



## Authentic Patagonia (#19236)

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### Trip Highlights

El Calafate - Estancia Cristina

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 1 El Calafate

Arrival and reception at the airport. If you have time, do not miss the opportunity to visit the Glaciarium, a museum dedicated to glaciology, or to do some activity that allows you to get to know the steppe by enjoying lunch or dinner.

**Meal:** No Meal

#### Day 02

#### Day 2 El Calafate



Today we explore part of Los Glaciares National Park, declared a Natural Heritage Site by UNESCO. We leave from the hotel by the Route of the Patagonian Estancias, until we reach Nibepo Aike, where we enjoy lunch. In the afternoon, we sail Lake Argentino, and we disembark in Playa de las Monedas to make a walk until the viewpoint of the glacier. We continue to Bajo Las Sombras, from where we transfer to the footbridges and we have the chance to admire the glacier from a different point of view, at a moment of the day when the silence and the detachments make this spectacle even better.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 03

### Day 3 El Calafate - Estancia Cristina

Departure to Puerto Banderas where we embark to sail Argentino Lake and to arrive at a unique corner, Estancia Cristina. First, we sail through the Northern Arm in order to admire the Upsala Glacier and then we take Cristina Branch to finally arrive to Estancia Cristina. Founded in 1914, the Estancia still retains its essence, keeping alive the history of this pioneer family that made this place their home. After checking in, a host will explain to us about the activities we can do during our stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 04

### Day 4 Estancia Cristina

We are able to choose between the following activities offered by the lodge:

Hiking/ Trekking:

De Los Perros Cascade: 2,5 hours roundtrip. Low difficulty.

Pesca Lagoon: 3 hours roundtrip. Low difficulty.

Carnero Hill: 4,5 hours roundtrip. Medium difficulty, good physical condition is recommended.

Del Hielo Viewpoint: 3,5 hours one way. Medium/high difficulty (steep slope the last 40 minutes)

Upsala Viewpoint: 2,5 horas one way. Medium difficulty.

Cristina Viewpoint: 6 hours roundtrip. Medium/high difficulty.

Cañadón de los Fósiles: 6 hours roundtrip (one way trip in 4x4). Medium/high difficulty. Good physical condition is recommended.

Horseback riding: Cristina Viewpoint: 5/7 hours roundtrip. Ride through Valley of River Caterina, ascending the western mountainside of Mesón Hill, to Puesto Los Perros.

Pesca Lagoon: 2/3 hours roundtrip. Minimum difficulty.



**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 05

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**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 06

### Day 6 Estancia Cristina - El Calafate

In the morning, we embark to return to Punta Banderas from where we will take the transfer to the airport.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Inclusions

-Needed transfers.

-Accommodation: 5 nights.

El Calafate (2) - Estancia Cristina Lodge (3).

-Tours: El Calafate: Sur Pioneros Glacier- Boat Trip to Estancia Cristina.

Estancia Cristina: activities offered by the lodge.



-Meals: 5 breakfasts - 5 lunches - 3 dinners.  
-Needed ticket to the National Park.

## Exclusions

Flight tickets and airport taxes.

Extra: Meals, drinks, tips, laundry service, telephone call and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.

Early check in / late check out.

Optional activities.

Gratuities.

Travel and medical insurance.

## Note

Hotels Used Or Similar

EL CALAFATE - POSADA DE LOS ALAMOS

EL CALAFATE - ESTANCIA CRISTINA

SEASON: MID OCTOBER - APRIL

Operational note:

Day 3 Estancia Cristina's season is from October 15th to April 15th.

Day 6: The return from the estancia is at 2.30 PM arriving at Puerto Banderas at 4.30PM, so a later departure flight at 8PM is required. In case of a later return, an extra night in El Calafate is required.

To keep in mind:

The observation of the Upsala Glacier is done at a distance of 14 km, therefore it is subject to visibility.

THE TARIFFS MAY BE MODIFIED IN THE WINTER HOLIDAYS PERIOD, LONG WEEK-ENDS, NATIONAL HOLIDAY, FESTIVE SEASON (FRON DEC 23ST TO JAN 4TH),

CONGRESSES, CONVENTIONS AND INCENTIVE: HOTEL RATES ONLY UPON REQUEST.

