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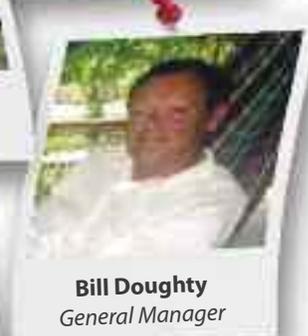
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Welcome to Chile...

LAND OF CONTRASTS

Chile has a coastline of over 3,000 miles, but at its widest is just under 200 miles. **Santiago** is the capital, located in the fertile central valleys bounded on the west by a coastal range of mountains and on the east by the mighty Andes Mountains, forming the frontier between Chile, Bolivia and Argentina. It is in these valleys that some of the finest wines of the Americas are produced. The Aquitania, Maipo, Cachapoal, Casablanca, Colchagua and San Fernando Valleys (just to name a few!) boast outstanding wines, each with unique characteristics created by the different microclimates. The quaint seaside resort of **Vina del Mar** and the intriguing Pacific port of **Valparaiso** are a scenic two-hour drive west of Santiago. Mysterious **Easter Island** lies alone out in the Pacific. The northern half of Chile is the **Atacama Desert**, home to rich mineral wealth as well as ancient pre-Colombian civilizations, whose relics are well-preserved in the world's driest desert. The beauty of the lush forests and pristine lakes of southern Chile, known as the **Chilean Lakes Region**, lure

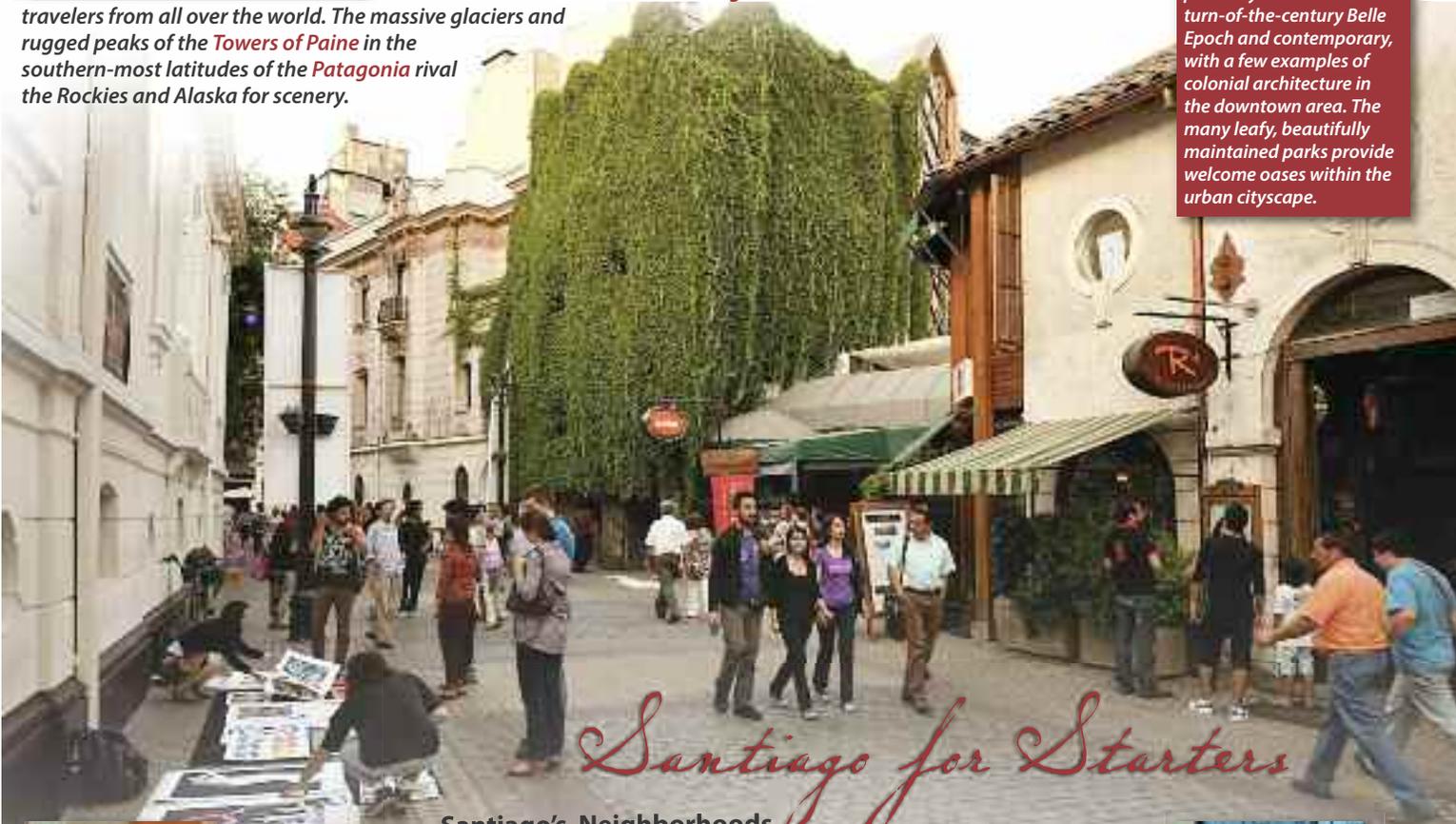


travelers from all over the world. The massive glaciers and rugged peaks of the **Towers of Paine** in the southern-most latitudes of the **Patagonia** rival the Rockies and Alaska for scenery.



Nestled in the fertile Chilean Central Valley, with the mighty Andes as a backdrop, Santiago is a bustling, cosmopolitan and progressive city. Santiago's architecture is primarily a combination of turn-of-the-century Belle Epoch and contemporary, with a few examples of colonial architecture in the downtown area. The many leafy, beautifully maintained parks provide welcome oases within the urban cityscape.

CHILE



Santiago for Starters

Santiago's Neighborhoods



The up and coming **Lastarria** district is a charming, historic and culturally exciting neighborhood, and the epicenter of the arts in Santiago. Located within the center of Santiago on the northeast, it is just a short distance from **Santa Lucia Hill**, **Parque Forestal**, the **Museum of Fine Arts**, the **Museum of Visual Arts** and the **Gabriela Mistral Center**. Its urban development began with the building of the Veracruz Church in the middle of the 19th century. In 1997, Lastarria was declared a "Zona Tipica" (typical zone), which brings with it strong protection and preservation of its architectural heritage. During this period, the Plaza Mulato Gil was created, which is home today to an antique and book fair. Lastarria is an oasis inside bustling downtown Santiago where culture and entertainment converge in a captivating mixture of art, literature, music, film, theater, gastronomy and design.



Just to the east of Lastarria is the **Providencia** district. Providencia is home to a large upper middle and high-class population and it holds the region's highest percentage of population over 60 (21.51%). It contains many high-rise apartment buildings as well as a significant portion of Santiago's commerce. It is notable for its large, old and elegant houses inhabited in the past by the Santiago elite and now mostly used as offices. Providencia includes **Barrio Suecia**, an area filled with restaurants, pubs, and nightclubs, and **Barrio Bellavista**, a bohemian area populated with artists and performers. The latter lies in the shadow of **San Cristóbal Hill**, a prominent hill in the city topped by a 70-foot statue of the Virgin Mary.

Further to the east of Providencia, the **Las Condes** district is inhabited primarily by upper-mid to high income families, and known in the Chilean collective consciousness as home to the country's economic elite. Most of Las Condes commercial activity is situated along **Apoquindo Avenue** where locals have labeled the location "**Sanhattan**", a portmanteau of Santiago and Manhattan.

Our Featured Hotels in Santiago



The Ritz Carlton Hotel – Las Condes

Ultra Deluxe, the Ritz Carlton building is newly constructed, but inside they have furnished it like an antique castle, with wood, marble and even lapis lazuli in the main restaurant. Its decor is Classical English. The facilities include a lobby lounge (5 o'clock tea) a cigar bar with a humidor and a list of 100 types of Martinis, a wine bar with a wine list of 365 wines plus a variety of 24 premium wines by the glass (6 white, 18 red) and a restaurant where they boast the only "fine dining" experience in Santiago. Other facilities include gym, heated indoor pool (under the glass arch on the roof) and massage treatments. The rooms are a good size, again with classical decor and with the famous Ritz Carlton bed (a thin quilt of goose down on top of the mattress over which the bottom sheet is fitted, followed by the top sheet and another goose down quilt) so in effect you are sleeping in a down cocoon. Another novelty is the bath menu. For an additional charge you will be able to order a bath in your room at a certain time with rose petals or candles and aromatic bath salts, etc.



Lastarria Boutique Hotel

Lastarria Boutique Hotel offers premium service and accommodation in the very heart of Santiago. Most major tourist attractions, as well as the center of the city's Baquedano Subway station, are within minutes of this hotel. This stunning residence was built in 1927 and has been renovated and converted into a superb boutique hotel. Warm and comfortable, the superior rooms are located on the ground, second and top floors of the hotel. There are three Deluxe rooms. One of these, on the ground floor, has a private balcony. The other two rooms are located on the second and top floors of the hotel. Junior Suites are large, comfortable soundproof rooms highlighted by their private balconies. Two of these suites are located on the top floor of the hotel.



The Singular Santiago – Lastarria

Built to blend seamlessly into the neighborhood of Lastarria, The Singular Santiago combines the style of early 20th century buildings with neoclassical French architectural influences. The result is a striking new addition to the Santiago cityscape. You can experience the endlessly indulgent Spa, the superlative dining experience at the Singular Restaurant, or the dazzling views and refreshing cocktails in the ninth floor Sky Bar. Step out onto the elevated terrace and you're treated to a spectacular view: the Parque Forestal, an arboreal escape right alongside the hotel, and enjoy the roof top swimming pool. Every one of the 62 rooms offers a safe-deposit box, refrigerator with soft drinks, and free WiFi. The seven Patio rooms facing west to the Andes are 269 square feet in size. The 14 Classic rooms face south and are 301 square feet in size. The 40 Singular rooms face north and are between 388 square feet and 431 square feet in size, each have a separate shower and bath tub.



Atton el Bosque – Las Condes

This Superior First Class, modern hotel opened in 2007. It is located a short walking distance from Tobalaba subway station, in the heart of El Golf suburb in Las Condes. You can find some of the best restaurants and the most important and modern business centers in this area.. Atton El Bosque is a modern 18-story building with 240 ample rooms and perfect thermo-acoustic insulation, with a delicate and modern decoration. All rooms are fully equipped with cable TV, cable internet access, desk, full minibar and an ample safe. There are also connecting and handicapped rooms, and non-smoking floors. The average room-size is 575 square feet furnished with 2 queen beds or 1-single-king bed. The Junior Suite also has also a comfortable living room and a king size bed.



Orly Boutique Hotel – Recoleta

The Orly Boutique Hotel is a small property located in the residential district of Providencia. It is across from the Municipal Park, and is a renovated mansion from the turn-of-the-century. The hotel features 28 rooms equipped with air-conditioning, mini-bar, and cable TV. Amenities include cafe/restaurant combination El Cafetto, boasting the best coffee in town. The rooms vary in size from single rooms, to queen, king, jr. suites and suites.



Torremayor Hotel – Recoleta

The Torremayor is one of the best 3-star hotels in Santiago. Located in the heart of the chic Providencia district on a quiet residential street, and only a few blocks away from the neighborhood nicknamed "Barrio Suecia": a pedestrian only area of trendy restaurants and pubs. The 80 attractive, comfortable rooms include cable TV, IDD telephones, safe-deposit boxes, frigobars, and bathrooms with full tubs and hairdryers. The elegant "El Marques" Restaurant is considered one of the finest in the area.



Vina del Mar and Valparaiso

Viña del Mar is known for its long stretches of white beaches, placid resorts, malls, tall coastal buildings, hotels and various entertainment venues, and is one of Chile's top tourist destinations. It is called the Garden City because it has a lot of green areas and large parks. It has also been recognized for its original architectural style suburban "fifth houses", the resort homes built by Chile's elite in the late nineteenth century.

While Viña del Mar is a major tourist destination, visitors might prefer to stay in the quaint and much less "touristy" city of **Valparaíso**, just 10 miles south. This fascinating city is a bustling seaport with an adjacent, colorful, traditional fishing village and market. Most interesting of all is the way the city was built up the hillsides overlooking the port. No buildings were permitted to be taller than the buildings behind them, and many feature the architectural style unique to this area. The hotels are all located in these hills, with sweeping views. Residents of the city travel up and down the hills via antique funiculars.



On the Path of Pablo Neruda

Pablo Neruda, Chile's poet laureate and Nobel Prize Winner, left a legacy of literature and three magnificent homes to the Chilean people. In Santiago he left La Chascona, the home he built for his third wife, Matilde Urrutia, nicknamed "La Chascona" or the woman with the tussled hair. The film, Il Postino, portrayed this couple's turbulent love affair. On the Pacific Coast, Neruda left Isla Negra, his most beautiful and finest home, and in Valparaíso, he left La Sebastiana. Each home, in its own way, reflects the poet's humor, sense of style, eclectic tastes, love of all things nautical, and whimsical fancy. A visit to Santiago or to the coast of Chile is not complete without seeing at least one of these homes (closed Mondays).

Our Featured Hotels in Valparaíso



Hotel Casa Higuera

This ultra-deluxe Boutique hotel is a member of the prestigious Relais and Chateau group. Located on "Cerro Alegre", it is just a few blocks from the famous "El Peral" funicular and the "Pasco Yugoslavo". The property, built in 1930, once belonged to the Corsen family. The hotel's intimate and cozy ambiance is its hallmark. The hotel's renovation includes over 4,000 feet of construction and 4,200 feet of gardens on the slope of the hill, including a gym, pool, sauna and Jacuzzi. Wide terraces offer beautiful views of the bay and the city's hills. Casa Higuera has 20 guestrooms in the categories Traditional, Premium, Premium Superior, Superior and Deluxe that measure from



236 square feet (Traditional) to 603 square feet (Deluxe) in size, distributed throughout five floors and offering all the amenities necessary to make you feel at home. The majority of the guestrooms have individual terraces, with views of Valparaíso and the Cordillera and Concepcion hills.



Palacio Astoreca

The boutique hotel Palacio Astoreca opened in September 2012 and since then the hotel and restaurant have been proclaimed as one of the best in Chile, praised by national and international critics, especially for the care of their guests. The Palacio Astoreca Hotel was built at the core of the historical city center of Valparaíso overlooking the magnificent bay. It is on "Cerro Alegre", just steps from the famous "Paseo Yugoslavo" and the Fine Arts Museum, the Barburizza Palace. The amenities include 23 rooms, spa, restaurant, wine cellar, bar and a library, housed in two buildings: the palace, a completely restored



national monument, and an older house, whose original façade has been conserved. Both buildings have thus recovered the style and elegance that they had lost over time. All rooms feature telephones, 32" flat screen, satellite TVs, digital safes large enough for laptops, independent climate control, hairdryers, bathrobes and slippers, minibars, room service and free WiFi. Standard rooms are located on the first floor (with limited views) and range from 215-270 sq. ft. They feature king beds and either shower or tub bathrooms. Premium rooms are similar in size and amenities and boast beautiful views.



