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ON A CLASSIC ADVENTURE TO
PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA

*Experience Patagonia with the 2023 Indianapolis Prize Winner,
Dr. Pablo Borboroglu*

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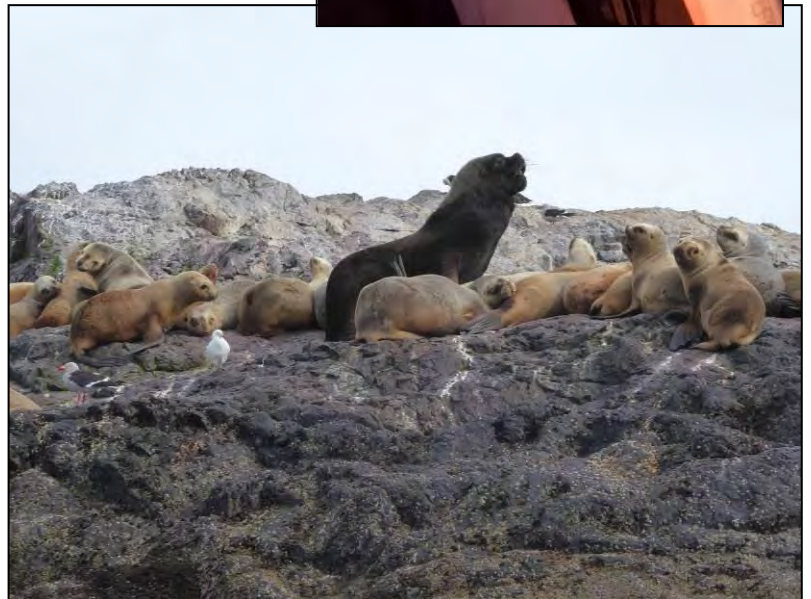
YOUR ZOO HOST ~DR. ROB SHUMAKER

Robert W. Shumaker, Ph.D. President of the Indianapolis Zoo is an evolutionary biologist who specializes in the study of behavior and cognition. Rob started his career at the Smithsonian National Zoo where during his 20-year tenure he worked as an animal keeper, curator, biologist, exhibit designer, and scientist. He went on to spend several years at the Great Ape Trust in Des Moines, Iowa as the senior scientist supervising all research with orangutans. In 2010 he moved to the Indianapolis Zoo where he is now the Zoo President.



YOUR SPECIALIST/GUIDE IN PATAGONIA: SEBASTIAN PEREZ ASTUTTI

Sebastian Pérez Astutti was born on a farm in the city of Trelew and lived there all his life. He has been leading private tours since 1997 throughout Patagonia, including Torres del Paine and Capillas de Mármol in the neighboring country of Chile, as well as Iguazu Falls. An avid birder and naturalist, he has designed and led specialized natural history programs for many groups from the US. He has ample knowledge on local history, geology and paleontology. His interests include reading – preferably old books and old newspapers, singing in a choir and developing livestock farming activities on the family farm. Since 2021 he produces and hosts a radio program dedicated to tourism in his province.



PENGUIN EXPERT DR. PABLO BORBOROGLU

Experience Patagonia with the 2023 Indianapolis Prize Winner Dr. Pablo Borboroglu

On this most incredible adventure, you will have the privilege and unique experience of spending a day and a half with Dr. Pablo “Popi” Borboroglu, an internationally recognized expert on penguin ecology and land and sea conservation. Borboroglu has spent more than three decades studying penguins and leading conservation efforts across four continents. In 2009, he founded and currently serves as the president of the Global Penguin Society, which has protected 32 million acres of penguin marine and terrestrial habitat.

In 2009, he discovered six breeding pairs of penguins at the El Pedral colony on the eastern coast of Argentina. After successfully designating the area as a wildlife refuge and reducing human impacts, the area is now home to 4,000 pairs. This is the area you will explore on this trip with Popi. He will take you on walks in El Pedral, introduce you to the lovable penguins, and discuss his research to foster your understanding of this vital marine species and the habitat it inhabits.



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~TUESDAY~ OCTOBER 29

USA/ EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight from USA to Buenos Aires. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2~WEDNESDAY~ OCTOBER 30

BUENOS AIRES

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you will be met and escorted to your centrally located hotel. Buenos Aires ranks with London, Paris, and Rome as one of the great capitals of the world. It has charm and vitality in abundance, and its teeming life lingers on until all hours of the day and night. Broad boulevards, magnificent parks, picturesque places, and a green belt of trees lace the city, creating an inviting, majestic and energetic atmosphere.



Tonight, enjoy a tango show (*El Aljibe*) in the heart of San Telmo. See the best tango couples, live orchestra and a folklore special with artists from northern Argentina.

Your evening begins at 6:30 pm, when you depart from the hotel and reach the cobbled streets of San Telmo, a historic barrio with deep roots in the tango tradition. Here you will find the restaurant, theater and site of the incredible tango show you'll watch later.

When you sit down for dinner at 7:00 pm, you'll be presented with a variety of Argentine and international dishes to choose from. Your three-course meal will be accompanied by local wine (half a bottle per person).



After dinner, at around 8:00pm, the show begins. The most popular tangos were composed decades ago but many lyrics are still current. Tango is famous the world-over for its passion, rhythm and skill level. The traditional music, captivating dancing and stunning voices truly make for an unforgettable evening of tango and gaucho traditions, such as the malambo and use of boleadoras, as well as Andean music.

With roots in the culture of 17th-century South American gauchos, the malambo was born as a contest of strength and agility. It is performed by men. Its signature move is the intense footwork, "inspired by the rhythm of galloping horses." The show lasts an hour.

