



## LYN TAYLOR'S ADVENTURE TRAVEL

*Nepal... Africa... Where ever !!!*



Patagonia is the most famous region of Chile; Chilean Patagonia offers all the dramatic landscape one would expect from the world's ultimate land's end. Here the South American continent falls away in a dazzling explosion of islands, glaciers, icebergs and mountains. It is truly one of Mother Nature's grand finales.

Chilean Patagonia is itself composed of two sub-regions, the northern Aisen and, to its south, Magallanes. Aisen is home to Parque National Laguna San Rafael, while Magallanes hosts the incomparable Parque National Torres del Paine. Isolated from the rest of Chile by fierce storms and impassable mountains, Magallanes can be reached only by air or overland from Argentina.

Magallanes is also home to the southern city of Punta Arenas, which first became prosperous during the California gold rush. The city's site on the Pacific side of the Magellan Strait made it an ideal transshipment point for cargoes rounding the continent. Later, the city became the capital of Chile's wool industry, which produced some of the richest barons on the continent.

Among the other wondrous sites in this remarkable region are: the Torres del Paine, a spectacular mountain range, which frames the Park of the same name, and extend to heights of up to 9,000 feet; the Cuernos del Paine, with a height of 6,300 feet; the hypnotic waterfalls of Salto Chico and Salto Grande; the Grey, Pingo, del Frances and Dickson glaciers; the Pehoe, Nordenskjold, Sarmiento, Pingo and Dickson lakes; and the Verde and Azul lagoons.

Some of the most hauntingly beautiful places in the world are found in Patagonia, making this area a favorite one for visitors from all over the world. In this tour, we will travel far beyond the usual tourist routes into an amazing array of landscapes where you will experience the contrast between beautiful turquoise lakes, moving glaciers, enormous granite towers to lush forests.

### Day 01 BUENOS AIRES

- Arrive in Buenos Aires.
- Reception at the airport and private transfer to your centrally located Hotel.
- Check into your Hotel.
- Leisure time to enjoy the atmosphere of the city.
- Overnight in Buenos Aires. (B) ½
- Hotel 725 Continental 4\* with breakfast and taxes
- [www.725continental.com](http://www.725continental.com)

## Day 02 BUENOS AIRES

- 10:00 am Private CLASSIC BUENOS AIRES CITY TOUR in English : Today we take a tour of Buenos Aires, to serve as an introduction to the cities features, history, architecture, culture, inhabitants, anecdotes, and secrets.  
The tour explores the busy center, including the Plaza de Mayo, where the Casa Rosada Presidential Palace is located; the aristocratic North, including Recoleta Cemetery, best known for holding Eva Peron's grave; and the working-class South, such as the famous La Boca and San Telmo districts, heartland of the Tango.  
**Overnight in Buenos Aires. (B)**
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## Day 03 BUENOS AIRES – BARILOCHE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Private to the domestic airport for our flight to Bariloche
- Departure on AR 1672 Y 03FEB AEPBRC 0950-1210
- Private reception in Bariloche and transfer to our hotel in English.
- (B).
- Hotel Nahuel Huapi 4\* with breakfast and taxes
- [www.hotelnahuelhuapi.com.ar](http://www.hotelnahuelhuapi.com.ar)

Included:

English speaking guide  
Porter tips and tolls in Buenos Aires  
Private transfer in Bariloche Airport to Hotel  
English speaking guide  
**(Porterage not included in Bariloche)**  
Hotel Nahuel Huapi 4\* in STD room with breakfast and taxes

