

Calafate from \$199.00

Day 1 (El Calafate)

Meeting services upon your arrival to El Calafate a region of extreme natural beauty famed for pristine glaciers and alpine lakes in the high Andes. Upon arrival to El Calafate, a small Patagonian frontier town and gateway to the famed Perito Moreno Glacier, our guide will drive you to your hotel. Afternoon free to get acquainted with the town.

Overnight.

Day 2 (El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier)

After breakfast, we depart to Glacier National Park to experience a significant relic left by the Ice Age. Only 30km from the entrance to Los Glaciares National Park, the footbridge area of the Perito Moreno Glacier is an excellent site to behold the beauty and splendor of its ice blocks, inside Los Glaciares National Park. Bordering the Brazo Rico of Lake Argentino and through the forest of lengas, ciruelillos, calafates and larches that fill our path, along 30km from the entrance to the protected area to the footbridge sector. The Perito Moreno is



the only glacier that maintains its balance; that is to say, all the ice mass it receives from its source in the winter is gradually lost in its front during the summer. Almost at handreach, opens up a strange set of dimensions and perceptions for the senses. At times gentle, quiet, freezing, both in time and atmosphere. Once in a while, some murmur, a roar growing from the depths... and suddenly, the solid 70-meter wall succumbs to pressure; it comes away and falls, collapsing clamorously. And one stays there, leaning on the railing, astonished, waiting for a new calving instance.

As the locals from El Calafate proudly announce, the Perito Moreno glacier has come to be considered as the eighth wonder of the world.

overnight (B)

Option: MINITREKKING ABOVE PERITO MORENO GLACIER

After a brief chat in the shelter to coordinate the excursion, starts the hiking, first across a little forest of lengas and ñires and then along the border of the lake to the edge of the ice. After received precise instructions and put on the crampons over the shoes becomes the walk on ice. Now, the glacier is at your feet. During the hiking, you will discover and explore the incredible white extension. Countless cracks, drains, small lagoons and fragmented ice blocks called seracs, form a boundless and captivating space. A little bit more, and everything turned into the universes of Ray Bradbury. Sparkling whites, deep blues, light crystals. Small waterfalls bellows, threads of pure water that invite us to drink. Astonished, we continue without giving our legs or our amazement a rest. At the highest point of the journey, we will stop and turn around to see the path we have followed. It seems incredible to know that, even if it looked impossible, the Perito Moreno slides one and a half meter in its central part and 40 centimeters on its sides every day, thus changing its appearance day by day and forcing the guides to modify their circuits periodically. This movement does not imply advance, because the loss of ice mass in the front that is recovered with the new ice collected from the source causes the balance to be kept. Then, one can notice that about an hour and a half had passed, and with little effort, a hiking of half hour way back, a sweet surprise: chocolates, whisky and ice crushed right there before your eyes to make a toast to our little glacier adventure.



Day 3 (El Calafate - Time at leisure)

Option:

Starting at provincial route 11 towards km 39, until reaching the route 8 to Punta Bandera (49 km), which is the only way to to navigate through the northern branch of lake Argentino.

From there, we'll navigate until after 70 km to reach the Glacier Upsala and Onelli Bay, where the catamaran stops for three hours. Upsala Glacier forms an ice spit of some 60 km long and 10 km wide and constitutes the biggest glacier in the area. Its surface is approximately 595 km², about three times



as big as Buenos Aires. The name Upsala is also the name of a city in Sweeden, where the first glaciology research work was carried out at the beginning of the XX century. In the central part of this glacier there is a long dark stripe formed by a central moraine, rocky fragments dragged by tributary glaciers trapped in the confluence of two glacier spits. Navigation goes on until Onelli Bay, where passengers disembark and go for a short walk through the forest until Onelli Bay, where glaciers Onelli, Bolados, Agassiz

and Heim meet. During the hike, the passenger will enjoy these beautiful landscapes with a variety of shapes and colors in the immense icebergs detached from Upsala Glacier.

Overnight (B)

Welcome, reception and transfer to Selected Hotel

2 nights hotel accommodation with breakfast and tax included

Full day visit to the National park, Perito Moreno (entrance included)

Sierra Nevada Hotel 3*	Sgl \$345.00	Dbi \$235.00	Tpl \$199.00
Mirador del lago 4*	Sgl \$426.00	Dbi \$280.00	Tpl \$247.00
Los Alamos 5*	Sgl \$475.00	Dbi \$303.00	Tpl \$262.00