



# Chile to Argentina: Santiago, Patagonia & Buenos Aires

12 days | 15 days with Iguazú Falls extension

Start this small group Adventure Tour in the Chilean cultural hub of Santiago before setting out for Buenos Aires by way of South America's breathtaking Patagonia region. Take it all in as you venture through Torres del Paine and Los Glaciares National Park, marveling at glittering mountain lakes, craggy peaks, and icy glaciers along the way. Then, cap off your trek in Argentina's lively capital, the city where tango was born.



## Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 2 dinners with beer or wine
- 2 tastings
- 8 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 2 on-tour flights

## Included highlights

- Santa Lucía Hill
- Punta Arenas
- Patagonian estancia visit
- Torres del Paine National Park hike
- Milodon Cave
- Perito Moreno Glacier
- Buenos Aires' La Boca neighborhood

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including rocky ground and unpaved trails.

## Group size

12-22

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Santiago today.

## Santiago → 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Santiago & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: welcome lunch, tasting*

Welcome to Chile! Meet your fellow travelers at a welcome lunch. Then, set out to explore Santiago on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Drive through the city's Barrio Bellavista, known for its bohemian charm
- Pass the Barrio Lastarria and the Chilean National Museum of Fine Arts
- Walk up Santa Lucía Hill to soak in incredible views from the spot where Santiago was founded in 1541
- Try mote con huesillos, a popular drink in Chile known for its refreshing peach and cinnamon flavors
- Head to Plaza de Armas where you'll see Santiago Metropolitan Cathedral, the Chilean National History Museum, and the Central Post Office Building

### Day 3: Free day in Santiago

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Santiago or add an excursion.  
+ Valparaíso Street Art & Chilean Wine Country

## Punta Arenas → 1 night

### Day 4: Flight to Punta Arenas & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Fly to Punta Arenas in southern Patagonia this morning. Then, set off on a guided tour alongside your Tour Director.

- Visit Mirador Cerre de la Cruz to soak in beautiful views of the city
- Walk around the Cemetery of Punta Arenas
- Stroll through Plaza de Armas, the city's main square
- View the beautiful European-style architecture of the Palacio Sara Braun

## Torres del Paine Region → 2 nights

### Day 5: Torres del Paine Region via Patagonian estancia

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Spend a free morning in Punta Arenas or add an excursion.

Then, visit a Patagonian *estancia*, or ranch, as you make your way to the Torres del Paine region.

- Learn about work and life on the ranch while watching a sheep-shearing demonstration
- Enjoy a barbecue lunch of regional specialties + Isla Magdalena Penguin Colony

### Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Torres del Paine National Park & Milodon Cave

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Set out to explore the many natural wonders in Torres del Paine National Park, one of the largest of its kind in Chile.

- Embark on a 2.5–3.5-hour round-trip guided hike from the Salto Grande waterfall to the Mirador Cuernos scenic outlook
- View the towering peaks of Los Cuernos del Paine, for which the park was named
- Stand on the banks Lago Nordenskjöld, one of the park's glittering glacial lakes
- Try to spot guanacos, foxes, rheas, and birds as you go
- Enjoy an included lunch at Lago Grey restaurant

As you travel back to your hotel, stop to enter Milodon Cave.

- View its wealth of prehistoric fossils
- Learn about the extinct animal remnants discovered in the cave

Sit down for an included dinner in Puerto Natales this evening.

## El Calafate → 2 nights

### Day 7: Transfer to El Calafate

*Included meals: breakfast*

Depart early this morning and cross the border into Argentina as you make your way to the town of El Calafate. Later, enjoy a free evening before settling in to your estancia hotel.

*Please note: For an additional cost, you can book a visit to the Glaciarium museum and a dinner in El Calafate this evening through your Tour Director.*

### Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Los Glaciares National Park

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make your way to Los Glaciares National Park today for an up-close look at the growing Perito Moreno Glacier.

- Stop at Lago Argentino to take in the surrounding mountain views, keeping an eye out for the flamingos and condors that call the lake their home (*seasonal*)
- Arrive in Los Glaciares National Park and embark on a cruise along the Perito Moreno Glacier face
- Enjoy a guided hike along one of the paths near Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park with your Tour Director or opt for free time to hike and explore on your own

## Buenos Aires → 2 nights

### Day 9: Flight to Buenos Aires

*Included meals: breakfast*

Board your flight to Buenos Aires this morning.

Then, spend free time in the city or add an excursion.

+ Buenos Aires Tango Lesson, Show & Dinner

### Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting, farewell dinner*

Embark on a guided tour of the city where tango was born.

- Drive through the aristocratic Retiro and Recoleta neighborhoods to visit the grave of Eva Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina
- Stop by a historic, local cafe to try dulce de leche, a sweet spread made from milk and sugar
- Make your way past the National Museum of Fine Arts and the beautiful parks and gardens of Palermo
- Drive along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest street in the world

- Explore Plaza de Mayo, site of the May Revolution in 1810, and enter the neoclassical Metropolitan Cathedral
- Walk through the La Boca neighborhood, where the influence of its Italian settlers can still be felt today
- Enjoy free time to explore the colorful neighborhood

Later, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 11: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast*

Relax in a dayroom in Buenos Aires before boarding your flight home tonight or early tomorrow morning. If you're continuing on the tour extension, you'll fly to the Argentinian side of Iguazú Falls this afternoon.

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## Arrive Home

### Day 12: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

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## + Iguazú Falls extension

Fly to Iguazú to check out its impressive waterfall from the Argentinian side. You'll take a train to Devil's Throat, hop in a Jeep to ride through the rainforest, and visit the Macuco Falls Canyon by powerboat.