Zero Hotel

Nestled in a residential neighborhood, the intimate Zero Hotel overlooks the Pacific Ocean with views of the ships bound for ports throughout the world. The hotel has only nine rooms; four bedrooms have bay views while five others face the rolling hills that surround Valparaíso. The average size of the bedrooms is about 300 square feet featuring high ceilings, Egyptian cotton sheets, free WiFi, LCD televisions, telephones, and adjoining bathrooms with warm bathrobes.



See page 19 for a
Suggested Itinerary with the
Chilean Wine Country & Valparaíso

Chilean Wine Country

The Casablanca Wine Valley

The Casablanca Wine Valley is located between Santiago and the Pacific Coast, in the Pacific Coastal Range of mountains. The drive to the coastal towns of Vina del Mar and Valparaiso passes through the Casablanca Wine Valley. The microclimate of the Casablanca Valley is similar to the coastal wine valleys on the Central Coast of California. Besides fine red wines, such as Pinot Noir, the valley also produces excellent white wines.

Vina Matetic

Located within its own 11,000-hectare (27,000-acre) valley not far from the Pacific Ocean, Vina Matetic's multi-million dollar, gravity-flow winery is sunken into a sloping hill, and it is one of the most architecturally avant-garde wineries in Chile. It is a small winery making big waves in organic winemaking and 21st-century enotourism.



Explore the valley on foot, horseback, or bicycle, or visit the family cheese operation (the Matetics make a scrumptious sheep's-milk cheese), and cap the afternoon off with a tour of the winery, a stunning hillside

facility with a theatrical oval barrel cellar and a pair of grand tasting rooms with a waterfall.



Equilibrio Restaurant

Renowned for his culinary arts, Chef Matias Bustos knows how to conciliate tradition and innovation, adapting his dishes to be prepared with local ingredients. The restaurant is open from Tuesday through Sunday.



The Maipo Wine Valley

The Central Valley south of Santiago is Chile's largest wine-producing area, centered around the Maipo, Rapel (Colchagua) and Maule River Valleys. The Maipo Valley is the most widely cultivated valley and is known for its Cabernet Sauvignon. Curicó has both red and white wine varieties planted but is most widely known for its Chardonnay. The Maule Valley still has large plantings of the local Pais but is gradually being planted with better red wine varieties. The soil of the Maipo Valley is noted for high salinity stemming from irrigation from the Maipo River and low potassium level which has some impact on the grapevines. Advances in viticultural techniques have helped vineyards in these regions compensate for some of these effects.

The Colchagua Wine Valley

Come linger awhile in a part of Chile few have seen. Now you can discover a special region never before open to visitors, take in the sweet smell of the countryside, the green of a fertile valley and the elegance of antique wineries. You can taste wine at the most important vineyards of the Colchagua Valley: MontGras, Viu Manent, Bisquertt and Santa Laura. The hidden valley of Colchagua has long been home to some of Chile's finest wine-producing families. Here, you will have a unique opportunity to experience a true slice of Chile, unspoiled and elegant.



Hotel Plaza, Santa Cruz

Lodge at the elegant neo-colonial Hotel Plaza in the village of Santa Cruz. Although first opened in 2001, it seamlessly blends in with the traditional architecture of this small town. The 44-room, four-story structure is built in colonial style with balconies and trailing geraniums. The interior of the hotel is lovingly adorned with hand-carved doors and furniture, custom murals, a private collection of colonial art and stained-glass windows depicting wine-making scenes. The dining room with stone friezes and hand-painted murals opens to an outdoor dining area in the gracious courtyard with a fountain, a pool with a swim-up bar, peaceful gardens and, of course, a wine tasting salon. On Saturdays you can enhance the tour with a trip back in time, highlighted by a restored steam locomotive and wine train that makes the 90-minute run from the city of San Fernando to Santa Cruz, passing by some of Colchagua Valley's main vineyards on the way. While on board you will have the opportunity to taste wines, accompanied by appetizers, while a Chilean folklore singer entertains you with his songs.



Luxurious accommodations at the Plaza Hotel Santa Cruz



La Casona at Vina Matetic

While visiting the winery you can stay at the guest-house, La Casona, an original, century-old estate that has been completely restored and redesigned. Set among wild gardens, the hotel has seven deluxe suites with king beds or two twin beds, furnished with regal two-poster beds and wingback chairs, thick damask curtains, and lots of florals and stripes.



Viu Manent Winery

Atacama Desert

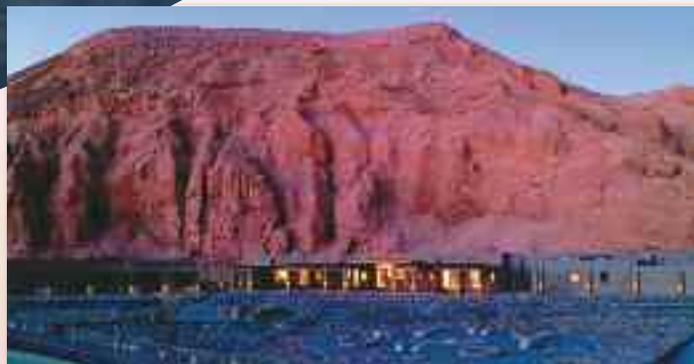
4 & 5-Day Packages are available at a selection of excellent, all-inclusive programs

This desert is the home of rich pre-Columbian cultures that flourished on the many oases. The cultures of Aymara, Atacameña, and Inca all left their mark on this region. The region is also known for the remarkable topography of red-rock mountains, geysers, soda lakes and salt pans. The night skies and stars are beautiful here, with the most impressive sights of the Milky Way. The weather is quite good all year, so don't worry about when to come.



Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa – Deluxe All Inclusive

This boutique hotel is a place where guests from around the world come together to experience the beauty of the Altiplano and the Atacama Desert. After a day of hiking, biking, walking or four-wheel touring, guests have many ways to relax. Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa is just a 20-minute walk from the village center of San Pedro de Atacama. The architecture, interiors, grounds and spa of Tierra Atacama were designed by Chilean professionals with an aim to preserving local cultural influences while also creating a place that allows guests to relax and enjoy. The Uma Spa offers many services for your pleasure and to help you fully rejuvenate during your Chilean vacation. Tierra Atacama's rooms all have private terraces and views of the Licancabur volcano. The interior decoration is casually elegant in the neo-minimal style. The decorators searched local villages for the unique hand-made textiles and crafts to add authentic, desert cultural pieces to each room.



Explora en Atacama – Deluxe+ All Inclusive

Explora turns out to be a small town built around three patios. Its architecture evokes the nature and culture of Atacama, where guestrooms open up to corridors around a patio. This world class hotel has all the amenities required for relaxation and the best alternatives to explore Atacama lands. The simple yet elegant décor

is punctuated with a collection of the finest indigenous textiles and ceramics collected from around the area. Amenities include air-conditioning, cable TV, bar/lounge, direct dialing internet, laundry service, swimming pool, room service, hot springs, restaurant, private bathroom, sauna, Jacuzzi or spa.



Alto Atacama Hotel & Spa – Superior First Class All Inclusive

Surrounded and embraced by the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Range) and close to the pre-Columbian ruins of Quito, Alto Atacama offers one of the most astonishing settings in the world. Simple luxury, tranquility, colors and the rugged texture of the surrounding mountains will be the experience. Located in the fertile Catarpe Valley, just one mile from San Pedro de Atacama's main square, Alto Atacama was built in the style of a traditional adobe settlement, complete with llamas and native crops. All elements were carefully designed to integrate the indigenous building patterns of the Likanantay people. The hotel has state-of-the-art facilities, yet remains simple. There is a complete spa, yoga fields, hot springs, wooden decks with six swimming pools, international bar and a cozy common room with a big fireplace.



Easter Island



Easter Island (*Rapa Nui*: *Rapa Nui*, Spanish: *Isla de Pascua*) is a Polynesian island in the southeastern Pacific Ocean, at the southeasternmost point of the Polynesian triangle. A special territory of Chile annexed in 1888, Easter Island is widely famous for its 887 extant monumental statues, called *moai* (pronounced *mów eye*), created by the early Rapanui people. It is a World Heritage Site (as determined by UNESCO) with much of the island protected within the Rapa Nui National Park. Easter Island is one of the world's most isolated inhabited islands. Its closest inhabited neighbor is Pitcairn Island, with fewer than a hundred

inhabitants, 1,290 miles to the West. It is 2,180 miles west of continental Chile at its nearest point. The island is approximately 15 miles long by 7.6 miles at its widest point, with an area of 63 sq. miles. There are three Rano (freshwater crater lakes), at Rano Kau, Rano Raraku and Rano Aroi, near the summit of Terevaka, but no permanent streams or rivers. The climate of Easter Island is subtropical maritime. The lowest temperatures are registered in July and August (64 °F) and the highest in February (maximum temperature 82 °F), the summer season in the southern hemisphere. Winters are relatively mild. The rainiest month is April, though the island experiences year-round rainfall. As an isolated island, Easter Island is constantly exposed to winds which help to keep the temperature fairly cool. Precipitation averages 44 inches per year. Occasionally, heavy rainfall and rainstorms strike the island, mostly in the winter months (June-August). Cyclones and hurricanes do not occur in the area of Easter Island.



The Altiplánico Rapanui – Superior First Class

A la Carte Packages available on EcoAdventures' website

This hotel is ideally located ten minutes walking distance to the town of Hanga Roa, yet set on four secluded acres with panoramic views of the shoreline, on one of the world's most unique destinations. Altiplánico Rapanui is designed in the style of the traditional Rapanui boathouse, with luxurious gardens, a beautiful swimming pool overlooking the sea and large open spaces to relax. The 16 spacious, elegant rooms are independent units, linked by exterior corridors of stone, sand, or grass. Each room has a private terrace, ocean views and doorways opening directly to the outside. Privacy was ensured by surrounding each unit with circular stone planters of varying heights and diameters, and filling them with vegetables, flowers, shrubs and trees. The bathroom shower opens to the exterior to feel nearer to nature, since the climate is very warm. Decoration is simple but careful and elegant; each room decor is unique. The restaurant is open at night, along with the bar. A single menu is offered nightly of hors d'oeuvres, main course, and dessert. The food is a mixture of inspiration of Peruvian, Chilean and Rapanui roots. The result is a cuisine of high quality, surprising variety, and above all, very original.



Explora en Rapa Nui – Posada de Mike Rapu –

Deluxe+ All Inclusive 3 & 4-Day Packages with open dates

The hotel is located on a hill on 24 acres of land that faces the sea, about 13 miles from Hanga Roa – the only town on the island. It will act as a base for exploring this attractive and mysterious island, home to a culture whose origins and evolution remain unexplained. Volcanic rock, native to the



island and always used by the island's inhabitants in construction, and wood from the mainland are the principal materials. The hotel has 30 guestrooms that spread out from central areas that house reception, living areas, a bar, a pool, massage salon and open-air Jacuzzis.

M/V Via Australis and M/V Stella Australis

STRAIT OF MAGELLAN CRUISES TO THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD



The M/V Via Australis and the M/V Stella Australis have been specifically constructed for expedition cruising off the southern tip of South America. The Via is 233 ft. long and 42 ft. wide, accommodating 132 passengers in 64 spacious cabins, while the Stella is 292 ft. long and 48 ft. wide, accommodating 210 passengers in 100 cabins. All of the Via's attractively decorated cabins are 162 sq. ft. and feature picture windows, private bathrooms and either two lower beds or one double bed. The Stella's 96 Standard cabins are 178 sq. ft. with either twin or double beds, while the four Superior cabins are 220 sq. ft. with queen beds. All of the cabins on the Stella have floor to ceiling windows. With a crew of 40/Via and 46/Stella, plus lecturers and guides, passengers enjoy maximum attention, excellent cuisine and fine Chilean wines. For deck plans and more photos, visit our website: www.EcoAdventures.com, key search words: Australis deck plans.

See pages 20-23 for tours including the Strait of Magellan Cruises.



Via Australis
Twin Cabin



Stella Australis
Twin Cabin



CHILE

Schedules	Ushuaia-Pta. Arenas	Pta. Arenas-Ushuaia	Ushuaia-Ushuaia	Pta. Arenas-Pta. Arenas
<i>Stella Australis</i>	4-Day Cruise WED-SAT	5-Day Cruise SAT-WED		
<i>Via Australis</i>	5-Day Cruise MON-FRI (Inquire for dates)	5-Day Cruise MON-FRI	4-Day Cruise FRI-MON (Inquire for dates)	4-Day Cruise FRI-MON (Inquire for details)



Itineraries



Day 1, Wed: Embark Ushuaia Check in for the cruise at the Australis office and leave your luggage. You will then have time to explore Ushuaia on your own before making the short walk to the pier to commence your exciting adventure on board the Australis cruise around the southern tip of South America to Punta Arenas, Chile. (D)

Day 2, Thu: Cape Horn and Walaia Bay Special navigation into the Beagle and Murray Channels into the open sea to circle Cape Horn, with an opportunity to visit the southernmost point in South America, weather permitting. Here you will get a panoramic view of the famous and mythical Cape Horn, the place where the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans meet. After this unforgettable experience, you will continue navigating through O'Brien and Ballenero Channels, Bahía Desolada, Paso Aguirre and Cockburn Channel. (B, L, D)

Day 3, Fri: De Agostini Sound and Aguilá Glacier You will be sailing through Brecknock, Ocasión, Cockburn, and Magdalena Channels to enter the spectacular De Agostini Sound, in the heart of the Darwin Mountain Range. This is where you will see glaciers sliding down the mountainside all the way to the sea. In the afternoon, you will travel to the Águila Glacier in Zodiaks, where you will embark upon an easy walk to its base. It's the perfect opportunity to experience the beauty of Patagonia's cold rainforest and to see how the power of nature has molded the spectacular landscape. (B, L, D)

Day 4, Sat: Arrive in Punta Arenas Early in the morning you will disembark on Magdalena Island (weather permitting!), home of a colony of over 120,000 penguins in different stages of breeding. You will then take a walk to San Isidro Lighthouse, that used to guide the explorer sailors crossing the Strait of Magellan. Afterwards you sail into Punta Arenas, arriving at 11:00 am. (B)



Day 1, Mon: Embark Ushuaia Check in for the cruise at the Australis office and leave your luggage. You will then have time to explore Ushuaia on your own before making the short walk to the pier to commence your exciting adventure on board the Australis cruise around the southern tip of South America to Punta Arenas, Chile. (D)

Day 2, Tue: Cape Horn and Walaia Bay Special navigation into the Beagle and Murray Channels into the open sea to circle Cape Horn, with an opportunity to visit the southernmost point in South America, weather permitting. Here you will get a panoramic view of the famous and mythical Cape Horn, the place where the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans meet. After this unforgettable experience, you will continue navigating through O'Brien and Ballenero Channels, Bahía Desolada, Paso Aguirre and Cockburn Channel. (B, L, D)

Day 3, Wed: Pia & Garibaldi Glaciers Today you navigate along the Northwest arm of the Beagle Channel to reach Pia Fjord, where you disembark. You will then take a short hike to gain a panoramic view of the spectacular Pia Glacier, which extends from the mountaintops down to the sea. In the afternoon, you will enter Garibaldi Fjord where you will disembark for a hike through the forest up to a glacial waterfall to enjoy the spectacular views. For those who choose to stay onboard, the Captain will point the bow towards the beautiful blue Garibaldi Glacier so that they can enjoy the panoramic view from the upper decks. (B, L, D)

Day 4, Thu: Piloto and Nena Glaciers, De Agostini Sound and Aguilá Glacier In the morning you will be sailing through Cockburn Channel to anchor in Chico Sound. You will explore Alakaluf Fjord in Zodiaks and enjoy the view of Piloto and Nena Glaciers from the sea. You will find yourself being drawn to the intense blue color of Piloto Glacier, which is due to its compression and age. You will learn about the formation of glaciers and their influence on the unexpected topography of the Fuegian-Patagonian channels. In the afternoon you will enter the spectacular De Agostini Sound, in the heart of the Darwin Mountain Range. This is where you will see glaciers sliding down the mountainside all the way to the sea. You will then travel to the Águila Glacier in Zodiaks, where you will embark upon an easy walk to its base. It's the perfect opportunity to experience the beauty of Patagonia's cold rainforest and to see how the power of nature has molded the spectacular landscape. (B, L, D)

Day 5, Fri: Arrive in Punta Arenas (B)

Punta Arenas to Ushuaia

M/V Stella Australis – SAT-WED

M/V Via Australis – MON-FRI

Day 1: Embark Punta Arenas (D)

Day 2: Ainsworth Bay & Tucker Islets. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Pia Glacier and Glacier Alley (B, L, D)

Day 4: Cape Horn and Walaia Bay (B, L, D)

Day 5: Arrive Ushuaia (B)



M/V Via Australis

Day 1, Fri: Embark Ushuaia (D)

Day 2, Sat: Pia Glacier - Garibaldi Glacier (B, L, D)

Day 3, Sun: Cape Horn & Walaia Bay (B, L, D)

Day 4, Mon: Arrive Ushuaia (B)



M/V Via Australis

Day 1, Fri: Embark Punta Arenas (D)

Day 2, Sat: Almirantazgo Bay & Parry Glacier (B, L, D)

Day 3, Sun: Ainsworth Bay and Brookes Glacier (B, L, D)

Day 4, Mon: Arrive Punta Arenas (B)



Patagonia - Paine National Park

4 & 5-Day Packages

with fixed departures are available at a selection of excellent, all-inclusive properties

See pages 20-24 for programs that include Paine National Park.

