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Wild Patagonia Photo Expedition

Peaks, Lakes, Glaciers & Pumas: A Photography Immersion in Chile & Argentina

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Trip Details:

Days
11 Days / Mar–Apr

Price
From $16795

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For the nature photographer, few places on Earth evoke the awe that Patagonia inspires. Bruce Chatwin, in his classic 1977 travelogue *In Patagonia,* wrote that here "nature is both a muse and a canvas," and we stand with our cameras before its ever-shifting tableau, seeking to arrest its raw beauty. On a cross-border adventure including both Chile and Argentina, photograph the granite spires of the Andes, crowned by the world's second-largest nonpolar ice field. Capture the dark vertical spikes of Fitz Roy and the imposing Torres del Paine as magical light turns their profiles pink and gold. Shoot glaciers that wind down in frozen rivers, calving blue icebergs into turquoise lakes. Watch guanacos graze on vast stretches of pampas while condors circle overhead, and look for pumas—sightings are on the rise. During private stays on working estancias, learn about conservation ventures that show protecting wildlife and raising livestock are mutually compatible goals. You won't find a more in-depth Patagonia photography adventure, led by outstanding naturalist-photographer guides.

Trip Highlights

Wildlife Photography in Torres del Paine National Park

From our base at luxurious Patagonia Camp, seek shots of guanacos, huemul, condors and pumas against the famed backdrop of Torres del Paine's granite spires

Get Exciting Close-Ups of Perito Moreno Glacier

On a private cruise to the massive face of Perito Moreno Glacier, towering 240 feet high, capture icebergs as they calve into the turquoise waters of Lago Argentino

Photograph Wildlife & Ranch Life on Private Estancias

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

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Wild Patagonia Photo Expedition Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	El Calafate
Day 2	El Calafate / El Chalten
Day 3	Piedras Blancas Glacier
Day 4	El Chalten / El Calafate
Day 5	Los Glaciares National Park
Day 6	Estancia Cerro Guido
Day 7	Cerro Guido
Day 8	Torres del Paine National Park / Patagonia Camp
Days 9–10	Torres del Paine National Park
Day 11	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 photographers for a welcome dinner

Our Patagonia Photo Expedition begins in Argentina's adventure capital of El Calafate, where we meet our Expedition Leader and fellow photographers at a welcome dinner this evening. 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.

Day 2

El Calafate / El Chalten

Bird photography before entering Fitz Roy country

- Photograph wetland birds at Laguna Nimez, a designated Important Bird Area
- Continue to El Chalten with a walk to Chorillo del Salto
- Capture first views of Mount Fitz Roy from camp

Our day begins with bird photography at Laguna Nimez Nature Reserve, which is a designated Important Bird Area (IBA). Some 80 species are found here along the shoreline, wetland and nesting reed beds, Patagonian residents and migrators alike. Then it's time to leave El Calafate for El Chalten, a scenic half-day drive. We stop en route for a short walk to Chorillo Del Salto before arriving at Patagonia Eco Domes or Chalten Camp to settle in and relax before dinner. Short trails lead into wild natural surroundings, and there are magnificent views of Mount Fitz Roy right from the camp.

Day 3

Piedras Blancas Glacier

Hike to a glacier beneath Mount Fitz Roy

- Walk through native lenga forest along the Rio Blanca
- Look for Magellanic woodpeckers and white orchids along the trail
- Photograph Piedras Blancas Glacier and its turquoise meltwater lake

An advantage of staying at Patagonia Eco Domes or Chalten Camp, in addition to the peaceful, isolated setting, is proximity to some of the most renowned views in Los Glaciares National Park. Today we make a full-day hike to a classic photo vantage point on Piedras Blancas Glacier—a long but relatively easy route, about 6 miles roundtrip. The trail takes us through native lenga (southern beech) forest, following the Rio Blanca, as we photograph tiny white orchids along the way, and birds such as Magellanic woodpeckers, thorn-tailed rayadito and white-throated treerunner. Once we reach the lookout, our reward is stunning: the jagged blue glacier, with its seracs and icefalls, descends through the cirque below the Fitz Roy massif, flanked by sharp, dark gray peaks. At the glacier's base is a turquoise meltwater lake, with icebergs occasionally floating on its surface. Return by late afternoon, with time to relax in camp before dinner.

