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DESTINATION

Argentina - Patagonia

11 Day Journey

PREPARED FOR

Sample

2026

Travel Concept

This MERIDIAN journey through Argentina is designed as a calm, scenic passage across two of the country's most atmospheric southern landscapes: the Lake District of Bariloche and the remote edge of Tierra del Fuego, before concluding with a cultured city finale in Buenos Aires. It is a nature-led itinerary with a measured rhythm, balancing memorable excursions with time to rest, adjust to long distances, and absorb each setting properly.

What makes this journey special is its contrast. Alpine lakes and forested Andean landscapes give way to sea, wind, glaciers, and the quiet drama of the far south. Carefully selected hotels, realistic pacing, and thoughtfully placed buffer time ensure that even a logistically complex route feels elegant, comfortable, and well considered.

Journey Highlights

- Scenic arrival into Patagonia with three nights overlooking Lake Nahuel Huapi in Bariloche
- A full-day excursion to Cerro Tronador and the Ventisquero Negro Glacier
- A guided horseback ride through Patagonian landscapes followed by a traditional asado
- A well-balanced day in Ushuaia combining Tierra del Fuego National Park with Beagle Channel sailing to see penguins
- A guided trek to Vinciguerra Glacier and Laguna de los Témpanos for travellers seeking a more active mountain day
- A final contrast in Buenos Aires with tango, architecture, and neighbourhood life at a slower urban pace

Journey Overview



Belgium →
Argentina

Departure

Buenos Aires →
Bariloche

Day 2

Bariloche
Day 3 - 4

Bariloche →
Ushuaia

Day 5

Ushuaia -
Patagonia

Day 6 - 8

Ushuaia → Buenos
Aires

Day 9

Buenos Aires
Day 10

Buenos Aires →
Belgium

Return

Accommodation



NIGHTS 1 - 3

Design Suites

Bariloche, South-West Argentina

Set above Lake Nahuel Huapi, this design-led hotel was selected for its calm atmosphere, wide lake views, and comfortable wellness facilities. It offers a restful base after long travel and full-day mountain excursions, with the right balance of scenery and ease.



NIGHTS 4 - 5

Original House Hotel Boutique

Ushuaia, Patagonia Argentina

A central boutique option chosen for travellers who prefer immediate access to Ushuaia's harbour, restaurants, and evening strolls. It offers a more intimate urban stay, practical for those who value walkability.

Optional Upgrade: Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa



NIGHTS 4 - 5

Live Soho Boutique Apartments

Palermo Soho, Buenos Aires Argentina

A modern and well-located base in Buenos Aires, ideal for a gentle final chapter of the journey. The apartment-style layout, central Palermo Soho setting, and relaxed comfort make it especially suitable after several flight and excursion days.

Day by Day

A Long-Haul Departure South

O1	MORNING / AFTERNOON	EVENING
Oct 21		
BRUSSELS → MADRID → BUENOS AIRES	The day is primarily reserved for international departure preparations and the beginning of the long journey to Argentina. As this is a full travel day, no additional activities are planned. It is recommended to arrive at Brussels Airport at least 2 hours before boarding and to keep passport and boarding pass readily accessible throughout the journey.	18:55 – Departure from Brussels Airport (BRU) to Madrid with Air Europa Flight duration: approximately 2 hours 30 minutes 21:25 – Arrival in Madrid (MAD) Layover: approximately 2 hours 30 minutes 23:55 – Departure from Madrid (MAD) on the overnight long-haul service to Buenos Aires Flight duration: approximately 12 hours 45 minutes

Arrival in Argentina and Onward to the Lake District

O2	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Oct 22			
BUENOS AIRES → BARILOCHE	07:40 – Arrival at Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) After immigration and baggage collection, a transfer between airports is required for the domestic onward flight. The journey from EZE to Jorge Newbery Airport	12:15 – Departure from Buenos Aires Jorge Newbery Airport (AEP) to Bariloche Flight duration: approximately 2 hours 25 minutes 14:40 – Arrival at San Carlos de Bariloche Airport (BRC) A private or pre-arranged airport transfer is recommended to the hotel. Check-in at Design Suites Bariloche and take time to settle in. The transfer to the lake area usually takes around 25–30 minutes.	A quiet first evening is recommended. Dinner may be taken at the hotel or in town, depending on arrival energy. The aim is simply to ease into Patagonia without over-scheduling the first day on