Paine (Torres del Paine) National Park is a national park encompassing mountain, glacier, lake, and river-rich areas in the southern Chilean Patagonia. The Cordillera del Paine is the centerpiece of the park. It lies in a transition area between the Magellanic subpolar forests and the Patagonian Steppes. The park is located 112 km (70 mi) north of Puerto Natales and 312 km (194 mi) north of Punta Arenas. The park abounds with rich flora and fauna. The park contains four vegetation zones: Patagonian steppe, Pre-Andean shrubland, Magellanic deciduous forest and Andean Desert. Guanacos, in the same family as llamas, are one of the most common mammals found in the park. Other mammals include cougars and foxes. It is also home to the endangered Chilean Huemul. The park contains breeding populations of 15 species of birds of prey, and there are two others that are likely reproducing there.



Rio Serrano Lodge – Superior First Class, All-Inclusive
4-Day Package: SAT-TUE & TUE-FRI
5-Day Package: TUE-SAT & SAT-WED

Departures from Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales or El Calafate

The hotel gets its name from the serpentine Rio Serrano, that rises from the crystalline waters of Lake Toro and flows into the Ultima Esperanza or Last Hope Sound. Its extraordinary surroundings, facing the peaks of the Torres del Paine, are the ideal starting point for many different activities that combine adventure together with contemplation. The hotel affords visitors a panoramic view of the Paine Cordillera and the chance to enjoy unforgettable tours, such as kayaking, horseback rides, trekking and fly-fishing close to the hotel. A modern but warm building of wood and stone, Hotel Rio Serrano has 99 large twin and queen-bedded rooms with private bathrooms, central heating, satellite television, internet and telephone, all cozily decorated. 62 of the rooms have views of the Towers of Paine.

There is also a pleasant dining room where guests are able to taste the region's most typical dishes, all with excellent service.





The Singular Patagonia – Deluxe Class All inclusive 4 & 5-Day Packages with Daily Departures from Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales and El Calafate

The Singular Hotel seeks to highlight the history and heritage of the region. The original industrial architecture of an historical building has been preserved, adding a room module with state-of-the-art technology and design. Blending the new and old architecture makes your stay a unique experience. The contrast between hotel building and the surrounding landscape adds a special touch, with gardens overlooking the Patagonian fjords and a spectacular view to Puerto Natales and the Antonio Varas Peninsula. The private dock that was once used by ships carrying meat and refrigerated products to Europe, has a length of 170 meters. The pier is now used by the hotel's high-speed boats to provide sea tours in the Patagonian fjords and to Paine National Park. The deluxe rooms at The Singular (500 sq. ft.) feature six-meter wide glass panel windows overlooking the Patagonian fjords in Last Hope Sound. This creates the perfect environment to connect with your senses and experience.



Tierra Patagonia – Deluxe Class All inclusive Departures TUE, WED, FRI & SAT from/to Punta Arenas Departures TUE, WED & FRI from/to El Calafate

Sister hotel of Tierra Atacama and Ski Portillo, Tierra Patagonia opened at the end of 2011. Situated on the edge of Lake Sarmiento on the northeastern rim of the Torres del Paine National Park in the far south of Chile, the hotel enjoys magnificent views of the Paine Massif and the iconic granite peaks of the "Towers" of Paine themselves. The architecture's flowing lines reflect the wind, clouds and vast emptiness of the pampa. Like its sister hotel, Tierra Atacama, Tierra Patagonia offers stunning views from every space. The interior design, by the same team who worked on Tierra Atacama, draws inspiration from the life of early settlers in the area. Using local natural stone and wood, the designers have created a stylish, modern, sophisticated ambiance, while at the same time providing a cozy hideaway. Guests will enjoy an all-inclusive Patagonian experience with excellent guided excursions, delicious and healthy local cuisine, and relaxation and pampering in Uma Spa following a day's discovery of this mythical part of the world. The hotel has three suites (549 sq. ft) and 37 double rooms (387 sq. ft), all with views of the Towers of Paine. Six family apartments sleep up to six people in two connecting rooms with two bathrooms.



Hosteria Las Torres – Superior First Class All Inclusive 4 & 5-Day Packages with Daily Departures from Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales or El Calafate All year except April

Located within the vast Paine National Park, about ten miles from the famous Torres del Paine (Towers of Paine) peaks, Hosteria Las Torres offers 43 ample and comfortable rooms, restaurant, bar, and full services. This beautiful lodge provides all of the comforts and amenities of a world-class hotel, as well as a full program of activities. The remote location provides the best opportunities of viewing the most elusive wildlife such as giant Andean Condors and cougar.



Explora en Patagonia – Deluxe+ All Inclusive 5-Day Packages on fixed back-to-back departures all year Departure dates are available on the EcoAdventures website



The architecture of the Explora Hotel Salto Chico is designed to bring its guests into intimate contact with the magnificent natural world of the remote Patagonian Plains. Located on a remarkable site on the shores of Lake Pehoe in Patagonia, the hotel was built to provide a convenient departure point for exploration into Paine National Park. Today the hotel serves as a place of contemplative refuge and restful return after each journey into the awe-inspiring natural beauty of this extraordinary environment. Careful consideration has been given to ensure comfort, including bed linen imported from Barcelona, tapestries from New York, and wicker furniture from Chimbarongo. All of the other furniture is handmade, using a variety of local wood, and only wood that is a renewable resource.

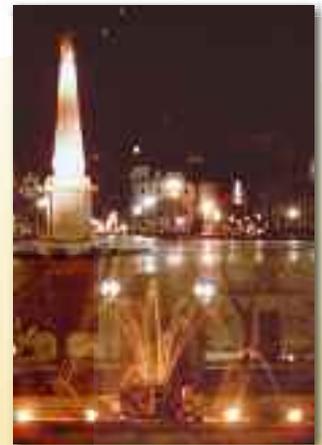


Welcome to Argentina...

FULL OF SURPRISES!

Argentina is the second largest country in South America, and the eighth largest country in the world, occupying 1,078,000 sq. miles. That is almost seven times the size of California, and one should be mindful of this fact when planning a trip around Argentina. **Buenos Aires** is the capital and the largest city. Known as the "Paris of South America," it is an extremely cosmopolitan city, with wide avenues and "belle epoch" architecture, deliberately emulating Paris. Considered one of the greatest natural wonders of the world, magnificent **Iguassu Falls** to the north shares the frontier with **Brazil** and **Paraguay**. To the west is the city of **Mendoza**, the heart of the Argentine Wine Country. The great pampas of the central plains extend all the way to the southern tip of South America. Bounded by the Atlantic on the east, and the massive glaciers and rugged peaks of the **Andes** on the west, the southernmost latitudes of **Patagonia** rival the Rockies and Alaska for scenery. The city of **Bariloche** (**San Carlos de Bariloche**), on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi, is the gateway to the

Chilean Lakes Region. Further to the south, nestled at the feet of the Andes, is **Lake Argentina** and the **Perito Moreno Glacier**. **Valdes Peninsula** and **Punta Tombo**, on the Atlantic Coast, have huge breeding colonies of Magellan Penguins, sea lions, sea elephants, sea birds, right and killer whales. Off the southern tip of South America, where the Andes meet the Beagle Channel, lies the island of **Tierra del Fuego** and the city of **Ushuaia**.



Buenos Aires The Paris of South America

Located on the Plate River Delta (Rio de la Plata) in the heart of the Argentine pampas, equivalent to the North American central plains, the city is steeped in the folklore of the gaucho and the tango.

Buenos Aires' Neighborhoods

The Recoleta District is home to world class hotels and is the most chic neighborhood, with high-end nightclubs, restaurants and shops, as well as charming cafes, bistros and wine bars. Like Paris during the mild months, the numerous street-side cafes are crowded with people-watchers and friends congregating for pleasant conversations. The Recoleta Cemetary (where Evita is buried) is like a city within a city, and the open-air crafts market operates daily in the main square in the shade of a gigantic ficus tree.



The Florida District offers some of the best shopping, and is also home to many of the city's hotels. It is most noted for the bargains along the many blocks of pedestrian-only Avenida Florida. It is also home to the Galeria Pacifico, a must-see, multi-level shopping mall.

The colonial neighborhood of San Telmo has fine dining establishments and tango clubs, and on Sundays hosts an open-air antique flea market.

The intriguing riverport district "La Boca" claims to be the birthplace of the tango.

Finally, the city is blessed with a large, central park called Palermo, and the Palermo District, while short on hotels, is the up-and-coming neighborhood for trendy shops and eateries, especially Palermo Viejo (Soho) and Palermo Hollywood.



Our Featured Hotels in Buenos Aires

Jardin Escondido – Palermo

This unique, deluxe boutique hotel was purchased by Francis Ford Coppola for his personal use while filming *Tetro* on location, and it has now been added to the Coppola collection of world class hotels. In **Palermo Soho**, one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in Buenos Aires, with three levels of gardens, a solar-heated pool, an outdoor kitchen and parrilla (BBQ), and a beautiful terrace surrounded by plants of all kinds, Jardin Escondido is a hidden paradise. Jardin Escondido is walking distance to hip fashion and design boutiques, restaurants, bars, craft fairs, and abundant street culture. The hotel has meeting rooms, a flat screen TV entertainment center and a collection of classic films; an on-call sommelier, the Illy Cafe and a fantastic library of wines add to the enchantment.

The Sofitel – Recoleta

The Sofitel is an ultra luxury hotel located a short walking distance from San Martin Plaza and Florida Ave. in the exclusive Recoleta district. This understated, elegant hotel offers guests a restaurant with regional French, Mediterranean, and Argentinean cooking as well as a café, library, fitness center, business center, and conference rooms. Every room and suite has individually controlled air-conditioning, a safe, a mini-bar, cable TV and internet access, and a writing desk. They also include spacious bathrooms with showers and bathtubs, hair dryers, and bathrobes.

MIO Hotel – Recoleta

The Deluxe MIO Hotel is the first wine-themed hotel, owned by the wine-producing Catena family. The entire hotel is a unique blend of traditional, modern and eclectic styles, using wood from antique French wine barrels, steel, glass, marble and rich fabrics. The rooms and suites are large and based upon an open floor plan. The bathrooms are on a raised platform and the bathtubs are carved from a solid piece of calden wood and are spectacularly in front of floor-to-ceiling windows. Free WiFi is available throughout the hotel, and there is a separate work area and a library for quiet repose, as well as an elegant wine bar and one of Buenos Aires' finest restaurants.

Buenos Aires Grande Hotel – Recoleta

Inaugurated in 2013, the Buenos Aires Grand Hotel is a deluxe hotel featuring a contemporary style offering guests luxury and the latest amenities. Hotel services include an outdoor pool with an artificial current, a spa and fitness center, a gourmet restaurant and trendy lobby bar and lounge. All of the rooms feature working desks, mini bars, 40-inch smart LED TVs, espresso/coffee machines, iPod docks, and free WiFi. The nine Deluxe Jr. rooms are 239 square feet and offer one king bed or two twin beds. The 49 Deluxe Studios are 292 square feet and offer king or twin beds with the finest linens. The 31 Deluxe Suites are 357 square feet, also feature deluxe toiletries, bathrobes, hairdryers, safes and microwaves upon request.

Loi Suites Hotel Recoleta

The Superior First Class Loi Suites is within easy walking distance of restaurants, cafes, cultural attractions and the finest shopping to be found in Buenos Aires. The hotel offers 112 tastefully decorated junior studios, executive studios, and executive suites, combining style, comfort and technology. The restaurant serves international cuisine, in addition to regional meals and wines. There is also a pool-side snack bar and coffee shop. Leisure facilities at the hotel include a fitness room, sauna, Jacuzzi and indoor heated swimming pool. There is a lovely winter garden where guests can relax and stroll. Room amenities include: Air-conditioning, cable television, direct-dial international telephone, cellular telephone in every room, computer data ports, channel music, private bathroom with shower and bathtub, mini-bar, and work desk.

The Aspen Towers – Florida

The First Class Aspen Towers is an elegant hotel located two blocks from the famous Florida Ave. shopping district in downtown Buenos Aires. This 14-story hotel features 75 French Neo-classical guestrooms and 14 suites with balconies overlooking the glass atrium. The rooftop pool, sauna and gymnasium have a glass roof for all weather enjoyment. Amenities include air-conditioning, minibar, safe, satellite TV, internet access, and 24-hour room service.



The Patagonia in Argentina

The southern third of Argentina is a sparsely populated, broad, dry, treeless plain where sheep ranching is the main industry. Ecologically speaking, there are four areas of special interest: the Lake District of San Carlos de Bariloche with its Andean ski slopes, lake, and densely forested Nahuel Huapi National Park; the wildlife reserves of Peninsula Valdes and Punta Tombo on the Atlantic Coast; Glacier National Park in the mountains near Lake Argentina (El Calafate); and Ushuaia, the "Southernmost City in the World," on the island of Tierra del Fuego. Visits to the more southern locations should be scheduled from spring to autumn, November through March. See pages 22-27 for tours that include Bariloche, pages 22-24 for tours that include Lake Argentina, and pages 20-23 for tours that include Ushuaia. [See below for schedule of the wildlife migrations to Punta Tombo.](#)



Liao Liao Peninsula & Hotel, Bariloche



San Carlos de Bariloche

San Carlos de Bariloche, usually known as Bariloche, is a city in the province of Río Negro, Argentina, situated in the foothills of the Andes, surrounded by four lakes (Nahuel Huapi, Gutiérrez, Moreno, and Mascardi) and three major Andean mountain peaks (Tronador, Cerro Catedral, Cerro López). It is famous for skiing but also known for sightseeing, water sports, trekking and climbing. Cerro Catedral is one of the most important ski centers in South America. The Nahuel Huapi and Lanin National Parks in Argentina and the adjacent Perez Rosales and Puyehue National Parks in Chile together comprise a continuous tract of protected, pristine forests, lakes and mountains of over 5,200 square miles! The climate on the eastern slopes of the Andes is not as wet as on the western, Chilean side of the Andes, and the two climatic zones are not dissimilar to the eastern and western slopes respectively of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon.

