The Best of Patagonia, Buenos Aires and Santiago

OCTOBER 27–NOVEMBER 8, 2017

WITH

Optional pre-trip extension to Iguazú Falls

OCTOBER 24–28, 2017

FEATURING

Three nights at the Remota Lodge, in Puerto Natales, Chile
Dear Princetonian,

South America, replete with awe-inspiring natural landscapes, cosmopolitan cities, rich culture, and lively traditions, is a continent full of diversity waiting to be discovered. Join your fellow Princetonians and journey through two of South America’s most culturally and geographically diverse countries: Argentina and Chile. Bookended by the vibrant capital cities of Buenos Aires and Santiago, this program highlights the natural wonderland of Patagonia.

Begin with three nights in Buenos Aires, the “Paris of South America,” and explore its distinct neighborhoods, from the 19th-century architecture of San Telmo to the brightly colored artists’ homes of La Boca. Next, venture inland to El Calafate’s Los Glaciares National Park and marvel at the twenty-two-mile Perito Moreno Glacier, the largest of the 47 glaciers fed by the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. Cross the Andes into Chilean Patagonia and spend three nights at the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Torres del Paine National Park, set amid monolithic granite spires, azure-colored lakes, futuristic Fjords, and majestic massifs. Here condors ride on currents above the mountain peaks, and foxes, rheas, and guanacos give chase in the windswept pampas. Your adventure concludes in Santiago, at the foot of the Andes, with a visit to the Pre-Columbian Museum, lunch, and a tasting of select vintages at the historic Santa Rita winery.

For those wishing to extend their sojourn in South America, there is an optional pre-trip extension to Iguazú Falls, the largest waterfall system in the world and described by past travelers as “unlike any waterfall on earth!” This exclusive Princeton program is sure to inspire early reservations, so we encourage you to save your space today by contacting the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

With kind regards,

Margaret M. Miller ’80
Deputy Vice President for Alumni Affairs
Princeton University

Bridget St. Clair
Assistant Director for Princeton Journeys
Princeton University

COVER: TORRES DEL PAINE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

U.S. → Buenos Aires

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina. OVERNIGHT FLIGHT (MEALS ALOFT)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires known as the Paris of South America and transfer to your hotel located in the heart of the fashionable Recoleta neighborhood. An afternoon walking tour of the surrounding area will introduce you to this grand metropolis on the banks of the River Plate. Recoleta is characterized by its architectural and cultural history. Here, walk through South America’s most opulent and extraordinary cemetery, the Recoleta Cemetery, a much-revered resting place of patriarchs, presidents, and the beloved Eva Perón. Conclude with a tour of the Argentinean collection at the National Museum of Fine Arts. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. THE BRICK HOTEL (D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Buenos Aires

Feel the European influence of this capital city as you tour the major sites today. Highlights include the Plaza de Mayo, the National Cathedral and Casa Rosada, palace of the President and famed pink building from which Eva and Juan Perón addressed the masses. Visit Plaza San Martín and its historic monuments, Calle Florida with its bustling shops, and Calle Arroyo, a hub of art galleries and fashion houses. Delight in the colorful tin houses of La Boca and explore the 19th-century colonial buildings and cobblestone streets of bohemian San Telmo, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Buenos Aires. Flea-market aficionados will enjoy a visit to the Feria de San Telmo in this protected barrio. This evening gather for dinner and enjoy a tango performance at one of the most authentic dance venues in Buenos Aires. THE BRICK HOTEL (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Buenos Aires

Enjoy a free day in Buenos Aires. Restaurants and shops are excellent and the cultural scene pulsates with a passionate spirit and creative energy. In the evening you may opt to attend a performance at the Colón Opera House, or at one of the many other theaters in the city. Your tour director will be available to assist with options. THE BRICK HOTEL (B)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Buenos Aires + El Calafate

Fly to El Calafate on the southern shore of Lake Argentino and transfer to Hotel Kosten Aike, your base to experience Patagonia’s Los Glaciares National Park, declared by UNESCO as part of the Natural Heritage of Humanity. The park boasts 47 major glaciers, the only remains of the last Ice Age, and the third-largest concentration of ice in the world. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the quaint town of El Calafate. Gather this evening for dinner and sample local Patagonian cuisine. HOTEL KOSTEN AIKE (B, D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Estancia Cristina