	(AEP) generally takes around 45–75 minutes, depending on traffic, so the timing is comfortable but should still be handled efficiently.	The remainder of the afternoon is intentionally flexible, depending on energy levels after the international journey. Suitable low-key options include a gentle walk through central Bariloche, a stop at the historic chocolate house Rapanui, or, weather permitting, an optional cable car ascent to Cerro Campanario for panoramic lake views. No fixed reservations are needed.	land.
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Glaciers and Mountain Landscapes

03 Oct 23 BARILOCHE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
	09:00 – Hotel pickup for a full-day guided excursion to Cerro Tronador and the Ventisquero Negro Glacier. Duration: approximately 9 hours The drive leads through some of the region’s most impressive Andean scenery, with mountain viewpoints, glacier landscapes, and selected nature walks along the way. Lunch and drinks are included, and the day is designed as a comfortable scenic excursion rather than a strenuous hiking day.	The excursion continues through the national park landscapes surrounding Tronador, with time allocated for viewpoints and short guided stops. This is one of the most visually rewarding days in Bariloche, though roads and weather can affect exact timing. ~18:00 – Return to the hotel	The evening is intentionally left free for rest after a full day in the mountains. Time at the hotel spa, pool, or simply a quiet pause with lake views is especially well placed here. For dinner, Alto El Fuego, around 6 minutes by car, is a strong recommendation for classic Patagonian grilling, though it is less suitable for vegetarians. Dining in Argentina tends to begin later, typically between 20:30 and 22:00.

Patagonian Countryside and a Slower Afternoon

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
O4 Oct 24 BARILOCHE	09:30 – Hotel pickup for a guided horseback riding experience in the Bariloche countryside. Duration: approximately 6 hours This experience is suited to beginners and offers a softer, more immersive way to experience the surrounding landscapes. The ride is followed by a traditional asado with food and drinks included. As the standard meal is meat-focused, vegetarian arrangements should be discussed in advance.	~15:30–16:00 – Return to the hotel The remainder of the afternoon is reserved for rest and recovery. This is a good moment to enjoy the hotel spa, indoor pool, sauna, or a short lakeside walk near the property. The pacing is deliberate, allowing time to unwind before the following day's flight south to Ushuaia.	The evening remains free and relaxed. Bariloche offers a pleasant choice of regional restaurants and casual brewpubs, with options ranging from traditional Patagonian fare to lighter vegetarian meals. Good dinner options include Alto El Fuego, Caliú Bariloche, Rincón Patagónico, and Stag. Vegetarian-friendly alternatives include Rico Vegetariano, CHIMI DELI, Ceylan Restaurant & Tea House, and Morfys Mitre. A quieter evening is recommended in view of the early departure the next morning.

Southward to the End of the World

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
O5 Oct 25 BARILOCHE →	Early hotel checkout and	Layover in El Calafate: approximately 5 hours	After check-in and time to freshen up, the early

USHUAIA

transfer to
Bariloche
Airport.
08:50 –
Departure from
Bariloche
(BRC)
10:40 – Arrival
in El Calafate
(FTE)

50 minutes

This is best treated as
a travel buffer, with
time for lunch, a short
walk within the
terminal area, and a
more relaxed pace
between flights.

16:30 – Departure from
El Calafate (FTE)

17:50 – Arrival in
Ushuaia (USH)

Upon arrival, transfer
to the selected hotel.
The airport-to-hotel
journey generally takes
around **15–25 minutes**,
depending on whether
staying centrally or at
the resort above town.

evening is left open for a
gentle first impression of
Ushuaia. Depending on
energy and weather, there
may be time for a quiet
stroll through the artisan
market, the **Bahía
Encerrada** reserve, or part
of the town's mural circuit.
All are optional and can
easily be skipped after the
travel day.

Dinner is at leisure, either
in town or near the hotel.
Recommended options
include **Kalma Restó**,
María Lola Resto, **Le
Martial**, **El Viejo Marino**,
and **Paso Garibaldi
RestoBar**. A later dinner
rhythm again applies,
usually from **20:30
onward**.

Forest, Coastline, and Penguin Waters

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Oct 26

USHUAIA

MORNING

Morning hotel pickup
for a guided visit to
**Tierra del Fuego
National Park**.
This excursion
focuses on easy
nature walks and
scenic stops rather
than long-distance
trekking, making it
suitable for a calm
and accessible start
to the day. Expect
forests, lakes, rivers,
and views toward

AFTERNOON

Lunch at leisure in
Ushuaia, ideally kept
light and close to the
port area or hotel.

