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SOUTH AMERICA PART 2 – BREATHTAKING PATAGONIA & MYSTERIOUS EASTER ISLAND

Covering Buenos Aires, Santiago, the Patagonia region of Argentina & Chile and Easter Island

17 days / 15 nights (excluding Easter Island)

21 days/ 18 nights (including Easter Island)

25 days/21 nights (including Easter Island & Amsterdam)



DAY 1 - KUALA LUMPUR / BUENOS AIRES – 07 APR 2017

Assemble at KLIA for your departure flight to Buenos Aires (Meals on board)

DAY 2 – BUENOS AIRES – 08 APR 2017 (-/-/D)

Arrival in Buenos Aires; meet and transfer to local restaurant to enjoy dinner. Then transfer to hotel.



DAY 3 – BUENOS AIRES – 09 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, you will enjoy a City tour of Buenos Aires where starting in 'Mayo Square' comprising the National Congress, the ancient Council, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Capitol (better known as "Pink House"). The tour also includes the magnificent areas of Recoleta (includes a visit at the cemetery) and Palermo, with their beautiful parks and buildings, the Colon Theatre, (one of the five most important Opera theatres of the world) and many other buildings and palaces of architectural of historical and cultural value. We will visit San Telmo area, one of the most antique districts of the city, as well as the Boca district, with its "caminito" - a picturesque pedestrian street, where you will find its colorful metal sheet tenements. Finally, the tour will lead us to the recently recycled district of Puerto Madero, old area of the Buenos Aires port.

After enjoying lunch at local restaurant, it's time to go to Tigre, located 30km north of Buenos Aires, which is the access to exotic delta of the Parana River, a huge stretch of subtropical forest including thousands of islets. This delta is unique in the world as it flows into another river instead of into the sea, as all deltas do. After travelling along the Rio de la Plata, we will arrive to San Isidro to make a small stop to visit the New-Gothic Cathedral built in the XIX century. From here, we continue to Tigre Pier to board on one of the typical boats that will take us on a spectacular ride around the islands, enjoying nature at every corner. Dinner at local restaurant.

DAY 4 – BUENOS AIRES – 10 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Today is time to visit a typical “estancia” (Estancia Santa Susana) of the Argentine wet pampas, one of the most fertile natural prairies of the world and famous for its meat and cereal production. Enjoy the flavour of our “pampas” at a touristy ranch located 110km away from down-town Buenos Aires. You will be welcomed with meat pies (typical “empanadas”), a glass of wine or juices by the owners and served an Argentine B.B.Q. After lunch, a folkloric gaucho’s Show will be performed and you will have the possibility of appreciating the typical “Ring Race” (Carrera de Sortijas) or ride on horseback.

Tonight, enjoy dinner consisting of national and international cuisine and an exquisite selection of Argentine wines at the La Ventana Tango House. A well-known musical center of the city, it offers the chance of enjoying all the magic and charm of Tango, star of the night, while dining. The show goes through the history of the tango and life at the beginning of last century, with different dance couples and famous singers of tango. Before dinner, we will enjoy of a delicious wine tasting at their Cava or a Tango Lesson. In the very heart of San Telmo, this historic restored tenement (known as conventillo) is a classic example of the culture of the old city of Buenos Aires. The premises of La Ventana takes a trip to these old times. The interior, which preserves the building in its purest style, creates the ideal setting for a unique experience which includes 32 performers, two tango orchestras, an Argentine folk music group, dancers and singers. Return to the hotel by midnight.



DAY 5 – BUENOS AIRES / BARILOCHE – 11 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. At proper time, transfer to airport for flight from Buenos Aires to Bariloche. Arrive and transfer to your hotel.

To admire Bariloche in its greatest splendour, we will drive along the shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi on Bustillo Ave, a winding paved road along the Nahuel Huapi lakeshore to begin a half day Small Circuit tour. At kilometer 8, you come to Playa Bonita, from where you can see Huemul Island. Continuing along this road for another 10 km, and after passing through some beautiful scenery, you arrive at Campanario Hill. A chair lift takes you to the top of the hill (1050 m) from where you can enjoy one of the most impressive views of this region. You will see Nahuel Huapi and Moreno lakes, El Trébol lagoon, San Pedro and Llao Llao peninsulas, Victoria Island, Otto, López, Goye and Catedral hills, and the main town, San Carlos de Bariloche. Further ahead, and after leaving San Pedro peninsula behind, you will reach Llao Llao peninsula, with its namesake hilltop hotel and San Eduardo Chapel, two architectural jewels of this region, and you go by Pañuelo Port, the starting point of many lake excursions. Further on you will go by a golf course, cross the bridge over the Angostura River that joins Nahuel Huapi Lake with Moreno Lake, and pass by López Bay at the base of López Hill. Further on, you get to the Panoramic Point, a belvedere with a magnificent view of Moreno Lake and Llao Llao peninsula. Then you will cross the bridge over Moreno Lake at a narrow end, follow the shoreline of El Trébol lagoon, and 2 km ahead you meet Ezequiel Bustillo Ave. again and return to your hotel.