Board a covered vessel for a journey across Lake Argentino to the remote Estancia Cristina, a historic sheep ranch unreachable by road. Enter the North Channel of the lake and sail among beautiful icebergs which vary in color from pure white to sapphire blue. See the massive peaks guarding the Patagonian ice cap and its runaway ice formations, culminating with the truly spectacular Upsala Glacier, the largest of all the lake’s glaciers. Upon arrival at the Estancia travel in 4x4 vehicles to an even more remote point for an unparalleled opportunity to marvel at the vastness of the Southern Patagonian ice field. This estancia is a remarkable destination with stunning scenery and abundant wildlife: eagles, black-necked cranes, and condors. Please note this day is subject to lake conditions. HOTEL KOSTEN AIKE (B, L)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Perito Moreno Glacier

Today, witness the Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the few remaining advancing glaciers in the world. The Perito Moreno Glacier rises nearly 250 feet above the Iceberg Channel, spans three miles across, and reaches back 22 miles up the Andes. This glacier offers an overwhelming sight and deafening roar every time one of its ice towers breaks and plunges into the water. A boat ride on Lake Argentino will afford an opportunity to view the impressive glacier up close. HOTEL KOSTEN AIKE (B, L)
El Calafate + Torres del Paine National Park + Puerto Natales

Depart El Calafate today and ascend the high Patagonian plateau from where you can appreciate a view of the entire Santa Cruz River Valley and Lake Argentino with the Andes Mountains in the background. Watch for guanaco and other wildlife. After driving through Patagonia’s windswept landscape, cross the border into Chile. Arrive in Puerto Natales and transfer to Hotel Remota with a view to the Ultima Esperanza Bay, the Balmaceda Glacier and the Paine Mountain Range.

HOTEL REMOTA (B, L, D)

Torres del Paine and Surrounding Area

By far, the most impressive sight in southern Chile is Torres del Paine National Park, known as the crown jewel of Patagonia. It was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1978. The dramatic mountain formations of towering rock, windswept pampas, ice fields, and glaciers make it an impressive and unforgettable sight. Look out for herds of guanacos and rheas, flamingos, condors, foxes, geese, and black-necked swans. Lakes and lagoons in hues of blue, green, gray, and ochers abound. The park is surrounded by impressive mountains including the famous Cuernos del Paine (Horns of Granite), twisted snow-dusted pillars of gray granite that rise from the flat Patagonian plain. Choose from a variety of guide-led excursions such as hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking or simply relaxing in the park or its surrounding wilderness. HOTEL REMOTA (BX2, LX2, DX2)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Puerto Natales + Santiago

Depart this morning for Punta Arenas and travel through the expansive Patagonian Pampas, home to rheas, condors, and eagles. Arrive in Punta Arenas, Chile’s southernmost city, located on the Strait of Magellan opposite Tierra del Fuego. Founded in 1848, in its golden age, it served as a port of call for all ships circumnavigating the world. Transfer to the airport for a flight to Santiago. The evening is at leisure.

THE RITZ-CARLTON, SANTIAGO (B, BO, L)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Santiago

A morning tour of Santiago will introduce you to this city at the foot of the Andes. See the remarkable collection at the Chilean Museum of Pre-Colombian Art and La Moneda, the reconstructed neoclassical building that houses the executive branch of Chile’s government. Next, travel to the nearby Maipo Valley, the fertile home of many of Chile’s finest wineries. Mark the journey’s end with a celebratory farewell lunch at the historic Viña Santa Rita with its classical colonial mansion surrounded by ornamental gardens. The remainder of the afternoon is unscheduled before an overnight return flight home. Your room is available for a late check-out until the time of the transfer to the airport.

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT (B, L)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Arrive Home in U.S.

Arrive this morning in the U.S.

Iguazú Falls Pre-Tour Optional Extension

On November 11, 2011, Iguazu Falls was announced as one of the seven winners of the New Seven Wonders of Nature by the New Seven Wonders of the World Foundation.