PLEASE, ASK THE MINIMUM OF NIGHTS AND MANDATORY DINNERS.

Basic concepts

1. Flights are not included. Please check at the time of booking the required flights, as they are subject to frequent



rescheduling.

2. Lodging tax exemption. It is mandatory to receive copy of the passport in order to keep the exemption.
3. Meals as specified in the itinerary.
4. Tickets to natural reserves, national parks and museums.

#### IMPORTANT

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RATES QUOTED FOR ACCOMMODATION IN ARGENTINA (EXCEPT USHUAIA AND HOTELS WITH SPECIAL TAX CATEGORY), DO NOT INCLUDE VAT ACCORDING TO THE REGULATION OF VAT EXEMPTION FOR EVERY PERSON RESIDENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO GET THE VAT EXEMPTION AS QUOTED WE WILL NEED TO RECEIVE COPY OF THE PASSPORTS FOR ALL PASSENGERS.

SERVICES AND PRICES NOT INCLUDED, ARE UPON REQUEST.

CONGRESSES, CONVENTIONS AND INCENTIVE: HOTEL RATES ONLY UPON REQUEST.

ENTRANCES FEES TO NATIONAL PARKS ARE NOT INCLUDED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

HALF BOARD AND FULL BOARD SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

#### Notes:

Day 2: Southern Pioneers Glacier: This excursion is suitable for all ages. Proper attire is required for this excursion. Comfortable clothing for walking in mountainous terrain. Sufficient warm clothing to withstand temperatures.

Days 3 to 6: Services at Estancia Cristina will be shared with other guests and offered in both Spanish and English.

Day 6: The return is scheduled on the Francesco boat, departing at 2 PM from the estancia and arriving at 4:30 PM at Punta Banderas. The departure flight should be after 8 PM.

#### Private Services

Airport arrival and departure transfers with guide.

Private transfer from the hotel to Puerto Punta Banderas without guide.

Day 2: Southern Pioneers Glacier only available in regular service with Spanish and English guide.

#### Regular Services

Arrival transfer with guide and departure transfer without guide.

Regular transfer from the hotel to Puerto Punta Banderas without guide.

#### Estancia Cristina

##### Includes:

-Navigation on Lake Argentino to Upsala Arm and Cristina Channel

-Full board & non-alcoholic beverages

Activities: The host at Estancia Cristina will coordinate with each guest the activity to be carried out, according to



operational, weather, and physical conditions, as well as determine the schedules for them.

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

### Periodic Departure

#### 03 Feb, 2025 to 31 Mar, 2025

2 pax  
AUD 10,441 P P twin share  
AUD 13,001 P P single  
AVAILABLE

3 pax  
AUD 10,318 P P twin share  
AUD 12,878 P P single  
AVAILABLE

#### 01 Apr, 2025 to 30 Apr, 2025

2 pax  
AUD 10,269 P P twin share  
AUD 12,718 P P single  
AVAILABLE

3 pax  
AUD 10,145 P P twin share  
AUD 12,592 P P single  
AVAILABLE

#### 15 Oct, 2025 to 22 Dec, 2025

2 pax  
AUD 11,222 P P twin share  
AUD 13,935 P P single  
AVAILABLE

3 pax  
AUD 11,084 P P twin share  
AUD 13,796 P P single  
AVAILABLE

#### 23 Dec, 2025 to 03 Jan, 2026

2 pax  
AUD 11,377 P P twin share  
AUD 14,218 P P single  
AVAILABLE

3 pax  
AUD 11,239 P P twin share  
AUD 14,080 P P single  
AVAILABLE

#### 04 Jan, 2026 to 31 Mar, 2026

2 pax  
AUD 11,219 P P twin share  
AUD 13,935 P P single  
AVAILABLE

3 pax  
AUD 11,084 P P twin share  
AUD 13,796 P P single  
AVAILABLE

#### 01 Apr, 2026 to 30 Apr, 2026

2 pax  
AUD 11,050 P P twin share  
AUD 13,648 P P single  
AVAILABLE

3 pax  
AUD 10,912 P P twin share  
AUD 13,513 P P single  
AVAILABLE