Lunch and dinner at local restaurant.

DAY 6 – BARILOCHE – 12 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today we will visit Villa La Angostura. In the heart of the lakes in Nahuel Huapi National Park, south to Neuquen, we find the picturesque Villa La Angostura, surrounded by peaceful and quiet forests. A mountain architecture and refined touristic infrastructure, this dream-like region will charm us with its main attractions; Manzano Bay, harbour area, Correntoso river area, El Mesidor historical presidential residence, Selva Triste lake, and La Asuncion Chapel. As an alternative, we can ascend Bayo Hill, where the traditional sky center is located. During this tour you will also take Victoria Island and Arrayanes Woods. After sailing, you arrive at Anchorena Port on Victoria island. From there you can wander about various trails. On board again, the ship sails northwest towards Quetrihué Port where you will see the world famous Bosque de Arrayanes (myrtle wood), which is absolutely unique and harbors centenary trees. This wood has been declared intangible area and a natural monument.

Lunch at local restaurant. Dinner at local restaurant within walking distance from your hotel.



DAY 7 – USHUAIA – 13 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

At proper time, transfer to airport for flight from Bariloche to Ushuaia, the most southern city of the World; this picturesque area is built by the Beagle Channel. The tour starts with a walk along its streets and beautiful riverside that skirts the Beagle channel. This bay offers a spectacular view of the mountains and undoubtedly constitutes an unforgettable panorama. The city has interesting museums, like the Prison Museum that after being closed in 1947, worked as the Naval Base of the Army, until it became a museum.

Lunch at local restaurant. Dinner at local restaurant.

DAY 8 – USHUAIA – 14 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, we will visit the National Park Tierra del Fuego. Inside the park, we will be able to watch lakes, small lakes and rivers. Here guanacos, red foxes, beavers and condors live together among forests of cherry trees, lenga trees and Antarctic Beeches (in Spanish ñires). It is the only national park of the country that has a marine coast. During the tour we go deep into the rugged topography and along the crossing mountain roads towards the “Lapataia” River, where we have an excellent view of the Green Small Lake and the Lapataia Bay. Over there we will have a clear idea of the original inhabitants (Onas or Yamanes), since the place keeps several archaeological zones.

Lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, departing from the port of Ushuaia, our navigation starts from Ushuaia’s bay to the Beagle Channel. The ship will stop on the “Los Pajaros” island, where you will see the wildlife from the place, and particularly Skuas, Black-browed Albatross, Steam Ducks, Cauquenes, Gaviotas Cooks Gaviotas and Gray Gaviotas. When we get to “De los Lobos” island, the main attractions are going to be the sea lions of 1 and 2 hairs. Those islands are part of the Bridges archipelago. We are going to reach the “Les Eclaireurs” Island, place where you will see the lighthouse and you will see Royal and Imperial Cormorants, and also you can learn the story of the SS Monte Cervantes’s shipwreck, many years ago on the 30’s. On your return to Ushuaia, you are going to be amazed with the incredible landscape of the Martial’s Mountain.

Dinner at local restaurant.

DAY 9 – USHUAIA / EL CALAFATE – 15 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, free at leisure until time for lunch at a local restaurant. At proper time, transfer to airport for flight from Ushuaia to El Calafate. On arrival in El Calafate, check into hotel.

Dinner at hotel.



DAY 10 – EL CALAFATE – 16 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today, we will have a full day tour to the National Park Los Glaciares, a UNESCO World Heritage Site visiting the famed Perito Moreno Glacier. This natural monument of extraordinary beauty has been declared by UNESCO as Humanity Patrimony. Once inside the park we will be able to observe the arboreal vegetation of the Patagonia Andean forest, which is mainly from the “notofagus” family. Further on, we will have access to the footbridges of the glacier, with fantastic panoramic viewpoints. In this area there exists a big quantity of glaciers, and the most famous is the Perito Moreno: it has a frontage of 3.12 miles and is 60 metres high above the level of the Argentine Lake, and a total surface that exceeds the one from several big cities of the world. It is one of the few glaciers that is still in full advance. Lunch at Nativo’s restaurant. During any season of the year the visitor can enjoy its constant collapses of ice towers that break into multiple ice floes.

Dinner at hotel.