Roaring out of the jungle and hurtling over cliffs between Brazil and Argentina, the Iguazu Falls are one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Two nights at this extraordinary place offer ample time to relax and see cataracts surrounded by luxuriant rain forest, beautiful exotic birds (toucans, caracaras, and parrots), and intriguing bromeliads and butterflies. Walk along the upper and lower trails for close-up views of the many different falls. Exploration from the Brazilian side is thrilling: take a Zodiac boat to see the falls from their base on the lower river. Fly to Buenos Aires to enjoy an extra night in the captivating city before the main program begins. The extension includes three night’s accommodations (taxes included) buffet breakfast every day, entrance fees, transfers, and expert guides. Airfare is additional and quoted separately. Your visit to the Brazilian side of the falls requires a visa. ACCOMMODATIONS: HOTEL LOIS SUITES IGUAZú AND THE BRICK HOTEL BUENOS AIRES
WHAT TO EXPECT

This exclusive expedition is designed for Princeton alumni and friends who are interested in learning about the history, culture, and superb natural areas of Argentina, Chile and the region of Patagonia. This is a moderately active program. Some walks in the Torres del Paine National Park area are approximately one mile long (sometimes over uneven terrain); walks can be longer at the participant’s discretion. Typically, the weather is warm in Buenos Aires (approx. 70°-75° F daytime) and Santiago (approx. 75°-80° F at noon), and averaging 52° F in El Calafate. Sites in southern Patagonia (Los Glaciares National Park and Torres del Paine) are usually quite cold in the early morning and late evening, but can be sunny and warm during the day. Winds, which can be strong, are frequent in the southern Patagonia area, and weather, as a rule, is unpredictable. Since some travel will be in remote areas, everyone must be flexible concerning time schedules, food, weather, and dust. To enjoy this trip, a spirit of adventure and anticipation, and the desire to explore spectacular natural areas are musts. There are a couple of relatively long drives, which are necessary for the chance to explore the superb scenery of Patagonia. Travel is by regularly scheduled jet aircraft, boat, and motor coach. There are no altitude issues on this trip. On the optional pre-trip extension to Iguazú Falls, the climate is subtropical and rain is not uncommon. Expect temperatures to be between 75°-85° F.

COSTS

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Rates for the extension are based on a minimum of 10 guests. Airfare to Iguazú is not included and quoted separately. The cost for economy class airfare Buenos Aires / Iguazú Falls / Buenos Aires at approximately $400 (as of January 2017) is additional.
RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve your space on this program, a $1,000 deposit is required per person and a $200 per person deposit is required for the Iguazu Falls extension. Please either call Princeton Journeys at (609) 258-8686 or mail/fax the registration form to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, N.J. 08542-0291 or fax (609) 258-5561. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due July 28, 2017, and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40 CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: Refunds less a cancellation fee of $550 per person are made if we are notified in writing before or on July 28, 2017. No refunds are made after that date. All cancellations must be made in writing/email. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations or other trip features. TOUR SIZE: This tour is exclusively designed for Princeton Journeys and is limited to 24 passengers plus staff on a first-come-first-served basis. The minimum group size is 15. Should the minimum not be met, we reserve the right to levy a small group surcharge or cancel the program.

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RESERVATION FORM
Enclosed is a deposit for $1000 ($1,000 deposit per person) to hold ________ place(s) on the “The Best of Patagonia, Buenos Aires and Santiago” program, October 27–November 8, 2017. Final payment is due July 28, 2017.

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I/We wish to join the optional Iguazu Falls pre-trip extension at an additional deposit of $200 per person

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If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate the following:

☐ I’d like to know about possible roommates*

* ‘I understand if a roommate is not secured for me by final payment date, I will be charged the single supplement amount.

☐ I wish to pay the additional $190 for a single supplement.

☐ I/We wish to join the optional Iguazu Falls pre-trip extension at an additional deposit of $200 per person.

☐ Please charge my deposit of __________ per person, plus $200 per person for the extension if applicable, to:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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PLEASE RETURN OR FAX THIS FORM WITH DEPOSIT CHECK OR CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION TO:
Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, N.J. 08542; Fax (609) 258-5561

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HIGHLIGHTS

Visit two capital cities: BUENOS AIRES, the “Paris” of South America, and SANTIAGO, at the foot of the Andes.

See the newly restored COLÓN OPERA HOUSE in Buenos Aires.

View the impressive PERITO MORENO and UPSALA GLACIERS up-close.

Observe PATAGONIA’S UNIQUE WILDLIFE, including guanaco, rhea, flamingo, magnificent Andean condors and beautiful black-necked swans.

Journey to ESTANCIA CRISTINA, a historic Patagonian sheep ranch surrounded by magnificent Patagonian landscape.

Explore TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK, one of the most impressive sites in the southern hemisphere, and walk among monolithic granite spires, glacial lakes, and waterfalls.

Visit CHILE’S WINE DISTRICT and have lunch at a historic vineyard.