutiques and bars of Buenos Aires's Palermo Neighborhood. La Cabrera is also known for the high quality of its starter plates and its side dishes.

Overnight at Park Hyatt Buenos Aires - Duhau Palace

Meals: B, L

Day 3: Buenos Aires - Ushuaia

Private transfer from Hotel to Domestic Airport (AEP) with your English speaking guide. Mineral water included on board.

Flight from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia - Not included

Arrival at Ushuaia (USH) Airport - Meet with your **ALCHEMY DMC Argentina** guide and private transfer to hotel. Mineral water included on board.

Ushuaia is the southernmost city in Argentina, located at more than 2,370 kilometers from Buenos Aires. Due to its location near the South Pole, it has approximately 18 hours of sunlight in the summer, whereas in the winter, it only has 7 or 8; however, this does not prevent tourists from visiting it. Its gastronomy and accommodation infrastructure meet all expectations of thousands of international visitors that have chosen this beautiful city for the most spectacular voyages along the Beagle Channel and Lapataia Bay in Tierra del Fuego National Park. Ushuaia offers you untouched places, waiting for you to discover them and live the adventure of being at "the world's end".



1 overnight accommodation at **Arakur Resort & Spa** - Superior Sea View room with breakfast included

Website: <http://www.arakur.com/>



In a privileged environment, on a natural balcony inside Cerro Alarken's natural reserve, Arakur Hotel offers a luxury five star accommodation. This beautiful property is at only 15 minute drive from Ushuaia's city center and its design was based on sustainable architectural that merge perfectly with stunning landscape. The rooms at Arakur Hotel are decorated with contemporary details, equipped with state-of-the-art comfort technology and provided with amazing panoramic views.

Check in: 02:00 p.m. Check out: 10:00 a.m.

Meals: B

Day 4: Ushuaia

Tierra del Fuego National Park Tour

Private Service (Personalized) | Half-day vehicle and guide at guest disposal | National Park Fee and lunch are included



The National Park represents the southernmost natural area, being the only one that has maritime coasts. This tour will show you the main highlights of this unique environment.

It is reached by National Route No. 3 to the Southwest of Ushuaia, meeting on the road Río Pipo, Monte Susana, Ensenada Bay, sighting Redonda Island, Lake Roca, Casita del Bosque, Green and Black Lagoon, beaver dam, Lapataia Bay.

The topography of the Park is extremely varied; everything is a succession of rugged mountains, rivers, valleys, and lakes, giving rise to varied landscapes, from the picturesque and happy stream to the mole of imposing mountains, or the extraordinary spectacle of the majestic Beagle Channel. During the spring and summer, you can admire varied and colorful flowers, as well as the varied tree species. The most frequent mammals are the foxes and rabbits, also living in the Park the muskrat and the beaver. Among the birds, it has the exclusivity of having birds from marine environments, such as the black-browed albatross, the oystercatcher overo, the white cauquén and also mammals, such as sea lions and sea otters.

> Optional (Not included - In addition): End of the World Train - Tourist Service (National Park Visit's Supplement)

Website: <http://www.trendelfindelmundo.com.ar/>

Net rate per person: USD 48.00



Tourist Service: With three daily departures, you can travel in heated coaches built with comfortable seats and truly enjoy the view through large windows, a classic of the golden age of steam trains. At the same time, get to know more about history by means of a guided audio tour aboard the train – with native speaker's voices in Spanish, English, and Portuguese.

Check for different / categories services available: First Class Service | Premium Class | Special Service (VIP) | Charter (Private)

After the National Park tour, drop off at Australis Cruise Office to board your Luxury Expeditions Cruise

Australis Cruise: Patagonian Explorer

Route: Ushuaia - Punta Arenas | 5 Days/4 Nights | Check in at 409 San Martín Ave. in downtown Ushuaia between 10:00 and 17:00 (10 AM-5 PM).

Website: <https://www.australis.com/en/choose-your-trip/routes-one-way/patagonian-explorer/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImoIMCnhEil>

Patagonian Explorer

Ushuaia - Punta Arenas - 4 nights

M/V Ventus Australis | M/V Stella Australis
Excursions per trip: 7

- Day 1: Ushuaia
- Day 2: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay
- Day 3: Pia Glacier - Garibaldi Glacier
- Day 4: Cóndor Glacier - Águila Glacier
- Day 5: Magdalena Island* - Punta Arenas