DAY 11 – EL CALAFATE – 17 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

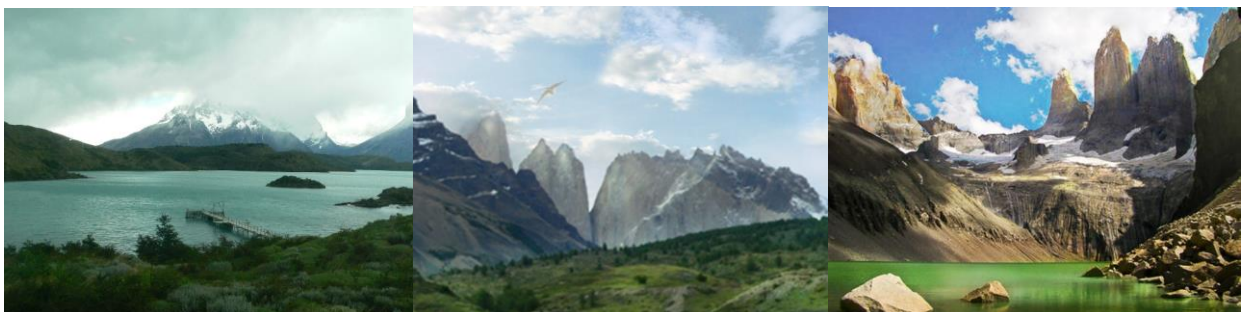
In an almost magical atmosphere, ice blocks floating adrift and impressive landscapes complete this unforgettable experience of full contact with Nature at Estancia Cristina Classic tour. Estancia Cristina is an Argentine estancia located inside the Los Glaciers National Park. Sailing out of Puerto Bandera, only 50km away from El Calafate, a modern and comfortable ship will take us to see the best views of the occidental front of Upsala glacier, the second largest glacier in South America, located in Los Glaciares National Park. We will then sail the Cristina Canal to disembark at the ranch bearing the same name. There, we will visit the old shearing house, now turned into a museum, the Chapel, and the heart of this old Patagonian ranch.

Enjoy lunch. Dinner at hotel.

DAY 12 – EL CALAFATE / PUERTO NATALES – 18 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. We will depart from our hotel in El Calafate to our hotel in Puerto Natales with a middle stop to enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (?)

Dinner at local restaurant.



DAY 13 – PUERTO NATALES – 19 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today's tour starts around 8:00 am; be ready with our cameras. Our first destination is Milodon's Cave, the place where in 1895 were found remains of a prehistoric animal, and nowadays there is a replica of that mammal together with detailed information of the glaciological process of how the cave was formed. After this, we will go to Cerro Castillo to have a short break and enjoy snack services, coffee shops and souvenir stores. From that point, we will go to Torres del Paine Park, Chile's most dazzling national park and a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve where the first natural sceneries we will see are Sarmiento Lake Lookout, Paine's towers, Paine's horns and Almirante Nieto Hill. Regarding fauna, the most predominant animals you will see are guanacos, lesser rhea and condors, considering that in the park also live foxes, hares, rufous-collared sparrow and the lion of America: the mountain cat. Inside the park we will know the turquoise lakes such as Pehoé and Nordenskjold, waterfalls and mountains covered in ice. A walk of 15 minutes is necessary to get close to Salto Grande waterfall. After lunch, the visit continues with a walk along the shore of the Grey Lake from where you can see small icebergs and at the back the great Grey glacier. Depending on needs, the return can be on the same route or using the new road to get back to our hotel.

Dinner at local restaurant.



DAY 14 – PUERTO NATALES – PUNTA ARENAS – SANTIAGO DE CHILE - 20 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at your hotel. At proper time, transfer to Punta Arenas to take a City Tour. Visiting Punta Arenas, the southernmost city in the American continent, is a walk through the history of Patagonia. The first stop is at 'Cerro de la Cruz' lookout, from where you get a marvelous general view of the city and its colorful roofs, the Strait of Magellan and at the back the great Tierra del Fuego. Here, the local guide will give you important information of the city. The tour continues along the streets of the city, up to the main square, a place surrounded by beautiful colonial buildings, also you can see the monument to Hernando de Magallanes and buy some local handicraft. After that, we will visit Nao Victoria Museum, a replica of the ship used by the Portuguese sailor Hernando de Magallanes. The last part of the tour includes a tour in the northern part of the city, allowing you to see the great amount of monuments,

such as the monument to the shepherd, the Croatian square, the Antoine de Saint Exupery square and the different neighborhoods in Punta Arenas, and finally transfer to the airport for your flight to Santiago. On arrival at the Santiago airport, will check into your hotel. At leisure until dinner at a local restaurant.



DAY 15 – SANTIAGO DE CHILE – 21 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel. After breakfast, start Santiago city tour covering historic-colonial downtown area, Main Square, Cathedral, Government Palace, Santa Lucia hill, bohemian, artistic, culinary Lastarria and Bellavista neighborhoods, in route towards the eastern sector of the capital, main financial City Centre, surrounded by major hotels, design boutiques, restaurants and chic open air cafes.