Peninsula Valdes & Punta Tombo

On the Atlantic Coast, a pancake of sandy land juts into surrounding protected bays warmed by the water of Golfo Nuevo, an ideal breeding ground for colonies of birds and mammals. Cavorting sea lions breed in protected rookeries called loberias; 1600-pound sea elephants sunbathe on a long, pebbled finger of beach called Caleta Valdes, and Right Whales come to breed in Golfo Nuevo. SCUBA divers can touch and tickle the 70-foot leviathans. Eighty-four miles south of Trelew is Punta Tombo, filled with three million penguins (Sphaniscus Magallanicus). A tour to Punta Tombo also includes a visit to the picturesque Welsh town of Gaiman for high tea. EcoAdventures' website features three and four-day tours. www.EcoAdventures.com



Magellan Penguins, or "donkey" penguins, call to each other with loud donkey-like brays. Each penguin's call is unique, and chicks and parents voice imprint.

El Calafate (Lake Argentina)

Quiet Calafate is the only town of any size on Lake Argentina, and is growing in both infrastructure and population. It is best reached by air from Buenos Aires, Bariloche or Ushuaia. In Glacier National



Perito Moreno Glacier, Lake Argentina

Park, an area of extreme natural beauty, you will view the awesome Perito Moreno Glacier, the only glacier in the world that is still growing. Its blue color is attributed to its age (30,000 years), and is so big that it completely blocks two small arms of the lake from their natural outlet through Iceberg Channel. Another excursion by boat will take you to the Upsala and Onelli Glaciers. Visit www.EcoAdventures.com for packages. Or refer to pages 48-51 for suggested itineraries that include El Calafate and Lake Argentina.

SCHEDULE OF WILDLIFE - VALDES PENINSULA & PUNTA TOMBO

(approximate dates only)

SEA ELEPHANTS	
NOV-JAN, molting season	Elefanteria at Punta Norte
AUG-SEP, breeding season	Sunning on Caleta Valdes
SEA LIONS DEC-JAN	Loberia at Isthmus of Peninsula Valdes
	Punta Loma, all year
PENGUINS SEP-APR	Punta Tombo (Males begin to arrive AUG)
SEABIRDS SEP-DEC	Isla de los Pajaros at Isthmus, Peninsula Valdes
RIGHT WHALES JUN-DEC	Golfo Nuevo (most significant numbers OCT-NOV)
KILLER WHALES JUL-DEC	Golfo Nuevo

Tierra del Fuego (Ushuaia)

A glimpse of the deep blue Beagle Channel attracts many travelers to this "end of the world." The three-day tour includes a two-hour cruise into Beagle Channel, where you can view sea lions, penguins and killer whales, and a half-day tour to Lapataia in Tierra del Fuego National Park. The scenery is beautiful, with a wind-swept forest of lengas and coihues that cover rolling hills along the white-capped shoreline.

Visit www.EcoAdventures.com for packages. Or refer to pages 22-23 for suggested itineraries that include Ushuaia.

Iguazu Falls, Argentina

The park was created in 1934 and it contains one of the greatest natural wonders of Argentina, surrounded by the subtropical jungle. Together with its counterpart across the Iguazu River, the Brazilian Iguacu National Park, it forms one of the greatest natural wonders of the world. Both sides of the falls were declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO in 1984 and 1986.



The tours of the falls from Argentina and Brazil are actually complementary to each other. Most of the falls are in Argentina, so from the Argentine side you get a close-up experience of the falls. But as the saying goes, Brazil sells the tickets to view the falls. The tour on the Brazilian side gives visitors a panorama of the entire 2 1/2-mile system of falls that you cannot get on the Argentine side, culminating with a spectacular bottom-up view of the Devil's Throat.

On the Argentine side, the National Park features a cogwheel train that takes visitors to and from the many different trailheads for light to moderate walking:

- **The Upper Circuit** is a half-hour walk along a 3,900 ft. trail, with low degree of difficulty and no stairs, that goes deep into the jungle. All of a sudden, you run into breathtaking views of the falls.
- **The Lower Circuit** requires more physical effort due to its stairs. The walkway also goes deep into the jungle, crossing streams and coming across local fauna. On the way down there are balconies with marvelous bottom-up views of the falls (the same falls that you see from above in the Upper Circuit).
- **Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat)** is a 230-foot plunge where several branches of the Iguazu River converge, causing a violent waterfall. A balcony set up at the border gives a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
- If you want to enhance your Iguazu Falls experience, or you are not going to the Brazilian side of the falls, try the **Great Adventure** which takes you by boat right to the base of the Devil's Throat, right below the 230-foot waterfall!



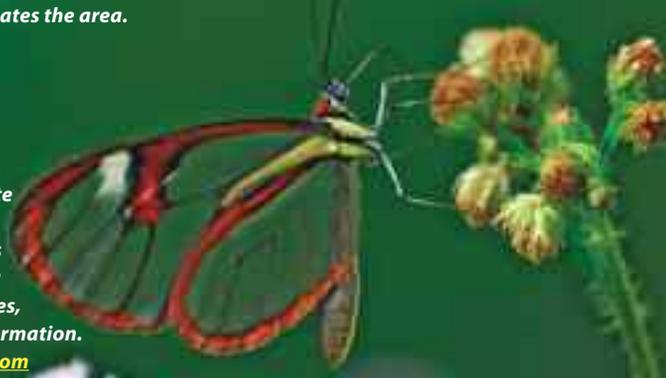
Above: Sheraton Hotel
See pages 19, and 26-27 for programs that include Iguazu Falls.

The Rainforests of Argentina? Yes, Indeed!

Yacutinga Jungle Lodge & Nature Reserve

Yacutinga Lodge & Wildlife Nature Reserve is located close by Iguazu Falls on 1,409 acres, part of the 667,185 acres of protected Interior Atlantic Rainforest shared by Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay, known as the Green Corridor. The lodge buildings flow smoothly with the natural step of the terrain and maintain harmony with the surrounding jungle. Only ten acres of the 1,400 total have been used for the facilities of the lodge, and special care has been taken to use local building materials, such as stone and large wood pieces gathered from naturally fallen trees. Descending the impressive wooden stairs from the main building, guests arrive at the central botanical garden where there is an open-air BBQ area, swimming pool, and herb garden. In addition to two observation towers, there is also an aerial catwalk allowing visitors to enjoy and observe the canopy of the native forest from a unique, close-up perspective. Yacutinga Lodge offers 20 rooms with beautiful views of the jungle, a 98-seat restaurant, terrace bar, swimming pool, and lobby. There is no television, frigobar, or other five-star standard facilities. However, the lodge has very comfortable beds, 100% cotton linens, and everything is immaculately clean and hot water is available 24 hours a day. Yacutinga Lodge & Wildlife Nature Reserve offers guests a chance to enjoy a more intense experience oriented towards nature, breathe the atmosphere of the jungle close to the waterfalls, and enjoy the peace and tranquility that permeates the area.

EcoAdventures' website features 4 & 5-Day All-Inclusive Programs to Yacutinga, together with detailed itineraries, rates, and climate information.
www.EcoAdventures.com



Mendoza Wine Country

Mendoza, two hours by plane from Buenos Aires, is the heart of Argentina's wine country, where European settlers introduced the ancient craft of winemaking in the 19th century. Mendoza is a city of parks and tree-lined streets, sidewalk cafes and many wine bars and restaurants. Nestled at the foot

of the Andes, it is also a center for active tourism, offering world-class hiking, biking and river rafting, just a short driving distance from Mendoza. Mendoza has a semi-arid climate. The winters (June-Sept) are cold (mid-30s to low 60s F), and then a burst of spring (Oct-Nov) heralds the coming of summer with cool nights and warm days, tempered by its proximity to the Andes. Mendoza averages less than ten inches of rain per year, and agriculture relies on irrigation.

Vineyards

Mendoza is home to more than a thousand wineries. Here are a couple of the most important to visit:

Catena Zapata

Dr. Nicolas Catena, a Columbia University-trained economist and associate of Robert Mondavi, is widely credited with bringing Argentine wines to the world. His vineyards produce some of South America's most highly-decorated wines, including the Nicolas Catena Zapata and the well-priced Los Alamos, now hugely popular in the U.S. Catena Zapata has one of the most recognizable vineyards in all Mendoza, a replica of a Mayan Temple called La Pirámide.

Zuccardi Family

The Zuccardi vineyard offers one of the most impressive tours in Mendoza, which concludes with a mouth-watering asado in a glass-covered patio and open-aired veranda nestled deep inside the vineyard. Each course of the lunch features a different Zuccardi blend; don't make afternoon plans.

Lares de Chacras

Lares de Chacras is a boutique hotel founded by the Day family, who started working on their dream in 2004. The Day family has lived for generations in Chacras de Coria, and the most important thing for the Day family is that guests feel at home. The country style house reflects the art of combining Andean stone with typical desert wood, bringing out a natural, simple and modern look. The minute any guest walks in, they see a hand-made window showing the view of a wine cellar covered in stone and log beams – the perfect atmosphere for tasting the best wines from Mendoza. There are wide log beams in every room, showing good taste and warmth in the country décor. The natural environment is seen through all windows and doors, a typical view for Chacras de Coria, the galleries, the park, swimming pool and hot tub.

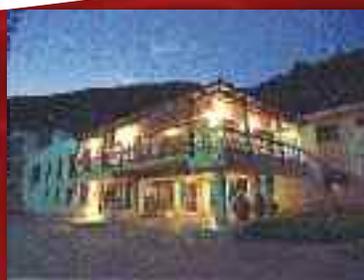


The Deluxe+ Park Hyatt Mendoza



Chacras de Coria

Chacras de Coria is a small, boutique town 15 km south of Mendoza, tucked into the foothills of the Andes and in the heart of the wine country. Chacras is renowned for its particular microclimate, with its cool mountain air, green vineyards and ranches, and purple mountains. Every Sunday afternoon you can find crafts and antiques in the town square, also musicians and puppeteers every week, to entertain visitors. The village is full of gastronomic delights, with boutique restaurants and wine bars.



Finca Adalgisa

Finca Adalgisa was converted to a hotel in 2001 when Gabriela Furlotti and Cuqui, her mother, decided to restore a vineyard and buildings in order to welcome guests to this special place. With a delightfully rural character in the quiet location of Chacras de Coria, this splendid "finca" has two hectares of Malbec grapes that were originally planted in 1916. Guests may observe the winemaking process and enjoy tasting the fruits of their labor. The heart of the "finca" is the restaurant and wine cave, and the outstanding, friendly service is its soul. There are eleven guestrooms in two buildings: the La Casa Vieja (The Old House) and La Casa de Piedra, (The Stone House), that are comfortable and spacious. The Suites in the Stone House all have air-conditioning, but the rooms do not. The Suite and rooms in the Old House have air-conditioning.



Tango and Wine in Argentina

Departures Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 Days/8 Nights

Buenos Aires, Mendoza Wine Country & Iguazu Falls

Itinerary



Day 1: Depart Home City

Day 2: Arrive in Buenos Aires Morning arrival and transfer to your selected hotel. In the afternoon you will have a tour of the "Paris of South America." Drive down 9th of July Avenue, the widest street in the world, past the Colon Opera House to the Plaza de Mayo. The plaza is faced by the pink Presidential Palace and the National Cathedral, which houses the tomb of the liberator, San Martin. Next visit "La Boca," the old port district with its pastel houses and shops. You will have time to browse for souvenirs.

Days 3 & 4: In Buenos Aires Two days completely free to explore on your own. Sip traditional tea at a local tea shop

or visit one of the estancias on the pampas. One evening you will enjoy a typical Argentine beef dinner followed by a folklore show and Tango performance. (B, D)

Day 5: Buenos Aires to Iguazu Falls Morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguazu Falls, where you will be met and taken to your selected hotel.

Remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 6: At Iguazu Falls Your guide will pick you up at your hotel for a dramatic tour of the falls from the Argentine side.

Note: See page 17 for detailed description of the tour and map. (B)

Day 7: Iguazu Falls to Mendoza Morning departure for your return flight to Buenos Aires and connecting service to Mendoza. Meeting service and transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

Day 8: In Mendoza Today you will head towards the districts of Maipú and Luján de Cuyo, passing by large plantations of vineyards and fruit trees. You'll visit and taste the wines of two well-known wine cellars, with lunch at one of the wineries. Later on you will visit the Carrodilla Church and its Patron Virgin of the Vineyards. (B, L)

Day 9: Mendoza to Santiago and Homeward Bound This morning you will spend a peaceful time touring around Mendoza, visiting the main attractions. This capital city harmoniously combines natural landscapes with those that were modified by man. Along General San Martin Avenue to the north, is the Paseo de las Alamedas (Poplars Avenue) with thick vegetation, fountains and wide sidewalks. A few blocks further is the Foundation Area – an historical area around Pedro de Castillo Square. You will have the afternoon at leisure to enjoy more sightseeing before your evening flight to Santiago, where you will connect with your night flight home. (B)

Day 10: Arrive Home City



Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Home City

Day 2: Arrive in Santiago Morning arrival in Santiago and transfer to your selected hotel. You have time to rest and have some lunch on your own before an afternoon tour of Santiago, including the Pablo Neruda house "La Chascona".

Day 3: Design your own wine tour: Maipo Valley Chile's most traditional wine valley is also one of the most internationally recognized, as it is home to many famous wineries. Maipo produces many of Chile's finest red varieties. Maipo is also capturing attention for the exciting new boutique wineries emerging in the region known as the 'Alto' Maipo for its vines grown at higher altitude. You will have a full-day with a driver and guide. Suggested Wineries: Santa Rita, Tarapaca, Perez Cruz, Almaviva, Haras de Pirque, El Principal and De Martina. (B)

Day 4: Design your own wine tour: Casablanca Valley & Valparaiso The Casablanca Valley is the second closest valley to Santiago, and lies west en route to the Pacific Coast. This valley is similar to what would be called the coastal valleys of the Central Coast of California, where the cool Pacific air contributes to the micro-climate ideal for white wine production. You will end the day with a short drive to the Pacific Coast and overnight in the scenic port town of Valparaiso.

