



*Itinerary especially prepared for
Clients of Small Group Travel*

Post-tour extension – El Calafate & The Glaciers

DAY 23 Tuesday 8 October

Santiago /Buenos Aires / El Calafate

This morning you will be transferred to Santiago Airport for your flight Buenos Aires. On arrival you will connect through to El Calafate, a small town located on the southern shore of Lake Argentino. Quiet streets, low houses and rose gardens make the scenery of this picturesque Patagonian Village. On arrival you will be met and taken to your hotel for three nights. (B)

ESPLENDOR HOTEL, STANDARD ROOM

DAY 24 Wednesday 9 October

El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier

**We have arranged for your hotel to provide you with a boxed lunch for today, please collect it before you depart the hotel. There are no restaurants or shops at the glacier.*

From El Calafate you have access to the Los Glaciares National Park, which shelters more than 300 glaciers. The most famous of them is Perito Moreno, declared “World Natural Heritage” by UNESCO. Early this morning you will leave your hotel and head for the Perito Moreno Glacier for “mini-trekking”. Your launch will depart from Bajo de las Sombras Bay (about 70km from El Calafate), from where you can see the southern wall of the Perito Moreno Glacier. On arrival on the opposite bank about twenty minutes later, your guides will provide you with crampons and explain their use. From here the two hour circuit that follows will introduce you to the fascinating landscapes of the glaciers – streams, small lagoons, gullies, crevasses and plenty of ice formations of the most incredible blues. The ice surface over which you walk will be irregular but firm. The trekking today is classified as moderate. This afternoon you will return to the launch for the navigation back to the pier from where you will be transferred by road for about one hour and fifteen minutes to El Calafate, to arrive at your hotel in the early evening. (BL)

** Sport or trekking shoes, warm woolen socks, ski gloves, scarf, beanie, jumper and a warm wind/waterproof jacket are recommended for today.*

** The National Park Fee has been pre-paid.*

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DAY 25 Thursday 10 October

El Calafate – Upsala & Oneli Galciers

**We have arranged for your hotel to provide you with a boxed lunch for today, please collect it before you depart the hotel. There are no restaurants or shops at the glacier.*

Today's tour departs from Punta Bandera on board a comfortable boat which takes you along the Northern Arm of Lake Argentino, one of the most beautiful areas of the National Park and only accessible by boat. From Punta Bandera you navigate for about two hours among huge icebergs, some of them several times the size of the ship, towards the Upsala Glacier. This glacier's area is 595 square kilometres, three times the size of Buenos Aires City! It is 60 kilometres long, seven kilometres wide and its height varies from 60 to 80 metres. On arrival at the glacier your boat will stop, allowing you to take in the spectacular scenery of the surrounding landscape. Continuing on to the Onelli Bay, you will disembark to take a short walk through the forest for some spectacular views of Onelli Bay, almost completely covered by icebergs. It is here that three separate glaciers converge from their frozen peaks and form one. You will be returned to Punta Bandera by boat and then continue on to Calafate by coach. (B)

DAY 26 Friday 11 October

El Calafate / Buenos Aires / Santiago

This morning is at leisure. Around midday you will be transferred to El Calafate Airport to connect with your flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival you will be met and taken to your hotel for one more night. (B)

MELIA BUENOS AIRES HOTEL

DAY 27 Saturday 12 October

Buenos Aires / Santiago

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Santiago. On arrival you will connect with your flight to Sydney. Today is spent in flight as you re-cross the International Date Line and 'lose' one day. (B)

DAY 28 Sunday 14 October

Sydney

Your flight arrives into Sydney this evening. *Welcome Home!* (MEALS INFLIGHT)

COST OF TOUR

Land Price based on twin share AU\$2200

Your SmallGroupTravel Tour extension includes:

- * Economy-class airfares throughout.
- * Accommodation in Tourist hotels with private facilities.
- * All *private* airport transfers as described with English speaking guides.

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- * All *seat in coach* city and sightseeing tours as described with English speaking guides.
- * All admission fees on such tours.
- * Meals as indicated: (B = breakfast L = lunch D = dinner).
- * All ground transportation as described.
- * All touring vessels.
- * Re-confirmation of all onward flights when outbound transfers are included.
- * Porterage of 1 suitcase per person when transfers are supplied by Inca Tours.
- * All airport departure taxes payable from Australia.

Not included:

- * Airport departure taxes payable within South America.
- * Excess baggage.
- * Items of a personal nature.
- * Travel insurance.
- * Passport & visa costs.
- * Tipping.

Thank you for choosing SmallGroup Travel and Inca Tours and “feliz viaje” or happy travelling!