



Patagonia Explorer

January 13-26, 2024

14 days for \$8,847 total price from San Francisco

(\$7,895 air & land inclusive plus \$952 airline taxes and fees)



An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for the Commonwealth Club



Dear Club Travelers,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 14-day tour to Patagonia to discover the remarkable diversity of southernmost South America. On this special small group journey, you will visit national parks, view stunning scenery and take a day cruise to experience massive glaciers up close.

Begin in Punta Arenas, capital of Chile's Magallanes Region, where you get a close-up view of Patagonian Chile on an excursion to a working *estancia* for a sheep-shearing demonstration and traditional *asado* lunch. Take a day cruise through the Strait of Magellan to Magdalena Island to view the two-foot-tall Magellanic penguin in its natural habitat. Spend three nights in Torres del Paine to admire the park's jagged peaks, ice-blue glaciers, turquoise lakes, rushing rivers and thunderous waterfalls. Cross over into Argentina, where you embark on another cruise to view the jaw-dropping scenery at Los Glaciares National Park, including Perito Moreno Glacier. After exploring the town of El Calafate, your tour concludes with two days in the vibrant Argentine capital of Buenos Aires. For those interested in beginning the tour earlier in revered and remote Easter Island, a 4-day/4-night pre-tour option is available.

Space is limited to only 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly.

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: PATAGONIA EXPLORER

To reserve your place on tour, **please call The Commonwealth Club at (415) 597-6720 or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Commonwealth Club representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to The Commonwealth Club's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **The Commonwealth Club**
110 The Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94105

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Pre-Tour "Easter Island – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

☐ I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.

☐ I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

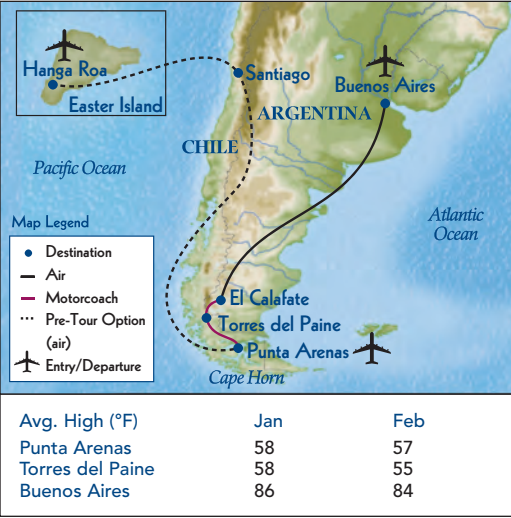
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Join us in Patagonia, the unspoiled wilderness at lands' end, shared by Chile and Argentina. Here, the Torres del Paine massif presides over rugged plains, and ice-blue glaciers speckle the sea. As we visit two breathtaking national parks in this remote region, we experience nature at its purest, up close and unfettered. And a stay in Buenos Aires adds zest to our small group journey.



Saturday, January 13: Depart for Punta Arenas, Chile

Sunday, January 14: Arrive Punta Arenas We arrive today in Punta Arenas, capital of Chile's southernmost Magallanes region. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned.

Monday, January 15: Punta Arenas/Magdalena Island On our day cruise through the storied Strait of Magellan today, we have the opportunity to see for ourselves an animal that most people have only seen in captivity: the Magellanic penguin, the two-foot-tall flightless bird that numbers among the millions along the southern tip of South America. We cruise to tiny Magdalena Island, home to a colony of more than 120,000 penguins that coexist peacefully with cormorants, sea lions, and other species. We return to Punta Arenas, where we enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight we gather for a welcome dinner. *B,D*

Tuesday, January 16: Punta Arenas We get a close-up view of Patagonian Chile today on our excursion to a working *estancia* (ranch). We visit with the local cowboys who work here and watch a sheepdog exercise to see how these amazing animals perform their important job of herding. We also see a sheep-shearing demonstration and learn how the wool is processed. Then we enjoy a traditional Patagonian *asado* (barbecue) lunch at the ranch before our return to Punta Arenas, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. *B,L*

Wednesday, January 17: Punta Arenas/Torres del Paine Today we set out by motorcoach for the six-hour journey north to Torres del Paine National Park, stopping for lunch en route. Sitting on the shores of Ultima Esperanza Sound, Torres del Paine comprises a 700-square-mile national park and UNESCO reserve. Upon arrival at our hotel this afternoon, we set out on a gentle hike to take in some of the spectacular surroundings. We dine together tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Thursday, January 18: Torres del Paine National Park Today marks our first full day in Torres del Paine, one of the most unspoiled and beautiful nature preserves on Earth. We spend the day exploring this unparalleled landscape of jagged peaks, virgin forests, ice-blue glaciers, turquoise lakes, rushing rivers, and

Small Group Tour Highlights

Day cruise to see Magellanic penguins on Magdalena Island • Visit to working *estancia* for traditional barbecue lunch and sheep-shearing demonstration • Three-night stay in Torres del Paine National Park, with excursions • Day cruise in Los Glaciares National Park, with excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier • El Calafate's Glaciarium center • Buenos Aires stay and touring

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Punta Arenas		
2-4	Punta Arenas	Hotel Cabo de Hornos	First Class
5-7	Torres del Paine	Hotel Rio Serrano	First Class
8-10	El Calafate	Hotel Posada Los Alamos	First Class
11-12	Buenos Aires	Emperador Hotel Buenos Aires	Deluxe
13	Buenos Aires/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
14	Arrive U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: On Day 9, we cruise to Perito Moreno Glacier to see the massive icefield up close.



