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Patagonia Explorer

December 2-15, 2023

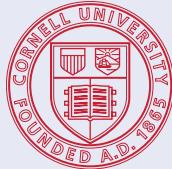
**14 days from \$7,097 total price from Miami
(\$6,295 air & land inclusive plus \$802 airline taxes and fees)**



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Travel with us on an exclusive 14-day tour to Patagonia to discover the remarkable diversity of southernmost South America. On this special small group journey, you will visit national parks, view stunning scenery and take a day cruise to experience massive glaciers up close.

Begin in Punta Arenas, capital of Chile's Magallanes Region, where you get a close-up view of Patagonian Chile on an excursion to a working *estancia* for a sheep-shearing demonstration and traditional *asado* lunch. Take a day cruise through the Strait of Magellan to Magdalena Island to view the two-foot-tall Magellanic penguin in its natural habitat. Spend three nights in Torres del Paine to admire the park's jagged peaks, ice-blue glaciers, turquoise lakes, rushing rivers and thunderous waterfalls. Cross over into Argentina, where you embark on another cruise to view the jaw-dropping scenery at Los Glaciares National Park, including Perito Moreno Glacier. After exploring the town of El Calafate, your tour concludes with two days in the vibrant Argentine capital of Buenos Aires. For those interested in beginning the tour earlier in revered and remote Easter Island, a 4-day/4-night pre-tour option is available.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. Reserve risk-free today!

Warmly,

Cornell Alumni Travel

CORNELL RESERVATION FORM: PATAGONIA EXPLORER

To reserve your place on tour, please call **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** toll-free at **888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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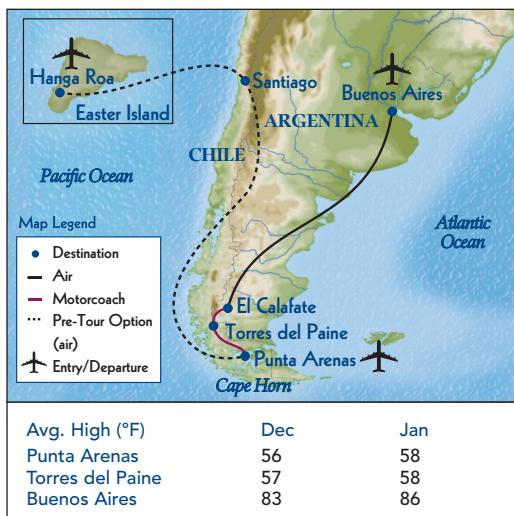
Pre-Tour "Easter Island – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Patagonia Explorer

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Join us in Patagonia, the unspoiled wilderness at lands' end, shared by Chile and Argentina. Here, the Torres del Paine massif presides over rugged plains, and ice-blue glaciers speckle the sea. As we visit two breathtaking national parks in this remote region, we experience nature at its purest, up close and unfettered. And a stay in Buenos Aires adds zest to our small group journey.



Day 1: Depart for Punta Arenas, Chile

Day 2: Arrive Punta Arenas We arrive today in Punta Arenas, capital of Chile's southernmost Magallanes region. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned.

Day 3: Punta Arenas/Magdalena Island On our day cruise through the storied Strait of Magellan today, we have the opportunity to see for ourselves an animal that most people have only seen in captivity: the Magellanic penguin, the two-foot-tall flightless bird that numbers among the millions along the southern tip of South America. We cruise to tiny Magdalena Island, home to a colony of more than 120,000 pen-quins that coexist peacefully with cormorants, sea lions, and other species. We return to Punta Arenas, where we enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight we gather for a welcome dinner. *B,D*

Day 4: Punta Arenas We get a close-up view of Patagonian Chile today on our excursion to a working *estancia* (ranch). We visit with the local cowboys who work here and watch a sheepdog exercise to see how these amazing animals perform their important job of herding. We also see a sheep-shearing demonstration and learn how the wool is processed. Then we enjoy a traditional Patagonian *asado* (barbecue) lunch at the ranch before our return to Punta Arenas, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. *B,L*

Day 5: Punta Arenas/Torres del Paine Today we set out by motorcoach for the six-hour journey north to Torres del Paine National Park, stopping for lunch en route. Sitting on the shores of Ultima Esperanza Sound, Torres del Paine comprises a 700-square-mile national park and UNESCO reserve. Upon arrival at our hotel this afternoon, we set out on a gentle hike to take in some of the spectacular surroundings. We dine together tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Torres del Paine National Park Today marks our first full day in Torres del Paine, one of the most unspoiled and beautiful nature preserves on Earth. We spend the day exploring this unparalleled landscape of jagged peaks, virgin forests, ice-blue glaciers, turquoise lakes, rushing rivers, and thunderous waterfalls. We also visit magnificent Lago Grey,

Small Group Tour Highlights

Day cruise to see Magellanic penguins on Magdalena Island • Visit to working *estancia* for traditional barbecue lunch and sheep-shearing demonstration • Three-night stay in Torres del Paine National Park, with excursions • Day cruise in Los Glaciares National Park, with excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier • El Calafate's Glaciarium center • Buenos Aires stay and touring