## Day 04 BARILOCHE: CIRCUITO CHICO EXCURSION

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Shared half-day Circuito Chico visit in English. 65 kms and half-Day length. Circuito Chico is a scenic route along which you will enjoy both the scenery and the flavors of Patagonia. There are beautiful views all the way, where you can stop to admire at several points and natural lookouts such as Bahía López (López Bay) and Punto Panorámico (Panoramic Point). A chairlift at Km. 17 (optional) carries you up to the top of Mount Campanario with its wonderful bird's-eye view of the area. Several tea houses and restaurants offer delicious meals and snacks to add flavor to the tour. Hotel Llao Llao, San Eduardo Chapel and the harbor called Puerto Pañuelo are special attractions, as well as the traditional Colonia Suiza village. In addition to the scenery, Circuito Chico has more to offer: you can buy knitted goods, candles and a variety of other handcrafts. You can also take a peaceful walk through the woods along easy footpaths in the Llao Llao Municipal Park.
- Overnight hotel (B) 4/2
- Hotel Nahuel Huapi 4\* with breakfast and taxes
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Included:

Half day shared Circuito Chico visit in English  
Hotel Nahuel Huapi 4\* in STD room with breakfast and taxes



**Day 05 BARILOCHE: VICTORIA ISLAND, LAKE NAHUEL HUAPI NAVIGATION AND ARRAYANE'S FOREST**

- This Full day tour drives us to Puerto Pañuelo to board a catamaran that crosses the majestic Lake Nahuel Huapi to Quetrihue Peninsula: here we wander among distinctive forests of Arrayanes trees, before returning to our boat to sail to sail to Victoria Island, where there is more time to enjoy the local flora and fauna, before returning to Bariloche
- Overnight at the hotel in Bariloche (B)
- Hotel Nahuel Huapi 4\* with breakfast and taxes
- [www.hotelnahuelhuapi.com.ar](http://www.hotelnahuelhuapi.com.ar)

**Included:**

Full day shared Victoria Island and Arrayanes forest visit in English  
 Hotel Nahuel Huapi 4\* in STD room with breakfast and taxes

**Not Included:**

(National park tickets and port fee not included. 10 USD approximately)





#### Day 06 BARILOCHE - EL CALAFATE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Private transfer out to Bariloche's domestic airport for our flight to El Calafate
- Departure on AR 1692 Y 06FEB BRCFTE 1130-1315.
- El Calafate is the national capital of the glaciers, and it is a small town in Patagonia, situated in the southern border of Lake Argentino.
- Its name derives from a little bush with yellow flowers and dark blue berries that is very common in Patagonia. (B)
- Hotel Edenia Punta Soberana 4\* with breakfast and taxes
- [www.edeniahoteles.com.ar/es/index.html](http://www.edeniahoteles.com.ar/es/index.html)

Included:

4 wheels drive in El Calafate the day of arrival at 16:00 pm with a snack in the forest

Private transfer to Bariloche Airport in English

English speaking guide

Shared Transfer in El Calafate

Hotel Edenia Punta Soberana 4\* in STD room with breakfast and taxes

#### Day 07 EL CALAFATE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Shared full day Perito Moreno Glacier visit: After breakfast, we head by bus to Perito Moreno where, after a short walk, we obtain our first glimpse of the glacier. Standing at over 100m high, it is one of the few glaciers in the world still advancing, and we will have a chance to watch it 'calving'. This park has been declared as Mankind Heritage by UNESCO. Those glaciers that named it (about 47) show us a 10 thousand-year-old world: cold and wild. The most famous one is Perito Moreno Glacier in the southwestern end of Argentino Lake at 80 km away from El Calafate. This glacier is so-called due to a great Argentinian explorer from last century and is one of the few glaciers that is still moving in the world. That is why it has become one of the most spectacular natural shows in South America. From time to time its 60-m-high snout releases some ice walls as huge as buildings that fall into Rico Bend or Canal de los Témpanos (Ice floes Channel) and then they continue sailing along the channel to the main area of the lake. However, that is not all. The glacier, while moving forward, comes closer to the Magallanes Peninsula, in the opposite lake bank as well as footbridge and viewpoint area. This cycle takes from 4 to 6 years and it eventually separates the lake into two areas. Rico Bend is dammed up and it increases about 35 m over its average level. Its water slowly pierces its way through the glacier snout until it makes it fall down. After this exhilarating experience, we return to El Calafate.
- Hotel Edenia 4\* in STD room with breakfast and taxes
- [www.edeniahoteles.com.ar/es/index.html](http://www.edeniahoteles.com.ar/es/index.html)
- (B)

