

Argentina and Chile: The Crossing of the Andean Lakes



Overview

A spectacular combination of South American cities: Buenos Aires, Bariloche, Puerto Montt, Puerto Varas, Santiago, Valparaiso and Viña del Mar:

Buenos Aires is a city that is always on the move. Its cultural facet is reflected in the large number and variety of museums, theaters, art galleries and libraries. Cradle of important traditions such as the tango or dulce de leche, its urban profile has an amazing diversity of styles: Spanish colonial, neo-gothic, art deco, art nouveau, Italian and French, which is why it is nicknamed the "Paris of South America".

It is the only crossing that navigates the Andes Mountains through 3 beautiful lakes connected by 4 terrestrial sections, which go from San Carlos de Bariloche in Argentina to Puerto Varas in Chile or vice versa. Viña del Mar is one of the most touristic cities in Chile, due to its proximity to Santiago, as it is only 120 kilometers away by car. It is visited throughout the year by thousands of tourists, both Chilean and foreign. With Valparaiso, it forms a very important tourist pole, where good beaches, nightlife, sports activities and culture are mixed. Santiago de Chile is a city that combines its traditions and much modernity, in an environment considered among the first in Latin America for a better quality of life, business investment and public safety.

Duration

9 days, 8 nights

Highlights

- Buenos Aires
- Bariloche
- Puerto Montt
- Puerto Varas

- Santiago
- Valparaíso
- Viña del Mar

Dates

Dates are flexible and subject to availability.

Biosecurity

Social distance and guest contact in hotels: To help alleviate the risk of person-to-person transmission, the hotel will follow social distance guidelines, such as marking spaces for guests throughout the check-in process at the front desk. In addition, they have reorganized the furniture and designs in our locations to allow for more personal space.

Disinfection and hygiene standards in hotels and recreation centers: Hand disinfection stations have been added at strategic points; Gyms and restaurants. Staff also submitted and completed the "Clean Point Certification" which includes training courses on disinfection, including personal hygiene, washing and disinfection of uniforms, and will follow strict measures during their work shift.

Hotel guest areas: In addition to having information available on hotel hygiene and sanitation measures, guests will receive recommendations on how to stay healthy during their stay. They have increased the frequency of disinfection of common areas and guest rooms; they have made daily hygiene and disinfection records and ensured the proper management of each process.

Food service and safety: They have added improved sanitation guidelines and training for all team members that includes hygiene and disinfection practices, as well as safe food preparation and service practices. Food and beverage operations are continuously required to meet food safety standards. They have also reviewed cleaning, operational and hygienic practices to comply with health and travel advisories and government orders at Covid-19.

Itinerary

Day 01: BUENOS AIRES

Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Night transfer to enjoy a wonderful Porteno tango show with dinner.

Accommodation at: HOTEL CARLTON

https://www.solans.com/fotos_hotel_carlton_en_buenos_aires

Meals: dinner

Day 02: BUENOS AIRES

Gaicho Party at Estancia Don Silvano with lunch. The one-day excursion to Fiesta Gaucha takes you through the picturesque pampas countryside outside Buenos Aires to the estancia, where you will tour the ranch and experience the gaicho lifestyle. Your traditional

asado is accompanied by traditional Argentinean empanadas, wines and the distinctive music and dance of the gauchos.

Accommodation at: HOTEL CARLTON.

Meals: breakfast, lunch

Day 03: BUENOS AIRES

After breakfast; Delta Tour Looking at the Delta you will appreciate the generosity of nature in a very unique place. We will leave the city of Buenos Aires towards the north of Greater Buenos Aires looking for the natural landscape of the Delta and its islands. The way of life of the "islanders" (people who live on the islands) is very special. We will get to know their costumes, culture and way of life. We will also see elegant residences located in the northern suburbs. We will visit the neighborhood of San Isidro (stop) and the incredible Cathedral. On the way back to Buenos Aires city, we will pass by the Presidential Residence (Quinta de Olivos), where all the Argentine presidents used to live during their presidencies.

Accommodation at: HOTEL CARLTON.