* In April this excursion is replaced with Marta Island



4 Overnights on board **Australis Cruise** – A Cabin. Full board and activities included.

Explore Patagonia on an adventurous five-day, four-night journeys between **Ushuaia** (Argentina) and **Punta Arenas** (Chile) through some of planet's most remote places and incredible scenery. Discover the wild beauty of Patagonia on an **Australis cruise** that showcases the region's pristine landscapes, rich wildlife and fascinating human history aboard an expedition ship that brings an extraordinary level of comfort and service to the uttermost edge of the world. Leaving the twinkling lights of **Ushuaia** behind, the vessel calls on fabled spots like **Cape Horn** and **Wulaia Bay** before cruising down the **Beagle Channel**. Continuing through the maze of islands, we'll visit a number of glaciers, frozen giants that guard the southern flank of the **Fuegian Archipelago**, before entering the legendary **Strait of Magellan**. Last stop is the **Isla Magdalena** and its boisterous Patagonia penguin colony before docking at **Punta Arenas**.



Board the **Australis Cruise at 18:00 (6 PM)**. After a welcoming toast and introduction of captain and crew, the ship departs for one of the most remote corners of planet Earth. During the night we traverse the Beagle Channel and cross from Argentina into Chilean territorial waters. The lights of Ushuaia disappear as we turn into the narrow Murray Channel between Navarino and Hoste islands.

Meals: B, BL, D

Day 5: Australis Cruise

Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay



Around the break of dawn, the **Australis cruise** crosses Nassau Bay and enters the remote archipelago that comprises **Cape Horn National Park**. Weather and sea conditions permitting, we shall go ashore on the windswept island that harbors legendary Cape Horn (Cabo de Hornos). Discovered in 1616 by a Dutch maritime expedition -- and named after the town of Hoorn in West Friesland -- Cape Horn is a sheer 425-meter (1,394-foot) high rocky promontory overlooking the turbulent waters of the Drake Passage. For many years it was the only navigation route between the Pacific and Atlantic, and was often referred to as the "End of the Earth." The park was declared a **World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO** in 2005. The Chilean navy maintains a permanent **lighthouse** on the island, staffed by a lightkeeper and his family, as well as the tiny **Stella Maris Chapel** and modern **Cape Horn Monument** (currently awaiting repair after being damaged by fierce winds).



Sailing back across Nassau Bay, we anchor at fabled **Wulaia Bay**, one of the few places in the archipelago where the human history is just as compelling as the natural environment. Originally the site of one of the region's largest Yámana aboriginal settlements, the bay was described by Charles Darwin and sketched by Captain FitzRoy in the 1830s during their voyages on HMS Beagle. This area is also renowned for its mesmerizing beauty and dramatic geography. After a visit to the **Australis-sponsored museum** in the old radio station -- which is especially strong on the Yámana people and European missionaries in the area -- passengers have a choice of three hikes (of increasing degrees of difficulty) that ascend the heavily wooded mountain behind the bay. On all of these you stroll through an enchanted Magellanic forest of lengas, coigües, canelos and ferns to reach panoramic viewpoints overlooking the bay.

Overnight on Board **Australis Cruise**

Meals: B, L, D

Day 6: Australis Cruise

Pía Glacier – Garibaldi Glacier

Overnight we continue our Patagonia glacier tour around the western end of Tierra del Fuego via the very narrow Gabriel Channel, Magdalena Channel and Cockburn Channel. After rounding the remote Brecknock Peninsula, the **Australis cruise** tacks eastward and enters the Beagle Channel again. By morning we are entering **Pia Fjord** and boarding the **Zodiacs** for a shore excursion to Pia Glacier. After disembarking we take a short hike to gain a panoramic view of the spectacular glacier, which extends from the mountaintops down to the sea or a longer much more difficult walk up a lateral moraine of the old Pia Glacier.

No one knows for certain how the hulking mass of snow and ice got its feminine moniker, but one theory says it was named for Princess Maria Pia of Savoy (1847-1911), daughter of the Italian king.



Making our way further west along the Beagle Channel, we enter another long fjord and drop anchor near **Garibaldi Glacier** for another shore excursion. Garibaldi is one of only three glaciers in Patagonia gaining mass rather than staying the same or slowly shrinking. This time we hike through virgin Magellanic forest to a glacial waterfall, a towering wall of ferns and moss, and spectacular viewpoints looking down on the glacier and fjord. The walk is demanding -- very steep, negligible trail, rough footing -- and not for everyone. For those who choose to stay onboard, our captain will point the bow towards the beautiful sky blue Garibaldi Glacier so everyone can enjoy the panoramic view from the upper decks.

