

ENCOUNTER PATAGONIA & ARGENTINA

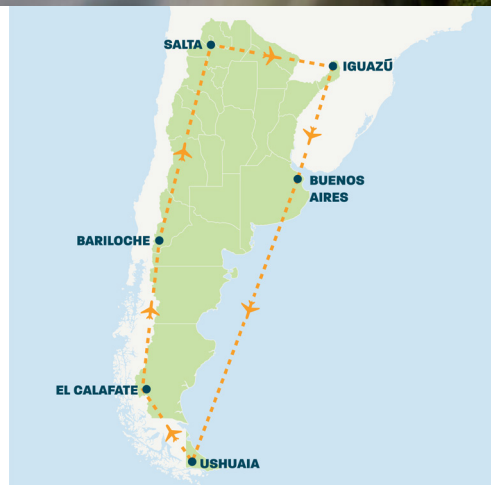
**DISCOVER THE INCREDIBLE DIVERSITY OF
CULTURE, LANDSCAPES & WILDLIFE THAT IS
PATAGONIA & ARGENTINA**

15 NOV - 6 DEC 2019

Encounter South America with us as we take a comprehensive tour of Argentina. Our exclusive hosted tour ensures safe, relaxed travel with everything taken care of. The natural wonders, culture, colour and stunning scenery will take your breath away. Experience Patagonia & Argentina for yourselves.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the awesome and majestic Iguazu Falls
- Powerboat ride through Falls plus 4x4 rainforest ride
- Buenos Aires & Salta City Tours
- Visit the Lake District of Argentina & the world's southernmost city.
- Calchaqui Valley & Cachi Visits
- Legendary Tango experience
- Salinas Grandes & Purmamarca Visits
- Visit the Perito Moreno Glacier, est 30,000 years old.
- Tour the Beagle Channel, the Tierra del Fuego & Los Glaciares National Parks.
- 4 star+ hotel accommodation
- Fully hosted exclusive tour, limited to just 18 guests
- Options to extend your trip and visit Machu Picchu, Galapagos & the Amazon,



\$14,995 pp twin share

\$2,990 single supplement

Prices are inclusive of:
All Internal flights; Breakfasts each day with 7 dinners & 2 lunches also included; All National Park Fees & Gratuities; All transfers by private air-conditioned coach.

All prices are in NZD. Prices are provisional and may vary due to changes in exchange rates. Prices do not include international airfares to South America. Please call us to get a quote for the latest fares.



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**FRI
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ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES

We depart Auckland tonight arriving into BA the same afternoon. Once we have cleared customs and collected our bags, we will be met and transferred to our hotel, the Hotel CasaSur Bellini (or similar) for our first four nights. What's left of the day is free for you to rest or enjoy a restaurant in the Recoleta area.

**SAT
16
NOV**

BUENOS AIRES (B)

Today we will be taken on a comprehensive city tour. know ans the 'Reina del Plata' (Queen of the River Plate) the city's European influences are on display in the architecture, cuisine and other facets of daily life. Stroll the charming quarters of san Telmo, birthplace of the Tango; the working class barrio of La Boca; Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of Eva Peron. This evening, subject to the events calendar, we have have the chance to attend an opera performance at the Teatro Colon.

**SUN
17
NOV**

FREE DAY (B,D)

Free day in BA today. You may wish to shop. relax or continue exploring the vibrant capital of Argentina. This evening we will experience legendary tango at La Ventana. We wil indulge in authentic local cuisine and entertainment by celebrated musicians and performers.

**MON
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NOV**

PAMPAS ESTANCIA TOUR (B,L)

Today we take a full day tour to experience the gaucho culture and the traditional rural life on a Pampas Estancia. We will watch cultural performances at Estancia El Ombú de Areco here. We will also spend some time exploring the township of San Antonio de Areco. Once at the Estancia, we will partake in a - Fiesta Gaucha - a folkloric expose with songs, dance, Gaucho's skills and traditional costume, topped off with an enormous "asado" (bbq) luncheon. We return to Buenos Aires this afternoon. The rest of the day and evening is at leisure.

