

## UC Retirees Travel presents ...





## The Wilderness Beyond: Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego & the Chilean Fjords

**Argentina:** Buenos Aires, El Calafate, Perito Moreno Glacier, Ushuaia | **Chile:** Torres del Paine, Beagle Channel, Glacier Alley, Cape Horn, 4-night Chilean Fjords Cruise



## **OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

Santiago & Easter Island's Sacred Sites

PRE-TRIP: 6 nights from \$4,295

Iguassu Falls: Thundering Cascades

of Argentina & Brazil

POST-TRIP: 4 nights from \$2,095

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G6-28708

## **15** days starting from **\$10,445** including international airfare

including international airfare from San Francisco or Los Angeles

Single Supplement: FREE

**Departure Date:** FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Return Date: MARCH 4, 2026

**Activity Level:** 

12345 Moderately Strenuous

Travelers should be able to climb 80 stairs consecutively, plus walk at least 4 miles over some steep slopes and loose or uneven surfaces without difficulty. Walks typically last for 4 or more hours at a time. Expect three or more one-night stays in some locations, and very limited free time for rest or independent exploration.

## **ITINERARY SUMMARY**

DAYS	DESTINATION	
1	Depart U.S.	
2-3	Buenos Aires, Argentina	
4	Fly to Ushuaia	
5-8	Embark ship • Cruise Chilean Fjords	
9	Disembark ship • Puerto Natales	
10-12	Torres del Paine, Chile	
13	El Calafate, Argentina	
14	Fly to Buenos Aires	
15	Return to U.S.	

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### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1 • Depart U.S.

#### Day 2 • Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina

This morning, we arrive in Buenos Aires and transfer to our hotel. In the afternoon, we'll meet our Trip Experience Leader and fellow travelers, including those who've taken the pre-trip extension to *Santiago & Easter Island, Chile*, during an an orientation walk and a Welcome Briefing. Then we'll enjoy an included tango lesson. The remainder of the evening is yours to make your own discoveries in Buenos Aires.

Recoleta Grand Hotel or similar

# Day 3 • Explore Buenos Aires • Controversial Topic: The "Disappeared" of Argentina's Dirty War with filmmaker Mariano Corbacho • Home-Hosted Dinner

This morning we embark on a half-day tour of Buenos Aires, including visits to

monument-filled Avenida 9 de Julio, the vast Plaza de Mayo, and the colorful La Boca district. We'll also visit the city's Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of the country's beloved former First Lady, Eva Perón. The afternoon is free for you to relax or make your own discoveries. In the evening, we'll enjoy a Home-Hosted Dinner as the guests of an Argentinean family.

Meals: B,D | Recoleta Grand Hotel or similar

## Day 4 • Fly to Ushuaia • Dinner with a local family

This morning, we fly to Ushuaia in Patagonia, often called the "City at the End of the World." After checking into our hotel and enjoying some free time, we'll tour this frontier port town nestled between the snowcapped Andes and the Beagle Channel. Then, we meet with a veteran of the 1982 Falklands/Malvinas conflict. Our day



- Accommodations for 13 nights, including 4 nights aboard the shared charter, 210-passenger M/V Stella Australis
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation and 2 internal flights
- 33 meals: 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 11 dinners—including one Home-Hosted Dinner
- 12 guided tours and cultural experiences, plus all shore excursions
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concludes with a dinner featuring the local specialty, king crab, at a nearby restaurant.

Meals: B,D | Cilene del Faro Hotel or similar

## Day 5 • Ushuaia • Controversial Topic: The experience of Argentine veterans during the Falkland War • Embark ship

This morning, we tour Tierra del Fuego National Park before returning to Ushuaia for a Home-Hosted Lunch with a local family to learn about Argentine life. Early evening, we board the MV Stella Australis or Ventus Australis expedition ship for our four-night Patagonian cruise. Tonight, we gather with the captain, crew, and fellow travelers for dinner.

Note: Shore landings are subject to weather and sea conditions, particularly at Cape Horn where rough seas may prevent landing.

Meals: B,L,D | M/V Stella Australis

#### Day 6 • Explore Cape Horn • Wulaia Bay

Today, we cruise through the Beagle and Murray channels toward Cape Horn, a 1,400-foot rocky promontory. Weather permitting, we'll go ashore to visit Cape Horn National Park and view the meeting point of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. In the afternoon, we disembark at historic Wulaia



Bay, once home to the region's largest native settlements and a landing point for Charles Darwin's *Beagle* voyage. Our Trip Experience Leader will guide us on a forest hike to a scenic lookout, highlighting wildlife and native flora along the way.