Meals: breakfast

Day 04: BUENOS AIRES - BARILOCHE

After breakfast, our representative will pick you up for the half-day city tour. This half-day tour explores the city of Buenos Aires. You will visit Avenida de Mayo, adjacent to Plaza de Mayo, which is surrounded by the Casa Rosada Government House, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Cabildo (the first city hall, built during Spanish rule). At the other end of Avenida de Mayo, you will find the impressive Congress building. Then, continue to San Telmo, the best preserved historic neighborhood and the oldest district in Buenos Aires. The next stop is La Boca, a very colorful area, and on the famous Caminito street, you will see painters offering their pictures of Tango. Stop by the Teatro Colón, one of the world's best known opera houses and the cultural pride of Buenos Aires. On the way, you will have the opportunity to hear about the events and people that made Buenos Aires the colorful city it is today. Transfer to "San Carlos de Bariloche", transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation at: HOTEL 3 REYES

<http://www.hotel3reyes.com.ar/en/>

Meals: breakfast

Day 05: BARILOCHE- Crossing of the Andean Lakes - PUERTO VARAS

East Breakfast. Transfer to the port. Excursion "Crossing of Lakes" This is one of the most attractive tours of the Argentine-Chilean Patagonia, as it crosses the Andes to join the cities of Bariloche and Puerto Montt in a trip that includes five land destinations and three lakes.

This is an all-day tour and there is the possibility of spending the night in the charming Chilean district of Peulla to enjoy all the adventure travel activities available there. The catamaran that crosses Lake Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Blest is moored in this place.

One of the most captivating aspects of this trip is that it gives travelers the opportunity to get an overview of Argentinean-Chilean Patagonia, enjoy the scenes and also the local cuisine.

Once in Puerto Blest, the whole group lands and gets on a bus that goes to Puerto Alegre, where they will board again to cross the exquisite Lago Frías and arrive at the next port.

In a moment, passengers will have to get off the bus and make all the corresponding formalities at the immigration office and the Chilean Customs Office. Back on the bus (already on Chilean soil), the trip continues for two hours to the city of Peulla, a small district

where visitors can spend the night and practice adventure sports. We recommend that travelers take enough time in Peulla to see Lake Todos los Santos, located within the Vicente Perez Rosales National Park. This is an ideal place to have lunch outdoors and observe the landscape without rushing.

After lunch, the group gathers again to board a catamaran and sail the waters of Lake Todos los Santos, which offers an impressive view of the Osorno Volcano and its summit crowned with eternal ice. In addition to the attractions mentioned above, a more unique detail about this tour is that it joins two of the most extraordinary national parks in the world: Nahuel Huapi and Vicente Perez Rosales. A highly recommended tour that any visitor to Patagonia can have the pleasure of enjoying. Arrival to Puerto Montt. Transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation at: the HOTEL RADDISON PUERTO VARAS

<https://www.radisson.com/puerto-varas-hotel-cl/chlpvch>

Meals: breakfast

Day 06: PUERTO VARAS - PUERTO MONTT - SANTIAGO DE CHILE

After breakfast, transfer to take your flight to Santiago, Chile. Arrival, reception and transfer to the hotel. City Tour excursion. We will visit the main attractions of our city, such as the Santa Lucia Hill, the Historic District of Santiago, La Moneda Palace, the Municipality of Santiago, the National Historical Museum, the Cathedral of Santiago, we will tell you in a different way that a conservative and revealing society is advancing and the most important milestones of our national history and of great relevance for us.

After visiting downtown Santiago, we will review the financial sector in the upper area of our city, where we will stop at one of the most prestigious handicraft stores that offer the national drink (Pisco Sour) to finish our tour.

Overnight at: HOTEL TORREMAYOR

<https://www.hoteltorremayor.cl/en-gb>

Meals: breakfast

Day 07: SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Breakfast. Excursion "Viña del Mar and Valparaiso" with lunch. We will start the tour from Santiago directly to the Pacific Ocean in a 120 kms trip, from your hotel or home.

The Curacaví Valley will give us the opportunity to see the diversity of landscapes there, and then we will arrive at the Casablanca Valley. On the way we will stop at the typical Millahue hotel, where passengers will have the opportunity to taste the typical Chilean chicha drink.

When we arrive in Valparaiso (major port and parliament city), the amazing and wonderful houses buried deep in the hills of Valparaiso will surprise us by making this city picturesque. We will take a sightseeing tour of the Plaza Victoria, the Plaza Sotomayor, the Monument to the Naval Heroes, the Mirador del 21 de Mayo.