Our tour begins in grand Punta Arenas.

thunderous waterfalls. We also visit magnificent Lago Grey, which is fed by the glacier of the same name in the Southern Patagonia Ice Field. *B,L,D*

Friday, January 19: Torres del Paine National Park
Our second day of exploration in the park features Laguna Amarga, Laguna Azul, and Cascade Rio Paine, along with resident wildlife. *B,L,D*

Saturday, January 20: Torres del Paine/El Calafate, Argentina
We travel to Argentine Patagonia today, crossing the border at Cancha Carrera then continuing on to the southern shores of Lago Argentino and the town of El Calafate, gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Late afternoon we reach our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Sunday, January 21: Los Glaciares National Park/ Perito Moreno
It's a full day of jaw-dropping scenery, as we set out this morning on our boat trip to Perito Moreno Glacier, inside the national park. We cruise on Lago Argentino, the country's largest and most southerly lake. At Toro Bay, we disembark for a guided walk through the Andean Patagonian forest, where we see a variety of trees, including a 100-year-old cherry tree whose trunk is almost 10 feet in diameter. Back on board, we continue on to a spot where we can view two glaciers: Mayo Hill and Negro Hill "hanging" glacier that starts high on the valley wall and descends only part-way down. Then we disembark at Negro Hill for another guided walk. Returning to our boat, we enjoy a simple box lunch en route to the northern wall of Perito Moreno Glacier, the spectacular 97-square-mile mass of ice that counts as one of Argentina's most popular attractions. Here we disembark at the floating pier, where we can get panoramic views of Perito Moreno from different heights and angles. *B,L*

Monday, January 22: El Calafate
This morning we put some of what we saw on Day 9 into perspective as we visit the Glaciarium, a modern interpretation center devoted to the Patagonian Icefield and its glaciers through models, photographs, and interactive exhibits. Built to blend in with the natural environment, the Glaciarium features a dramatic façade that evokes the

Pre-Tour Extension

January 8-13, 2024

Easter Island

5 days/5 nights from \$2,795 total price

Single Supplement: \$895

*Discover revered and remote Easter Island,
home of the Rapa Nui people and their
enigmatic moai statues.*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Easter Island/Punta Arenas
- 5 nights' accommodations: 3 nights at Nayara Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Santiago at Holiday Inn Santiago-Airport Terminal (First Class)
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including visits to multiple *moai* sites across the island; Sebastian Englert Anthropological Museum; Puna Pau and Rano Kau craters, Orongo birdman cult ruins, Rano Raraku volcano, Anakena Beach
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Land only guests: \$2,995 total price



TRAVELERS ARE FANTASISTS,
CONJURERS, SEERS ...”

— CYNTHIA OZICK

face of the Perito Moreno Glacier. Following our experience here, we return to town for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure. *B,D*

Tuesday, January 23: El Calafate/Buenos Aires We transfer to El Calafate airport today for our flight to the lively Argentine capital of Buenos Aires. Dinner tonight is on our own in this city known especially for its *asado* – and for its late dining hours. *B*

Wednesday, January 24: Buenos Aires Highlights of our full-day city tour include the elegant mansions and lovely parks and gardens of the leafy Palermo neighborhood; the colorful bohemian district of La Boca; picturesque San Telmo, the city’s oldest neighborhood; elegant Recoleta cemetery, with its elaborate mausoleums; and historic Government House. Tonight, we visit one of the city’s tango houses for dinner and a show. *B,D*

Thursday, January 25: Buenos Aires/Depart for U.S. This morning we tour Teatro Colon, Buenos Aires’ beloved opera house that ranks as one of



*Easter Island’s moai
(pre-tour option)*

the world’s most important, on par with Milan’s La Scala and the Vienna State Opera. Then we celebrate our Patagonian adventure over a farewell lunch. We return to our day rooms at our hotel; the remainder of the day is at leisure before this evening’s transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to the U.S. *B,L*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 11 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and First Class hotels
- 25 meals: 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Educational lectures
- Commonwealth Club representative at 15 guests
- MALBA Museum
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We spend two days exploring Torres del Paine.

Friday, January 26: Arrive U.S. We arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with our return flights home.

Tour Departs: January 13, 2024

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

San Francisco, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Washington, DC	\$8,847
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Seattle, Portland, Denver	\$8,947
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Land Only (transfers not included)	\$7,295
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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$952, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$2,195. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight: \$2,995 per person from New York and Miami; \$4,995 all other cities, in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment, between 1-3 miles per day, unassisted. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

Contact Club Travel at

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Your Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Eligibility: We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealthclub.org/membership or call (415) 597-6720.

Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. **Baggage insurance is also recommended.** In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility: The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Cornell Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with these airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: *The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.*

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