15:00 – Departure from
Ushuaia port for a
**catamaran sailing to
Penguin Island**
Duration: approximately
3 to 3.5 hours

The sailing offers a
classic Beagle Channel
perspective, with views

EVENING

The evening is free
for a relaxed
dinner and rest.
This day has been
designed to
combine a land-
based
introduction to
Tierra del Fuego
with a marine
wildlife
experience, while

	the Beagle Channel, together with an introduction to the local environment and history. Duration: approximately half day ~13:00–13:30 – Return to Ushuaia	of rugged coastlines, surrounding islands, and wildlife observation from the boat, including penguin colonies. Food and drinks are not included. Transport to the port is also not included, though the transfer is short and can be done easily by taxi. ~18:00–18:30 – Return to Ushuaia	still leaving enough space between the two.
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Glacier Landscapes and a Mountain Trek

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
07 Oct 27 USHUAIA & ANDEAN MOUNTAINS	10:00 – Hotel pickup for the guided trek to Vinciguerra Glacier and Laguna de los Témpanos. Duration: approximately 8 hours Level: moderate This is the most physically active day of the Ushuaia stay and is best suited to travellers comfortable with uneven terrain and changing mountain weather. The trail passes through peat bogs, forests, and alpine landscapes before reaching the glacier area and the lagoon with its floating ice. A professional mountain guide, trekking poles, hotel transfers, and a packed lunch are included.	The trek continues through the mountain landscape with time for rest stops, lunch, and glacier viewpoints. Appropriate equipment is essential: waterproof jacket, warm layers, sturdy hiking shoes, gloves, hat, and a small backpack are all required for comfort and safety.	Return to Ushuaia in the early evening. No additional activities are planned. A quiet dinner near the hotel is recommended, allowing ample recovery time after a full mountain day.

Remote Lakes by 4x4

08	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Oct 28 USHUAIA & ANDEAN LAKES	09:00 – Hotel pickup for a guided off-road 4x4 lakes tour Duration: approximately 7 hours This experience offers a more comfortable style of exploration after the previous day's trek. Travelling by 4x4 allows access to remote landscapes that are not easily reached by standard vehicles, with a combination of mountain roads, forest terrain, lakeshores, and scenic viewpoints. Lunch is included.	The tour continues through the lake district around Ushuaia, balancing scenic driving with selected outdoor stops and commentary from the local guide. ~16:00 – Return to Ushuaia and transfer back to the hotel	The late afternoon and evening are free. This is a good moment for a final walk through town, a slower dinner, or time to enjoy the hotel facilities. For travellers not staying at a spa hotel, an optional wellness session at Cilene del Fuego Spa can be arranged, subject to availability.

From Southern Wilderness to City Elegance

09	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Oct 29 USHUAIA → BUENOS AIRES	Early hotel checkout and transfer to Ushuaia Airport. 10:35 – Departure from Ushuaia (USH) 14:05 – Arrival in Buenos Aires Jorge Newbery Airport (AEP) Flight duration: approximately 3	After check-in and time to freshen up, the afternoon is left open to settle gently into the city. Palermo Soho is ideal for an unstructured first walk, with boutiques, cafés, wine bars, and street art all within easy reach. Travellers interested	A classic Buenos Aires evening is planned with the Piazzolla Tango Show with Dinner at Teatro Astor Piazzolla. This experience combines live music, professional dancers, and a three-course dinner in a theatrical

	hours 30 minutes A short transfer of around 20–35 minutes brings you to Live Soho Boutique Apartments in Palermo Soho, depending on traffic.	in neighbourhood contrast may also consider Belgrano and Chinatown, though this depends on energy levels after the flight.	setting, offering an elegant introduction to one of Argentina’s defining art forms. Afterwards, those who wish may continue with a drink in Palermo Soho, where the atmosphere ranges from refined wine bars to more lively cocktail venues. Smart-casual dress is advisable, as some evening venues maintain dress expectations.
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Buenos Aires in Motion and at Leisure

