



Wangulen Odyssey

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SOUTHBOUND PATAGONIAN ODYSSEY Recently Upgraded!

Experience the culture, history, myths and inexpressible beauty of Patagonia in this small group, fully-escorted overland tour through Southern Chile and Argentina.

Lodging – Southbound Tour

Night	Hotel*
1	Cabanas del Lago, Puerto Varas
2,3	Sol del Nahuel, Bariloche
4	La Antigua Casona, Futaleufú
5,6	Puyuhuapi Lodge & Spa
7	El Reloj, Coyhaique
8,9	Terra Luna Lodge, Pto. Guadal
10	La Posada Inn, Lago Posada
11,12	Kaulem, El Chalten
13	El Quijote, El Calafate
14	Cerro Guido, Torres del Paine
15	Indigo, Puerto Natales

* Substitutions of at least equal quality might be necessary depending on availability.

US\$ **4,490** per person

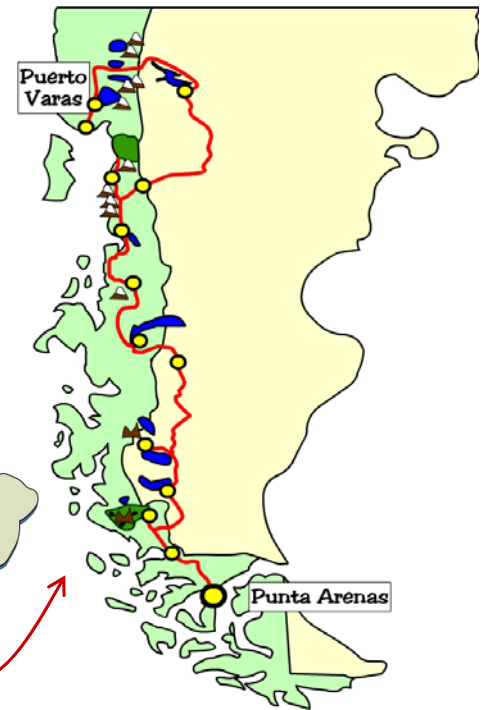
16 days / 15 nights

Includes **Internal Airfare**

\$690 single room supplement

Tour Highlights

- 🚩 Lakes Districts in Chile & Argentina
- 🚩 Volcanoes & the Andes Mountains
- 🚩 Bariloche & Lake Nahuel Huapi
- 🚩 Chile's Carretera Austral
- 🚩 Lake General Carrera
- 🚩 Argentina's Route 40
- 🚩 Wide open Pampa
- 🚩 El Chalten & Fitz Roy
- 🚩 Perito Moreno Glacier
- 🚩 Torres del Paine NP
- 🚩 and Glaciers Galore!



Southbound Itinerary

Day 1 Puerto Varas, Chile

Arrive in **Puerto Montt** where we will meet you for the short transfer to the starting point of our adventure, the quaint lakeside town of **Puerto Varas**, with its view of the "Mount Fuji of South America" (the **Osorno Volcano**) across **Llanquihue lake**. We'll take an afternoon trip along the lake to **visit an open-air colonial museum in Frutillar**, then have an all-you-can-eat lunch over which we will discuss the trip. In the evening, you can test your luck at the beautiful casino by the shore.

What's Included ? Everything, so you can enjoy your vacation!

- Small group experience (max. 8 travelers) with personalized service
- Lodging in 3 to 4-star category (hotels, cabins and lodges, No Camping)
- Bilingual Tour Hosts who will escort you throughout the tour
- All meals, including soft drinks, water and juices (alcoholic drinks extra)
- Snacks and drinks while we are in the van together
- Daily activities, including soft trekking, boat rides, national park visits, etc.
- Transportation in extremely comfortable Mercedes Benz Sprinter minibus
- Fun, relaxed atmosphere to help make this your best travel experience ever!

Day 2 San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina

Today we head north to **Lake Puyehue** turning east to drive between the **Puyehue and Casa Blanca Volcanoes** then up and over the pass into Argentina. We border the **Nahuel Huapi Lake**, pass through the town of **Villa La Angostura** where we will have our lunch, before continuing around the eastern shores of the lake to arrive at our first destination of **San Carlos de Bariloche**. You will have the **rest of the afternoon free** (we recommend trying the indoor/outdoor pool with a great view).