The boleadoras were used for hunting by the natives of Patagonia and the pampas. Later on, they were adopted by the gauchos, silver adornments and leather covering were added, even replacing the stone boleadoras by metal ones. When the show finishes at around 9:00pm, you return to your hotel after an exciting and unforgettable evening.



Your hotel for tonight is located in Buenos Aires's Recoleta neighborhood. This luxury hotel was the first residence of Evita Perón in Buenos Aires. The 57 rooms are elegant without being ostentatious, equipped with all the modern amenities and free Wi-Fi. Bathrooms with showers feature designer toiletries and hair dryers. The hotel's Ibiza terrace is perhaps its most lovely public area. It has hydromassage bathtubs, sun beds, and overlooks tranquil gardens. Enjoy Mediterranean cuisine at 1557 Bistro, one of the hotel's two restaurants, or stay in and take advantage of the 24-hour room service.

Overnight at the MELIA RECOLETA HOTEL. (D)

<https://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/argentina/buenos-aires/melia-recoleta-plaza>



DAY 3~THURSDAY~ OCTOBER 31

Buenos Aires/El Calafate

This morning you'll spend time exploring Buenos Aires, a city full of history and culture. You'll stop by the Plaza de Mayo – Buenos Aires' oldest park and historically common focus of local activity, including political rallies and events. Surrounding the square, you will see some of the city's most important governmental buildings, including Casa Rosada – the presidential palace, the Metropolitan Cathedral completed in 1827 which occupies the site of the city's original cathedral, and the "Cabildo" – the first city hall built during Spanish rule. Continue along the Avenida and visit newer, stately government buildings. Then on to San Telmo – Buenos Aires' most authentic barrio, or neighborhood, considered a creative artist's colony, the Plaza Dorrego – known for its antique shops, and La Boca – settled by Italians and called the city's most colorful barrio because of the brightly painted buildings. There will also be a chance to see the famous Bombonera stadium, home to legendary football (soccer) giants Boca Juniors, whose colors of blue and yellow adorn most of the houses and stores in this barrio.



After lunch, transfer to the airport for your flight to El Calafate on the Southern shore of Lago Argentino (*Argentine Lake*). The wildlife in the area is remarkable. In the steppe you can find lesser rheas, guanacos, red foxes, and gray foxes. Bird species such as Andean condors, sierra-finches, seed snipes, crested caracaras and chimango caracaras, and Magellanic woodpeckers inhabit the forest along with Chilean flickers, Austral thrushes, black-chinned siskins, rufous-collared sparrows, American kestrels, Austral parakeets, and owls. In the

lake, look for swans, ducks, and flamingoes. Laguna Nimes is the ideal place to continue bird watching for ducks, flamingoes, upland geese, plovers, coots, and grebes. Condors are among the largest of flying birds with wingspans up to ten feet and hopefully you will see them.

Estancia Nibepo Aike is a typical Patagonian house, located within Los Glaciares National Park, on the southern arm of Argentino Lake. During your stay you will experience an authentic working estancia in Los Glaciares National Park with sheep, cattle and horses all managed on the grounds. The original house has more than 110 years of history and has been converted into a country lodge. The reception, lounge and dining area are in the main house, built in 1912. More recently, they have added the other rooms, all decorated in the original wooden style. The estancia has 10 spacious guest rooms: eight double rooms and two triple rooms, all with private bathrooms. The dining room serves traditional meat and vegetable dishes made mostly from home produce. Free Wi-Fi in public areas, and guests can find other amenities such as a fireplace in the lobby and a bar. Overnight at ESTANCIA NIBEPO AIKE. (B,L,D) <https://nibepoaike.com.ar/en/inicio-english/>



DAY 4~FRIDAY~ NOVEMBER 1

EL CALAFATE~ LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK ~ GLACIARES GOURMET BOAT TOUR

This remote region of Argentina is referred to as "Los Glaciares" (the glaciers) and it is covered by a vast ice sheet over 200 miles long and up to 40 miles wide. In 1973, the Parque Nacional Los Glaciares was created in order to preserve this vast glacial area. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared the area a World Heritage Site in 1981. Its main features are beautiful lakes, and the massive glaciers descending from the Andes into the icy arms on the lake's Western shores. About half of the Lago Argentino lies within the boundary of Parque Nacional Los Glaciares, which borders Chile at the Andean crest. Lago Argentino was first described in 1873, and is the southernmost of the Park's four huge lakes produced by Pleistocene glaciation. Surrounded by Patagonian steppe and beautiful Sub Antarctic vegetation and dazzling glaciers, it covers 937 square miles, including its many fjords.

You will enjoy a full-day experience on the Glaciares Gourmet Boat, a unique way to journey to one of the most wonderful places in Southern Patagonia. Sailing aboard exclusive Cruise ship *María Turquesa* you will enjoy the highest standard of comfort and gourmet cuisine, for a truly memorable day. The ship has capacity for



200 passengers. You will visit the Upsala, Spegazzini and Perito Moreno glaciers and you will enjoy one hour walk in the forest inside the Spegazzini Canal.

The enormous Perito Moreno Glacier rests here, rising nearly 200 feet above the Iceberg Channel, spanning three miles across, and from Lago Argentino reaching back 22 miles up into the Andes. Regarded as one of the world's natural wonders, Perito Moreno advances and recedes. Throughout the day, huge blocks of ice break away from the glacier and crash into the lake with a resounding thunder, creating icebergs that float downstream.



