

# Chile & Argentina January 2012



**07 Jan**

**Depart**

Depart London Heathrow on an overnight flight with LAN in economy class.

*Depart Heathrow 17:10*

*Arrive Madrid 20:30*

*Depart Madrid 00:20 (on the 8<sup>th</sup>)*

*Arrive Santiago 08:50*

**08 Jan**

**Santiago**

On arrival, private transfer to the Hotel Orly for 1-night. A small, intimate French-style hotel, the Orly is located in the lively Providencia neighbourhood, which offers a good selection of shops and restaurants. It is elegantly decorated throughout, with polished wood, brass fittings and rugs which help to give it a warm, comfortable atmosphere. There are 28 rooms, all equipped with cable TV, mini bar and air conditioning. The Orly is without doubt one of the best places to stay in the city.



*Hotel Orly / 1 x Queen Room / Breakfast*

**09 Jan**

**Nr Maipo Valley**



Transfer to the winelands near the Maipo Valley. Located 50 km from Santiago, near the Maipo Valley, the Hotel Altiplanico San Alfonso is a small, boutique style hotel with a spectacular panoramic view of the Andes mountain range. With just eight, elegant bedrooms, the hotel has an outdoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, cable TV, central heating, massages, telephone, free internet, parking, laundry and gourmet meals. Excursions available from the hotel include visiting the wine route of the Maipo Valley, horse back riding in the Andes (basic and advanced level), trekking, (several options) and thermal waters.

*Hotel Altiplanico / 1 x Standard Double / Breakfast*

**10 Jan**

**Nr Maipo Valley**

Day at leisure in the winelands.

*Hotel Altiplanico / 1 x Standard Double / Breakfast*

**11 Jan**

**Torres del Paine**

Private transfer to Santiago Airport to meet your onward flight to Punta Arenas.

*Depart Santiago 06:00 Arrive Punta Arenas 09:25*

Shared transfer on arrival to the Patagonia Camp for a 3-night stay.

*Patagonia Camp / 1 x Yurt / Full board and activities*

**12 Jan -13 Jan**

**Torres del Paine**

Three times daily excursions from the camp. Covering an area of over 180,000 hectares, Torres del Paine has been declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. The centre-piece of the park are the mighty Torres, huge granite pillars that rise upwards from the surrounding mountains. Visible throughout the park, the Torres can be visited as part of a day trek, or can be included as part of a longer circuit. There is an abundant variety of wildlife and several bird species that can be found nowhere else. If you are a keen walker, you should allow yourself at least a couple of days to explore. Alternatively, you can visit the park by horseback, jeep or by boat where you can visit brilliant blue lakes and sprawling glaciers.



*Patagonia Camp / 1 x Yurt / Full board and activities*

**14 Jan**

**Australis Cruise**

Shared transfer to Punta Arenas harbour. Board the Cruceros Australis for your 5-day / 4-night cruise to Ushuaia (A Class Cabin). An expedition vessel that sails through some of the Americas' most spectacular scenery, the Cruceros Australis is a luxury vessel that has been finished to a very high standard. The expedition programmes include welcome and farewell cocktails; breakfast, lunch and dinner and an open bar and cafeteria during the entire journey. The menu includes international food and typical local dishes, alternating á la carte menus and buffets, all complemented with excellent Chilean Wines. (Passengers requiring a special diet should request it in advance).



During the cruise the Cruceros Australis Expedition Team will provide fascinating lectures on the flora, fauna, history, geography, glaciology and ethnography of Patagonia. There are also daily land excursions which generally last around 2 hours. Groups are formed to embark on zodiac boats, which take you ashore. Waterproof suits are available for purchase on board if required and rubber boots are provided free of charge. On Day 1 the vessel departs at 6pm after a cocktail reception.