Overnight on Board Australis Cruise

Meals: B, L, D

Day 7: Australis Cruise

Agostini Sound – Águila Glacier – Cóndor Glacier



Early in the morning, we will sail through the Cockburn Channel and enter **Agostini Sound**. From there it is possible to see the glaciers that descend from the middle of the Darwin Mountain Range -- some of them reaching the water. This morning, we will disembark and go for an easy walk around a lagoon, which was formed by the melting of the **Águila Glacier**.

We will reach a spot right in front of that glacier with stunning views. In the afternoon, we will approach the **Condor Glacier** via **Zodiac** -- and hopefully see some of the abundant Andean Condors in the area.

Overnight on Board **Australis Cruise**

Meals: B, L, D

Day 8: Australis Cruise - Punta Arenas - Torres Del Paine

Magdalena Island - Punta Arenas



After an overnight cruise through Magdalena Channel and back into the Strait of Magellan, we anchor off **Magdalena Island**, which lies about halfway between Tierra del Fuego and the Chilean mainland. Crowned by a distinctive lighthouse, the island used to be an essential source of supplies for navigators and explorers and is inhabited by an immense colony of **Magellanic penguins**. At the break of dawn, weather permitting, we go ashore and hike a path that leads through thousands of penguins to a small museum lodged inside the vintage 1902 **lighthouse**. Many other bird species are also found on the island. In September and April -- when the penguins dwell elsewhere -- this excursion is replaced by a ride aboard Zodiacs to Marta Island to observe South American sea lions.

After a short cruise south along the strait, disembarkation at **Punta Arenas** is scheduled for around 11:30 AM.

Arrival at Punta Arenas Pier and transfer to Torres del Paine National Park (Shuttle provided by **Explora Patagonia Lodge**)

Torres del Paine is one of the biggest and most important protected parks in Chile. It is located between Punta Arenas y Puerto Natales, at 1,983 kilometers to the south of Santiago. If any of the Chilean destination has a high international profile, it's Torres del Paine National Park; which has been recognized as a Unesco's World Biosphere Reserve. The slender granite needles that pierce the sky above the grassy steppes are an unforgettable symbol of Patagonian majesty. Torres del Paine gives you the opportunity to enjoy the diversity of this unique landscape with the comfort and luxury that this isolated Chilean destination is able to provide you.



4 overnight s accommodations at **Explora Patagonia** – Salto Chico room with full board and activities included

Website: <https://www.explora.com/patagonia-hotel/>



Anchored like a ship by Lake Pehoé, at the heart of Torres del Paine National Park, **Explora Patagonia** has a privileged location from where to go out and explore the park. All our programs include accommodation, transfers from and to the airport, meals and beverages, and a menu of more than 40 exploration routes designed by our outdoors team.

Our treks and horseback rides include mountains, turquoise lakes, glaciers, lenga tree forests, viewpoints, prairies and rivers, in addition to the most iconic spans of the trekking circuit known as “W”.

Explora program includes:

- Accommodations.
- Full board. 3 Meals per day & Bar.
- Daily explorations with bilingual guides and equipment; boats, horses and vehicles (max group size: 8 travelers per guide). Subject to weather conditions.
- Entrance fee to Torres del Paine National Park

Meals: B, D

From Day 9 to 11: Torres Del Paine

Free days for explorations.

Walking in lenga tree woods, getting to the base of Paine Towers, riding a horse through the Park’s prairies and rivers with horses specifically trained for Patagonia’s geography or cruising along the turquoise waters of Lake Pehoé are some of the experiences suggested by **Explora Patagonia**.

Check here for further information:

<https://www.explora.com/patagonia-hotel/explorations-in-patagonia/explorations/>



Overnights at **Explora Patagonia**

Meals: B, L, D

Day 12: Torres del Paine - El Calafate

Shared transfer from Torres del Paine National Park to Cancha Carrera, Argentinean border (Provided by **Explora Patagonia Lodge**), in order to exchange vehicle to continue to El Calafate with your **ALCHEMY DMC** English speaking guide.

El Calafate is a small town in the Argentinean Patagonia, situated in the southwest part of the Santa Cruz Province, at 2,083 kilometers from Buenos Aires. It is an important tourist destination as the hub to visit different parts of the Los Glaciares National Park, including the Perito Moreno Glacier (one of the most visited Glaciers in the world), the Cerro Torre and Cerro Fitz Roy. Its name is derived from a little bush with yellow flowers and dark blue berries that is very common in Patagonia.