Upsala is the largest of all the glaciers in this area. To put it into perspective, Upsala covers an area that is three times larger than metropolitan Buenos Aires. This glacier has receded significantly, mainly during the last decade. Nevertheless, it is the largest glacier in the National Park and the longest in South America. Navigating the glacier is a challenge as icebergs bob, grind and even turn occasional flips. Keep in mind that for every part of iceberg above the surface, there are six to seven parts below the water's surface which can give you an idea of the tremendous size of these blocks of ice. Even in flat light, the icy blues shine with an eerie, cerulean glow unlike anything you have probably seen before. There is an excellent chance you may spot Andean condor during your cruise.

Also see Spegazzini Glacier which is the highest glacier often visited. It is also unique because it shows no signs of receding, a common phenomenon in large glaciers. On the contrary, its front wall seems larger. This glacier was named after the botanist Carlos Spegazzini who made the first studies of the local flora. It is 15.5 miles long, one mile wide, and between 262-443 feet high, with a surface of 26 square miles.



After a day of adventure navigating the glaciers, return to your estancia where your evening is at leisure. Overnight at ESTANCIA NIBEPO AIKE. (B,L,D)

DAY 5~SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 2 **EL CALAFATE~ PERITO MORENO**

Your last ice-filled morning takes you to the permanently advancing Perito Moreno Glacier, the most breathtaking of all, and Canal Los Tempanos, into which huge blocks of ice collapse, sometimes creating a dam. The sounds of this occurrence are as amazing as the visuals, as massive chunks crack off, explode into smaller bits, and crash into the lake, causing a huge, rolling wake. At times, the canal is completely blocked by this dam of ice, and under the pressure of its weight, the dam collapses in an explosion of ice and water. To be there when this occurs would be unforgettable.



Your afternoon is at leisure to partake in some of the activities of your beautiful estancia or to return to Perito Moreno and do some ice trekking (*at additional cost.*)

Overnight at ESTANCIA NIBEPO AIKE. (B,L,D)



DAY 6~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 3

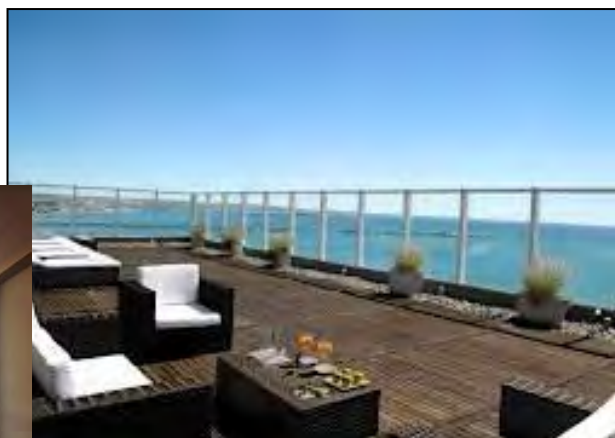
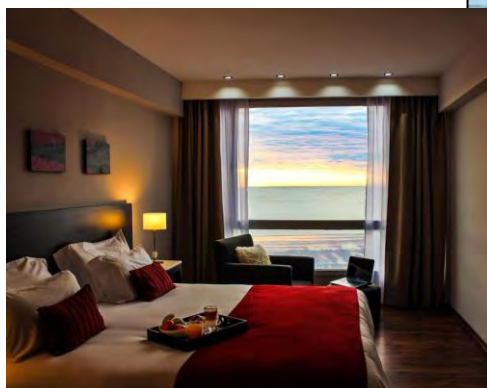
EL CALAFATE/TRELEW

Today's flight takes you to Trelew where upon arrival you drive to Puerto Madryn, another gateway to this animal-rich part of Patagonia. Nestled in a protected bay on the Gulf Nuevo, this unique city was founded by adventurous Welsh colonists in 1865. Puerto Madryn with its shopping center, springs, scenic spots and Punta Loma - a settlement of furry sea lions, is a young city of 90,000 inhabitants that will amaze and charm you.

Hotel Dazzler is situated in picturesque Puerto Madryn in the city center and on the waterfront. This contemporary hotel has 95 modern rooms equipped with modern

amenities. Bathrooms have hair dryers, and free toiletries. For some rest and relaxation, visit the sauna. Other amenities include a rooftop terrace, a gym and a bar. Guests can connect to free in-room Wi-Fi.

Overnight at the HOTEL DAZZLER PUERTO MADRYN. (B,L,D)



<https://dazzlerpuertomadryn.com/en/>

DAY 7~MONDAY~NOVEMBER 4

PUERTO MADRYN~ DOLPHIN

TOUR/PENINSULA VALDES

This morning's boat tour takes you to an encounter with dusky dolphins, also known as Fitzroy's dolphins. Leave from Puerto Madryn to search for these dolphins, and your main goal is to find the largest pods. Dusky dolphins live in pods of between five and 20 individuals, although pods of a few hundred can also be seen in Patagonian waters. These beautiful dolphins have distinct black and white coloring, which has also earned them the nickname, panda dolphins. Dusky dolphins have a short, dark beak, and the dorsal fin is black with a grey crescent clearly visible in the back half. The tail is dark and has pointed ends, with a deep notch marked in the center. The pectoral fins are long and pointed, with the curved edge and a darker color than the surroundings. Both eyes are surrounded by a small dark spot. Dusky dolphins are extremely friendly and outstanding acrobats.



You first look for dusky dolphins and common dolphins and looking for flocks of birds is how you find the dolphins. The birds include gulls, great shearwaters, cormorants and sometimes a few penguins. They all feed on the same school of fish. Common dolphins are fast swimmers and energetic acrobats. They frequently porpoise, slap the water with chin, flipper-slap and breach, sometimes turning summersaults. Dusky dolphins seem to enjoy contact with boats and will do high somersaults and twist and turn, especially after feeding. Later, sail along the South coast near Puerto Madryn to view Punta Loma Nature Reserve where there is a colony of South American sea lions and nesting Magellanic cormorants. You may see snowy sheathbills walking in amongst the sea lions.



