



GLACIERS TO JUNGLE: BEST OF ARGENTINA



Buenos Aires ☀ Patagonia Glaciers ☀ Tierra del Fuego ☀ Ushuaia ☀ Iguazu Falls

Monday : Introduction to Patagonia



After arriving the previous night or early morning in Buenos Aires, fly far South to El Calafate, gateway to the Los Glaciaras National Park. A spectacular 4*4 trail to the top of Mount Frias will introduce you to the magnificent scenery of Southern Patagonia, and on a very clear day, the distant majestic Torres del Paines in neighboring Chile could even be seen.

A visit to the world-class Glaciarium prepares us for the next two day's encounters with some of the world's most incredible glaciers.

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Tuesday : Lago Argentina and Upsala Glacier



We set off on a boat on the pristine Lago Argentina through magnificent scenery of mountains, ice-bergs, and different shades of clear water, to the Upsala region of the Las Glaciaras National Park. After close encounters with magnificent blue-coloured ice-bergs, we stop about 5km away from the largest glacier in the park, the massive Upsala glacier . After viewing the massive glacier from as close as safety allows, we sail around the peninsula , where we board four by four's for a scenic drive through the mountains , passing one of Argentina's legendary Tree Cemeteries en route. A short walk up the hill takes us to the summit, where we are rewarded with a panoramic view of the Upsala and the turquoise waters it spills into.....

Wednesday: Perito Moreno Glacier



A magnificent early-morning drive from El Calafate along Lago Argentina and the nearby mountains takes us to the Las Glaciares National Park, and one of the world's most beautiful glaciers, the famous Perito Moreno.

Our first encounter with this wonder of nature is by boat, where a short boat ride takes us up close to the southern wall of this ice-beauty. We then spend the afternoon admiring the views of the Northern face of the glacier from the extensive walkways designed for this purpose, hoping to catch and even film a calving, the spectacular scene where large chunks of ice break off the glacier from the summer thaw and crash into the lake below, with a deafening thunder, creating icebergs.

The fit and adventurous can choose in advance to extend this day by booking an ice-trekking expedition on the glacier, which will take you with crampons, onto the ice itself, and possibly even into the surreal caves and hollows inside the ice. A short flight takes us as far South as a boeing will fly us, to the port of Ushuaia, the Southernmost city in the world! Enjoy the late Patagonian sunset after a well deserved dinner!

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Thursday: Ushuaia and Tierra del fuego National Park



The legendary “Train to the end of the world”, an old style steam train, takes us through Subantarctic forests on an old convicts route to the entrance of the spectacular Tierra del fuego National Park. The train passes through magnificent scenery, including forests, snow-capped peaks, waterfalls, and the eerie and ever-present tree cemeteries of Patagonia. We are met by our vehicle that takes us through the park, stopping at gorgeous beaches, lakes, and viewing points, till we reach the end of the Pan American Highway, over 14,000 km from its other end in Alaska! After lunch, the chairlift or a brisk climb takes us to the top of the martial glacier, a small but unique glacier overlooking Ushuaia and the Beagle Channel, the narrow waterway that separates the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. We end our day with a later afternoon boat cruising, hoping to see seals, penguins, and spectacular views of Ushuaia harbor and the surrounding Andes Mountains.

Friday : Ushuaia to Buenos Aires



A 4*4 adventure takes us deep into the Andes mountains and valleys behind Ushuaia, exploring the lakes and forests of this gorgeous region. For an extra cost, a helicopter flight over the area is highly recommended, with the possibility of a landing on a snow-covered peak overlooking the city and ocean, weather permitting. A midday flight takes us back to Buenos Aires, where we take off our coats, put on our summer clothes, and prepare for Shabbos in one of the world’s most Jewish cities.

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Saturday : Buenos Aires



We spend a wonderful Shabbos in one of Buenos Aires's historic neighborhoods. This is a day of walking, davening in its shul's, fine-dining, and exploring the city in foot with one of the city's expert tour guides. Groups that stay near the densely populated Jewish district of Onse, will daven in the various Sephardi and Ashkenazi communities and walk the streets of the most Jewish area in the Southern Hemisphere, enjoying a walk through the nearby downtown areas after lunch. Those who choose to stay in the stylish French neighborhood of Recoleta will daven in the nearby Chabad, and enjoy an afternoon walking tour of the Recoleta district, enjoying the French architecture, parks, as well as a visit to the Evita memorial.

Sunday : Buenos Aires



Today, with the help of one of the best guides in the city, we really get to know the legendary Argentine capital, known in the tourist industry as the "Paris of South America." In truth, this bustling modern metropolis has elements of New York, London, Frankfurt, and Venice, all in a Latin American Setting.

From the old, colorful soccer-famous barrio of Boca in the south, to the modern Puerto Madero Riverfront, and from the Jewish textile shops of Onse in the West, to the French Cafes and "Rodeo Drive" style Avenida Alvear and malls of Recolette and Palermo in the North, this city has something for everyone.

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Monday : Buenos Aires



Buenos Aires has so much to do that one needs many weeks to full explore it.

Today, we offer a choice of activities so everyone can enjoy the region in his own way.

One option is a day out in the country with the Gauchos, the Argentinean version of cowboys, where you ride in a chariot, watch a gaucho show, and enjoy a traditional gaucho barbecue (kosher of course, numbers permitting.)

Another option is enjoying the beauty of the Rio de la Plata, the widest river in the world, on which both Buenos Aires and the Uruguayan Capital, Montevideo, are situated. In addition to the urban parts of the river, which gets as wide as 200km at its widest, there is the nearby Tigre delta, where the many smaller rivers that feed the Rio create an inland delta of islands, river beaches, and a boating paradise where the distant skyline of the city is the only reminder of the urban sprawl so close

Those who prefer to remain in the city and explore its many museums, kosher restaurants, theatres houses, and shopping malls, also have this option.

Choice need to made one month prior to tour.

Tuesday : Iguazu Falls/Argentina



This morning, we fly north, to the jungles, and the world's widest waterfalls, the mighty Iguazu Falls. Spanning 2800m at the meeting point of Argentina, Brazil, and nearby Paraguay, the mighty Iguazu river plunges down to the thunderous roar of the power of water, and the spectacle is indescribable. Today, we explore the falls on the Argentina side by train and foot, enjoying the numerous trails in the National Park that reward us with sights and sounds most people only dream of.

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Wednesday : Iguazu Falls/Brazil



Today, we cross the border into Brazil, and view the falls from the opposite side of this massive river. Here, the views are completely different, and the whole panorama of the falls is visible. It is impossible to describe the splendor and uniqueness of both sides of these incredible wonders of nature. In Brazil, we also approach the falls by boat, and we will get soaking wet from the spray and the waves. We also visit the Exotic bird park, home to one of the greatest collection of parrots and Tucons in the world, many indigenous to the region, and some of which we hope to see in the wild in the park as well. We return to our hotel in Argentina for a delicious dinner

Thursday : Iguazu Falls/Brazil



This morning is free for extra activities that we didn't manage on the previous days, including options for jungle safaris, helicopter rides, or just spa treatments and drinks at our hotel. In the afternoon, we fly back to Buenos Aires on time to connect for our international flights back home. From glaciers to jungle, the Argentine sure does have it all!

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