

Window Into Patagonia

Sample 12-Day Itinerary — Patagonia, Argentina

Day 1

Depart home country.

Day 2

Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Transfer to a small inn in the historic district of Buenos Aires. Relax and enjoy the early afternoon. Take in a local tango show in the evening and dine on a traditional Argentine asado in the evening.

Day 3

We will tour the historic district of Buenos Aires taking in the buildings of importance. Lunch at an outdoor café. Shop at the local markets in the afternoon, or browse the countless antique stores in San Telmo district.

Day 4

We will depart by local airlines for the Patagonian Estancia arriving by mid-afternoon. Arrive for an early cocktail hour, rest or walk around the beautiful grounds. Traditional Argentine dinner follows at the estancia.

Day 5

After breakfast, we will tour the 200-year old estancia and the historic brick stable still boarding the beautiful horses residing on the estancia. On horseback, we'll work with the gauchos to brand, vaccinate, or castrate the cattle—whatever the season's work requires. Lunch and dinner served in the cozy inn at the estancia.

Day 6

Ride to the secluded cabin nestled next to a small river on the property. Comforts include hot showers, comfortable beds, a stone fireplace, outdoor BBQ, solitude and seclusion. Lunch and dinner served gaucho style.

Day 7

After a hearty breakfast, we'll return to the estancia by the in the mid-morning. From there, we'll pack our gear and travel 15 kilometers to the local Mapuche village. After a village tour, with an opportunity to purchase indigenous artesanía, we will meet our guides and coordinate the following days efforts for the horse packing expedition to Lanin National Park.

Day 8

Transfer to Mapuche village again, load horses and gear and prepare for two-day expedition to Lanin N.P.

Day 9

Continue on horseback with the shadow of Argentina's largest volcano over 13,000 feet over our shoulder. All breakfasts, lunches, and dinners are on the trail. Sleep in tents adjacent to campfire.

Day 10

Return by late afternoon to Estancia Quillen. Final farewell dinner at the estancia with folkloric entertainment and another asado!

Day 11

Transfer back to the airport at San Martin and connect to the Buenos Aires international airport. Connect to return flight to home country in the evening.

Day 12

Arrive in home country.

Other options include: Fly-casting or rafting in the Rio Alumine and its tributaries, additional nights exploring Lanin National Park, or transfers on to expeditions in Patagonia, Chile.