Following your cruise, drive to Península Valdés, a protected natural area that has been pronounced a World Natural Heritage site by UNESCO in 1999. It is a headland of 4,000 km² that sticks out about a hundred kilometers into the Atlantic Ocean, with many gulfs, rocky cliffs, and shallow bays with marked differences in tides, sandy beaches, and islands. It is attached to the continent by a 25 km long strip of land: the Ameghino Isthmus. Search for some of the 180 species of sea and land birds that inhabit this barren wind-swept land. You may see lesser and great shrike-tyrants and the elegant-crested tinamou. Seabirds will include giant petrels, South American terns, royal and Cabot's terns, as well as nesting Magellanic, imperial and Neotropical cormorants. Crested ducks are found on the rocky shores.



Valdes is very well known for the superb ability to view the Southern right whales, which come to these waters to mate and give birth. People from around the world arrive every year drawn by the allure of the Southern right whale; a species nearly hunted to extinction in the 1800s. Legend has it that these whales got their names for being the "right" whales to hunt, that are gentle and willing to approach boats and hence easy prey. That same docility today makes the Southern right whale easily accessible to tourists. Migratory by nature, the whales make their home off the Valdes Peninsula from May until December.



Patrolling the skies above you, look for the chimango caracara and variable hawks, seeking small rodents or birds, and easily spotted is the American oystercatcher's trademark blood-red bill. You may also see some Argentine endemics, like carbonated sierra-finch, rusty-backed monjita, white-throated cacholote and band-tailed earth creeper.

Your home for the next three nights will be the exclusive and stunningly situated Estancia Rincon Chico. "Rincon" means cozy nook and no other home has been more aptly named. Each of the eight rooms has en-suite facilities with rich local wood floors and exposed beams. The cozy drawing room and family-style dining area welcome you with open arms. Just outside your door lies the natural beauty of this area. Thousands of elephant seals have chosen this coast to mate and have their offspring. They can be seen along the estancia's private 10-mile beach year-round. While walking along the different paths you will spot a wide variety of birds in their natural habitat. Along the steppe you can expect to see the Black-chinned siskin, herons, turkey vultures, owls and perhaps "Calandrias" Patagonia's chalk-browed mockingbirds. The coastline may bring sightings of gulls, cormorants, swallows, and ducks, among others.



Overnight at ESTANCIA RINCON CHICO. (B,L,D)
<https://rinconchico.com.ar/>

DAYS 8/9~TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY~ NOVEMBER 5/6

VALDES PENINSULA~ RINCON CHICO

Spend two days touring the Valdes Peninsula. On your first day, visit the Wildlife Reserve Punta Norte, where you may view sea lions. Punta Norte is most famous for the killer whale attacks on baby sea lions; although you are unlikely to witness these attacks, you should still see plenty of sea lions. And all along, search the skies for the amazing birds that are found in this region.

The Rincon Chico Ranch is an exclusive property located in the southeast corner of the Valdes Peninsula on the Patagonian sea coast, one of the richest marine areas on Earth harboring populations of Southern right whales, elephant seals, sea lions, killer whales, penguins, and numerous species of birds and fish.



Rincon Chico used to raise merino sheep. Your hosts, Maria and Agustin, managed to purchase the land from the rest of Maria's family and slowly converted it into a nature reserve. They only kept about 60 sheep, took all fences down, installed many camera traps and have been monotonizing the local fauna. They have a pair of Geoffrey's cats living on their property, the guanacos returned, as when the sheep were there, they did not have enough food. Now the grasses are knee high. The sea lion colony increased in size to an estimate of 3,000 individuals. You will go out in the early morning and return for lunch, have a short rest and go out to view wildlife once again, rarely to the same spot.

On your second day here, you will leave Rincon Chico to visit a private penguin colony, about 40 miles north. Magellanic penguins nest along 5 miles of beach and there is a small nearby Southern sea lion colony. With luck you may find the first penguin chick. During your drive look for Darwin's rhea (lesser rhea) with chicks, armadillos, foxes. You will also have the opportunity to look for killer whales who feed on elephant seal and sea lion pups along these shores.

Overnights at ESTANCIA RINCON CHICO. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 10~ SATURDAY~ NOVEMBER 7

PUERTO PYRAMIDES

Bid farewell to Rincon Chico and drive one hour to the town of Puerto Pyramides. Board your boat at Puerto Pyramides to view the amazing Southern right whales during a morning cruise (*weather permitting*). The whale-watching season begins in mid-June and ends in December. During this period, around 2,000 Southern right whales roam the waters of Valdes Peninsula, which is a breeding and nursery area. During November you will see mothers with young calves, some of which are very curious. Your captain will make sure everyone on board gets a good look and photos, positioning the zodiac in different angles. It is an amazing experience to have a forty-foot-long whale near the boat, sometimes passing under... to see how large their flukes are, to hear them blow!

Have lunch and drive to El Pedral, located 44 miles southeast of Puerto Madryn, your home for the next two nights.

El Pedral Reserve is located on the South shores of the Golfo Nuevo very near Punta Ninfas, the point that closes the bay. There is a tall lighthouse there. Elephant seals, and a huge cormorant colony nearby are sought after, but the most recent attraction is the Magellanic penguin colony that is continuously growing.

El Pedral is an original Patagonian farmhouse, built in 1923 in a beautiful and privileged location. The secluded lodge is part of a unique scenery of pebble shore, high cliffs and fauna in its natural habitat. Southern right whales, killer whales (orcas), Humbolt Penguins, elephant seals and sea lions can all be found here. While here, guests have the opportunity to walk among penguins and sea lions while catching sight of killer whales and seals frolicking offshore.