**TUE
19
NOV**

USHUAIA (B)

After breakfast today we check-out of our hotel ans make our way to the airport for our flight to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city. Flight time: 3 h 35 min. On arrival, we are met and transferred to our hotel, the Los Acebos Hotel (or similar) for a two night stay. The rest of the day and evening is at leisure

**WED
20
NOV**

USHUAIA (B)

We take a catamaran tour along the Beagle Channel today. Here we will see the de los Lobos Islands and the Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse. On this excursion we should see seals and a large variety of sea birds. We may also get some glimpses of the shipwrecks of early explorers. This afternoon we visit the Tierra del Fuego National Park. Tierra del Fuego National Park is the southernmost protected area in Argentina. Situated 12 km to the west of Ushuaia and covering 6 km along the Beagle Channel, it has an extremely rugged landscape of craggy mountains, with rivers and lakes in the middle of the valleys. We return to our hotel this afternoon and the evening is free at leisure.

**THUR
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NOV**

EL CALAFATE (B)

After breakfast today we check-out of the hotel and make our way to the airport for our flight to El Calafate, gateway to the majestic world of glaciers. Flight time: 1 h 20 min. On arrival, we are met and transferred to our hotel, the Esplendor El Calafate Hotel (or similar) for a three night stay. Settle in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. El Calafate is a rustic, charming town with well-kept gardens and pretty homes set before a stunning Patagonian backdrop

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PERITO MORENO (B)

We enjoy a full-day tour to Perito Moreno today, including a boat trip to the face of the glacier. We travel 80km north-west through the Patagonian steppes and into the Los Glaciares National Park. Featuring rugged, towering mountains, forests and glacial scenery, the park covers part of the vast Southern Continental Ice Field and includes the glacier-fed arms of the huge Lake Argentino. We arrive at the magnificent Perito Moreno glacier which is estimated to be 30,000 years old, spans an area of over 250 sq km (5km wide) and is at a height of about 60mts. We can walk along the paths in front of its western wall for impressive views. We return to our hotel and the evening is at leisure.

SAT
23
NOV

FREE DAY - EL CALAFATE (B)

We have a free day to explore at our own pace or take one of the many excursions in the region.

SUN
24
NOV

TRANSFER TO BARILOCHE (B,D)

We have a relaxing morning before checking-out of the hotel and making our way back to the airport for our flight to Bariloche. Flight time: 1 h 45 min. On arrival in Bariloche, we transfer to the NH Bariloche Edelweiss hotel (or similar), for a three night stay. Bariloche is a charming Swiss-style town set amongst majestic mountains and lakes, situated on the shores of fjord-like Lago Nahuel Huapi in the heart of Argentina's Lake District. Settle into your rooms, freshen-up and relax. Tonight we will enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.

MON
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NOV

BARILOCHE (B)

This chic alpine resort boasts some of the most glorious scenery in the country. Be sure to have your camera ready for today's chairlift ride to a lookout point at Cerro Campanario. You will definitely want to capture the indescribable vistas of surrounding lakes and Andes mountain peaks. The tour continues with a leisurely drive around the Llao Llao Peninsula, Lago Moreno, and Lopez Bay. The rest of the day is free to take a leisurely stroll through the picturesque town centre. See the City Hall, the clock tower in Municipality Square and the famous chocolate factories.

TUE
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NOV

BARILOCHE (B)

Free day in Bariloche; you may wish to shop, relax, or continue sightseeing privately. Golf lovers will certainly enjoy a round at Llao Llao GC. **Optional:** full day guided tour of Victoria Island and Arrayanes forest. Transfer to Lake Nahuel Huapi and sail to the port at Anchorena on Victoria Island, where there is time to explore the network of trails on foot. The island is almost all dense evergreen forest - cypress, spruce, pine, monkey puzzle tree and coihue are all present. There are also lots of wild flowers and blackberry and rose bushes.

WED
27
NOV

TRANSFER TO SALTA (B,D)

This morning we check out of our hotel and spend the day travelling to Salta via BA or Cordoba. Flight time 5h 40min. On arrival in Salta, we will be met and transferred to our Hotel Casa Real (or similar) for a first stay of one night. Tonight we make our way to José Balcarce, Salta's finest restaurant, for a delectable dinner.

THUR
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NOV

CALCHAQUI VALLEY (B,L,D)

An early breakfast, then check-out and depart on a full day tour of the Calchaqui Valley. The first leg of the journey goes from Salta to Cafayate; travelling along the National Route 68, the journey is nice and easy. We will stop for lunch at a winery in Cafayate. We continue our trip to Cachi along the mythical National Route 40, climbing to over 4,000ft and going down from there through spectacular landscapes to arrive in the evening at the colonial-style little village named Cachi. On arrival, we check into the Hostería Sol del Valle for the night.