Suggested Wineries: Vina Matetic (San Antonio Valley) William Cole, Casas del Bosque, Indomita, Vina Mar, Loma Larga, & Veramonte. (B)

Day 5: Santiago to Mendoza Departure from Valparaiso and transfer to Santiago Airport with a tour en route of Valparaiso and

Vina del Mar. You will board a flight in the afternoon to Mendoza. (B)

Day 6: In Mendoza Today you will spend a peaceful time touring around Mendoza, visiting the main attractions. This capital city harmoniously combines natural landscapes with those that were modified by man. Along General San Martin Avenue to the North, is the Paseo de las Alamedas (Poplars Avenue) with thick vegetation, fountains and wide sidewalks. A few blocks further is the Foundation Area – an historical area around Pedro de Castillo Square. (B)

Day 7: In Mendoza Today you will head towards the districts of Maipú and Luján de Cuyo, passing by large plantations of vineyards and fruit trees. You'll visit and taste the wines of two well-known wine cellars, with lunch at one of the wineries. Later on visit to the Carrodilla Church and its Patron Virgin of the Vineyards. (B, L)

Day 8: Mendoza to Iguazu Falls Morning departure for your return flight to Buenos Aires and connecting service to Iguazu Falls, where you will be met and taken to your selected hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 9: At Iguazu Falls Your guide will pick you up at your hotel for a dramatic tour of the falls from the Argentine side. **Note:** See page 17 for detailed description of the tour and map) (B)

Day 10: Iguazu Falls to Buenos Aires You will have almost another full day at Iguazu Falls for optional tours before transferring to the airport for your afternoon flight to Buenos Aires. Meeting service and transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

Day 11: In Buenos Aires Today you will have a tour of the "Paris of South America." Drive down 9th of July Avenue, the widest street in the world, past the Colon Opera House to the Plaza de Mayo. The plaza is faced by the pink Presidential Palace and the National Cathedral, which houses the tomb of the liberator, San Martin. Next visit "La Boca," the old port district with its pastel houses and shops. You will have time to browse for souvenirs. (B)

Day 12: In Buenos Aires A day completely free to explore on your own. Sip traditional tea at a local teashop or visit one of the estancias on the pampas. This evening enjoy a typical Argentine beef dinner followed by a folklore show and Tango performance. (B, D)

Day 13: Homeward Bound You will have another full day in Buenos Aires before your evening transfer to the International Airport for your night flight home. (B)

Day 13: Arrive Home City



Chile and Argentina Wine Circle

Departures Sunday & Tuesday

13 Days/11 Nights



Uruguay Extensions

Catamaran Adventure to Colonia

2-Day Extension

Day 1: Morning transfer to the pier in Buenos Aires to board the catamaran to Uruguay. You will cross the Rio de la Plata and arrive about one hour later in Colonia, for a tour of this antique town. Colonia was founded by the Portuguese as the very first settlement on the Rio de la Plata and is beautifully preserved in its colonial style. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1995. Overnight in Colonia in a charming boutique hotel in the colonial sector. (B)

Day 2: Morning transfer to the pier for the return catamaran to Buenos Aires. Meeting service and transfer to your selected hotel, or to the airport. (B)



Colonial architecture and ancient stone fortifications abound in Colonia

Catamaran Adventure to Montevideo

2-Day Extension

Day 1: Morning transfer to the pier in Buenos Aires to board the catamaran to Uruguay. You will cross the Rio de la Plata and arrive about one hour later in Colonia, for a tour of this antique town. Colonia was founded by the Portuguese as the very first settlement on the Rio de la Plata and is beautifully preserved in its colonial style. Lunch on your own and then enjoy a comfortable four-hour motorcoach ride to Montevideo. Overnight in Montevideo.

Day 2: Morning tour of Montevideo, then transfer to the airport for your flight to Rio, Buenos Aires or home. (B)

Note: A 3-Day tour includes an overnight in Colonia at the Hotel Plaza Mayor. This tour may be reversed, starting in Montevideo and ending in Buenos Aires.



L'Auberge Hotel, Punta del Este - one of our favorites!

Catamaran Adventure to Colonia & Punta del Este

4-Day Extension

Day 1: Morning transfer to the pier in Buenos Aires to board the catamaran to Uruguay. You will cross the Rio de la Plata and arrive about one hour later in Colonia, for a tour of this antique town. Colonia was founded by the Portuguese as the very first settlement on the Rio de la Plata and is beautifully preserved in its colonial style. Overnight in Colonia in a charming boutique hotel in the colonial sector. (B)

Day 2: Morning transfer to the chic, seaside resort of Punta del Este, and to your selected hotel. The drive along the coast takes about six hours. (B)

Day 3: Day at leisure to enjoy the many beautiful beaches, shops and restaurants in Punta del Este. (B)

Day 4: Transfer to the airport for the short flight to Buenos Aires' city airport, where you can make connecting flights to Iguazu Falls or Mendoza, or transfer to your selected hotel in Buenos Aires. Or transfer to the International Airport for your flight home. (B)

Voyages to the

Argentina and Chile with Paine National Park



Itinerary I – 13 or 14 Days

Day 1, Fri or Sun: Depart Home City

Day 2, Sat or Mon: Arrive in Buenos Aires Morning arrival and transfer to your selected hotel. In the afternoon you will have a tour of the "Paris of South America." Drive down 9th of July Avenue, the widest street in the world, past the Colon Opera House to the Plaza de Mayo. The plaza is faced by the pink Presidential Palace and the National Cathedral, which houses the tomb of the liberator, San Martin. Next visit "La Boca," the old port district with its pastel houses and shops. You will have time to browse for souvenirs.

Day 3, Sun or Tue: In Buenos Aires A day completely free to explore on your own. Sip traditional tea at a local tea shop or visit one of the estancias on the pampas. This evening enjoy a typical Argentine beef dinner followed by a folklore show and Tango performance. (B, D)

Day 4, Mon or Wed: Buenos Aires/Tierra del Fuego/Embark Cruise

Transfer to the municipal airport in Buenos Aires to board a flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost commercial airport in the world on the island of Tierra del Fuego, where the Andes meet the Beagle Channel. Transfer directly to the pier to commence your exciting adventure on board the Australis cruise around the southern tip of South America to Punta Arenas, Chile. (B, D)

Sailing on the M/V Stella Australis (4 Days Wed-Sat)

Sailing on the M/V Via Australis (5 Days Mon-Fri)

Note: See page 10 for ship details. See page 11 for cruise route map and detailed itinerary.

Days 5 & 6, Thu & Fri or 5-7, Tue-Thu Cruising the Strait of Magellan



Tip of the World

and Strait of Magellan Cruise



Guanaco, a South American camelid

Day 7 Fri or 8, Sat: Arrive in Punta Arenas and Transfer to Paine National Park

Sail into Punta Arenas, arriving at 11:00 am. Now, one adventure ends and another begins. You will be picked up at the pier by a representative of your selected hotel and transferred to Paine National Park. The drive takes about six hours across the Patagonian Plain. **Note:** See pages 12 & 13 for details on the all-inclusive properties in Paine National Park. (B, D)

Days 8 & 9, Sat & Sun or

Days 9 & 10, Sun & Mon: In Paine National Park Days in Paine National Park. All of the selected properties offer a variety of activities calibrated from the moderately active to the strenuously active. (B, L, D daily)

Day 10, Mon or 11, Tue: Paine National Park to Santiago Early morning van transfer directly from Paine National Park to Punta Arenas airport for an afternoon flight to Santiago. Meeting service and transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

Day 11, Tue or 12, Wed: In Santiago You will have the morning to rest and refresh before an afternoon motorcoach city tour. Enjoy visits to Santa Lucia Hill and San Cristobal Hill before stopping at Bellavista, Santiago's Bohemian district replete with art galleries, restaurants and theaters. Time permitting, stop to see a lapis lazuli workshop. (B)

Day 12, Wed or 13, Thu: Depart Santiago You will have this day free for last minute shopping and sightseeing on your own before an evening departure back home. So many memories and so many experiences you will treasure forever! (B)

Day 13, Thu, or 14, Fri: Arrive Home City

Itinerary II – 14 Days

Day 1, Tue or Sun: Depart Home City

Day 2, Wed or Mon: Arrive in Santiago Afternoon Santiago City Tour

Day 3, Thu or Tue: Leisure Day in Santiago (B)

Day 4, Fri or Wed: Santiago to Punta Arenas/Paine National Park (**Note:** See pages 12 & 13 for details on the all-inclusive properties in Paine National Park). (B, D)

Days 5 & 6, Sat & Sun or Thu & Fri: In Paine National Park (B, L, D daily)

Day 7, Mon or Sat: Paine Park to Punta Arenas/Embark Australis Cruise (B, D)

M/V Via Australis MON-FRI

M/V Stella Australis SAT-WED

Note: See pages 10 & 11 for ship details, itineraries and route maps.

Day 11, Fri or Wed: Arrival in Ushuaia/Buenos Aires Sightseeing in Ushuaia and transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. (B)

Day 12, Sat or Thu: In Buenos Aires Sightseeing in Buenos Aires and evening Tango Show with dinner. (B, D)

Day 13, Sun or Fri: Depart Buenos Aires (B)

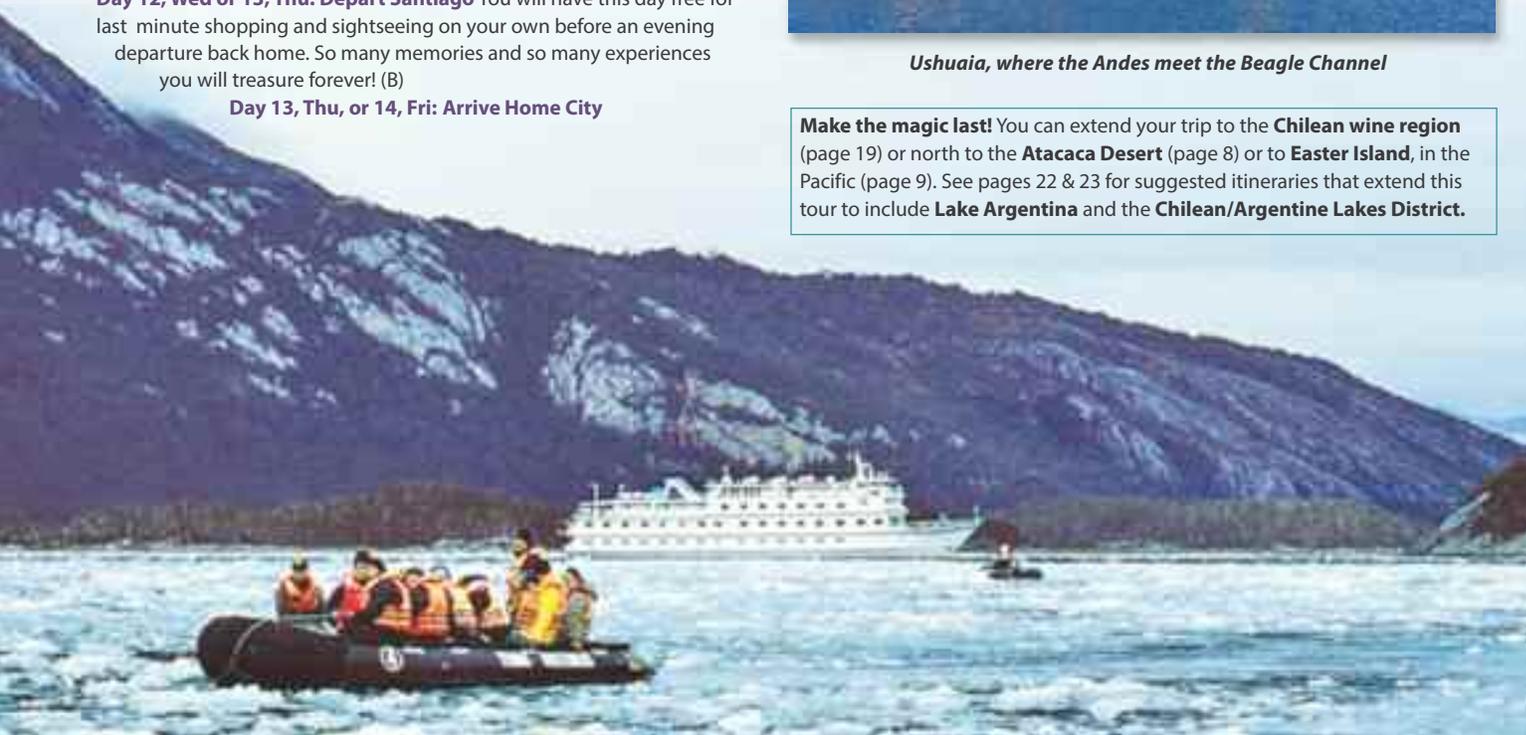
Day 14, Mon or Sat: Arrive Home City

Make the magic last! You can extend your trip to the **Mendoza wine region** (page 18) or north to **Iguazu Falls** or to the **Rainforests of Argentina** (page 17) or you can take a **Catamaran Adventure to Colonia, Montevideo or Punta del Este, Uruguay** (page 20). See pages 22 & 23 for suggested itineraries that extend this tour to include **Lake Argentina** and the **Chilean/Argentine Lakes District**.



Ushuaia, where the Andes meet the Beagle Channel

Make the magic last! You can extend your trip to the **Chilean wine region** (page 19) or north to the **Atacaca Desert** (page 8) or to **Easter Island**, in the Pacific (page 9). See pages 22 & 23 for suggested itineraries that extend this tour to include **Lake Argentina** and the **Chilean/Argentine Lakes District**.



The Grand Adventure...

Argentina and Chile with the Chilean Lakes, Lake Argentina, and Paine National Park



The magnificent Towers of Paine, Paine National Park, Chile



Departures Tuesdays or Thursdays 21 Days

Itinerary I – 21 or 22 Days

Day 1, Thu or Tue: Depart Home City

Day 2, Fri or Wed: Arrive in Santiago Morning flight arrival in Santiago and transfer to your selected hotel. You will have the morning to rest and refresh before an afternoon city tour via motorcoach. Enjoy visits to Santa Lucia Hill and San Cristobal Hill before stopping at Bellavista, Santiago's Bohemian district, replete with art galleries, restaurants and theaters.