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|-------|---|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Depart U.S. for Punta Arenas | | |
| 2-4 | Punta Arenas | Hotel Cabo de Hornos | First Class |
| 5-7 | Torres del Paine | Hotel Rio Serrano | First Class |
| 8-10 | El Calafate | Hotel Posada Los Alamos | First Class |
| 11-12 | Buenos Aires | Emperador Hotel Buenos Aires | Deluxe |
| 13 | Buenos Aires/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight) | | |
| 14 | Arrive U.S. | | |

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



Our tour begins in grand Punta Arenas.

which is fed by the glacier of the same name in the Southern Patagonia Ice Field. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Torres del Paine National Park Our second day of exploration in the park features Laguna Amarilla, Laguna Azul, and Cascade Rio Paine, along with resident wildlife. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Torres del Paine/El Calafate, Argentina

We travel to Argentine Patagonia today, crossing the border at Cancha Carrera then continuing on to the southern shores of Lago Argentino and the town of El Calafate, gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Late afternoon we reach our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Los Glaciares National Park/Perito Moreno

It's a full day of jaw-dropping scenery, as we set out this morning on our boat trip to Perito Moreno Glacier, inside the national park. We cruise on Lago Argentino, the country's largest and most southerly lake. At Toro Bay, we disembark for a guided walk through the Andean Patagonian forest, where we see a variety of trees, including a 100-year-old cherry tree whose trunk is almost 10 feet in diameter. Back on board, we continue on to a spot where we can view two glaciers: Mayo Hill and Negro Hill "hanging" glacier that starts high on the valley wall and descends only part-way down. Then we disembark at Negro Hill for another guided walk. Returning to our boat, we enjoy a simple box lunch en route to the northern wall of Perito Moreno Glacier, the spectacular 97-square-mile mass of ice that counts as one of Argentina's most popular attractions. Here we disembark at the floating pier, where we can get panoramic views of Perito Moreno from different heights and angles. *B,L*

Day 10: El Calafate This morning we put some of what we saw on Day 9 into perspective as we visit the Glaciarium, a modern interpretation center devoted to the Patagonian Icefield and its glaciers through models, photographs, and interactive exhibits. Built to blend in with the natural environment, the Glaciarium features a dramatic façade that evokes the

Pre-Tour Extension

November 28-December 3, 2023

Easter Island

4 days/4 nights from \$2,695 total price

Single Supplement: \$895

*Discover revered and remote Easter Island,
home of the Rapa Nui people and their
enigmatic moai statues.*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Easter Island/Punta Arenas
- 4 nights' accommodations: 3 nights at Hotel Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa (Superior First Class); 1 night in Santiago at Holiday Inn Santiago-Airport Terminal (First Class)
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including visits to multiple *moai* sites across the island; Sebastian Englert Anthropological Museum; Puna Pau and Rano Kau craters, Orongo birdman cult ruins, Rano Raraku volcano, Anakena Beach
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Land only guests: \$2,895 total price

“GET UP! THE SUN RISES FOR EVERYBODY.”

– CHILEAN PROVERB

face of the Perito Moreno Glacier. Following our experience here, we return to town for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure. *B,D*

Day 11: El Calafate/Buenos Aires We transfer to El Calafate airport today for our flight to the lively Argentine capital of Buenos Aires. Dinner tonight is on our own in this city known especially for its *asado* – and for its late dining hours. *B*

Day 12: Buenos Aires Highlights of our full-day city tour include the elegant mansions and lovely parks and gardens of the leafy Palermo neighborhood; the colorful bohemian district of La Boca; picturesque San Telmo, the city's oldest neighborhood; elegant Recoleta cemetery, with its elaborate mausoleums; and historic Government House. Tonight, we visit one of the city's tango houses for dinner and a show. *B,D*

Day 13: Buenos Aires/Depart for U.S. This morning we tour Teatro Colon, Buenos Aires' beloved opera house that ranks as one of the world's most important, on par with Milan's La Scala and the

Vienna State Opera. Then we celebrate our Patagonian adventure over a farewell lunch. We return to our day rooms at our hotel; the remainder of the day is at leisure before this evening's transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to the U.S. *B,L*

Day 14: Arrive U.S. We arrive in the U.S. this morning

and connect with our return flights home.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 11 nights' accommodations in Deluxe and First Class hotels
- 25 meals: 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We spend two days exploring Torres del Paine.



Easter Island's moai
(pre-tour option)

Tour Departs: December 2, 2023

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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| Miami | \$7,097 |
| Orlando, Tampa | \$7,397 |
| Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Washington, DC | \$7,497 |
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| Land Only (transfers not included) | \$6,095 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$802, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$2,195. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days before departure. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight: \$2,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment, between 1-3 miles per day, unassisted. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation results in double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

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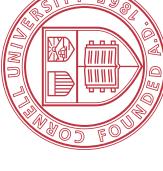
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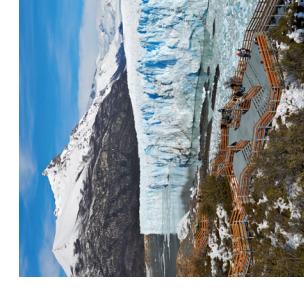


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