Day 3 San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina

This morning we will **take a chairlift up Campanario Hill** with its breathtaking 360-degree view of all the lakes and snow-capped peaks. We will then drive back into town for lunch, after which you can stay and **stroll through the streets of Bariloche**, known for its high quality leather products and of course its huge assortment of local, handmade chocolates. You should still have plenty of time before dinner to try out the spa services at the hotel, or just relax and enjoy the unforgettable view of the lake.

Day 4 Futaleufú, Chile

This morning we leave Bariloche and make a stop in the hippy town of **El Bolsón**, where we can stretch our legs, have lunch and [browse the local handcraft fair](#). Then we continue south to the end of the paved road in **Trevelín** to [visit a museum dedicated to Welsh colonization](#) in the area. We then make another [stop at a museum established by Carlo Benetton covering indigenous life up through modern times](#). Then we reenter Chile and head down to the world renowned whitewater rafting village of **Futaleufú**.

Day 5 Puyuhuapi Fjord, Chile

This morning we make our way to the **Carretera Austral**, the north-south “southern highway” linking the hard-to-reach areas of southern Chile. We drive through rolling hills where local ranchers have lived and worked for generations, for the most part in geographic, political and economic isolation from the rest of the country. We will stop for lunch in the sleepy port town of **Puyuhuapi** at the end of the **Puyuhuapi Fjord**, then take a 30-minute boat ride across the water to our lodging for the next 2 nights at a location also isolated, in the middle of the Chilean temperate rain forest. [Rest of afternoon free to enjoy the various onsite Hot Springs](#).

Day 6 Puyuhuapi Fjord, Chile

Today we will take a break from driving and enjoy the peaceful environment around us. We will take a [hike of approximately 2 hours into the temperate rainforest](#) and have our lunch at the end of the trail right on the fjord. In the afternoon we will return to the lodge where you will be able to relax and soak in the thermal baths near the hotel before dinner.

Day 7 Coyhaique, Chile

Today we take the boat back across the fjord to continue our trip down the Carretera Austral. We will pass through what many consider the most beautiful park in Chile, **Queulat National Park**. In this the only national park in which you can drive completely through, we can take a [hike to see the Hanging Glacier](#). The road on this section of the trip is packed with scenic beauty so varied and breathtaking, your cameras will get a workout! After passing through the **Simpson Valley** with numerous waterfalls, we arrive in **Coyhaique**, the largest city we'll see until the end of our trip.

Day 8 Pto. Guadal (Lake General Carrera), Chile

Leaving Coyhaique, we head south around **Cerro Castillo** (Castle Mountain). Then we enter a valley that became a river of flowing lava after the 1991 eruption of the Hudson Volcano, leaving behind a “**Río de la Muerte**” (River of the Dead), a riverbed of scorched tree trunks as a reminder of nature's power. The entire area was covered in up to a meter of ashes. The road turns south again and heads towards the western shores of **General Carrera Lake**, the largest in Chile. We will make a stop and take a [boat ride to see some amazing Marble Caves](#), then cross a beautiful bridge to spend the night at a cozy, well-equipped complex on the south shore of the lake.

Day 9 Pto. Guadal (Lake General Carrera), Chile

Today is another day to relax in the middle of a majestic environment: on the shores of Chile's largest, bluest lake, with a view of Patagonia's highest peak, **San Valentín**, on the other side. After breakfast we will take a [full day hiking excursion](#) up to a lookout point over the entire valley. Thousands of years ago this area was all covered by ice, then water, and is

replete with marine fossils. The area, with astounding views of the lake and ice fields from here is a perfect place for our lunch. Then we return to the lodge for dinner and a pisco sour.

Day 10 Lago Posada, Argentina

This morning we head south and drive along the incredible glacier-blue waters of the **Baker River**. Then we make a turn east into the **Chacabuco Valley** and follow the river of the same name. Today's drive will be a [Patagonian safari](#), where you will most likely get to see more wildlife than on any other part of the trip, including guanacos, rheas, foxes, and hopefully some condors. We cross into Argentina again and the scenery changes as we enter the **pampa**, or steppes. Then we make our way into the small dusty town of **Lago Posada** for our comfortable accommodations for the night at our most remote destination during the trip.