2 overnight s accommodations at **Eolo Patagonia's Spirit** - Superior Room with full board included

Website: <http://www.eolopatagonia.com/>



Eolo Hotel is a unique place that embodies the spirit of Patagonia: its indigenous roots and the legacy of the first Europeans and Criollo settlers. This five star property is located at 30 minute drive from El Calafate's downtown and it was conceived as a place of quiet charm and understated elegance inspired in the historic estancias of the area. Its 17 rooms were designed in a way that guests can enjoy a profoundly restful sleep and are also able to relish in the contemplation of the scenery from the intimacy of their room.

Check in: 02:00 p.m. Check out: 12:00 p.m.

Meals: B, D

Day 13: El Calafate

Minitrekking Adventure, Walking on the Glacier Perito Moreno

Private Transfer (Personalized) | Full day activity | Transfer to/from Hotel in private vehicle with English speaking guide assistance
| Shared Trekking activity | National park tickets, mineral water and Lunch boxes are included.



The Perito Moreno Glacier is a glacier located in the **Los Glaciares National Park** in the southwest of Santa Cruz province, Argentina. It is one of the most important tourist attractions in the Argentine Patagonia. The 250 km² (97 sq mi) ice formation, and 30 km (19 mi) in length is one of 48 glaciers fed by the Southern Patagonian Ice Field located in the Andes system shared with Chile. The Perito Moreno glacier, located 78 kilometers (48 mi) from **El Calafate**.

The excursion begins in the embarking pier located in “**Bajo de las Sombras**” port, about 6 km before the glacier Balconies- where you embark for 20 minutes navigation across the **Rico Arm**, enjoying breathtaking views of the Perito Moreno glacier’s front wall. You disembark on the opposite shore, where specialized bilingual mountain guides welcome you and lead you to a small shelter. After checking the last details, groups of not more than 20, follow their guides along the lake’s shore towards the edge of the glacier. Once on the ice, the guides put each participant a pair of crampons on, and explain how to use them.

The two hours circuit that follows introduces you to the fascinating landscape of the glaciers: streams, small lagoons, gullies, crevasses and plenty of ice formations of the most incredible blues. The trekking is moderate. The ice surface over which you walk is irregular but firm and safe. You will receive explanations about flora, fauna and general glaciology of the region and also about the particular phenomenon that happens in the Perito Moreno Glacier and eventually produces its rupture.

After the walk, a stroll through the forest brings you back to the shelter.

Finally, the program includes 45 minutes free to enjoy Glacier’s catwalks.

Observations: ¿WHAT TO BRING?

Outfit: Warm clothes, raincoat jacket, waterproof trousers, hiking boots, sunglasses, sun screen, gloves, hat, backpack (40lts).

ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED!

All services are conducted daily and has continued attention bilingual mountain guides.

IMPORTANT

Restrictions: due to the degree of effort and difficulty that this excursion presents, is NOT allowed for; pregnant women, people with overweight, some type of disability, or health problems

Age: Between 10 and 65 years old.

All these services are provided daily. The complete tour with transportation from El Calafate takes around 10 hours.

