

Highlights of Argentinean Patagonia



**Chimu
Difficulty
Rating**



Departs: Daily
 Trip Length: 7 days
 Accommodation: Hotels and guesthouses



Day 1: Arrival in El Calafate. Upon arrival, you'll begin the four hour drive across the rugged landscape toward Chalten. In the evening you will meet your trekking guide who will give you a briefing on the trek.

Day 2: We begin with a transfer to Rio Electrico. Arrival at the Piedra del Fraile offers you stunning views of the Marconi pass. The pass is the access point to the Patagonian continental ice shelf, a flat ice desert of almost 9,000 square kilometers. You continue along to Lago Electrico and the glaciated Pollone River valley (approximately 11km trekking).

Day 3: Today we will be trekking through sub-Antarctic forest and passing the small glacier lake named Piedras Blancas. From here the route crosses the Rio Blanco before you begin the toughest part of your trek - a fifty minute climb that weaves its way up a 45° slope. From the top of the climb you can see glacial Laguna de Los Tres with one of Patagonia's most majestic panoramic vistas (approximately 10km trekking).

Day 4: We start our trek to Camp Torre and pass Madre and Hija Lakes. On route we will look out for the Andean condor and other wildlife (Approximately 10km trekking).

Day 5: Today we visit the Torre Glacier after crossing the Fitz Roy River by rope harness. We cross Torre Glacier and have lunch on the glacier. We then descend through dense southern beech forests toward the valley of the De las Vueltas River and El Chalten. In the afternoon we return by bus to El Calafate (15 kilometers).

Day 6: Today you drive into Parque Nacional Los Glaciares for views of the stunning Perito Moreno Glacier. This huge glacier is more than 3 miles wide and over 20 stories high - a true highlight of Patagonia. You'll take a boat across Lago Argentino and pass the massive front wall of blue ice, all the while watching for icebergs. After landing on a small beach you'll start hiking through the beech forest to the icepack of the glacier and have the opportunity to walk on the glacier.

Day 7: Transfer to El Calafate airport to continue your travels.