*Program includes: Accommodation (Cabin A), all meals, open bar (without additional cost for wines, beverages and liquors), shore excursions and on-board entertainment, English and Spanish speaking guides. Cruceros Australis / 1 x A cabin / Full board*

**15 Jan**

**Ainsworth Bay / Tucker Islet**



At dawn, you will continue navigating through Almirantazgo Sound until finally arriving near Marinelli Glacier in Ainsworth Bay, where you will enjoy a walk to discover a beaver dam in the midst of a marvellous Magellanic forest. On the beach you will observe a colony of elephant seals. Later you will visit Tucker Islet, where you will view colonies of Magellanic Penguins and Cormorants from the Zodiac boats. The islet's penguins migrate in April; during this time as an alternative activity we will visit Brookes Bay, for a short walk to see a glacier.

*Cruceros Australis / 1 x A cabin / Full board*

**16 Jan**

**Pia Glacier / Glacier Alley**

You will navigate through the main part of Beagle Channel to reach Pia Bay, where you will disembark near Pia Glacier. You will take a short hike to a lookout point with a spectacular view of the entire glacier, stretching from high in the mountains all the way to the sea. After this unforgettable experience, you will sail again along the northwest arm of Beagle Channel through majestic "Glacier Alley": Spain, Romanche, Germany, Italy, France and Holland glaciers.

*Cruceros Australis / 1 x A cabin / Full board*



**17 Jan**

**Cape Horn / Wulaia Bay**



You will sail through Beagle and Murray channels to reach and disembark in Cape Horn National Park (weather permitting). Cape Horn, on Hornos Island, is a sheer, 425-meter (1,394-foot) high rocky promontory at the point where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans merge. This mythical place is known as the "End of the Earth". The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in June 2005. In the afternoon, you will go ashore in historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region's largest aboriginal settlements. This area is also renowned for the

mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. You will walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coigües, Canelos, ferns and other native vegetation to reach a lookout point.

*Cruceros Australis / 1 x A cabin / Full board*

**18 Jan**

**Buenos Aires**

You will arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina's most important city on Tierra de Fuego, and the southernmost city in the world. Disembark vessel at 8am then private transfer to Ushuaia Airport to meet your onward flight to Buenos Aires.

*Depart Ushuaia 09:40 Arrive Buenos Aires 13:02*



Private transfer on arrival to the Hotel Sofitel for a 2-night stay. A listed Art Deco tower, the Sofitel was elegantly refurbished in 2003 to become a belle époque hotel. The ornate glass-roofed lobby provides a fitting first impression to this comfortable and friendly property. The 144 rooms have been sympathetically and stylishly converted from the original building. The hotel's restaurant 'Le Sud' is one of the city's finest restaurants, justly famous for its Provencal classics, while the cosy and intimate Second Empire-style bar and library are a great place to relax

with either a book or cocktail. Located alongside antique shops and galleries in the picturesque downtown area of Retiro, all the major tourist attractions are within walking distance.

*Hotel Sofitel / 1 x Standard Double / Breakfast*

**19 Jan**

**Buenos Aires**

*Private half day city tour*

Cosmopolitan and vibrant, Buenos Aires is a modern capital city with a distinctly European feel. There are many good museums, plenty of green open spaces and the architecture is striking. Away from the centre, several of the traditional neighbourhoods still remain. San Telmo has a quaint faded appeal with cobbled streets which really come alive on Sundays when the weekly antiques market is held. The area of La Boca, established by Italian immigrants, is well worth a visit to see the colourful buildings. Synonymous with Argentina, Eva Peron's final resting place can be seen amongst the grand and ornate surroundings of the Recoleta Cemetery.



*Hotel Sofitel / 1 x Standard Double / Breakfast*

**20 Jan**

**Depart**

Private transfer to Buenos Aires Airport to meet your departure flight back to the UK.

*Depart Buenos Aires 22:40 Arrive Madrid 14:30 (Following day)*

*Depart Madrid 17:30 Arrive Heathrow 18:55*

**21 Jan**

Arrive home.



The per person cost for the above itinerary in a double room would be **£5295.00**

The above price includes:

- International flights with LAN Airlines in economy class.
- Internal flights as listed in economy class.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

The above price does not include:

- Local departure taxes.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future international airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.\*

*\*In the event of international airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

**Please note:** This is a quotation valid for 7 days only from 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011. All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.

#### **Booking Conditions**

20% deposit is recommended to secure this booking. The balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.

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