Overnight at **Eolo Patagonia's Spirit**

Meals: B, BL, D

Day 14: El Calafate

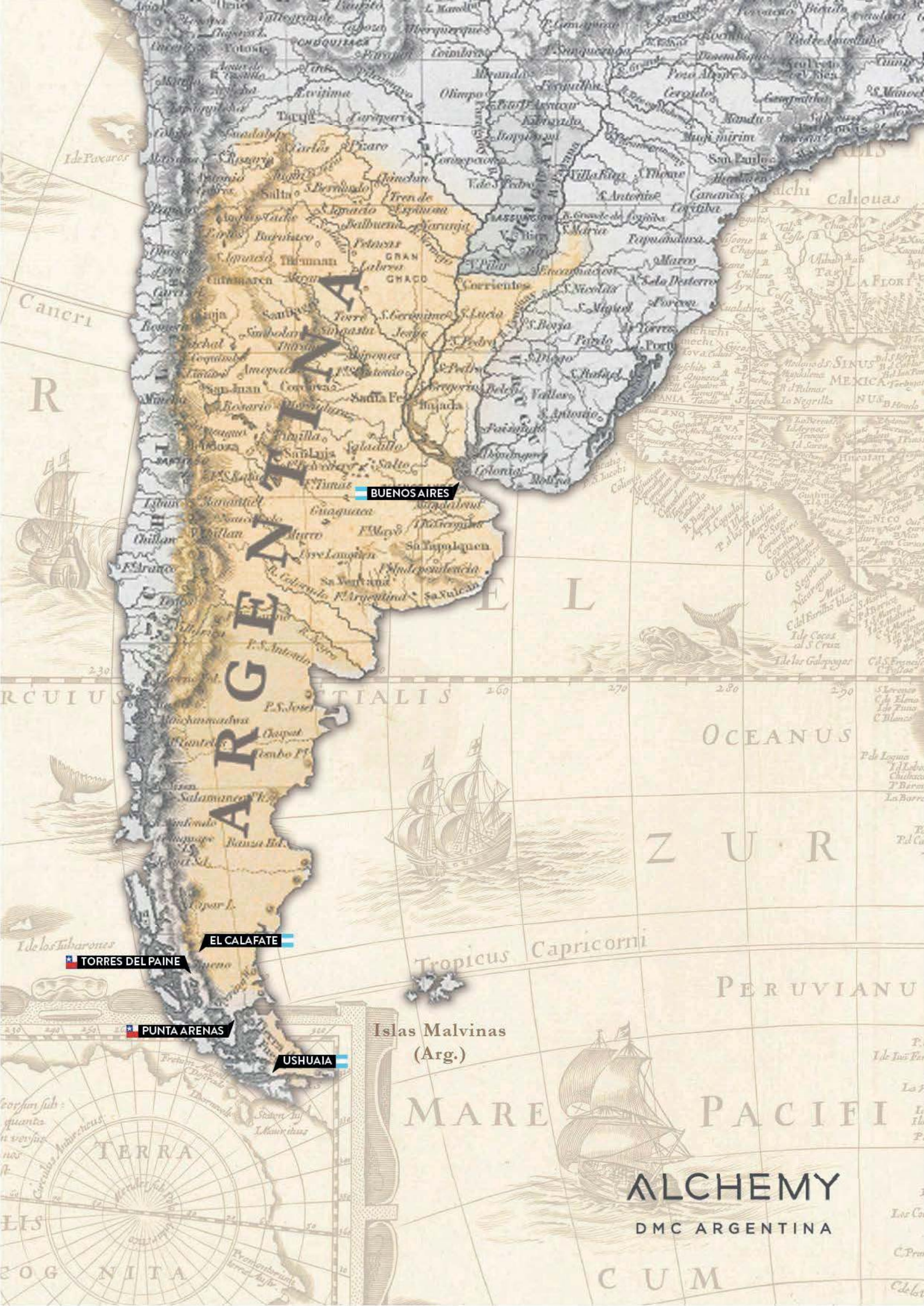
Private transfer to El Calafate (FTE) Airport with English speaking guide. Mineral water included on board.

Flight from El Calafate to Buenos Aires - Not included.

Private transfer from Domestic Airport (AEP) to International Airport (EZE) for your flight back home. Mineral water included on board.

Meals: B

****End of services****



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PROGRAM RATES

Rates are liable to availability and updates when booking.

Includes all above land services, except the ones specifically informed as optional ones or possible supplements.

Includes Visit Buenos Aires tax unless specified by client that he wants to pay it upon check out. Tax value depends on the category of the hotel and determined per person and per night of accommodation.

- **Rates from:**
 - A Cabin at Australis Cruise:

Net Rate per person in Double Occupancy from **U\$D 9,405.00**

Single Supplement from **U\$D 3,975.00**

+ International Bank Wire Fee – USD 30-*

** Rooms categories liable to availability**

AIR FARES

Current GDS flight, liable to updates and availability. Best available flight connection at the moment.

Please add to Land Program Rates for full budget.

Domestic flights: AEP/USH-FTE/AEP

Aerolineas Argentinas - Economy Class

Net rate per person including tax from **U\$D 270.00-***

+ International Bank Wire Fee – USD 30-*

(Hand baggage allowance of 8 kilos and 1 piece of 15 kilos each in checked bags per person)

Aerolineas Argentinas - Premium Economy Class

Net rate per person including tax from **U\$D 925.00-***

+ International Bank Wire Fee – USD 30-*

(Hand baggage allowance of 10 kilos and 2 pieces of 23 kilos each in checked bags per person)

Domestic flights in Argentina do not have first class or business. Premium Economy class has preferential location on board with seats in lines 1 and 2, where you will find more comfort (more space between lines and with only 2 seats per line). All passengers traveling in Premium Economy class will have access to exclusive check-in counter. Priority boarding and disembarking.

ALCHEMY DMC Argentina will not be responsible for any modification or cancellation, acts or omissions, unforeseen event or force majeure of the airlines contracted to make the transfers by air according to article 1730 of the Civil and Commercial Argentinean Code. Likewise, any possible expenses caused by the above-mentioned reasons, such as lodging, food, transfer of passengers, modification in their itineraries and / or original programs, among others, are excluded from any claim to ALCHEMY DMC Argentina.

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