The house has eight rooms, a Quincho (barbeque area) and a swimming pool. The lodge's restaurant is known for its roast lamb, basted in local spice and fire-grilled to perfection. All communal areas are open and you could read in the library, take in the views and enjoy a drink while you wait for your home-cooked meal to arrive. After a day wandering the remote beaches, take a swim in the pool or relax in your comfortable room. Explore the night sky through the lens of the library telescope.

El Pedral is committed to the environment:

- 220 volts electricity, generated by Eolic energy. There is a diesel generator as a backup.
- There is no phone, no mobile phone sign and no Internet access. Communication with Puerto Madryn is by Radio.
- There is no TV.
- Laundry service is limited, since it is a desert area where it is important to control the use of water.
- Amenities are biodegradable.
- The lodge separates garbage and recycle.
- The Lodge does not accept credit cards.

Overnight at EL PEDRAL LODGE. (B,L,D)

<https://www.reservaelpedral.com/en/>

DAY 11~ FRIDAY~ NOVEMBER 8

EL PEDRAL RESERVE

Today the marine biologist and National Geographic Explorer Pablo "Popi" Borboroglu will join you on full-day excursion to El Pedral Reserve. Dr. Pablo Borboroglu was awarded the 2023 Indianapolis Prize, the world's leading award for animal conservation. Founded in 2006, the Indianapolis Prize recognizes and rewards conservationists who have made significant progress in saving an animal species, or multiple species, from extinction.

Dr. Borboroglu has spent more than three decades studying penguins and leading conservation efforts across four continents. In 2009, he founded and currently serves as the president of the Global Penguin Society, which has protected 32 million acres of penguin marine and terrestrial habitat. Through gaining an understanding of breeding, feeding and migration, his team can better understand the habitat needs of the species, which leads to better protections of penguin populations.

"Dr. Pablo Borboroglu is responsible for major achievements in understanding penguin behavior and ecology. He has preserved millions of acres of critical penguin habitat, which is an astonishing achievement. He is a powerful, optimistic and expert voice for animal conservation and is extremely deserving of this year's Indianapolis Prize," said Dr. Rob Shumaker, President and CEO of the Indianapolis Zoological Society, Inc.

Dr. Borboroglu worked as an advisor to create the El Pedral Reserve, at Punta Ninfas, Chubut, where ecotourism activities are practiced. In amongst the measures adopted vehicles can drive up to a mile before the penguin colony. From there on people must walk, they are not allowed to touch the penguins, and are required to keep a distance that does not affect the birds. Thanks to the good management of the area, from having a couple of penguin pairs in 2008, to more than 3.600 nesting pairs nowadays, according to the last census done by Dr. Borboroglu and his team.



There's an endless fascination in humans to watch the antics of penguins. In this part of the tour, you will get to know these curious animals and learn that the colony has about 5,000 specimens that chose this place to form their nests and have offspring. Enjoy your time here – there's such a massive display of penguins that the spectacle is awe-inspiring.

Penguins build their nests near the coast and under the bushes because the soil is easier to be handled there. Many times, the same family returns to the same nest left behind the year before. From October to March, the Magellanic penguins return to land after months at sea creating a stirring spectacle for people fortunate enough to observe them. Males and females share all the tasks – they build their nest together, they look after and defend it, as well as incubating the eggs collectively and they also share the feeding duties. The period of courtship and hatch is exhausting for the penguins; they remain on land without eating and only go to the sea to drink. Each female generally lays two eggs that are incubated for forty days, starting the first days of October. The baby penguins are born during November, covered by a layer of very smooth gray feathers, which they change later in February. They acquire their definitive plumage only a year after that. Once the difficult season of reproduction comes to an end in March, the penguins return to live in the sea until the following October, when the cycle begins again.

Overnight at EL PEDRAL LODGE. (B,L,D)

DAY 12~ SATURDAY~ NOVEMBER 9

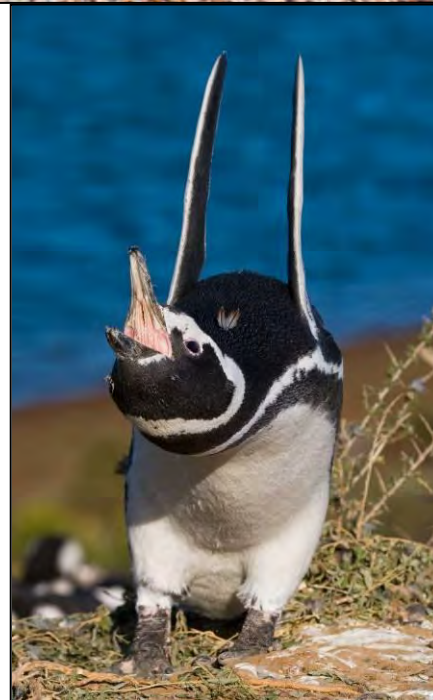
EL PEDRAL/TRELEW

Your morning is spent with Dr. Borboroglu to further explore El Pedral Reserve. Enjoy lunch at the colony before your transfer to Trelew, and your hotel for the evening in Gaiman, the heart of the Chubut River Valley and the epicenter of Welsh immigration in Argentina. Gaiman was founded in 1865 by a group of about 150 Welsh settlers who had sailed to Argentina in search of a new life in the desolate countryside of Patagonia.

