

#### **EL CALAFATE & EL CHALTEN**

## ✓ DAY 01: EL CALAFATE

**Arrival at the Airport and transfer to the hotel.** Flight must arrive early in the morning

EL CALAFATE is a city located on the southern shore of 'Lago Argentino', in the region of Patagonia, in the province of Santa Cruz, Argentina, about 80 km from the Perito Moreno glacier. It owes its notoriety to being the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park, which has tourist attractions such as the Perito Moreno Glacier, Upsala Glacier, and Mount Fitz Roy, among others, all typical of the eastern region of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and bordering the Torres del Paine National Park in Chile.

El Calafate, "the capital of the Glaciers", is a tourist village, head of tourism in this sector, for which it has a modern international airport that allows easy access throughout the year. This picturesque town extends along Libertador Avenue, where its commercial center is located. The small Calafate stream goes down towards Lake Argentino winding among slopes and ravines and crosses the main avenue to drain into the Redonda Bay, an excellent site for birdwatching. It takes its name from the small Calafate bush, typical of southern Patagonia. This fruit, is a very appetizing berry in the preparation of sweets. According to tradition, whoever eats Calafate will return for more. But reality indicates that those who know El Calafate never want to leave.

#### Nativo Experience (PM) - Half day

Nativo Experience is a tour of midday in a 4x4 along the shore of 'Lago argentino'. Ideal for the day of arrival or departure, has an anthropological focus, making a journey through time on the passage of the man in these lands. Leaving El Calafate towards the East, we enter a route that borders the the shore of 'Lago Argentino' until you reach the Mirador del Acantilado, from where we will have panoramic views of the lake and the Andes Mountains.

Then we go down to the coast, where we will enter the world of Natives through an archaeological site that protects the cave paintings. Those cultures left their mark on the rock that today induces us to its interpretation. The excursion ends in another cave, dinner that will transport those remote years.





# Technical data

- Daily departures AM and PM (time to be confirmed)
- Duration 3 hours
- 4WD tour 20km
- Low difficulty
- Operates all year round

# Menu

- Pumpkin soup
- Lamb Casserole on country bread
- Chocolate mousse
- Drinks included

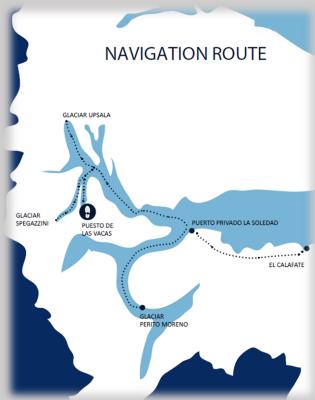
Return and night at the hotel.

# ✓ DAY 02: EL CALAFATE

Breakfast at the hotel.

# **Gourmet Glaciers- Full Day**

The immensity of the Upsala and Spegazzini and Perito Moreno glaciers, a menu specially designed by our chef to be enjoyed surrounded by nature and a landing at one of the planet's most secluded corners.







# Itinerary:

#### -MORNING

09:00 AM: Lago Argentino – on a northwest course to Punta Avellaneda and Boca del Diablo - the Lake's narrowest passage - approximately 800 meters in width -. Spegazzini Glacier, landing at Las Vacas Station, in the Spegazzini Canal Bay. Here our guides coordinate a trek with a view of the old Settlers' Station identifying flora and fauna. Visit the Upsala Canal and navigate to Herminita Peninsula - limit of the navigation zone allowed by National Parks – panoramic view of the Glacier. -LUNCH

Lunch during navigation.

-AFTERNOON

Navigate to Canal de los Tempanos, visit PERITO MORENO GLACIER. Optional: End navigation at Puerto Moreno. No additional charge.

06:00 PM: Return to La Soledad private port.



Return and night at the hotel.

#### ✓ DAY 03: EL CALAFATE & EL CHALTEN

Breakfast at the hotel.

Pick up from the hotel in Calafate and transfer at the hotel in El Chalten.

In the southwest of the Province of Santa Cruz, 90 kilometers away from the mythical Route 40, after traveling the entire length of Lake Viedma along an asphalt road, EL CHALTEN is reached. Traveling through the Patagonian Steppe in its fullness until reaching the Andes Mountains, arriving at the destination marvels the sight and the soul. It is located in a privileged place on the edge of the Northern area of Los Glaciares National Park that is why nature is its environment. Over the years it became a mountain resort, with a large influx of visitors from different parts of the world interested in seeing the majestic Cerro Fitz Roy, Cerro Torre and the many granite spires that surround both. El Chalten was founded on October 12, 1985 for geopolitical reasons, in order to reinforce sovereignty in the area, which has been populated since the beginning of the 20th century.

El Chaltén was declared National Trekking Capital on July 28, 1994, due to the great variety of trails suitable for this activity, thanks to the geographical features of this area. It is important to



emphasize that there are those of different degrees of difficulty, from low to high physical demand.



# Madsen House & Museum-Half day

We invite you to visit the house of the pioneer Andreas Madsen, a Dane who arrived more than 100 years ago and built the first house in El Chalten. We will be able to know his stories, the challenges he had to go through with his family, and how daily life was at the Estancia more than a century ago.

