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Wild Patagonia: Peaks, Glaciers & Pumas

Explore Southern Chile & Argentina on a Grand Andean Adventure

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Trip Details:

Days
9 Days / Nov–Mar

Price
From $15095

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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

Search for Wildlife in Torres del Paine National Park

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

Cruise by Private Boat to Perito Moreno Glacier

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

Support Puma Conservation on a Private Estancia

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



Wild Patagonia: Peaks, Glaciers & Pumas Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	El Calafate
Day 2	Los Glaciares National Park
Day 3	Estancia Cerro Guido
Day 4	Estancia Cerro Guido
Day 5	Estancia Cerro Guido
Day 6	Torres del Paine National Park
Days 7–8	Torres del Paine National Park
Day 9	Puerto Natales



Day 1

El Calafate

Arrive in Argentine Patagonia, gateway to the Southern Patagonian Ice Field

- Base in El Calafate, gateway to Los Glaciares National Park
- Join your Expedition Leader and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in El Calafate

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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Day 2

Los Glaciares National Park

Get close to the mighty Perito Moreno Glacier

- Cruise iceberg-strewn Lago Argentino by private boat
- Approach Perito Moreno Glacier's face, watching for calving ice
- Hike boardwalks along a secluded glacier shoreline

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

Estancia Cerro Guido

Cross into Chilean Patagonia

- On a scenic drive across open steppe, cross from Argentina into Chile
- Watch for guanacos, rheas and condors beneath jagged Andean peaks
- Settle into remote Estancia Cerro Guido, your base for exploring Chilean Patagonia

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

Estancia Cerro Guido

Witness puma conservation in action

- Join Cerro Guido's puma research team in the field
- Head into Las Condoreras to look for wild pumas
- Learn how Estancia Cerro Guido balances wildlife conservation and ranching

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

Estancia Cerro Guido

Discover gaucho traditions on a classic Patagonian ranch

- Hike the open grasslands beneath Patagonia's peaks
- Watch skilled gauchos and sheepdogs work the ranch's flocks
- Savor a traditional Patagonian asado featuring lamb roasted over an open fire

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.

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Day 6

Torres del Paine National Park

Into the wild heart of Torres del Paine

- Cross the Patagonian steppe into Torres del Paine National Park
- Look for guanacos, condors and, with luck, wild pumas
- Stay at Patagonia Camp's forest yurts by Lago el Toro

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.

Days 7–8

Torres del Paine National Park

Explore Torres del Paine National Park

- Hike to viewpoints on the granite Paine massif
- Explore in small groups with local guides matched to your interests
- Follow the shoreline of brilliant blue Lake Pehoe to Salto Grande Falls

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. Mellower 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.

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Day 9

Puerto Natales

Depart Puerto Natales after your Patagonia adventure

- Transfer to Puerto Natales for your departing flight

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

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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.



Xelena Hotel & Suites

Set near the banks of Lago Argentino, this contemporary retreat combines spacious rooms, a lakefront spa with heated indoor/outdoor pool, multiple dining venues and a relaxed atmosphere influenced by Patagonia's landscape.

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

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

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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.

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!

5 **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. **Read our important promise for yourself!**

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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!



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $15095

Group Size
Limited to 12 Travelers

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2026 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Nov 15 - Nov 23, 2026	**$15095**	
Nov 18 - Nov 26, 2026	**$15095**	
Nov 21 - Nov 29, 2026	**$15095**	Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Nov 28 - Dec 6, 2026	**$15095**	
Dec 4 - Dec 12, 2026	**$15095**	
Dec 11 - Dec 19, 2026	**$15095**	

2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 20 - Jan 28, 2027	**$15095**	
Feb 5 - Feb 13, 2027	**$15095**	
Feb 8 - Feb 16, 2027	**$15095**	

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Feb 15 - Feb 23, 2027	$15095	
Feb 28 - Mar 8, 2027	$15095	Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available
Mar 6 - Mar 14, 2027	$15095	
Mar 16 - Mar 24, 2027	$15095	
Mar 19 - Mar 27, 2027	$15095	
Mar 26 - Apr 5, 2027	$17095	Photo Expedition
Mar 29 - Apr 8, 2027	$17095	Photo Expedition
Apr 1 - Apr 11, 2027	$16795	Photo Expedition
Nov 15 - Nov 23, 2027	$15795	
Nov 18 - Nov 26, 2027	$15795	
Nov 25 - Dec 3, 2027	$15795	
Nov 28 - Dec 6, 2027	$15795	
Dec 1 - Dec 9, 2027	$15795	
Dec 8 - Dec 16, 2027	$15995	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jan 20 - Jan 28, 2028	$15795	
Jan 23 - Jan 31, 2028	$15795	
Jan 26 - Feb 3, 2028	$15795	
Jan 29 - Feb 6, 2028	$15795	
Feb 1 - Feb 9, 2028	$15795	
Feb 4 - Feb 12, 2028	$15795	
Feb 7 - Feb 15, 2028	$15795	
Feb 10 - Feb 18, 2028	$15795	
Feb 13 - Feb 21, 2028	$15795	
Feb 22 - Mar 1, 2028	$15795	
Feb 25 - Mar 4, 2028	$15795	
Feb 28 - Mar 7, 2028	$15795	
Mar 2 - Mar 10, 2028	$15795	

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Mar 5 - Mar 13, 2028	**$15795**	
Mar 8 - Mar 16, 2028	**$15795**	
Mar 11 - Mar 19, 2028	**$15795**	
Mar 14 - Mar 22, 2028	**$15795**	
Mar 17 - Mar 25, 2028	**$15795**	
Mar 21 - Mar 31, 2028	**$17795**	Photo Expedition
Mar 26 - Apr 5, 2028	**$17795**	Photo Expedition
Mar 31 - Apr 10, 2028	**$17795**	Photo Expedition
Nov 16 - Nov 24, 2028	**From $15795**	Price & Date Not Confirmed
Nov 19 - Nov 27, 2028	**From $15795**	Price & Date Not Confirmed
Nov 22 - Nov 30, 2028	**From $15795**	Price & Date Not Confirmed
Dec 4 - Dec 12, 2028	**From $15795**	Price & Date Not Confirmed
Dec 9 - Dec 17, 2028	**From $15795**	Price & Date Not Confirmed

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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.

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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.

***Important note:** Though this itinerary normally ends in Puerto Natales (PNT), that airport will be closed Monday-Thursday in January2027 and Monday-Friday in February and March of 2027. If the final day of your trip falls on one of those days, you must depart from the Punta Arenas airport (PUQ) instead.

Departing from Punta Arenas If your trip falls on a day that the Puerto Natales airport is closed, you will be transferred from Patagonia Camp to the Punta Arenas airport on the final day of the adventure. The transfer from Patagonia Camp will depart at 7:00 am, arriving at the Punta Arenas airport at 11:30 am. It is recommended to schedule flights at 1:30pm or later out of Punta Arenas.

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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