Posada Los Mimbres offers comfortable accommodations with home cooking and an atmosphere of "being at home." The Welsh House, a 100-year-old building, has a large dining room, a reading room which allows visitors to learn about the past and customs of the region, and three private bedrooms, each with a private bathroom. This intimate hotel, which only accommodates up to a total of 25 guests, has an outdoor swimming pool, bicycles, kayaking, a riverwalk and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant offers traditional dishes of Patagonia made from locally grown ingredients.

Overnight at POSADA LOS MIMBRES. (B,L)

<https://www.posadalosmimbres.com.ar/index.html#>



DAY 13~ SUNDAY~ NOVEMBER 10

TRELEW~ RAWSON/GAIMAN

Today you head off to Rawson, Chubut Province's capital city, for a cruise in search of the dolphins. It lies along the Chubut River about 5 miles upriver from the Atlantic coast. Founded in 1865 by Welsh settlers, it was named after Guillermo Rawson (1821-90), then Argentine minister of the interior, and was the first Welsh settlement in Patagonia. Today it shows a constant development, evident in well traced-boulevards, peoples' hospitality, and cultural attractions.

There are many different types of dolphins that inhabit the waters of Patagonia including the dusky dolphin, Commerson's dolphin and bottlenose dolphin, all of which are common, but periodic, along the coasts of Chubut. Dolphins are fishlike in form, with streamlined, hairless bodies. Their powerful, horizontal flukes, or tail fins, drive them through or out of the water, while their fore fins and dorsal fin are used for steering. Constantly shedding their skins, dolphins accumulate no barnacles or other external parasites. A layer of blubber protects them from the cold in addition to sealing small wounds, and they breathe air through a single, dorsal blowhole.

The dolphin's intelligence, playfulness, and friendliness, its built-in smile and merry-looking eyes have been a source of interest and enchantment to human beings from earliest times; it is a common figure in mythology and literature and has been much depicted in art, especially in the posture of its graceful, arched, 30-foot leap. Dolphins have long been famous for riding the bows of ships, and it is now known that they also ride the bows of large whales. Today they are valued and exploited as entertainers in more than 40 water shows around the world and have thus become available for extensive study.

Bottlenose dolphins appear uniform grey, but their coloring can be very variable. They have a prominent dorsal fin, and have a short, well-developed snout which resembles an old-style gin bottle (hence its name). Dusky dolphins have a slender streamlined body, dark upper surface, light under-surface and a two-tone dorsal fin and a small but well-defined dark beak. Commerson's dolphins are small but striking - with their harlequin-shaped markings, they have a very unique color pattern in black and white. They lack a beak, and have rounded flippers.

Your last stop for the day is at the Paleontology Museum, home to the largest dinosaurs of Patagonia. The researchers of this museum described and recovered the *Titanosaurus Patagonia*, a huge long necked herbivore dinosaur that roamed these lands about 101 million years ago. Named *Patagotitan*, it is the largest dinosaur found in the world. Overnight at POSADA LOS MIMBRES. (B,L,D)



DAY 14~MONDAY~ NOVEMBER 11

BUENOS AIRES / EN ROUTE

Return to the Trelew Airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the MELIA RECOLETA will be available for the group's use. Your time is at leisure to enjoy sightseeing, or a last opportunity to shop. Later this evening, you will be escorted to the airport for your overnight flight back home. (B,D)

DAY 15~TUESDAY~ NOVEMBER 12

USA

Arrive back home today after a wonderful tour and eager to share your memories and photographs with family and friends.



OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO IGUAZU FALLS



DAY 1~ SATURDAY~ OCTOBER 26

USA/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Buenos Aires. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2~SUNDAY~ OCTOBER 27

BUENOS AIRES / IGUAZU FALLS

Arrive Buenos Aires this morning and transfer to the domestic airport for your flight to Iguazu Falls, where you will be met and transferred to your home for the next three nights, Loi Suites.

Located in Puerto Iguazú, just 15 minutes from the two-mile-wide Iguazú Falls, the Loi Suites Iguazú Hotel provides a luxurious retreat in Iryapù jungle, near the Iguazú River. Five stone-clad buildings decorated in a sober, elegant fashion are scattered among dense clusters of eucalypt and rosewood trees. All of the 160 rooms are spacious and equipped with modern amenities. This four-star hotel ensures you a unique stay in the subtropical jungle, enjoying intense contact with nature and many comforts including a large outdoor pool, spa services and free Wi-Fi available in all areas.



Overnight at LOI SUITES IGUAZU HOTEL, in studio junior rooms. (No Meals)

<https://www.loisuites.com.ar/iguazu.html>

DAY 3~MONDAY~ OCTOBER 28

IGUAZU FALLS~ ARGENTINEAN SIDE OF IGUAZÚ FALLS

Enjoy a half day visit to the Argentine side of the Iguazu Falls National Park. This side of the park was created in 1934 and covers nearly 125,000 acres, offering unique contact with nature, as it is possible to get within a few steps from the thundering cascades. The falls straddle Argentina and Brazil. Most of the falls lie on the Argentine side, which provides the most extensive viewing with trails that bring you below and above the falls. The Brazilian side offers a more passive, yet panoramic view and the photography opportunities are excellent. Your exploration in the next few days will include both countries' vantage point. The National Park of Iguazú is set among exotic subtropical forests and has been declared a Natural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. Although the falls are certainly the star attraction here, the surrounding forest is packed with exotic animals, birds and insects as well as various species of interesting fauna.

Arriving at the Visitors Center, you can access the Nature Interpretation Center of Iguazu National Park, a building which also provides areas for cultural, educational and social activities; then you will find the starting point for an amazing tour including:

Devils Gorge: Departing from Cataratas Station, the train will take you to Garganta Station in about 18 minutes. The stroll along the catwalks is 3,937 feet long, across the islands of the delta, leading to the main balcony on the most spectacular fall, the Devil's Gorge. Time required: two (2) hours. Difficulty: low, no stairs.