FRI
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CACHI (B)

After breakfast and check-out, we can spend the morning at leisure to explore Cachi. Stroll into town and browse for souvenirs in the simple market stalls or visit the Cachi Church or Antiguales, where deposits of old native civilizations are found. We return to Salta stopping off in Payogasta and Los Cardones National Park for some breathtaking views of the Northwest. On arrival back in Salta, we return to the Hotel Casa Real (or similar) for a second stay of three nights.

SAT
30
NOV

SALTA (B)

This morning we have a guided sightseeing tour of Salta. Visit the charming colonial centre, the San Francisco Church and the baroque Salta Cathedral. We will take the cable car to San Bernardo Hill and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Then we continue to San Lorenzo, a verdant valley and pretty hilltop village just 10 kms from Salta. At the end of the tour, we visit the High Mountain Archaeology Museum (MAAM), known locally as the mummy museum. We return to our hotel late this afternoon and the rest of the day/evening is at leisure.

SUN
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DEC

PURMAMARCA (B,L)

An early breakfast today before departing on a full day tour to the Quebrada de Humahuaca, visiting Salinas Grandes (great salt flats) and Purmamarca in the province of Jujuy. We stop for lunch at Manantial del Silencio. Purmamarca is a typical small Andean village made up of adobe brick buildings that have remained largely unchanged for centuries. The most remarkable feature of the village is its striking backdrop of the 7- coloured hill. We return to our hotel late this afternoon and the rest of the day & evening is at leisure.

MON
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DEC

TRANSFER DAY (B,D)

We have a slower start this morning. Enjoy breakfast, then we check-out of the hotel and transfer to Salta Airport for our flight to Iguazú. Flight time: 1 h 50 min. Upon arrival at Iguazú, we are met and transferred to our hotel, the Mercure Iguazú Hotel Iru (or similar) for a two night stay. We have a buffet dinner at the hotel tonight.

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TUE
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DEC

IGUAZU (B,D)

Rise early this morning, enjoy breakfast, then we meet our local guide and embark on a full day tour of the Iguazú National Park. We walk along the upper and lower trails around the spectacular Iguazú Falls, admiring the whole system of more than 270 different falls. Included in this adventure experience are a 4X4 ride through the rainforest and a powerboat ride through the falls. At the end of the tour, we return to the hotel and we have our last buffet dinner together.

WED
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DEC

IGUAZU / BUENOS AIRES (B)

Enjoy an early breakfast again this morning and check-out. We meet our guide again and transfer to the Brazilian border, where after clearing customs, we will pass into the Brazilian Iguazu National Park to see the waterfalls from a different perspective. At the completion of the tour, we transfer to Puerto Iguazú Airport to check-in to our flight to Buenos Aires. Flight time: 1 h 50 min. On arrival in BA, we transfer over to Ezeiza International Airport for our flight back to New Zealand late tonight.

FRI
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DEC

HOMEWARD BOUND (B)

We arrive back in Auckland in the early hours, two days after we left Argentina.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Please complete this booking form and return to:

Travel Encounters, PO Box 25-254, St Heliers, Auckland, 1740 NZ or scan & email to info@travelencounters.co.nz

NB: A photocopy of your passport photo page is required with this form

PRICES BOOK BY 31 JANUARY 2019 TO RECEIVE A \$500 PER PERSON AIRFARE CREDIT WHEN YOU BOOK WITH US

Tour costs: Twin Share NZ\$14,995pp; Single Supplement NZ\$2,995

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name(s) (as shown on passport) _____

Preferred name(s) _____

Postal address _____

Delivery address (courier) _____

Home phone _____ Mobile _____ Email _____

ACCOMMODATION & TOUR DETAILS

☐ Twin share ☐ Single room

☐ Please room me with someone appropriate as part of a twin share, on the understanding that in the event that a roommate cannot be found, I agree to pay the single supplement.

☐ I/We are interested in extending our trip by visiting Machu Picchu/Galapagos/Amazon. Please contact me with details.

Note: Tour departures are contingent on sufficient numbers participating in each tour. If a tour does not proceed, a full refund will be made.