The location of the house, crossing the Rio de las Vueltas in front of the current town of El Chaltén, allows us to enjoy a privileged view of Cerro Chaltén. Andreas did not choose this location by chance!





## Itinerary:

We start walking towards the Río (River) de las Vueltas and cross over the bridge. We then enjoy a gentle 30 minutes' walk alongside the river towards Madsen's family home while we learn about why Andreas Madsen left Denmark for Patagonia.

When entering the home of these pioneers we'll be able to admire the original architecture of the house, that is still intact a century on; and one of the few places you can see it in our area! We can also admire furniture and old tools used by the family. On the walls there are black and white photographs of family life that give an idea of what it was like to live in deep Patagonia at the beginning of the 1900s.

We can then enter and sit at Andreas' dining room table and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with something sweet.

At the end of the excursion we'll walk back to town, along the same path that we arrived, and reflect on how much El Chaltén has changed over the years.

# Technical data:

-Guide Esp/Eng

- Length: 2 1/2 hours-Group Size: Max 15-Trip Level: Easy

-Season: September to May

- Includes: Coffee/Tea with sweets and biscuits



Return and night at the hotel

**DAY 04: EL CHALTEN** 

Breakfast at the hotel.



#### Trekking 'Laguna de los Tres'- Full day

The most emblematic, spectacular and unforgettable trek of the region. This is the trek to do if you only have one day in El Chaltén. A trek that takes you past some impressive scenery and through forests until you arrive at the mystical Mount Fitz Roy; admiring lagoons of different shades of blue, imposing glaciers and campgrounds visited by famous international climbers.



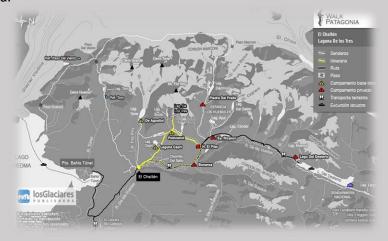
## Itinerary:

This trek starts with a transfer to the trail head at El Pilar, located 17km to the north of the town. We start walking in a dense forest of lengas, that protect us from the winds coming off the Continental Ice Field. Right from the start we are able to see lots of different glaciers; Marconi, Eléctrico, Cagliero and in the distance, towards Lago del Desierto, the Vespignani glacier.

The path is quite flat and the climbs are gentle. We arrive at our first viewpoint, Piedras Blancas glacier and a bit later we leave the forest and end up in a clearing where we can admire in all their splendour the peaks of "S", Saint Exupéry, Poincenot, Fitz Roy, Mermoz and Guillaumet. We then climb 400m in about an hour until we arrive at Laguna de los Tres. During this steep kilometer up to Laguna de los Tres, the path will be rocky and with steps, and on way up all the time, on arriving at the highest point on the path, we are rewarded by the majestic views of Fitz Roy, the glacier de los Tres and its lagoon. The grandeur of this location makes you feel very insignificant. From here we circle Laguna de los Tres and head towards the viewpoint of the Laguna Sucia and its glacier.

After a rest and a bite for lunch, we will start the descent and walk back to El Chaltén.

En route we go past some varying landscape, crystal clear streams and we pass by Laguna Capri – a favourite spot for photographers. After visiting the lagoon we drop down into the valley where El Chaltén is located.



#### Technical data:

Length: 8/9 hours Trip Level: Difficult Season: October to april



Group Size: Variable: 1 Guide: 15 pax

Does not include: meals

Note: Depending on the winter, shorter treks may be necessary, this will be decided by the guide

Return and night at the hotel

# ✓ DAY 05: EL CHALTEN

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer on time to El Calafate Airport.

#### **VERY IMPORTANT NOTES**

- ✓ The program may be modified due to operational issues or weather conditions.
- ✓ The program may be modified according to the booking flights.
- ✓ At the time of booking it is essential to send photocopies of passports.
- ✓ The rates indicated in this quote are subject to change due to the application of possible Health & Safety Protocols decreed by the Ministries of Health and Transport, especially regarding the number of passengers allowed per boat, motorboat and/or vehicle in relation to their capacity.
- ✓ Rates not valid for special dates, please consult.
- ✓ The activities can be carried out, depending on the good weather conditions.
- ✓ The regular tours do not operate every day, so they may be adapted or modified according to the date of travel.
- ✓ Foreign passengers not resident in Argentina do not have to pay the value added tax (VAT), but in case of no show or cancellation with penalty, the VAT 21% will be added to the penalty to be paid.

#### THE RATES INCLUDE:

- \*02 nights in El Calafate/02 nights in El Chalten with breakfast in mentioned hotels or similar
- \* Services and transfers as mentioned above.

# THE RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- \*Flights
- \*Meals and beverages
- \*Everything not mentioned
- \*Extras in the hotel
- \*Tips
- \*Early check-in
- \*Late check-out
- \*Insurance
- \*Personal expenses
- \*Optional activities
- \*Water bottles