Day 3, Sat or Thu: Leisure Day in Santiago (B)

Day 4, Sun or Fri: Santiago to Puerto Montt (Puerto Varas) Fly south to the gateway to Chile's Lake District, Puerto Montt, on the Relancavi Estuary. There you will be met for a tour of the quaint fishing village of Angelmo with its open-air crafts market. Continue on to her sister city, Puerto Varas, on the shores of Lake Llanquihue, and overnight in your choice of hotel. (B)

Day 5, Mon or Sat: Two-Day Lakes Crossing (available all year) Begin this overland journey through pine forests, past tranquil farms, and over broad lakes to Argentina. Bus past Lake Llanquihue to Petrohue and board a boat crossing Lake Todos Los Santos to Peulla for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 6, Tue or Sun: Arrive Bariloche Continue through the Lake District with a bus ride over the Continental Divide into Argentina, cross Lake Frias by boat, and continue on to Puerto Blest by bus. Cruise on Lake Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Panuelo, and proceed overland to downtown Bariloche and your hotel. (B)

Day 7, Wed or Mon: Bariloche Tour In town, see the main square and important government buildings. Then skirt the lake to Cathedral Mountain for an overview of the surrounding lakes, hills and mountains that make Bariloche one of the most scenic spots in the world! (B)

The Famous Chilean-Argentine Lakes Excursion

1. Puerto Montt - Puerto Varas / Petrohue 71 Km. 2 hours 45 min. 1500 m. alt.	2. Petrohue / Puerto Varas 20 Km. 1.45 hours 45 min. 1200 m. alt.	3. Puerto Varas / Puerto Montt 71 Km. 2 hours 45 min. 1500 m. alt.	4. Puerto Varas / Puerto Montt 71 Km. 2 hours 45 min. 1500 m. alt.	5. Puerto Montt - Puerto Varas 71 Km. 2 hours 45 min. 1500 m. alt.	6. Puerto Varas / Puerto Montt 71 Km. 2 hours 45 min. 1500 m. alt.	7. Puerto Montt - Puerto Varas 71 Km. 2 hours 45 min. 1500 m. alt.
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Day 8, Thu or Tue: Bariloche to Buenos Aires Fly from Bariloche to Buenos Aires, and transfer to your selected hotel. Remainder of the evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9, Fri or Wed: Buenos Aires City Tour Drive down 9th of July Avenue, the widest street in the world, past the Colon Opera House to the Plaza de Mayo. Facing the plaza are both the pink Presidential Palace and the National Cathedral, which houses the tomb of the liberator, San Martin. Next, visit the old port district, "La Boca," with its pastel houses and shops. You will have time to browse through the shops for souvenirs. (B)

Day 10, Sat or Thu: Tango Show A day completely free to explore on your own. Sip traditional tea at a local tea shop, or visit one of the estancias in the distant suburbs. This evening, enjoy a typical Argentine beef dinner followed by a folklore show and Tango performance. (B, D)

Day 11, Sun or Fri: Buenos Aires to Lake Argentina Transfer to the Municipal Airport in Buenos Aires for a flight to El Calafate in Argentina. You will be met upon arrival and transferred to your selected hotel. (B)



Hotel Peulla, Chilean Lakes District

blue color of the ice is attributed to its age, over 30,000 years. If you are lucky, you will witness one of the calvings, in which 30-foot pieces of ice break off the glacier and crash into the lake. What a show! (B, L)

Day 13, Tue or Sun: Upsala and Onelli Glaciers Cruise Early in the morning depart for a boat trip to the confluence of the northern and southern branches of Lake Argentina. Its big basin has been formed by the glacial erosion of over 15,000 years, and it is filled with the thawing of seven glaciers. Enjoy splendid views of blue icebergs, virgin forests and mountains guarded by the condor, known as the "Senor de los Andes". At midday, have lunch by Onelli Bay, then on the way back, admire Spegazzini Glacier and Peineta Peak. (B, L)

Day 14, Wed or Mon: Lake Argentina/Tierra del Fuego/Embark Cruise Transfer to the airport for a flight to Ushuaia, the southernmost commercial airport in the world on the island of Tierra del Fuego, where the Andes meet the Beagle Channel. Transfer directly to the pier to commence your exciting adventure on board the Australis cruise around the southern tip of South America to Punta Arenas, Chile. (B, D)

**Sailing on the M/V Stella Australis (4 Days Wed-Sat)
Sailing on the M/V Via Australis (5 Days Mon-Fri)**

See pages 10 & 11 for ship details, itineraries and route maps

Days 15, Thu & Fri or 15-17, Tue-Thu - Cruising

Day 17, Sat or 18, Fri: Arrive in Punta Arenas/Transfer to Paine National Park Sail into Punta Arenas at 11:00 am. Now, one adventure ends and another begins. You will be picked up at the pier and transferred to your selected hotel in Paine National Park. The trip across the Patagonia Plains takes about six hours. (B, D)

Note: See pages 12 & 13 for hotel selections.

Days 18 & 19, Sun & Mon or 19 & 20, Sat & Sun: In Paine National Park Days at leisure for included sightseeing. Tours vary in degree of strenuousness, ranging from full-day hiking excursions to half- or full-day tours via sightseeing van with guide. (B, L, D Daily)

Day 20, Tue or 21, Mon: Paine National Park/Punta Arenas/Santiago Early morning transfer to Punta Arenas Airport for your flight to Santiago and your connecting flight home. (B)

Day 21, Wed or 22, Tue: Arrive Home City



Itinerary II – 20 Days

Day 1, Thu or Tue: Depart Home City

Day 2, Fri or Wed: Arrive in Buenos Aires Afternoon Buenos Aires City Tour (B)

Day 3, Sat or Thu: Leisure Day in Buenos Aires (B)

Day 4, Sun or Fri: In Buenos Aires Evening Tango Show (B, D)

Day 5, Mon or Sat: Buenos Aires to Bariloche (B)

Day 6, Tue or Sun: In Bariloche Bariloche Scenic Tour (B)

Days 7 & 8, Wed & Thu or Mon & Tue: Two-Day Lake Crossing to Puerto Montt (B Daily)

Day 9, Fri or Wed: Puerto Montt/Punta Arenas/Paine Nat'l Park (B, D)

Note: See pages 12 & 13 for hotel selections.

Day 10, Sat or Thu: In Paine Park (B, L, D)

Day 11, Sun or Fri: In Paine Park (B, L, D)

Day 12, Mon or Sat: Paine Park to Punta Arenas/Embark Australis Cruise (B, D)

**Sailing on the M/V Via Australis 5 Days (Mon-Fri)
Sailing on the M/V Stella Australis 5 Days (Sat-Wed)**

Note: See pages 10 & 11 for ship details, itineraries and route maps.

Day 16, Fri or Wed: Arrival Ushuaia/Fly to El Calafate Arrive Ushuaia and transfer to the airport for your flight to El Calafate. (B)

Day 17, Sat or Thu: Full-day Perito Moreno Glacier Tour (B, L)

Day 18, Sun or Fri: Full-day Upsala and Onelli Glaciers Cruise (B, L)

Day 19, Mon or Sat: El Calafate/Buenos Aires/Connections Home (B)

Day 20, Tue or Sun: Arrive Home City



Bariloche, Argentina

The Patagonia Adventure...

Argentina and Chile with the Chilean Lakes, Lake Argentina, and Paine National Park

Itinerary I – 18 Days

Day 1: Depart Home City

Day 2: Arrive in Santiago Morning flight arrival in Santiago and transfer to your selected hotel. You will have the morning to rest and refresh before an afternoon city tour via motorcoach. Enjoy visits to Santa Lucia Hill and San Cristobal Hill before stopping at Bellavista, Santiago's Bohemian district, replete with art galleries, restaurants and theaters.

Day 3: Leisure Day in Santiago (B)

Day 4: Santiago to Puerto Montt (Puerto Varas) Fly south to the gateway to Chile's Lake District, Puerto Montt, on the Relancavi Estuary. There, you will be met for a tour of the quaint fishing village of Angelmo with its open-air crafts market. Continue on to her sister city, Puerto Varas, on the shores of Lake Llanquihue, and overnight in your choice of hotel. (B)

Day 5: Two-Day Lakes Crossing (available all year) Begin this overland journey through pine forests, past tranquil farms, and over broad lakes to Argentina. Bus past Lake Llanquihue to Petrohue and board a boat crossing Lake Todos Los Santos to Peulla for an overnight stay. (B)

Note: See page 27 for regional map.

Day 6: Arrive Bariloche Continue through the Lake District with a bus ride over the Continental Divide into Argentina, cross Lake Frias by boat, and continue on to Puerto Blest by bus. Cruise on Lake Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Panuelo, and proceed overland to downtown Bariloche and your selected hotel. (B)

Day 7: Bariloche Tour In town, see the main square and important government buildings. Then, skirt the lake to Cathedral Mountain for an overview of the surrounding lakes, hills and mountains that make Bariloche one of the most scenic spots in the world! (B)

Day 8: Bariloche to Buenos Aires Fly from Bariloche to Buenos Aires, and transfer to your selected hotel. Remainder of the evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Buenos Aires City Tour Drive down 9th of July Avenue, the widest street in the world, past the Colon Opera House to the Plaza de Mayo. Facing the plaza are both the pink Presidential Palace and the National Cathedral, which houses the tomb of the liberator, San Martin. Next, visit the old port district, "La Boca," with its pastel houses and shops. You will have time to browse through the shops for souvenirs. (B)

Day 10: Tango Show A day completely free to explore on your own. Sip traditional tea at a local tea shop, or visit one of the estancias in the distant suburbs. This evening, enjoy a typical Argentine beef dinner followed by a folklore show and Tango performance. (B, D)

Departures Daily 16 or 18 Days

Day 11: Buenos Aires to Lake Argentina Transfer to the Municipal Airport in Buenos Aires for a flight to El Calafate in Argentina. You will be met upon arrival and transferred to your selected hotel. (B)

Day 12: Perito Moreno Glacier Tour Today you will take an exciting, scenic tour of the Perito Moreno Glacier. Depart early in the morning via motorcoach for the Magellan

Peninsula, and continue to the cliff overlooking the glacier. You will have several hours to explore this great natural wonder from many different perspectives. This is the only glacier in the world that is still growing, and it encompasses an area larger than



cosmopolitan Buenos Aires. The deep blue color of the ice is attributed to its age, over 30,000 years. If you are lucky, you will witness one of the calvings, in which 30-foot pieces of ice break off the glacier and crash into the lake. What a show! (B, L)

Day 13: Upsala and Onelli Glaciers Cruise Early in the morning depart for a boat trip to the confluence of the northern and southern branches of Lake Argentina. Its big basin has been formed by the glacial erosion of over 15,000 years, and it is filled with the thawing of seven glaciers. Enjoy splendid views of blue icebergs, virgin forests and mountains guarded by the condor, known as the Senor de los Andes. At midday, have lunch by Onelli Bay, then on the way back, admire Spegazzini Glacier and Peineta Peak. (B, L)

Day 14: Lake Argentina/Paine National Park, Chile

You will be picked up this morning by a representative of your selected hotel and transferred to Paine National Park. The drive takes about six hours across the Andes into Chile across the Patagonian Plain. **Note:** See pages 12 & 13 for details on the all-inclusive properties in Paine National Park. (B, D)

Days 15 & 16: In Paine National Park Days in Paine National Park. All of the selected properties offer a variety of activities calibrated from the moderately active to the strenuously active. (B, L, D daily)

Day 17: Paine National Park/Punta Arenas/Santiago Early morning transfer to Punta Arenas Airport for your flight to Santiago and your connecting flight home. (B)

Day 18, Sat or Wed: Arrive Home City

Make the magic last! You can extend your trip to the Chilean wine region (page 7) or north to the Atacama Desert (page 8) or to Easter Island, in the Pacific (page 9).

Itinerary II – 16 Days

Day 1: Depart Home City

Day 2: Arrive in Buenos Aires Afternoon Buenos Aires City Tour (B)

Day 3: Leisure Day in Buenos Aires (B)

Day 4: In Buenos Aires Evening Tango Show (B, D)

Day 5: Buenos Aires to Bariloche (B)

Day 6: In Bariloche Bariloche Scenic Tour (B)

Days 7 & 8: Two-Day Lake Crossing to Puerto Montt (B daily)

Day 9: Puerto Montt/Punta Arenas/Paine National Park (B, D)

Note: See pages 11 & 12 for details on the all-inclusive properties in Paine National Park.

Day 10 & 11: In Paine Park (B, L, D daily)

Day 12: Paine Park to El Calafate (Lake Argentina) (B)

Day 13: Perito Moreno Glacier Tour (B, L)

Day 14: Upsala and Onelli Glaciers Cruise (B, L)

Day 15: El Calafate/Buenos Aires (B)

Day 16: Arrive Home City

"El Viajero Rio, Buenos Aires and Santiago"

with Chilean Lakes & Iguassu Falls

Departures Daily 16 Days/14 Nights



Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Home City

Day 2: Arrive Rio Arrive in Rio this morning and transfer to your selected hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 3: Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Tour This full-day motorcoach tour begins at Corcovado, Rio's highest mountain,

crowned by the famous statue of Christ the Redeemer. Enjoy the exceptional views and then continue via the scenic route through Tijuca Rainforest. Stop for a barbecue lunch before continuing to Praia Vermelha, where you begin the two-stage ascent by cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain for breathtaking views of Guanabara Bay and Rio. (B, L)

Day 4: Rio to Iguassu Falls Fly away from vibrant Rio to explore one of the world's greatest natural wonders, Iguassu Falls. You will hear the falls' mighty thunder from the elegant Tropical Hotel Das Cataratas, located just footsteps away from the cascading water. (B)

Day 5: Iguassu Falls A full day at leisure, where you will have an opportunity to visit the falls from the Brazilian vantage point. Here you will have a magnificent overview of the entire horseshoe-shaped falls with over 250 separate cataracts. (B)

Day 6: Iguassu Falls to Buenos Aires

Morning departure for Argentina, where you will have a whole new view of the falls. You will cross into Argentina via the Friendship Bridge and clear Argentine customs. Then, walk along the river's edge where a myriad of flora and fauna inhabits this semi-tropical area. Cross small bridges over tiny waterfalls, climb up the embankment to lookout points, and finally arrive at the main part of the falls, the Devil's Throat. After the tour, transfer to the airport on the Argentine side of the falls for your flight to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires. Transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

Days 7 & 8: Buenos Aires See why Buenos Aires is called the "Paris of South America" on a half-day motorcoach tour of this elegant city. Drive by the public squares and parks, including Plaza de Mayo, Plaza del Congreso and Palermo Park. See the Pink House (presidential palace), Colon Theater, 9th of July Avenue and visit Recoleta Cemetery, where Evita is buried. (B daily)

Day 9: Buenos Aires to Bariloche Begin an exciting journey to the lakes and mountains of Argentina and Chile, starting with a flight to Bariloche in the heart of the Andes. Transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

Day 10: Bariloche Scenic Tour Today you will be transported into a world of craggy mountains, snowcapped peaks, brilliant blue lakes and unspoiled forests. Take a half-day motorcoach drive to Mount Lopez and the circuito chico, or small circle tour, for sweeping panoramic views of Lake Nahuel Huapi. En route, pass El Tronador (The Thunderer), peaking at 11,500 feet, Lake Moreno and Clover Lake. In Bariloche, you will think you have entered an alpine village complete with chocolate shops and European architecture in the main square. (B)

Day 11: Bariloche to Peulla Begin with a half-hour drive along the southern shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Panuelo, where you will start a two-day lakes excursion to Chile. A two-hour boat trip will bring you to Puerto Blest. After two more bus rides and a brief lake crossing, you will enter Chile through Paso



Perez Rosales. Clear customs and then continue by motorcoach to Peulla for overnight in the middle of this natural wonderland. **Note:** See page 27 for route map. (B, D)

Day 12: Peulla to Puerto Montt (Puerto Varas) Continue your Lake District excursion across Lake Todos Los Santos, where you will have a dramatic view of Osorno Volcano (weather permitting). You will make a brief stop in Petrohue to admire the falls and the view of two volcano peaks, Osorno and Puntagudo. Continue by bus two more hours along Lake Llanquihue to Puerto Varas, scenically located on the shores of Lake Llanquihue. (B)

Day 13: Puerto Montt to Santiago This morning tour Puerto Montt on the Relancavi Estuary, and the quaint fish market of Angelmo, with an open-air crafts market. Continue on to the airport for a one-hour flight to Santiago. Transfer to your selected hotel. Evening at leisure. (B)

Day 14: Santiago City Tour Take a half-day tour of Santiago, including the Metropolitan Park and San Cristobal Hill for a panoramic view. Visit the city center, including the main square, the racetrack and O'Higgins Park along the Maipu River, where you can buy quality handcrafted jewelry, woolens and decorative items in the open-air shops. (B)

Day 15: Depart Santiago After a memorable journey to some of the most remarkable sights in South America, the day comes to return home. (B)

Day 16: Arrive Home City



Note: This tour may be reversed, starting in Santiago and ending in Rio.