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Day 4

El Chalten / El Calafate

Final photo opportunities of the Fitzroy Massif

- Hike to viewpoints at Cerro Torre or Laguna Capri
- Photograph Fitz Roy's granite spires reflected above the lake
- Cross the Patagonian Steppe back to El Calafate

After breakfast, we start our drive back toward El Calafate, stopping en route for another dramatic hike. Options may include the viewpoint overlooking Cerro Torre, the finger-like needle that has daunted world-class alpinists for decades, or a walk to Laguna Capri for a different angle on Fitz Roy, which rises in sharp granite spires behind the lake. As always, we'll keep the pace and grade moderate, ensuring a comfortable approach to our destination. After our hike, it's time to travel back to El Calafate, leaving the Fitz Roy massif behind us as we head onto the sprawling Patagonian Steppe. We'll have dinner on arrival in El Calafate.

Day 5

Los Glaciares National Park

Private cruise to the advancing face of Perito Moreno

- Cruise iceberg-strewn Lago Argentino by private boat
- Approach the 240-foot blue face of Perito Moreno Glacier
- Walk shoreline boardwalks for varied perspectives on the glacier

Board a private boat for photography 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 face at close range, hoping to capture an iceberg calving from the imposing blue wall. 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. 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 6

Estancia Cerro Guido

Discover conservation and gaucho traditions on a Patagonian ranch

- Photograph gray foxes, Andean condors and Darwin's rheas
- Tour Estancia Cerro Guido and watch skilled sheepdogs work the ranch
- Watch for elusive pumas along this important conservation corridor

Depart El Calafate this morning and cross the border into Chile, driving south on a scenic route to Estancia Cerro Guido, where we spend two nights. On arrival, we check in to the 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 have chances to photograph gray fox, Andean condor and Darwin's rhea, a large flightless bird that is a relative of the ostrich and stands three feet tall. We also hope to capture a shot of a puma, if we're lucky—while highly elusive, these charismatic cats are making a comeback.

Cattle and sheep are looked after by gauchos, the traditional Patagonia cowboys who roam the pastures on horseback, and we learn about their history and culture on a tour of the ranch today, which also showcases its conservation achievements. Visit the stable, photograph sheep dogs in action as we learn how they work the herds, and see the organic gardens where produce is grown to supply the kitchen that provides our fresh farm-to-table meals. Tuck in at night into luxuriously appointed accommodations in restored 1920s cottages built by original English pioneers.

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Day 7

Cerro Guido

Track pumas with Cerro Guido's conservation team

- Join puma researchers in the field
- Review camera traps supporting the ranch's conservation program
- Keep your camera ready for possible puma sightings

Today holds exciting adventures as we learn in-depth about Cerro Guido's impressive conservation values, goals and achievements. On an all-day safari, we participate in Cerro Guido's puma research project, launched in 2019. Rise early this morning to head into the field with professional puma researchers dedicated full-time to studying pumas that live on the ranch. "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. Along the way, we keep a close watch for elusive pumas, with cameras at the ready for sightings, which are increasingly frequent.

Day 8

Torres del Paine National Park / Patagonia Camp

Cross into Torres del Paine and Patagonia Camp

- Photograph the Towers of Paine rising above the Patagonian steppe
- Stay at Patagonia Camp's forest yurts overlooking Lago el Toro
- Follow updates from a local tracker searching for signs of elusive pumas

Today we cross the steppe to reach Chile's Torres Del Paine National Park, stopping at overlooks to capture photos of the staggering mountain vistas. A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the park is home to a host of wildlife including puma, guanaco, fox, huemul (South Andean deer) and armadillo. 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 flat, tawny steppe into rolling mountain foothills covered in native beech forest. Our destination is Patagonia Camp, an outpost of rustic luxury 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 on the walls, and expansive wooden terraces overlooking the lake and mountains beyond. This afternoon, we make our first photography foray into the wild nature that surrounds 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.

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Days 9–10

Torres del Paine National Park

Photograph the landscapes and wildlife of Torres del Paine

- Hike beneath the Paine massif among guanacos and condors
- Photograph Lake Pehoe and Salto Grande Falls
- Watch for pumas along the Sendero de la Fauna game trail

Our stay at Patagonia Camp offers a host of options and the 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 photograph the Paine massif from different angles, with roaming guanacos, Andean condors and native flora as foreground subjects. 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—with photography rewards to match the endeavor. Mellower hike options with stunning 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 photograph this series of terraced waterfalls. As we explore, keep an eye out for wildlife. It's possible to capture shots of pumas here, 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 regularly in recent seasons.

