

MT Sobek: Adventures in Argentinian Patagonia

Day 1 Welcome to Buenos Aires

Arrive in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. Meet your MT Sobek representative at the airport and transfer to your hotel in the Recoleta neighborhood. After an orientation, explore the traditional neighborhoods of the city by foot, stopping to see the Plaza de Mayo and the Montserrat, as well as the art district of San Telmo, with its lively street fair. Gather in the evening for a welcome dinner.

Accommodation: Loi Suites Recoleta

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Day 2 Fly to Bariloche in Argentina's Lake District

1-hour flight transfer

Board a morning flight to Bariloche. Bordering a glacial lake and surrounded by the snow-capped peaks of the Andes, Bariloche is one of the most celebrated towns in Argentina's Lake District. Stroll the beautiful promenade and see the town's civic center. After lunch at one of the typical restaurants, check in to your cozy hotel on the shore of Nahuel Huapi Lake, a few miles away from Bariloche. In the evening, enjoy the hotel's traditional Argentinian restaurant, where dishes are cooked in a clay oven or on the grill.

Accommodation: Aldebarán Hotel

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Day 3 Kayak Gutierrez Lake & Forest Hike

2 hours kayaking & 2.5 hours/2 miles hiking with 600' elevation gain

After breakfast, depart for a kayaking adventure on Gutierrez Lake, a protected lake at the foothills of the Cathedral mountain range. Begin at the idyllic Estancia Pehuma Hue ranch and paddle on flat water following the shoreline. Enjoy a picnic lunch on a pristine beach before returning to the ranch, where easy lakeside trails afford great views of the lake. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy free time to relax. Dinner is on your own at the lodge or one of the many fine restaurants in Bariloche.

Accommodation: Aldebarán Hotel

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Day 4 Hike Hidden Corners of Nahuel Huapi National Park

Activity: 6 hours/8 miles hiking with 1,300' elevation gain

Explore this magnificent stretch of the Andes and the hidden corners of Nahuel Huapi National Park on today's two hikes. After breakfast, hit the trails through a magnificent forest and ascend Llao Llao hill, enjoying great views of the surrounding lakes and mountains. Following our descent from Llao Llao, ascend again to the quaint village of Tacul. Catch your breath with a private van transfer to pristine Lopez Bay, where you can fuel up on a picnic lunch. Next up, you'll tackle the trail to Brazo Tristeza (the remote third finger of Lake Nahuel Huapi) and gradually ascend through a forest of cohigue and lenga trees to a fantastic lookout point. Return to your hotel and freshen up before heading out to our favorite local brewery for dinner.

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Day 5 Go Deep into Patagonia & Explore El Chaltén

2.5-hour private van transfer

2 hours/2 miles hiking with 700' elevation gain

Return to Bariloche airport and board a flight to El Calafate. Enjoy a scenic 2.5-hour drive past Viedma Lake and the Fitz Roy Massif, stopping en route for lunch at a well-known crossroads in the

middle of the Patagonian Steppe. Arrive in the village of El Chaltén, your home for the next three nights and base for some of the most fabulous hiking trails in Patagonia. Take a short walk to nearby lookout points for astonishing views of the massif, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Los Cerros Hotel—El Chalten

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Day 6 Trek Glacial Valleys to Cerro Torre

6 hours/10 miles hiking with 700' elevation gain

Trek along a glacial valley to Cerro Torre Base Camp and revel in one of the most stunning views in Patagonia: the south face of Cerro Torre, with its iconic pointy spires and hanging glaciers. In the afternoon, return to your hotel in El Chaltén and enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Accommodation: Los Cerros Hotel—El Chalten

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Day 7 Marvel at Mountain Peaks: Fitz Roy, Saint Exupery and Poincenot

7–8 hours/15 miles hiking with 1,000' elevation gain

After a scenic morning drive, hike into the valley of Rio Electrico and enjoy great views of Marconi and Piedras Blancas Glacier (weather permitting). Enjoy a picnic lunch at Poincenot Camp before continuing on to Laguna Capri, enjoying incredible views of Mount Fitz Roy, Mount Saint Exupery, and Poincenot Peaks. If you're feeling ambitious, take an optional hike up one last steep hill to Laguna de los Tres — a challenging effort, but worthwhile for its superb views of Mount Fitz Roy and its hanging glaciers.

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Day 8 Ride Horses at a Patagonian Ranch

3-hour private van transfer

2-3 hours horseback riding

Visit Estancia La Estela, an authentic sheep ranch located on the east shore of massive Lake Viedma, and experience the vast solitude of the Patagonian Steppe. Saddle up for a horseback ride by the lake shore and through dunes to the birth of Río Guanacos. In the early afternoon, continue to the town of El Calafate, your home for the next two nights. Check in to your hotel and take some time to relax and enjoy the spa or pool before walking to a local restaurant and enjoying a traditional lamb barbecue and sipping earthy Argentine Malbec.

Accommodation: Hotel Posada Los Alamos

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Day 9 Ice Trek on Perito Moreno Glacier

45-minute sailing & 2 hours/1.5 miles hiking with 150' elevation gain

Sail across Lago Argentino to the famous Perito Moreno Glacier. Strap on crampons and walk into a surreal expanse of jagged peaks and neon-blue crevasses. (Available for guests aged 65 or younger. Alternatively, walk extensive footbridges for different viewpoints of this amazing natural wonder.) In the afternoon, stop at a scenic overlook facing Canal de los Tempanos, a narrow water channel that separates the peninsula from the huge mass of ice.

Accommodation: Hotel Posada Los Alamos

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Day 10 Return to Buenos Aires

1-hour transfer

After breakfast, drive back to El Calafate to enjoy some leisure time in town before boarding an early afternoon flight to Buenos Aires. After checking into your hotel, gather together for a farewell

dinner.

Accommodation: Loi Suites Recoleta
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Day 11 Explore Buenos Aires and Depart

Explore Buenos Aires on your own and enjoy a last bite of Argentinian cuisine. Transfer to Buenos Aires airport in the afternoon to board your flight home.

Accommodation: Loi Suites Recoleta
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