Make the magic last! You can extend your trip to the **Chilean wine region** (page 7) or north to the **Atacama Desert** (page 8) or to **Easter Island**, in the Pacific (page 9).

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Departures Daily 21 Days/19 Nights



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Lima Start your adventure into the Land of the Incas. Transfer to your selected hotel.

Day 2: In Lima Enjoy a tour of Lima, the City of Kings, combining the modern and colonial highlights with a visit to the world famous Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology to enhance your appreciation of pre-Inca and Inca cultures. (B)

Day 3: Lima to Cuzco Early wake-up call and transfer to the airport for your one-hour flight to Cuzco. Remainder of the day at leisure to acclimate to an altitude of over 11,000 feet! (B)

Day 4: Cuzco to Machu Picchu A special adventure begins. Depart by train and journey back into the mists of time, arriving at the foot of Machu Picchu. Mini-buses follow a serpentine road to the heights of the ruins. Take a walking tour with your expert guide and a small group. You and the lucky few who will spend the night here will have a few more hours to explore the site after the crowds have returned to Cuzco. Those who select the Deluxe or Deluxe Plus category hotels will enjoy an additional dinner. The Sanctuary Lodge (Deluxe Plus) is located just outside the gate to Machu Picchu at the top of the mountain. The hotels in the Tourist and First Class categories are in the quaint village of Machu Picchu Town at the base of the ruins. (B, L)

Note: In Tourist Category, the renovated Backpacker train is quoted and lunch is NOT provided. In First Class and Deluxe categories, the deluxe VistaDome train is quoted and lunch is provided at the Sanctuary Lodge adjacent to the entrance to Machu Picchu.

Day 5: Machu Picchu to Cuzco Continue exploring Machu Picchu before winding back down the mountain by bus to catch your afternoon train for



Cuzco. Note: Transfers from Machu Picchu Town to and from Machu Picchu and entrance fees are NOT included this day. (B)

Day 6: In Cuzco This afternoon you will join a motorcoach tour of colonial Cuzco, including the Temple of the Sun, the Cathedral and Plaza de Armas. Next, ascend into the hills surrounding Cuzco to visit the Inca ruins of K'Kenko, Pucapucara, Tambo Machay and the great stone fortress of Sacsayhuaman. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco/Lima/Santiago Morning return flight to Lima, where you will be assisted with a connecting flight to Santiago. Evening arrival in Santiago and transfer to your selected hotel. (B)

Day 8: Santiago City Tour On a half-day motorcoach tour of Santiago, visit Santa Lucia Hill and San Cristobal Hill before stopping at Bellavista, Santiago's Bohemian district, where you will find a variety of art galleries, restaurants and theaters. (B)

Day 9: Santiago to Puerto Montt (Puerto Varas) Fly south to the gateway to Chile's Lake District, Puerto Montt, on the Relancavi Estuary. Drive along Costanera Highway for a scenic overlook of Puerto Montt, and then tour the quaint fishing village of Angelmo with its open-air crafts market. Continue on to Puerto Montt's sister city, Puerto Varas, on the shores of Lake Llanquihue, and overnight in your choice of hotel. (B)



Welcome to Brazil...



Rio – “A Cidade Maravilhosa”

Rio is the capital city of the State of Rio de Janeiro, the second largest city of Brazil and the third largest metropolitan area and agglomeration in South America, sixth largest in the Americas and the main tourist destination in the Southern Hemisphere. The city was the capital of Brazil for nearly two centuries, from 1763 to 1815 during the Portuguese colonial era, 1815 to 1821 as the capital of the United Kingdom of Portugal, and from 1822 to 1960 as an independent nation. Rio is nicknamed *A Cidade Maravilhosa* or "The Marvelous City."

Rio de Janeiro is known for its natural settings, Carnival celebrations, samba, Bossa Nova, and beaches such as **Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon**. Some of the most famous landmarks in addition to the beaches include the giant statue of **Christ the Redeemer** ("Cristo Redentor") atop **Corcovado Mountain**, named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World; **Sugarloaf Mountain** (Pão de Açúcar) with its cable car; the **Sambódromo**, a permanent parade avenue lined with grandstands which is used during Carnival; and **Maracanã Stadium**, one of the world's largest football stadiums. Rio de Janeiro will host the **2016 Summer Olympics**, the first South American city to host the event.

Rio's Neighborhoods

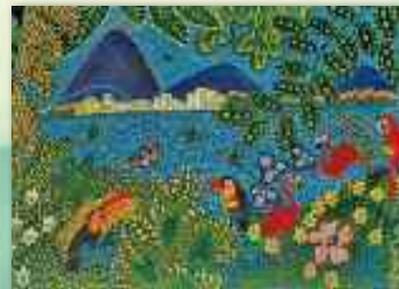
Santa Teresa District: This charming and picturesque district of Rio de Janeiro, with its colonial mansions, museums, artist ateliers and the only remaining tramway in Rio, is the authentic Rio, a place where high-rise buildings and traffic are replaced by red-tiled rooftops, cobblestone streets and exuberant nature.



Copacabana Beach, one of the two most famous beaches in the world is in Rio. Copacabana Beach is a large crescent of white sand (almost 2.5 miles long), with Avenida Atlantica separating the beach from the high rise hotels, apartment buildings, restaurants, sidewalk coffee shops, bars and nightclubs, lined up shoulder to shoulder. To the north of Copacabana is Leme Beach, while at the southern tip are two smaller beaches: Ft. Copacabana Beach and Diablo Beach. Between Copacabana and Ipanema Beaches lies Arpoador Beach.



Ipanema Beach extends south of Copacabana. The southern end of Copacabana is divided by a canal, and demarks the beginning of the Leblon neighborhood, where the iconic mountain formation called "The Two Brothers" (Dois Irmaos) dominates the views. The neighborhood **Quad Charm** is considered the best part of Ipanema, and is our favorite sector in Rio.



Petropolis

This charming mountain resort west of Rio formerly served as the favorite retreat of Dom Pedro I, late 17th century Emperor of Brazil. Located at about 3,000 feet above sea level, Petropolis is still a popular retreat. The Emperor and his retinue needed two days to reach Petropolis by mule train, but today we make the trip there in two hours and the return trip in less time. Visit the Cathedral, Goat Square, and Imperial Palace, now a museum, that displays the crown jewels.



Our Selected Hotels in Rio



Santa Teresa Hotel

Once a colonial mansion the Deluxe Santa Teresa Hotel offers an opportunity to escape from the conventional guest experience. The hotel is located in the heart of the historic Santa Teresa District, with magnificent views of Guanabara Bay, Corcovado and the enveloping mountain range. While preserving its colonial façade, all of the hotel's rooms and suites, and the public areas were created using materials such as tropical woods, black and golden limestone slate, Portuguese tiles, furniture and art pieces created by renowned Brazilian designers, all set in 12,000 square feet of landscaped, tropical gardens. All of the Hotel Santa Teresa's 44 rooms and suites are appointed with heavenly beds outfitted with high-quality cotton and linen, luxury bathroom amenities, LCD TVs with over 60 cable channels and free WiFi. Many rooms and suites have balconies overlooking the city or tropical gardens.



The Sofitel Rio Palace – Copacabana

The Sofitel Rio Palace is a Deluxe ocean front property situated at the end of Copacabana Beach, not far from Ipanema Beach. It features 400 recently renovated rooms and suites equipped with air-conditioning, minibar, safe, cable TV, and balcony. Amenities include restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, two swimming pools, gym, sauna, massage service, laundry service, shops, and meeting facilities.



Porto Bay International Hotel – Copacabana

Right on Copacabana beach the Deluxe Porto Bay Rio Internacional offers breathtaking views over the beach. The hotel features 117 rooms decorated in the best taste, a range of flavors at La Finestra Restaurant, and a rooftop pool with stunning views over Copacabana beach and Corcovado. All rooms feature minibars, safes, flat screen TV and CD player, bathrooms with shower/tub combination, hairdryer and dual-voltage outlets. The superior rooms are 204 square ft. and feature two twin beds or 1 queen bed, and balconies with a side view of Copacabana Beach. There are 26 designer-decorated deluxe rooms with king beds, and guests can choose a room with balcony directly over-looking the ocean or the corner room with floor-to-ceiling, wall-to-wall windows offering panoramic views of the bay.



Arena Hotel – Copacabana

Ideally located right on Copacabana Beach, the 4-star Arena Hotel offers a panoramic rooftop pool with a café and bar, and ocean views from most rooms. Gym, sauna and a fine restaurant are its highlights. Arena Copacabana is five blocks from Cardeal Arcoverde subway station, and guests can easily visit attractions like Ipanema Beach, three miles from the hotel. The Sugarloaf, Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and the Botanical Garden are all within four miles. The air-conditioned accommodations at Arena Hotel feature a 32-inch LCD TV, free WiFi throughout the hotel, minibar, laptop safe and sound-proofed windows. There is also a cyber cafe next to the lobby. At Fennel Restaurant, guests enjoy a rich buffet breakfast with tropical items, plus contemporary Brazilian and international dishes.



Mar Ipanema Hotel

The Mar Ipanema is a first class property situated two blocks from Ipanema Beach, in a trendy neighborhood nicknamed the Charm Quarter. The hotel is known for its great service and spotless maintenance. It features 86 rooms and suites equipped with air-conditioning, minibar, safe, piped music, cable TV and free wireless internet. Open almost 24 hours a day, from breakfast to the last client, creative chef Andrea Tinoco innovates high gastronomy pairing appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and entrées with the typically carioca Devassa beers.



The Country with Soul

Buzios (Romantic Getaway)

Drive north 2-1/2 hours from Rio to the seaside resort of Buzios, playground to European and Brazilian jet setters. The resort is built in the Portuguese colonial style around an antique fishing village. Follow a day of sunbathing or windsurfing with shopping and a sumptuous seafood dinner.



The Beautiful Beaches Outside Rio

After all of that sizzle, we recommend a quiet getaway to one of the beaches north or south of Rio.

Casas Brancas (Superior First Class) is a chic and charming boutique-style hotel, nestled in the hills overlooking the stunning bay of Buzios, and just five minutes walking distance to the best shops and restaurants Buzios has to offer. The Pousada boasts an elegant Mediterranean architecture, an exclusive multilingual staff, and a refined but relaxed atmosphere. The delightful décor is accentuated with the owner's excellent collection of original art and artifacts. Casas Brancas and her sister property, **Pousada Abracadabra (First Class)**, located in the same area, are our top picks for Buzios.



Portobello

A 1-1/2 drive south of Rio, this tropical resort offers a resplendent Polynesian-style setting with all beachfront rooms. Enjoy horseback riding, schooner trips and pristine, unspoiled beaches.



Paraty

After two nights at Portobello, continue down the coast for a night at colonial Paraty, a national monument that offers a variety of inns, art galleries, small boutiques and restaurants.



Optional Tour Extensions in Brazil

Explore Brazil's other intriguing cities. All you need is a Brazil Airpass and your imagination.



Ouro Preto

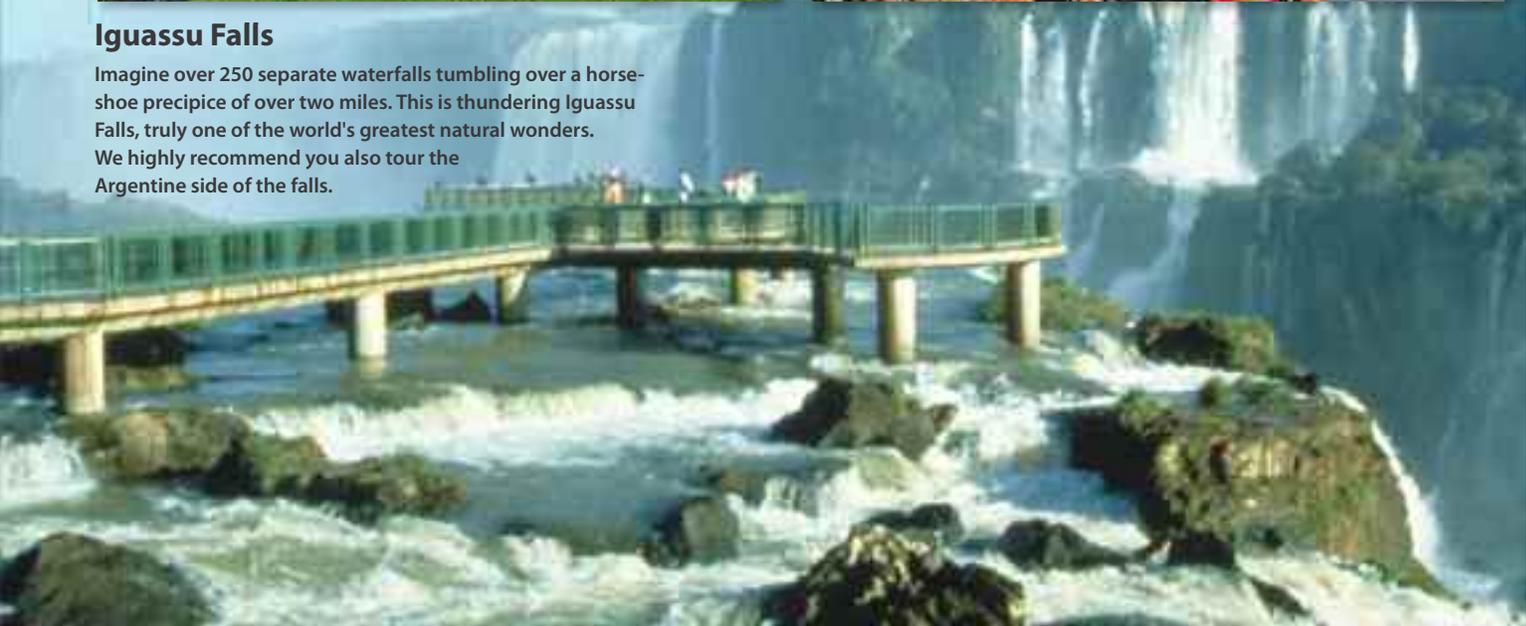
When you enter Ouro Preto, you will feel as though you have traveled back in time, to land in one of the most beautiful colonial towns in the world. Ouro Preto was home to the famed 18th century sculptor, Aleijadinho, and houses much

of his work. It has been declared a world treasure by UNESCO. You will love wandering the quaint cobblestone streets and staying in a charming colonial inn.



Iguassu Falls

Imagine over 250 separate waterfalls tumbling over a horse-shoe precipice of over two miles. This is thundering Iguassu Falls, truly one of the world's greatest natural wonders. We highly recommend you also tour the Argentine side of the falls.



Salvador da Bahia

Discover Brazil's historic capital, founded in 1549 on the hills overlooking All Saints Bay. Formerly notorious for African slave trade, today it is a center for Afro-Brazilian culture and history, alive with unique costumes, cuisine, music and dance.



Recife & Olinda

Recife gets its name from the reefs which protect its golden beaches. Colonial heritage abounds in its architecture, quaint shops and dramatic churches. The package includes a half-day tour of neighboring Olinda with its 18th century buildings, creative murals and brilliantly-painted doorways.