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## Iguazú Falls → 3 nights

### Day 11: Flight to the Iguazú Falls Region

*Included meals: breakfast*

Fly to the Argentinian side of Iguazú Falls this afternoon.

### Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Iguazú Falls

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend the day soaking in the natural wonders of Iguazú National Park.

- Ride through the park aboard an ecological train
- Walk along a pathway to arrive in front of Devil's Throat where you can take photos of the incredible waterfall

- Enjoy another train ride to see the upper section of the park, including the San Martín, Dos Hermanas, and Bozzetti falls
- Take a guided walk through the lower section of the park to get up-close to the falls and see the area's flora and fauna

*Please note: Pack rain gear for today's activities and be prepared to walk on slippery, wet terrain.*

Enjoy a free evening in the Iguazú Falls region or add an excursion.

+ Iguazú Cultural Dinner

### Day 13: Iguazú Falls Jeep & boat ride

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Continue exploring the wonders of Iguazú Falls today.

- Set off on a Jeep ride through the sub-tropical rainforest
- Hop aboard an inflatable power boat to ride through the Macuco Falls Canyon
- Soak in the panoramic views of the falls from the Iguazú Basin

*Please note: Pregnant women and people with heart or back conditions are restricted from taking part in the jeep and boat ride.*

Enjoy a free afternoon in the Iguazú Falls region or add an excursion.

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

+ Jasy Pora Guaraní Community Visit

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 14: Flight to Buenos Aires & departure

*Included meals: breakfast*

Fly back to Buenos Aires and relax in a dayroom before boarding your overnight or early morning flight home.

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## Arrive Home

### Day 15: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.com/CAR](https://goaheadtours.com/CAR) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: Valparaíso Street Art & Chilean Wine

### Country

\$139/\$149\* (9 hours, departs in the morning)

Your day begins with a visit to the coastal city of Valparaíso, locally known as "The Jewel of the Pacific." Here, you'll embark on a guided tour of the city, passing through the UNESCO-recognized port and historic quarter. Continue through Plaza Sotomayor and the Port and Central neighborhoods to the Queen Victoria funicular for a ride up to Cerro Alegre and Cerro Concepción. This pair of hilltop neighborhoods is famous for colorful houses and imaginative street art. Stroll through their whimsical streets on a walking tour before enjoying free time for lunch. Then, make your way outside of the city to the nearby Casablanca Valley, where you'll stop at a local vineyard for a tour and tasting.

## Day 5: Isla Magdalena Penguin Colony

\$139/\$149\* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Board a ferry for a ride across the Magellan Strait to Magdalena Island, part of the Los Pingüinos Natural Monument. As you sail, circumnavigate Isla Marta while keeping an eye out for the colonies of sea lions and flocks of marine birds that take refuge there. Then, disembark on the nearby Isla Magdalena, a popular nesting ground for Magellanic penguins. Take some time to get up close to these charming birds before cruising back to the mainland. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from mid-October through mid-April. The weather in the Magellan Strait during this time of year can be cold and windy, so we recommend wearing warm clothes and a hat. We also recommend bringing sunglasses and a camera. Travelers prone to seasickness and/or motion sickness are recommended to take special precautions for the boat ride due to rough seas through the Magellan Strait.

## Day 9: Buenos Aires Tango Lesson, Show & Dinner

\$105/\$115\* (6 hours, departs in the evening)

Buenos Aires is the birthplace of Tango, and no trip's complete without feeling the passionate rhythm of this city's streets. So put on your dancing shoes and barrida through a private, exclusive tango lesson. Follow a master tanguero, or tango dancer, as they teach you all the steps, moves, and emotions that go into performing Argentina's national dance. Then, sit down to watch one of Buenos Aires' most renowned tango shows. Lose yourself in the live music, as elegant performers transport you to a bygone era. You'll enjoy a dinner featuring regional specialties, as well as Argentine wine, as the dancers glide toward their final abrazo.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 12: Iguazú Cultural Dinner

\$145/\$155\* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Whip up some of Argentina's signature dishes while learning about the country's food traditions during this interactive and unique dining experience. Start off by learning to make empanadas, a stuffed bread dish, and alfajores, which are regional cookies. Then, try your hand at preparing mate, a traditional, caffeinated South American drink made from yerba mate leaves. After, sip on unlimited wine during a steak dinner. As you eat, you'll learn about the different cuts of Argentinian meat. At the end of the night, you'll receive the recipes for each of the dishes you made so you can recreate your Argentine meal for friends and family at home.

### Day 13: Jasy Pora Guaraní Community Visit

\$95/\$105\* (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Learn about the indigenous Guaraní people during a visit to the village of Jasy Pora. The Guaraní people have lived throughout Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Brazil since before the 14th century and their rich culture continues to be a strong influence in the region. You'll meet up with a member of the Guaraní brotherhood to learn about their language and customs, as well as how they've carried on the traditions passed down by their elders. Most notably, this includes their hunting secrets and ancient survival techniques. As you walk along a wooded trail through the grounds, your native guide will also talk about the importance of handicrafts to the local culture. The community's main source of income comes from the Guaraní people selling the baskets they weave with vegetable fibers, animal figurines they carve from wood, and necklaces and bracelets they craft using seeds. Then, watch as a group of children play songs on a set of rudimentary drums before talking with some of the families. Please note: This excursion includes walking through the jungle on uneven, damp terrain.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)