Day 11

Puerto Natales

A final morning at Patagonia Camp

- 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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Wild Patagonia Photo Expedition Accommodations

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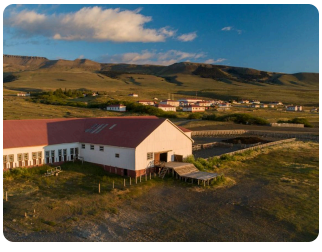
Patagonia Camp

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.



Patagonia Eco Domes

With fantastic views of Mount Fitz Roy and immediate access to some of the best hiking trails in the park, Patagonia Eco Domes is an unique off-the-grid accommodation, with nine geodesic lodging domes and two larger ones for community gathering.



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.



Chalten Camp

Located less than two miles from El Chalten, Chalten Camp offers a luxurious "camping" experience in well-appointed domes with unimpeded views of Cerro Fitz Roy.



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-photo-expedition/accommodations.

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You Won't Find a Better Patagonia Photo Experience

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If you're looking for a trip that's both comprehensive and intimate, with expert photography guidance and natural history interpretation...*this is it!* Photograph both sides of the southernmost Andes on our itinerary that covers both Chile and Argentina. And while we don't make you undergo endurance treks or stay in wind-whipped tents, this adventurous foray will get you deep into some of the most striking wild country on Earth, with access for phenomenal photo opportunities.

1

A Personalized, Small-Group Context

We know a small group is essential for the best nature photography opportunities—that's why we limit ours to just 10 guests. Sometimes, when options exist to choose between different ability levels for hikes, for instance, your group will be even smaller. In every instance, you can count on plenty of personal attention and photography coaching from our Expedition Leader.

2

Your Naturalist Guide is a Top Nature Photographer

Our Photo Expedition Leaders are some of South America's top naturalist guides—and they have years of photography expertise and the ability to impart it—meaning better images for you. Our Expedition Leaders also receive exclusive resources from WWF scientists. **Read our Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

3

Some of the Best Glacier Photography on Earth

The Southern Patagonian Ice Field is one of the largest on the planet, and we capitalize on glacier photo opportunities. We get you up close, from varied vantage points including hiking trails and boat-based viewing on Lago Argentino. A private cruise to the face of Perito Moreno Glacier lets you capture images of ice calving from its imposing face, more than 3 miles across.

4

Choose from Varied Hikes to Suit Your Ability

Although Patagonia is known for challenging hiking, we've finessed our adventure to offer a variety of activity levels. Because our small group travels with an Expedition Leader *plus* an assistant guide, our guest-to-guide ratio is just 5 to 1, allowing us wherever possible to offer choices so you can see and photograph what you'd like to, in the manner that's most comfortable.

5

Odds for Puma Photography Are on the Rise!

While pumas—also known as cougars or mountain lions in North America—are elusive, sightings are definitely increasing in recent years, and we put a special focus on finding them. In fact, we've included three days in Torres del Paine National Park to up your odds. This is likely not the case on other Patagonia trips that aren't as wildlife-oriented as ours is.

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6 **Unique Lodgings Include Renowned Patagonia Camp**

Nat Hab accommodations are often as memorable as the nature destinations we explore. In Chile, we stay at Patagonia Camp, in luxuriously appointed private yurts tucked among the trees on a huge private conservation reserve. You'll feel at one with nature while enjoying exceptional comfort. We also stay on two private estancias (ranches) devoted to conservation ventures that are helping to restore wildlife to the Patagonian landscape.

7 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Patagonia Photo Expedition**

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.**

8 **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.

9 **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!

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Mar 26 - Apr 5, 2027	**$17095**	
Mar 29 - Apr 8, 2027	**$17095**	
Apr 1 - Apr 11, 2027	**$16795**	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Mar 21 - Mar 31, 2028	**$17795**	
Mar 26 - Apr 5, 2028	**$17795**	
Mar 31 - Apr 10, 2028	**$17795**	

See https://www.nathab.com/south-america/patagonia-photo-expedition/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

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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 sheer granite mountains and glaciers is among the most spectacular natural places on the planet. Most visitors to Patagonia trek and camp to access the scenic splendors of the region. Our custom-designed trip, however, utilizes atmospheric, well-appointed small hotels and lodges that place us among some of Patagonia's most dramatic settings in genuine comfort. In order to experience the region most fully, please be prepared for some long drives and moderate hikes. Some challenging (though optional) hikes are also recommended in order to fully enjoy some of the most scenic areas.

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.

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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.

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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