A walk to the hills awaits you, you can choose one or two elevators or you can take a tour of the bay or maybe we can visit the house La Sebastiana of the Nobel poet Pablo Neruda (entrance fees not included).

Viña del Mar is the next stop, a city known as Garden City, some notable places in this beach complex are the flower clock, the casino and Reñaca beach, where you will have time to have lunch on your own. After lunch, all children can spend some free time on the beach.

Finally, before returning along the coast road to Santiago, we will show you the Quinta Vergara. A place known for the international song festival. The tour ends in its place.

Accommodation at: the HOTEL TORREMAYOR

Meals: breakfast, lunch

Day 08: SANTIAGO DE CHILE

After breakfast, visit to the Concha y Toro winery. Leave your hotel in Santiago and sit down for the scenic 30 minute drive south to the town of Concha y Toro; admire the spectacular views of the Maipo Valley as you navigate through the countryside in an air-conditioned minivan. Browse through the grand entrance and admire the sculptured beauty of the winery grounds, before beginning your tour of Casona's beautiful gardens. Venture into the green vineyards of Pirque and wander among the extensive vines while your guide provides information on the winery's cultivation and production methods. Listen to captivating stories of the winery's history while absorbing the attractive aesthetics of the landscape. Then delight your palate with a sample of Cassillero del Diablo, a world-famous wine grown on the grounds, and then descend into the dark depths of the winery, known as the Bodega del Diablo. Listen to fascinating stories from the eccentric former owner of the winery, who lived there to protect his precious wines from intruders. Conclude your culinary journey with an extensive tasting session at the elegant wine bar; savor the smooth taste of two signature wines, or select the option of wine and cheese pairing to delight you with premium cheeses while you drink, increasing your wine samples to four instead of two.

Accommodation at: the TORREMAYOR HOTEL.

Meals: breakfast

Day 09: SANTIAGO DE CHILE - USA

Transfer to take your international flight back to the USA

Included/Excluded

Included:

- Transfers in and out of each city.
- 3 nights accommodation in Buenos Aires. Breakfast included
- Delta Excursion
- City Tour in Buenos Aires
- Gaucho Party at Estancia Don Silvano with lunch
- 1 night accommodation in Bariloche Argentina. Breakfast included
- "Andean Crossing" sailing through the Andes from Bariloche (Argentina) to Puerto Montt (Chile)
- Transfer Airport / Hotel Puerto Montt in the city of Puerto Varas
- 1 night accommodation in Puerto Varas. Breakfast included
- 3 nights accommodation in Santiago de Chile. Breakfast included
- City Tour in Santiago de Chile
- Excursion "Viña del Mar and Valparaiso" with lunch Excursion Concha y Toro

Excluded:

- Travel insurance.
- Extras
- Overweight luggage.
- Advice.

- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Food not specified
- Personal charges
- Other not specified

Location (map):



FAQS

DOES THE ANDEAN CROSSING OPERATE ON THE DATE I WANT TO TRAVEL?

The Andean Crossing operates every day of the year from Chile to Argentina. From Argentina to Chile it operates every day except May 1st.

WHAT TIME DOES THE ANDEAN CROSSING LEAVE?

The departure time from Chile and Argentina is from 08:00 hrs.

DO I NEED TO FILL OUT THE MIGRATION DATA FORM?

No. The Andean Crossing is an international trip that crosses the border between two countries, for which you must present your travel documents. This information must be completed in advance to perform a pre-check of the passengers and speed up the migration process so as not to affect your tourist experience.

IS THE PRICE DIFFERENT IN 1 OR 2 DAYS?

The price of Cruce Andino is the same if you make the trip in 1 or 2 days. In the case of making the trip in 2 days, you must add the cost of lodging and food at Hotel Natura located in the town of Peulla or Hotel Puerto Blest located in Puerto Blest.

HOW IS THE LUGGAGE TRANSFER?

During the entire trip, the tour operator will take care of your luggage, which will be duly protected in special containers. It is important to mention that your luggage will be delivered

at the beginning of the trip and will be delivered at the destination, so all travel documents must be taken with you as hand luggage.

Price

\$100 USD