

Buenos Aires – Patagonia – Stella Australis Cruise



(14 days / 13 nights)

From \$3609.00* per person in Double Occupancy
(*Promotional offer good for bookings made prior to September 30)

Departures: September 26, 30; October 3, 7, 31; November 11, 18, 21, 28; December 2, 5, 9, 12, 16 23

Day 1 – Home City - Buenos Aires

Meet and Greet upon arrival and Transfer to **Hotel Americas Tower** or similar. In the afternoon, City Tour visiting the most interesting sites of this cosmopolitan city: Plaza de Mayo (May Square), Casa Rosada (Government House), the Cabildo (Colonial Town Hall), the Metropolitan Cathedral, Avenida de Mayo (May Avenue), the Congress Palace, the Colón Theatre, and La Boca, San Telmo, Palermo and Recoleta neighborhoods. Dinner & Tango Show at El Querandi. Return to the hotel. B, D

Day 2 – Buenos Aires

Breakfast at your hotel. Today is free to relax, shop, stroll and explore the city on your own; or perhaps enjoy an optional tour. We recommend the Fiesta Gaucha: a full day excursion to an authentic Argentine estancia (ranch), to appreciate close up the local gauchos' skills at cattle breeding, horseback riding and feast on a delicious Argentine 'asado' (barbecue) which consists in cow ribs placed on an iron grid and grilled on wood embers. B

Day 3 – Buenos Aires / Puerto Madryn

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the Airport to board flight to Trelew. Meet and Greet upon arrival and visit to Punta Tombo penguin rookery to admire the magnificent Magellan penguin colony. Transfer to **Hotel Peninsula** or similar in Puerto Madryn. B

Day 4 – Puerto Madryn

Breakfast at your hotel. Full-day tour to the Valdés Peninsula, passing by Ameghino Isthmus, located between the Nuevo and the San José gulfs. Visit to Puerto Pirámide and its sea lion rookery. Do not miss the chance to take part in an optional whale watching boat excursion (available from June to November). The tour continues to Punta Delgada for a close up look at its important colony of sea elephants and Caleta Valdés, where sea lions seem to have found their ideal natural habitat. Return to the hotel. B

Day 5 – Puerto Madryn / Ushuaia

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the Airport to board flight to Ushuaia. Meet and Greet upon arrival and Transfer to **Hotel Los Acebos** or similar. Evening free to relax and dream of your cruise adventure beginning next day. B

Day 6 – Ushuaia / Australis Cruise

Breakfast at your hotel. Half-day excursion to Tierra del Fuego National Park, located 7 miles from Ushuaia. Enjoy marvelous panoramic views of the Beagle channel, Lapataia River, Laguna Verde and Lake Roca. In the afternoon, brief City Tour including the End of the World Museum. Afterwards, board the Stella Australis cruise ship. Check in at San Martín 409, Ushuaia, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cruise ship boarding from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Captain and crew give a Welcome Cocktail reception on board. Afterwards, the ship departs for "the End of The World". We sail through the Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan to explore one of the most captivating wilderness regions in the world, the Southern Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. Enjoy a delicious Dinner with your new shipmates. B, D

Day 7 – Australis Cruise

Breakfast on board. We sail through the Murray Channel and Nassau Bay to reach Cape Horn National Park, where we disembark (weather permitting). The mythical Cape Horn was discovered in 1616, and it is a sheer 1,394-foot high rocky promontory. For many years it was an important navigation route between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and it is known as the “End of the Earth”. Cape Horn National Park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in June 2005. In the afternoon, we go ashore at historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region’s largest Yamana aboriginal settlements. Charles Darwin landed here on January 23rd, 1833, during the voyage of the HMS Beagle. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coihues, Canelos, ferns, and other native vegetation to reach our lookout point. B, L, D

Day 8 – Australis Cruise

Breakfast on board. Early morning, we sail through the desolate Brecknock and Ocasión channels to reach Cockburn channel in the afternoon. After lunch, we arrive at Chico Sound and disembark in zodiac boats to explore Alakaluf fjord, its beautiful waterfalls and observe the Piloto and Nena glaciers from the sea. We will learn about the formation of glaciers and their influence in the abrupt geography of the region’s channels. Overnight on board. B, L, D

Day 9 – Australis Cruise / Torres del Paine

Breakfast on board. Early morning, we go ashore on Magdalena Island (weather permitting). Located in the Straits of Magellan, it was an essential source of supplies for navigators and explorers in the past. The island is inhabited by an immense colony of Magellan penguins that can be sighted during our walk to a lighthouse, which guides ships on their way through the strait. In September and April this excursion is replaced by a zodiac boat ride at Marta Island to observe sea lions. After our visit disembark at Punta Arenas to depart on regular bus line to Torres del Paine. Meet and Greet upon arrival to the bus station and Transfer to the Torres del Paine Hosteria Las Torres or similar. B

Day 10 – Torres del Paine

Breakfast at the Hotel. Full-day excursion to magnificent Torres del Paine National Park to admire its marvellous flora and fauna majestically framed by the Andes Mountain range. Marvel at its beautiful, icy cold lakes, rivers and glacial era landscape. Return to the hotel.

Day 11 – Torres del Paine / El Calafate

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer by regular bus line to El Calafate. Meet and Greet upon arrival to the bus station and Transfer to **Hotel Calafate Parque** or similar. B

Day 12 – El Calafate

Breakfast at your hotel. Enjoy full-day excursion to impressive Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park. This imposing ice river, 2 miles wide and 164 feet high, descends from the Patagonian Continental Ice field, provoking ice cracks and explosions during its slow forward movements. Due to its breathtaking beauty and unusual behavior, it has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We will enjoy a boat ride that will allow you to admire close up the magnificence of the Perito Moreno. B

Day 13 – El Calafate / Buenos Aires

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the Airport to board flight to Buenos Aires. Meet and Greet upon arrival and Transfer to **Hotel Las Americas Tower** or similar. Afternoon is free to relax, stroll, shop and explore this European style capital city on your own. B

Day 14 – Buenos Aires – Home City

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the Airport to board flight homeward or next destination.

B Breakfast **L** Lunch **D** Dinner

Package Includes:

- Airport Transfers and Tours as specified
- Assistance of English speaking local guide on all Transfers and Tours unless otherwise indicated

- Three (3) nights Hotel Accommodations in Buenos Aires
- Two (2) nights Hotel Accommodations in Puerto Madryn
- One (1) night Hotel Accommodations in Ushuaia
- Two (2) nights Hotel Accommodations in Torres del Paine
- One (1) night Hotel Accommodations in El Calafate
- Four (4) Day / Three (3) Night Stella Australis Cruise
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch (2)
- Dinner (4)

Not Included:

- International and Domestic Airfare
- Airport Taxes
- Ushuaia Port Taxes (\$30.00 per person. Subject to change).
- Expenses of a personal nature including non-included meals, snacks, beverages, gratuities, laundry, telephone, internet usage, etc.

Suggested Flights:

Air tickets and airport taxes are not included.

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REL / USH	AR 1878	19.50 22.00
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Per Person Prices:

- Per Person in Double Occupancy: \$4325.00 (September 26)
- Per Person in Double Occupancy: \$3609.00 (September 30, October 7, December 9)
- Per Person in Double Occupancy: \$4415.00 (October 3, December 2, 5, 12, 16)
- Per Person in Double Occupancy: \$4809.00 (October 31, November 11, 18, 21, 28, December 23)