Meals: B,L,D | M/V Stella Australis

## Day 7 • Pia Glacier • Porter Glacier • Magellan Strait, Past & Present presentation

Today, we sail through the Beagle Channel to the Pia Glacier. Weather permitting, we'll go ashore to view this impressive glacier flowing from the Darwin Mountains into the sea. Later, we'll stop near the Garibaldi Glacier for an optional challenging hike through Magellanic forest to a glacial waterfall, or you can enjoy views from the ship's deck.

Meals: B,L,D | M/V Stella Australis

### Day 8 • Agostini Sound • Aguila Glacier

Today, we cruise into Agostini Sound in the Darwin Cordillera, surrounded by mountains with glaciers flowing to the sea. We'll discover Águila Glacier, taking a zodiac ride around its lagoon and hiking amid the stunning natural beauty. In the afternoon, we approach Condor Glacier via Zodiac, where we may spot the area's namesake Andean Condors.

Meals: B,L,D | M/V Stella Australis

## Day 9 • Magdalena Island • Disembark ship • Punta Arenas • Explore Puerto Natales

Early morning, we view Magdalena Island, home to a colony of more than 120,000 Magellanic Penguins. We then cruise to Punta Arenas on the Straits of Magellan, where we disembark for lunch before journeying to Puerto Natales. After checking into our hotel, we'll enjoy dinner.

Note: April and September departures will replace penguin viewing with a zodiac ride to Marta Island to observe sea lions.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Costaustralis or similar

## Day 10 • Explore Torres del Paine National Park • Horseback riding

After breakfast, we visit Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve known for its dramatic landscapes spanning diverse ecosystems. We'll take a morning hike with our guides to explore the



park's remarkable geology and wildlife. After our hike, we continue to our hotel for dinner.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Lago Grey or similar

### Day 11 • Torres del Paine

This morning, we will continue exploring Torres del Paine with a two-hour horseback ride, watching for indigenous wildlife like guanacos, ñandús, and condors. After an included boxed lunch, our Trip Experience Leader guides us on a two-hour afternoon hike, highlighting the park's unique flora and fauna. We then return to our hotel for dinner.

Meals: B,L,D  $\mid$  Hotel Lago Grey or similar

## Day 12 • Torres del Paine • Sheep ranch visit • Overland to El Calafate, Argentina

After breakfast, we depart Torres del Paine National Park, pausing for final photos before stopping for lunch at the Chilean border. We then continue by bus to the Argentinian border at Cancha Carrera, arriving in El Calafate in Argentinean Patagonia by evening. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Meals: B,L | Hotel Kosten Aike or similar

## Day 13 • El Calafate • Explore Los Glaciares National Park • Perito Moreno Glacier • Optional wine tasting tour

Today, we visit Los Glaciares National Park, a UNESCO site containing nearly 50 glaciers fed by a massive Andean ice sheet. Unlike most glaciers, these form at lower elevations (around 5,000 feet), providing exceptional access. We'll explore the remarkable Perito Moreno Glacier, which towers 200 feet above Lake Argentino, where we might witness the spectacular "calving" of icebergs. After our boxed lunch in the park, we return to El Calafate for dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Kosten Aike or similar

## Day 14 • El Calafate • Fly to Buenos Aires

This afternoon, we fly to Buenos Aires. Gather tonight with your fellow travelers to toast to your South America adventure during a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B,D  $\mid$  Recoleta Grand Hotel or similar

## Day 15 • Buenos Aires • Explore Parana Delta • Return to U.S. or begin posttrip extension

After breakfast, we tour the Parana River delta where it empties into the Rio de la Plata. Just half an hour from the city, this exotic landscape features traditional stilt houses (pilotes) on islands separated by a maze of waterways and surrounded by lush subtropical vegetation. We'll enjoy a relaxing boat ride through this unique environment before returning to Buenos Aires for a free afternoon at your leisure. Early evening, we transfer to the airport for overnight flights home, or begin the optional *Iguassu Falls & Buenos Aires, Argentina* post-trip extension.

Meals: B



# Santiago & Easter Island's Sacred Sites

6 nights pre-trip from \$4,295 Only \$716 per night

Single Supplement: FREE

## IT'S INCLUDED

- Roundtrip airfare between Santiago and Easter Island
- 6 nights accommodation
- 9 meals: 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- 4 guided tours and cultural experiences
- Services of our local Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers



# Iguassu Falls: Thundering Cascades of Argentina & Brazil

4 nights post-trip from \$2,095 Only \$524 per night

Single Supplement: FREE

## IT'S INCLUDED

- Roundtrip flight from Buenos Aires to Iguassu Falls
- 4 nights accommodation
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 3 dinners
- 3 guided tours and cultural experiences
- Services of our local Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers



Date FFB 17, 2026

## 2026 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

Deck			<b>Return</b> MAR 4, 2026
	AAA	Cabo de Hornos deck	\$9,495
	AA	Tierra del Fuego deck	\$9,295
	Α	Magellanes deck	\$8,995
	В	Patagonia deck	\$8,295

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