Day 11 El Chaltén, Argentina

Today's trip will be our longest, so we'll need to get an early start. We enter Argentina's famous **Route 40** at the crossroads town of **Bajo Caracoles** and head south through wide open landscapes. Just before getting to **Lake Viedma** we turn back west and drive along the northern shores of the lake. The unparalleled beauty in front of us grabs our attention and pulls us in to our destination for the day of **El Chaltén**, where trekkers and climbers from around the world come to tackle the immense **Mount Fitz Roy** and numerous other mountains, and enjoy the vast glaciers in **Glacier National Park**. After a long drive, it's good to [stroll through this unique town](#), built around backpackers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Day 12 El Chaltén, Argentina

Today you can either relax around El Chaltén or choose between various activities, such as: [1\) Mountain and Ice Trekking](#) for those prepared for a full day hike to and from Tower Lagoon, including ice-trekking on the Tower Glacier, [2\) Day cruise and Ice Trekking](#) on Lake Viedma and the Viedma Glacier, or [3\) Day trip to the Laguna del Desierto](#) for a hike to visit a glacier followed by a typical Argentinean lunch. Whatever you decide, we're sure the combination of tired muscles, clean mountain air, and a good hot meal will help us all sleep like babies!

Day 13 El Calafate, Argentina

Our drive will be relatively short today, with most of the road paved. We return along **Lake Viedma**, down to the south shore of **Lake Argentino** and into the tourist town of **El Calafate** for an early lunch. Then you will take an [afternoon tour for a close-up view of the Perito Moreno Glacier](#), one of the most active glaciers on the planet, often with sections of ice calving off every few minutes. The almost constant sound of ice cracking and shifting inside the glacier is something you will never forget. You'll have the remainder of the afternoon and evening free to enjoy the inviting shops and bookstores.

Day 14 Torres del Paine, Chile

This morning you will be able to [visit a nature sanctuary](#), and take a couple of hours to stroll around the lagoons, the home of hundreds of birds and ducks. Then we will leave El Calafate heading south to cross the border into Chile for the last time. After lunch we will make our way to **Puerto Natales**, a small town in an unbelievable setting on the **Last Hope Sound**. We will arrive in time to have the [rest of the afternoon free](#) to explore the bookstores, shops and beautiful oceanfront.

Day 15

Puerto Natales, Chile

Today we enter Chile's most visited park, **Torres del Paine National Park**. The park was designated a Unesco World Biosphere Reserve in 1978, being the home to at least 25 species of mammals, including **guanacos, pumas and foxes**, as well as more than 115 species of birds. We will see various lakes (Sarmiento, del Toro, Nordenskjold, Pehoé, Grey), the famous **North and South Towers** and the more photographed Paine "Cuernos", or Horns. We will take an **easy 1-hour hike to reach the best view of the Horns in the park**.

Upcoming Departure Dates:

(S) = Southbound (N) = Northbound

2010 – November 22 (N)

2011 – January 14 (S), March 14 (N)

Then we will have a box lunch before taking another **hike to the Condor's Lookout**, offering us unbeatable views of the park. After making our way back down, we will continue driving through the park, taking a different route back down to **Puerto Natales**, where we will have our farewell dinner.

Day 16

Punta Arenas, Chile

This morning you will be transferred to **Punta Arenas** either for your flight back to Santiago or to continue your vacation. We hope you had a great adventure!



Recharge your batteries, **Refresh** your spirit, **Reacquaint** yourself with nature. Get away from it all with Wangulen Odyssey, where you will **Live the Experience**. **Reserve your space today!** Contact us at overland@wangulen.com for more info.



Want to **extend** your Patagonian vacation?
It's easy!

- Spend more time in **Santiago/Valparaiso/Wine Country**
- Explore **Torres del Paine** in more detail
- Take a **Glaciers Cruise** from Punta Arenas to Ushuaia
- Tango and live it up in **Buenos Aires**
- Witness the unforgettable beauty of **Iguazu Falls**
- Immerse yourself in the mystery of **Machu Picchu**
- Hit the beaches and nightlife in **Rio de Janeiro**

Ask us how!