INSURANCE

Travel insurance is absolutely essential and we highly recommend that you make sure you take out appropriate travel insurance at the time of booking. We offer travel insurance through CoverMore and Kiwi Holiday Insurance at competitive rates.

☐ Please provide a travel cover quote for me.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

A deposit of \$2,250 per person is required when booking (credit card payments subject to a 2% surcharge)

Note: Full payment is required if booking within 60 days of departure.

☐ Cheque (please make cheques payable to the 'Travel Managers group')

☐ Direct Credit Bank Account: 12-3209-0116403-16 Ref: [Surname] Particulars: [Tour name] Code: Travel Encounters

☐ Credit Card (Mastercard or Visa)

Credit Card Number Expiry Date /

Name of Card Holder _____ Signature _____

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EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

DECLARATION

☐ I agree to the booking terms and conditions

Signed _____

TERMS & CONDITIONS

How to book

A deposit of \$2,250 per person is required together with a completed registration form to secure a reservation. The deposit becomes non-refundable after airfares have been booked. The final balance is due 60 days prior to departure and an invoice will be sent to you prior to this date. All prices are based on payment by cash, cheque, or direct credit. If you wish to pay by credit card, Africa Encounters accept Visa & MasterCard. Payments made via credit card are subject to a 2% surcharge.

Taxes & other incidental costs

All gratuities throughout the tour are included within the tour price. Any other individual incidental costs that arise are not covered

Flexibility

You may wish to consider departing earlier or extending your stay. As a fully bonded travel agency, we are able to assist you with flight itineraries, hotel bookings, car hire etc. If you choose not to take advantage of the flights quoted as part of the tour package, please be aware that you will be responsible for your travel to and from the tour start and finish points. Flights will be subject to availability and any applicable surcharges at the time of booking.

This brochure

All reasonable care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of this brochure at the time of printing, but services offered, package availability and times may be subject to change from time to time. We will advise you of any changes as soon as we are made aware of them ourselves. These terms & conditions should be read in conjunction with those shown here: <http://travelmanagers.co.nz/terms>.

Travel insurance

Travel Insurance is absolutely essential and you should arrange this at the time of booking. You must carry details of your Insurer with you, including contact details in case of emergency. We offer travel insurance through CoverMore and Kiwi Holiday Insurance at competitive rates – please let us know if we can help you with this.

Prices

All prices in the brochure are in New Zealand Dollars and are quoted per person. Due to possible currency fluctuations and changes in service costs, prices are subject to variation at any time up to departure.

Documentation

Travel Documents will be distributed approximately 20 days prior to departure date. Africa Encounters cannot accept responsibility for any documents or airline tickets which are subsequently altered without our consent or authorisation.

Visas / Passports

You will need a current passport with at least six months validity after the end of the tour date to travel overseas. Visas are required for New Zealand passport holders travelling into South Africa. You should apply for the visa in plenty of time before the date of travel, as it can take up to a month for the visa to be processed. If you live in either Wellington or Auckland you will need to submit your application in person. If you live outside of these areas, we can arrange to lodge your visa on your behalf. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the correct documentation allowing you to travel to the destinations on the tour. More details on this will be supplied once you have registered for the tour.

Rooming arrangements

If you are travelling alone, but wish to share a room with someone else, please indicate this on your registration form. We will do everything possible to arrange shared accommodation in these instances. However if it cannot be arranged, the own room supplement will apply.

Cancellations

Prior to flight ticketing refunds will be made in full.

After flight ticketing and before 60 days, refund of land only content.

60 – 30 days 50% of land only content

30 days – commencement of tour, no refund

We strongly recommend that you take out travel insurance at the time of booking in case of sickness or other problem that might prevent you travelling, as well as giving you peace of mind whilst you are on tour.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

If you wish to book your own airfare, you will be charged for a land only price. If your flight times do not coincide with other travellers in the tour, you will be required to make your own way to the accommodation at the start of the tour and to the airport at the end of the tour.

Payment for tours can be made by cheque, direct credit or credit card, however a 2% surcharge applies to all credit card transactions.

Accommodation is in 4 to 4.5 star rated accommodation – bed and breakfast or as described in the tour itinerary.

This tour is contingent on sufficient numbers participating in the tour. If the tour does not go ahead due to lack of numbers, a full refund will be made.

Bookings are required at least 60 days prior to departure. Late bookings will be considered, but may be subject to a surcharge due to flight availability.

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