IO	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Oct 30 BUENOS AIRES	09:30 – Start of the guided bike tour Meeting point: Chile 1145, C1099, Buenos Aires Duration: approximately 3 to 3.5 hours The route combines several of the city’s most emblematic districts, including Puerto Madero, La Boca, and San Telmo. With bicycle, helmet, and guide included, this is an active yet	After the bike tour, lunch is recommended in Mercado de San Telmo, a lively and informal setting with local dishes and casual food stalls. The afternoon then shifts toward culture, with time reserved for two of Buenos Aires’ most celebrated landmarks: – Teatro Colón, admired for its architecture and international reputation	Dinner is at leisure for the final evening. Depending on preference, excellent options include: – Don Julio, La Cabrera Norte, or El Preferido de Palermo for classic Argentine dining – Mudra, Sacro, or La Cocina for strong vegetarian and plant-based options – Elena, Chila, or Cabaña Las Lilas for a

	accessible way to understand the city's urban contrasts, architecture, and daily rhythm. – El Ateneo Grand Splendid, the celebrated former theatre turned bookshop Travel time between central points is usually around 15–25 minutes by taxi, depending on traffic. Late afternoon is intentionally left open for rest, shopping, or a final café stop in Palermo Soho.	more elevated final dinner Reservations are strongly recommended, particularly on a Friday evening.
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Departure and Return to Belgium

II	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Oct 31 BUENOS AIRES → BRUSSEL	After breakfast and checkout, transfer to Ezeiza International Airport (EZE). The journey from Palermo Soho generally takes around 45–75 minutes, depending on traffic, so an early departure from the hotel is advised. 13:15 – Departure from Buenos Aires (EZE)	Overnight international return via Madrid. This is a full travel day and evening, with onward arrival in Brussels the following morning.

Optional Experiences

Enrich your journey with these hand-picked experiences. Each can be arranged with advance notice.

WELLNESS

Spa Session in Ushuaia

For travellers seeking a slower moment, a spa or wellness session can be arranged either at the hotel or at Cilene del Fuego Spa.

Approximate duration: **1.5–3 hours**

NATURE

Cerro Campanario Cable Car, Bariloche

A short panoramic ascent for one of the finest views over the lake district, ideal on arrival day or during a free weather window.

Approximate duration: **1.5–2 hours**

GASTRONOMY

Bariloche Chocolate and Café Stop

A relaxed tasting stop at one of Bariloche's historic chocolate houses, especially enjoyable on the first afternoon or before dinner.

Approximate duration: **45 minutes–1.5 hours**

CULTURE

Ushuaia Street Art and Local Crafts Walk

A self-guided introduction to local identity through murals, small artisan shops, and the harbour atmosphere.

Approximate duration: **1–2 hours**

CULTURE & GASTRONOMY

Additional Evening in Buenos Aires

An extra curated dinner reservation, wine bar stop, or neighbourhood-led evening in Palermo, Recoleta, or Puerto Madero can be added depending on taste.

Approximate duration: **2–4 hours**

Practical Information

Transportation

This itinerary combines long-haul international flights, domestic flights within Argentina, airport transfers, and organised day excursions with hotel pickup where noted. Due to the country's large distances, flying is the most efficient and realistic way to connect the different regions.

The journey involves several airport changes and travel transitions, especially between Buenos Aires airports and on the routing south through El Calafate. Private airport transfers are recommended wherever possible to keep the experience smooth and low-stress. In Bariloche, Ushuaia, and Buenos Aires, short local taxi rides are practical for dinners, ports, and sightseeing not included with transfers.

Important Tips

October is an excellent shoulder-season period for this route, though weather remains highly variable in Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. Wind, rain, and rapid changes in temperature are common, particularly in Ushuaia and on mountain excursions.

For all active days, especially the glacier trek, suitable outdoor clothing is essential. Excursions may occasionally adjust their exact operating flow depending on weather and local conditions.

Restaurant reservations are advisable in Buenos Aires and for the most popular dining addresses in Bariloche and Ushuaia.

Vegetarian meals are available in all main destinations, though certain traditional excursions such as the horseback ride with asado require advance notice for adapted meal arrangements.

Packing Advice

Pack in layers throughout the journey. A practical combination would include:

- a waterproof outer jacket
- warm mid-layers such as fleece or light insulation
- comfortable travel clothes for flight days
- sturdy walking shoes
- proper hiking shoes for the Vinciguerra trek
- gloves, hat, and a daypack for Ushuaia excursions

A smart-casual outfit for tango evening and city dinners in Buenos Aires is also recommended, as some venues appreciate a more polished appearance.

Pricing Insight

€3.000 - €6.000 per person

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We look forward to guiding you through every moment of this journey. Travel well.

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