Brasilia

Hewn out of the vast central plains of Brazil, Brasilia was declared the nation's capital in 1956 by President Kubitschek, and on April 21, 1960 the federal government of Brazil was officially moved from Rio to Brasilia. The most impressive buildings of this modern city were designed by Oscar Niemeyer, Brazil's famed architect and sculptor.



The Rainforests of Brazil

Manaus on the Amazon River

One of the world's wonders, the Amazon, has fascinated travelers and dreamers since its discovery in 1542 by Francisco de Orellana. It is 3,900 miles long, carries 365 times as much water as the Mississippi and is over seven miles wide at Manaus, a point located 1,000 miles from the Atlantic. The basin, drained by the river and its more than 1,000 tributaries, is the last great wooded wilderness of its kind. It contains over half the world's species of birds and thousands of species of mammals and plants. Transportation in this enormous region is mainly on rivers, streams, canals and oxbow lakes, which crisscross the surface. River people and tribes of Indians deep in the jungle

constitute this region's sparse population. However, the push of industrialization and the ecological damage it inherently causes continue to threaten this delicate ecosystem.

Manaus

The great river port of Manaus is the confluence of modern civilization and Amazonian traditional lifestyles. The port is visited by ocean-going ships carrying all sorts of manufactured goods to the Amazon, and gathering Amazonian produce to carry out to the civilized world. At the turn of the 19th century rubber was king, and Manaus emerged into a period of incredible wealth and excess. The "Rubber Barons" built their gilded palaces and public buildings with unrivaled opulence, and the most outstanding relic of this era is the beautifully restored Amazonas Theater.



The Anavilhanas Archipelago (Guedes Floodland)

The Anavilhanas Archipelago is a unique ecosystem of the Amazon, a great tributary of the Amazon River. The Rio Negro flows north of Manaus and is characterized by its dark, acidic water, where few insects can breed. This leaves the environment almost mosquito-free!



It also accounts for flora that differs from the rest of the jungle areas around Manaus.

The Meeting of the Waters

The confluence of the muddy, brown water of the Amazon (Rio Solimoes), and the black water of the Rio Negro, create the phenomenon called the "Meeting of the Waters", where brown and black water swirl in eddies and patterns for miles.



The Hotels

The Caesar Business Hotel

The Caesar Business Hotel is situated in one of the top areas of the city of Manaus, very close to the Amazonas Shopping Center, Universidad del Estado de Amazonas, the State Social Welfare Ministry, Petrobrás, the convention center and the Vivaldo Lima Stadium. The hotel is located 10 minutes from the industrial district and 25 minutes from the Eduardo Gomes International Airport. The hotel has 229 rooms, a lobby bar, room service, free high-speed and WiFi Internet for guests, a business center equipped with computers and rooms for meetings and events. The Amaranto Restaurant has a casual atmosphere and exquisite international cuisine. This hotel is our preferred property, and is an excellent choice for passengers embarking/disembarking on the Iberostar Grand Amazon, or other cruise ships docking at the Manaus Port.



The Tropical Hotel Manaus

The Tropical Hotel Manaus is located in the outskirts of the city, on the banks of the Negro River, only a few minutes from the airport. This huge architectonic complex offers 601 rooms equipped with air-conditioning, minibar, safe, piped music, and cable TV. Amenities include several restaurants and bars, coffee shop, 24-hour room service, two swimming pools, gym, sauna, tennis courts, volleyball court, game room, hairdresser, beauty parlor, shopping arcade, extensive gardens, pier, and meeting facilities. Although only rated three stars, this hotel is the best choice for the smaller, eco-cruises and jungle lodges that depart from the Tropical Hotel Pier.



Amazon Boat Safaris



Amazon Clipper Cruises

Come explore the Amazon by taking a boat safari into the Anavilhanas Archipelago. The safari boats feature air-conditioned cabins with private bathrooms, plenty of hot water, good food, cold drinks and expert naturalist guides.

Amazon Angler, M/V Selly Clipper II, M/V Amazon Clipper

The Traditional Fleet contains several boats with similar comfort and facilities, such as air-conditioned cabins with private toilet, covered dining room with bar and library and a 360° view sundeck. An Amazon riverboat with traditional lines is the *M/V Amazon Clipper* (16 passengers). The *Amazon Angler* accommodates 10 passengers, and the *Selly Clipper II* accommodates 20 passengers.



M/V Amazon Clipper Premium & M/V Otter Premium

For those who wish the comfort of a luxury ship, the Premium Fleet offers "simply the best" small-ship cruising in the Amazon. The Premium Fleet hosts all guests in spacious, outside cabins, with lower beds, private bathroom facilities with hot shower, individual air-conditioning and safety box. The window-lined dining room (air-conditioned) seats all passengers at the same time. The entertainment deck offers a large air-conditioned lecture room with library/video facilities, a bar with plenty of comfortable seating, as well as a large covered area for outdoor sightseeing. The *Amazon Clipper Premium* accommodates 32 passengers in 16 cabins. The *M/V Otter Premium* accommodates 18 passengers in nine cabins.



Sailings

Departures from Tropical Manaus Pier
Cruises the Rio Negro

- 3 Days: MON-WED – Cruise
- 4 Days: WED-SAT – Cruise
- 6 Days: MON-SAT – Cruise



M/Y Tucano

The Amazon expedition cruise vessel *M/Y Tucano* operates with small groups (max. 18), trained naturalist guides, and thoughtful itineraries on the Rio Negro, to offer a genuine, thrilling experience with the REAL Amazon rainforest. She is a big boat, over 80 feet long and there is plenty of space to spread out, study the forest nearby, and contemplate the wonders of nature. The decks in the cabins and Salon are a deep brown natural finished wood that is kept highly polished. All of the 9 air-conditioned cabins are comfortable with walls of solid wood, raised, highly polished paneling. Most cabins have twin beds but a few have upper and lower beds. Each cabin has a private bath with a shower, toilet, and a sink, and plenty of hot water for pressurized showers.

Sailings

Departures from Tropical Manaus Pier
Cruises the Rio Negro

- 5 Days: MON-FRI – Cruise
- 8 Days: SAT-SAT – Cruise



Iberostar Grand Amazon

Iberostar Grand Amazon is a luxury cruise ship that will take you on an unforgettable cruise along the Amazon River, with the comfort and excellence that distinguish Iberostar's service. On this journey along the course of the Amazon River, you will enjoy all the modern conveniences of a luxury cruise ship, including exclusive bars and restaurants, a wide range of entertainment activities, a conference room for conventions, shops, swimming pools, Jacuzzis, a disco and more. Experience the tropical rainforest and the fascinating environs of the Amazon River on this trip deep into the jungle while you luxuriate in the comfort of a five-star hotel. There are 72 Deluxe, Balcony Cabins and two Deluxe Master Suites.

Sailings

Departures from Manaus Port

- 4 Days: FRI-MON – Rio Solimoes Cruise
- 5 Days: MON-FRI – Rio Negro Cruise
- 8 Days: MON-MON or FRI-FRI

The *M/V Iberostar* features two distinct cruise itineraries that can be combined into an 8-Day Cruise.



The Lodges

Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge 3 & 4-Day Packages Departures daily from the Tropical Pier

Rated #1 by TripAdvisor

Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge is a small, charming lodge located deep in the forest on the edge of the Anavilhanas Reserve. The trip to the lodge takes about three hours by vehicle and boat. The lodge celebrates the natural beauty of



the Amazon, tastefully matching nature and local culture. The delicious restaurant menu features a blend of classic traditional dishes with international cuisine. The deck and pool overlook the river and are nestled among the trees that provide shade. There is also a small floating dock that allows guests to take a river swim.

Packages include: All meals and beverages except alcoholic or bottled beverages, jungle hikes and boat excursions.

Amazon Ecopark

2, 3 & 4-Day Packages Departures daily from the Tropical Pier

Located in the heart of the Amazon jungle, but not far from Manaus, the



Amazon Ecopark unites adventure and comfort. It has 60 rooms distributed among 20 bungalows throughout the forest, together with a thatched-roof, open-air restaurant, a private beach, natural swimming pools, and over 10 km. of jungle trails and unusual native fauna and flora. It is the only lodge

authorized by the Brazilian Environmental Agency to maintain wild animals.

The lodge is arranged in 20 separate bungalows, or units, and each unit has three rooms with independent entrances and bathrooms, hot showers, air-conditioning, and screened windows. They are rustic yet charming in their decor, and provide all of your basic comforts and safety in the jungle.



Packages include: All meals and non-alcoholic or bottled beverages, jungle hikes and boat excursions: A visit to Monkey Forest; alligator observation safari in the evening; a visit to a local native's house; prianha fishing; a tour to the Meeting of the Waters.



Pantanal Wildlife Sanctuary

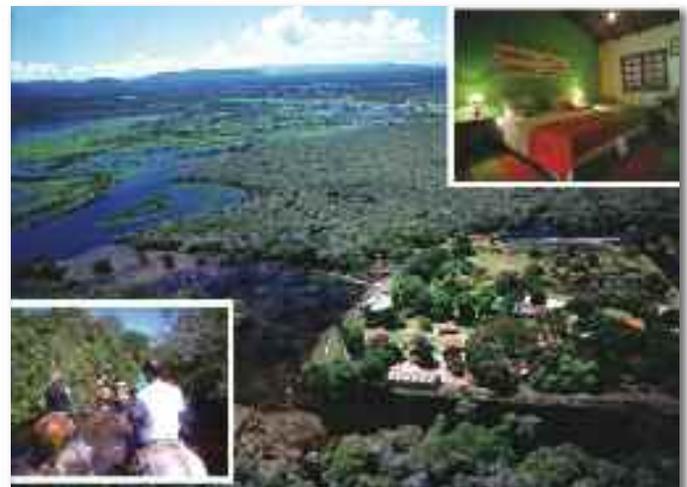
Deep in the heart of Brazil lies one of the world's great wildlife reserves, the Pantanal, which can now be seen by a handful of tourists wanting to view nature at her best. Sustained by the floodwaters of the Parana River, this wild and rugged savannah teems with bird and animal wildlife. Visitors can view the wildlife by 4-wheel drive, in canoe or on horseback, while staying in delightful accommodations. The fauna seen in the Pantanal varies by the seasonal rain and flooding. The wildlife follows the water cycle, so the animals you see will depend upon the season, the animal's cycle and luck! Many of the birds are endemic, but many others are migratory. The dry season typically starts in June and continues through September or even into October. This enormous savanna is in a constant state of flux: each visit rewards the visitor with an ecological adventure beyond description!



Pousada do Rio Mutum

The Pousada do Rio Mutum - Pantanal Lodge is located in the municipal district of Barão de Melgaço, one of the most beautiful regions of Mato Grosso's Pantanal. In this ecological paradise the sound of the birds at dawn, the enchantment of the waters, the blue sky, the breathtaking sunset, horseback riding through the forests and wetlands, trails totally

immersed in nature, flights of birds, Brazilian otters playing by the river, alligators enjoying the sun... will give you unique and unforgettable moments. The lodge has 22 cottage-like apartments, distributed in a 17-acre park area, all with air-conditioning, ceiling fans, minibar, mini-closet, hammock and private porch. Fly into Cuiabá, in Mato Grosso State, where a representative of the Pousada do Rio Mutum will meet you. It is about 81 miles from Cuiabá airport to the Lodge, 31 miles are by paved roads, and 50 miles are by unpaved roads, and the trip takes from 2 1/2 - 3 hours, depending on road conditions. Since the road is trans-Pantanal, one can enjoy the beautiful landscape and the various species of birds and small animals during the trip.



GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES AND DEPOSITS

Land Tours: In order to secure space, a \$200 per person **non-refundable** deposit is required. Deposit requirements may vary during certain peak periods.

Airfares: Any airfares quoted are subject to change without notice and are subject to confirmation in the inventory required for that fare. Airfares cannot be guaranteed unless tickets have been issued, and in most cases tickets must be issued within 24 hours of making the reservations.

Cruises and Special Packages: Deposit and payment requirements will vary and are in addition to the \$200 per person deposit required for the land tours and will be advised upon quoting.

TRIP INSURANCE: Coverage is effective only from the date that insurance has been accepted on the acceptance/waiver form, and clients are automatically protected against pre-existing conditions. Trip cancellation insurance will be automatically charged to all EcoAdventures bookings. Clients must accept or waive the insurance by signing a waiver, which is provided on the credit card authorization form.

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Itinerary Length	Customization Fee	Maximum consultation/preparation time
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11-20 days	\$150	3 hours
20+ days	\$200	4 hours

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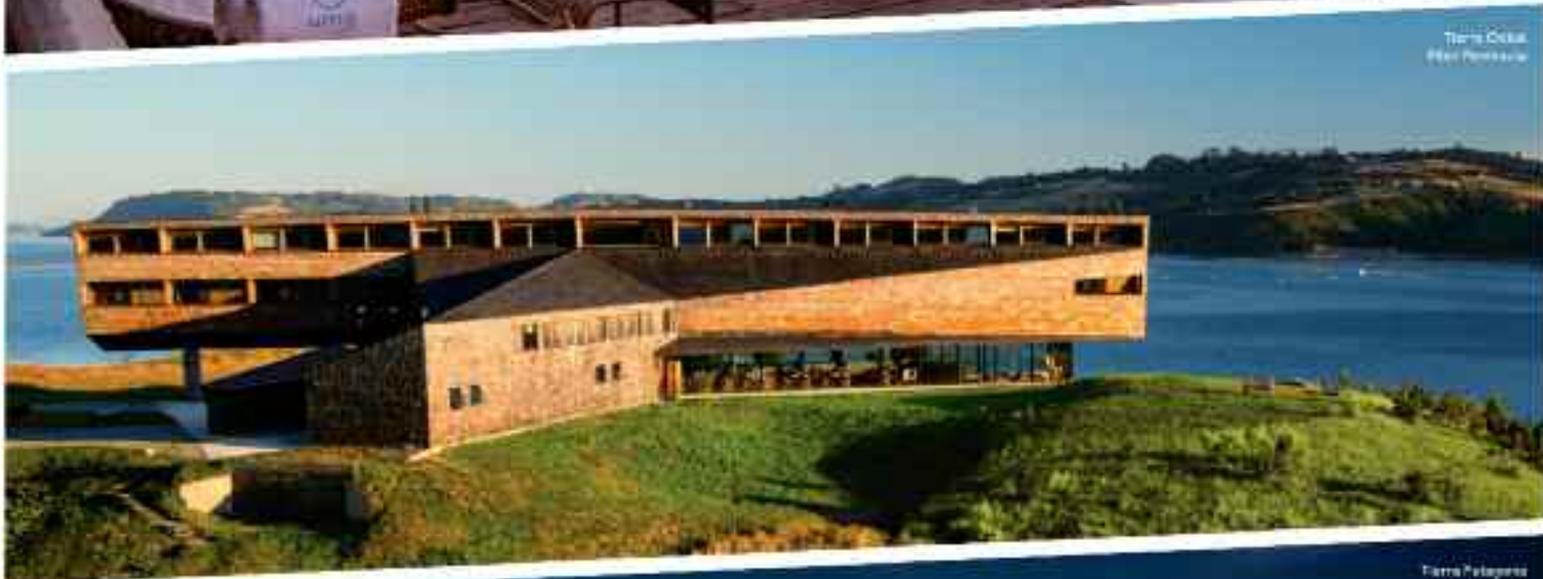
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