Upper Trail: it offers magnificent panoramic view of the falls from the Upper Iguazu River. Time required: 1.15 hrs. Difficulty: low, no stairs.

Overnight at LOI SUITES IGUAZU HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 4~ TUESDAY~ OCTOBER 29

IGUAZU FALLS ~BRAZILIAN SIDE OF IGUAZÚ FALLS

Your morning will focus on visiting the falls from the Brazilian side. This vantage offers the best photography choices, particularly in the morning, as you will have a superb panorama of the points you visited the previous day on the Argentine side. At points along the walkway path, there is almost always a continuous rainbow caused by myriad water droplets. You may have to deal with a constant spraying (bring a plastic bag to protect your camera) but the dampness will be well worth the views. Lunch at Puerto Canoas.

Also enjoy the Macuco Safari which takes place in the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls. The 1.8 miles boat ride upriver is the best way to get as close as possible to some of the magnificent 275 water falls. Very skillful pilots can maneuver the boat so that the water falling 263 feet from above touches the front end of your boat! This tour is guaranteed to get you wet so be sure to bring a swimming costume. The safari starts with a short ride through the jungle, with the chance to see tropical wildlife and vegetation, before a short walk along an old Indian trail leads to the river and the boat.

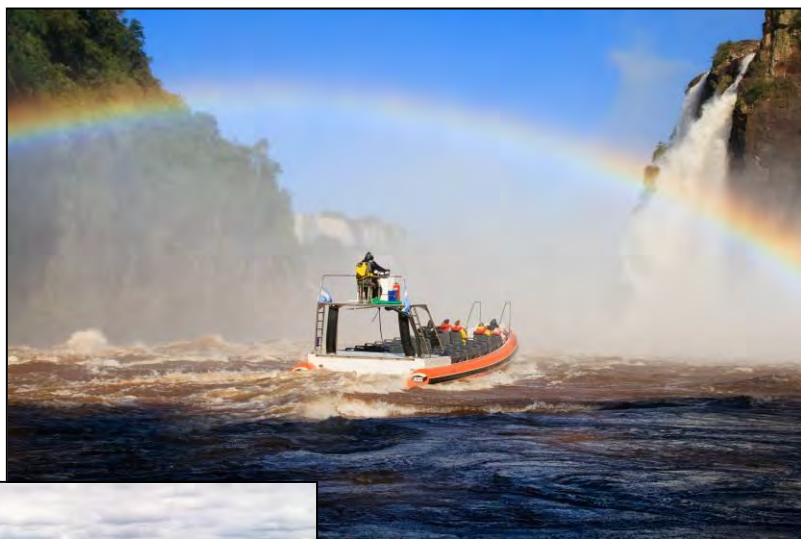
Overnight at LOI SUITES IGUAZU HOTEL. (B,L,D)



DAY 5~WEDNESDAY~ OCTOBER 30

IGUAZÚ FALLS/BUENOS AIRES

After breakfast, your morning is at leisure to further explore the falls or soak up some of the atmosphere before you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Here you will meet up with the group arriving from the USA and proceed with the itinerary as stated above. (B)



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PATAGONIA

Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of motor coaches and motorboats unassisted.
- You should also be able to tolerate nature walks at an easy pace on uneven terrain, sometimes uphill, for three or four hours at a time.
- Should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur. True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations.
- A spirit of adventure, curiosity, and flexibility.
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with overall good infrastructure but with at times rustic accommodations and adventure activities. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm. Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

Air Schedules

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is Buenos Aires, Argentina. The post extension returns from Santiago.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.



INCLUSIONS

- All ground transfers in air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Air within Patagonia, (Buenos Aires/ El Calafate , El Calafate/Trelew and Trelew/ Buenos Aires).
- Roundtrip flight between Buenos Aires and Iguazu Falls on the pre-extension.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- An escort from Indianapolis Zoo will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on both the main tour and on the extensions.
- Dr. Pablo Borboroglu will be with the group at El Pedral.
- Led by expert local guides throughout.
- All meals as specified above.
- All entry fees.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and portorage.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip air transportation from USA to Buenos Aires. The post-extension returns from Santiago. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. U.S. citizens do not require a visa for Argentina on visits less than 90 days.
- The Brazilian Ministry of Tourism has announced that as of June 17, 2019, U.S. Citizens will no longer require a visa to visit Brazil.
- Reciprocity Fee for Argentina has been SUSPENDED for US Citizens ONLY, therefore, no visa or reciprocity fees are currently required from US tourists visiting Argentina for up to 90 days.
- As of February 26, 2014, Chile no longer charges a reciprocity fee for U.S citizens.
- Gratuities to driver, naturalist-guide, and other conveyance attendants.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, But Is Subject To Change.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: BUENOS AIRES, , EL CALAFATE , PARQUE NACIONAL LOS GLACIARES, TRELEW, PUERTO MADRYN, PENINSULA VALDES, PUERTO PIRAMIDES, EL PEDRAL RESERVE & CAIMAN

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DATES: OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 12, 2024

<u>COST:</u> BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN TOUR TO PATAGONIA BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS	PRE-EXTENSION TO IGUAZU FALLS BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND PACKAGE & ALL INTERNAL AIR	\$17,995 PER PERSON	\$3,695 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$4,995 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$995 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL

*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS: The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is Buenos Aires, Argentina. The post extension returns from Santiago.**



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "**You**" and "**Traveler**"), and Classic Escapes ("**Classic Escapes**", "**We**", "**Us**") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("**Terms**", "**Agreement**"):

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: You will be required to pay the following per person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- \$3,600 for main trip
- \$750 for the pre-extension

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to departure (July 26 2024) unless otherwise stated. Some airfares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Payments may be made by check or with a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.) Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS: If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse, or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal, or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

ADDITIONAL FEES: Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see 'Your Journey at a Glance' section for the cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and specialist guide(s) are not included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION: Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and cancelled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (May 2, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$1,500 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
- 179 days to 96 days prior to departure (May 3 to July 25, 2024), deposit is forfeited.
- 95 days to 60 days prior to departure (July 26 to August 30, 2024), 25% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (August 31, 2024), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

REFUNDS: While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

CHANGES: Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you, and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORTS: All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

REAL ID: Beginning October 1, 2021, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit www.tsa.gov/real-id.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.

Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

FLIGHT CONFIRMATION: We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Federal law prohibits passengers from carrying hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

INSECTICIDE NOTICE: Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at <https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

BAGGAGE & FEES: Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also listed on your final documents.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans, unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

GUIDES: If one of Classic Escapes' guides are unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

TOUR ITINERARY: To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings and required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. Travel carriers and local authorities at travel destinations may require specific testing prior to boarding and/or upon arrival at your destination, including, but not limited to, a temperature check as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be denied entry onto your carrier and/or entry upon arrival at your destination or be required to self-quarantine at your destination and upon your return to the United States. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site <http://travel.state.gov>, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In order to participate in one of our tours, travelers must certify that they have not recently been treated for, nor are aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Classic Escapes and their representatives during their journey. Travelers must maintain suitable physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands throughout their journey. Travelers MAY be required to wear masks in vehicles, indoor areas, and any outdoor areas where physical distancing is not possible and in accordance with local regulations. Noncompliance with these procedures will result in the suspension of the journey. **Travelers voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing, quarantine, or become infected with COVID-19.** Classic Escapes will endeavor to provide assistance wherever possible.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. However, no representation or description of the insurance made by Classic Escapes to you constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. Classic Escapes is not an insurance company and has no responsibility for the submission, payment, or adjustment of any insurance claims. Any insurance claims that may fall under the relevant travel insurance policy must be submitted to the insurance company identified in the policy. We recommend the following service – please visit the website to enroll: <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company, Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and reference ARC #71298. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. **THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.**

EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during your trip via Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000.
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Medical Plan (926801)

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=AL&ProductCode=926801&PlanCode=NW&FileType=PROD_PLAN_GM

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY: We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motorcoach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated to Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third party entities.

LIABILITY: Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage which may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

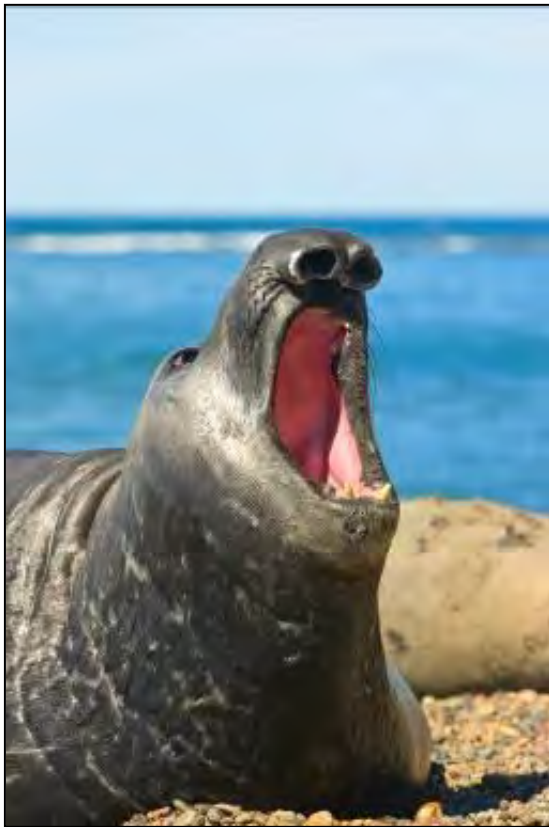
FORCE MAJEURE: Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

REFUSAL OF SERVICE: Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE: Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgement and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

GOVERNING LAW: The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.



RESERVATION FORM:

INDIANAPOLIS ZOO ~PATAGONIA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$3,600 per person, plus \$750 for the pre-extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the tour to Patagonia departing on October 29, 2024. Check your Journey at a Glance page for all pricing.
Final payment due date is **July 26, 2024**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001

Charge deposit to: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): ☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- ☐ I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- ☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ☐ ONE ☐ TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- ☐ I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- ☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Indianapolis Zoo or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount listed on the Journey at a Glance page.
I prefer to share with: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-smoker.
- ☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost.
- ☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s). ☐ Iguazu Fall pre-extension.

CLASSIC ESCAPES CAN ASSIST WITH INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM ANY US CITY.

- ☐ YES, I WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE. PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION TO DEPART FROM _____
I REQUIRE: ☐ ECONOMY ☐ BUSINESS/FIRST CLASS

We'd love to send you exclusive offers and the latest news from our partners around the world. We'll always treat your personal details with the utmost care and will never sell them to other companies for marketing purposes. ☐ No thanks, I don't want to hear about offers and news.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of August 15, 2023, and are subject to change. Cancellation penalties are applicable as outlined in the Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.
191 W Poplar Street,
Floral Park, NY 11001

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased. _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(Visa, MasterCard or Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of August 15, 2023, and are subject to change. Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (May 2, 2024), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$1,500 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
- 179 days to 96 days prior to departure (May 3 to July 25, 2024), deposit is forfeited.
- 95 days to 60 days prior to departure (July 26 to August 30, 2024), 25% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (August 31, 2024), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.