Included:

Full day shared Perito Moreno Glacier visit with tickets (English)  
Lunch box  
Hotel Edenia 4\* in STD room with breakfast and taxes  
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#### **Day 08 EL CALAFATE – TORRES DEL PAINE (CHILE)**

- 07:00 am - Early shared transfer from El Calafate to the Hotel Los Torres, crossing the border into Chile.
- Arrival on time for lunch
- After settling in, we will introduce you to the national park and enjoy a delicious dinner.
- Here you will experience the first genuine Patagonia safari in Torres Del Paine NP, while enjoying the charms of the Los Torres Hotel Patagonia in these magnificent surroundings.
- Over the next 4 days, you will have a choice of activities that you can decide upon arrival from Easy walks to Active treks and activities, or you may choose to just relaxing. It is up to you. The following 3 days itinerary details these choices. Please refer to your information sheet on the Las Torres Excursions that are available during your stay.

Included

07:00 am shared transfer between your hotel and Cerro Castillo  
11:00 to 11:15 at Cerro Castillo  
11:15 to 12:30 Transfer to Las Torres  
12:30 arrival to Hotel Las Torres 3\* and lunch upon arrival  
Free choice of tours for the afternoon  
Hotel Las Torres 3\* all inclusive Superior Garden View rooms with private bathroom including shared transfers between El Calafate and Torres Del Paine  
Las Torres all-inclusive program includes  
Torres del Paine National Park tickets  
All meals  
All excursions  
All navigations  
Open bar  
Superior rooms with private bathrooms (Garden view)  
WI-FI  
35 % discount on SPA services

DAY 09/ 10/ 11 HOTEL LAS TORRES ALL INCLUSIVE PROGRAM - (BLD) 16 17 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015

#### **DAY 12 -TORRES DEL PAINE - EL CALAFATE**

- Breakfast at Hotel Las Torres
- Sadly, today we depart Las Torres and the Torres Del Paine national park to return to the border and our hotel in El Calafate. (B)
- Hotel Edenia 4\* in STD room with breakfast and taxes
- [www.edeniahoteles.com.ar/es/index.html](http://www.edeniahoteles.com.ar/es/index.html)

Included:

09:00 am shared service Transfer to Cancha Carrera (Chilean side of the border)  
11:00 to 11:15 at the border  
11:15 to 14:30 Transfer to El Calafate  
Hotel Edenia 4\* in STD room with breakfast and taxes

### DAY 13 Feb. EL CALAFATE

- Full day shared services All Glaciers Navigation **(No disembarkation anymore until further notice!)** in Economy class of service: The pleasure boat departs from Bandera Port and firstly it sails the cross of Southern and Northern Bends known as Garganta del Diablo. We sail among huge adrift ice floes until we arrive at our first stop: Upsala Glacier. This glacier surface is 590 km<sup>2</sup> becoming, in this way, into one of the most extensive glaciers in America. After sailing along the snout area, we go to Onelli Bay for a hike through the forest until the homonymous lake on which a lot of ice floes make up a huge white carpet.
- We return to the port and to El Calafate.
- Lunch box
- Hotel Edenia 4\* in STD room with breakfast and taxes
- [www.edeniahoteles.com.ar/es/index.html](http://www.edeniahoteles.com.ar/es/index.html)



### DAY 14 EL CALAFATE – BUENOS AIRES

- Shared transfer to El Calafate Airport for our flight out
- Departure on AR 1693 Y 14FEB FTEAEP 1400-1656

#### Included

Private transfer in BUE - driver only

Hotel 725 Continental 4\* in SUP room with breakfast and taxes

**\*\*\*Included is a farewell dinner and show at L Ventana plus either a 1 hour Tango lesson Or wine tasting session (B)**

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### DAY 15 - BUENOS AIRES

You will have free time to enjoy Buenos Aires for a final time before your transfer to the Airport (B)