



# Chile to Argentina: Santiago, Patagonia & Buenos Aires

12 days | 17 days with Iguazú Falls extension

Starting in the Chilean cultural hub of Santiago, set 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.



## Your tour package includes

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

## Included highlights

- Santiago
- Casablanca Valley wine tasting
- Punta Arenas
- Patagonian estancia visit
- Torres del Paine National Park
- Perito Moreno Glacier
- tango show
- Buenos Aires' La Boca neighborhood

## Tour pace

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

## Group size

14-30

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Santiago.

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## Santiago → 2 nights

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

*Included meals: dinner*

Welcome to Chile! 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
  - Head to Plaza de Armas where you'll see Santiago Metropolitan Cathedral, the Chilean National History Museum, and the Central Post Office Building
- Gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner this evening.

### Day 3: Valparaíso & Chilean Wine Country

*Included meals: breakfast*

Embark on a guided tour of Valparaíso, passing through the UNESCO-recognized port and historic quarter.

- Stroll through Plaza Sotomayor and the Port and Central neighborhoods
  - Take a ride on the Queen Victoria funicular up to Cerro Alegre and Cerro Concepción, two hilltop neighborhoods famous for their colourful houses
  - Walk along the whimsical streets on a tour before enjoying free time for lunch
- Next, make your way outside of the city to the nearby Casablanca Valley.
- Stop at a local vineyard for a tour and tasting
  - Sample the winery's signature sauvignon blanc, pinot noir, and chardonnay
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## 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
  - Enter the Salesian Museum to learn about Patagonian history and nature
  - View the European-style architecture of the Palacio Sara Braun
  - Stroll through Plaza de Armas, the city's main square
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## 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: Torres del Paine National Park via Milodon Cave

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Make your way to Torres del Paine National Park, one of the largest of its kind in Chile. En route, stop to enter Milodon Cave to view its wealth of prehistoric fossils. Then, set out to explore the park's many natural wonders.

- View the towering peaks of Los Cuernos del Paine, for which the park was named
- Stand on the banks of Lago Pehoé, Lago Nordenskjöld, and Lago Grey, three of the park's glittering glacial lakes
- Take a short hike to see the churning Salto Grande waterfall
- Try to spot guanacos, foxes, rheas, and birds as you go
- Enjoy an included boxed lunch

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

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## El Calafate → 2 nights

### Day 7: Transfer to El Calafate

*Included meals: breakfast*

Cross the border into Argentina as you make your way to the town of El Calafate.

*Later, enjoy a free evening. Please note: You'll depart for Argentina early in the morning.*

### Day 8: 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
  - Take in views of the glacier from a scenic overlook and enjoy free time to explore the surrounding walking paths
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## Buenos Aires → 2 nights

### Day 9: Flight to Buenos Aires & tango show

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Board your flight to Buenos Aires this morning. Tonight, watch as accomplished tangueros, or tango dancers, perform their national dance. Listen to the live music as you enjoy a dinner featuring regional specialties and Argentine wine.

### Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Buenos Aires

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

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

- Drive through the aristocratic Retiro and Recoleta neighbourhoods to visit the grave of Eva Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina
- 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
- Enjoy free time in the La Boca neighbourhood, where the influence of its Italian settlers can still be felt today

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

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## Overnight Flight → 2 nights

### 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.

### Day 12: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

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## + Iguazú Falls extension

Add 3 nights in Iguazú Falls

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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, dinner*

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

- Board an ecological rainforest train and ride to Devil's Throat, the most famous section of the falls
- Walk along the forested footpaths on the Argentinian side of the falls for panoramic views of the waters

*Please note: Pack raingear for this morning's activities and be prepared to walk on slippery, wet terrain.*

Tonight, 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
- Try your hand at preparing mate, a traditional, caffeinated South American drink made from yerba mate leaves
- Sip on unlimited wine during a steak dinner as you learn about the different cuts of Argentinian meat

- 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: Iguazú Falls Jeep & boat ride

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Explore Iguazú Falls from a new perspective this morning.

- Take 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 this morning's activities.*

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 → 2 nights

### 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.

### 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.ca/KAR](http://goaheadtours.ca/KAR) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 5: Isla Magdalena Penguin Colony

\$189CAD/\$199CAD\* (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.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 13: Jasy Pora Guaraní Community Visit

\$129CAD/\$139CAD\* (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.ca/terms](http://goaheadtours.ca/terms)