Afternoon, at leisure where you can consider exploring the area around the hotel (hotel will be located in city centre) on your own.

Lunch and Dinner at Local Restaurants.



DAY 16 – SANTIAGO DE CHILE – 22 APR 2017 (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Today's excursion covers Valparaíso, one of South Pacific's greatest port and where the city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will drive one and a half hour along 68 route which links the city of Santiago with the port of Valparaíso. On arrival, we will first cross the Curacaví Valley (Visit Veramonte to Casablanca Vineyard), with its fruit trees, vine arbors, street vendor kiosk, and restaurants. Later, the Casablanca Valley, with its growing winemaking fame, features its grapevines, decorating the mountainside and plains. We will meet Valparaíso from its hills. Through passageways and terraces we will testify, in the marvelous natural amphitheater surrounding the bay, the history of this port-city. We will stroll around narrow and twisted streets, climbing and going down the slopes, unveiling in every corner, post cards worthy of being immortalized. We will have the chance to travel by some of the old funiculars which make this picturesque city worldwide known. Once we have explored the hills typical area, we will head to the city of Viña del Mar (Vineyard of the Sea), enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, tour its beaches and attractions before returning to Santiago.

Dinner at Local Restaurant.

DAY 17 – SANTIAGO DE CHILE - 23 APR 2017 (B/-/-)

Breakfast at hotel. At proper time, transfer to the airport for your international flight for those not joining the Easter Island extension.

EASTER ISLAND EXTENSION

04 days / 03 nights



DAY 17 – SANTIAGO DE CHILE / EASTER ISLAND - 23 APR 2017 (B/Box Lunch/D)

For those joining the Easter Island extension, very early breakfast at hotel or breakfast box. At proper time, transfer to the airport for your flight to Easter Island.

Easter Island is where music and traditions thrive amongst the Island's inhabitants and moais (carved stone statues) tell of a more remote past. On arrival at Easter Island, go directly from the airport to visit Ahu Vaihu in the Bay of Hanga Te'e while your luggage will be transported to your hotel. Then proceed to Rano Raraku, the moais factory showing 397 statues, some of them are still lying or standing at the slopes of the extinct volcano. Here we'll sit down to have a boxed lunch. Also visit Ahu Tongariki, the largest restoration on the Island (15 moais in a row). Then visit Ahu Te Pito Kura and the 'Navel of the World' and the beach of Anakena with its restored Ahu Nau Nau and Ahu Ature Huki. Afterwards we drive to restored Ahu Akivi with seven moais and Puna Pau (quarry where the pukao were carved). Then transfer to your hotel to enjoy dinner.

DAY 18 – EASTER ISLAND– 24 APR 2017 (B/Box Lunch/D)

Breakfast at hotel. After breakfast, get ready to start your half day tour to visit Rano Kau, an extinct volcano with stunning views of the island and the village of Orongo. Then we proceed to the ceremonial centre of the mysterious Birdman cult. We'll also visit Ahu Vinapu, famous for its distinct craftsmanship. We'll have a short lunch box lunch style at a local restaurant. Return to your hotel to enjoy dinner. Tonight enjoy a folklore show: Demonstration of dances and ancestral music and singing documenting the Polynesian origins of Rapa Nui people. Approximately 20 people comprising musicians and dancers will entertain you for about an hour with their dances and songs, showing another facet of Rapa Nui culture. After the show, to return to hotel.

DAY 19 - EASTER ISLAND / SANTIAGO DE CHILE – 25 APR 2017 (B/-/D)

Breakfast at hotel. At leisure until appropriate time to depart to the Airport and board your flight back to Santiago. Arrival and transfer to your hotel.

Dinner in Hotel.

DAY 20 – SANTIAGO DE CHILE / AMSTERDAM – 26 APR 2017 (B/-/-)

Breakfast at hotel. At proper time, transfer to the airport for your international flight.

DAY 21 – ARRIVAL IN KLIA



AMSTERDAM EXTENSION

04 Days / 3 Nights

DAY 21 – SANTIAGO DE CHILE / AMSTERDAM – 27 APR 2017

For those joining the extension in Amsterdam, on arrival in Amsterdam will transfer from airport and check into Hotel in central Amsterdam. Rest of day is free and easy.

Day 22 – AMSTERDAM – 28 APR 2017

In the morning, join a SIC half day tour covering the Alkmaar Cheese Market and Dutch Windmills village of Schermerhorn.

In the afternoon, join a SIC tour to Delft, The Hague and Madurodam.

Day 23 – AMSTERDAM – 29 APR 2017

Today, visit one of the most beautiful gardens in the world, the Keukenhof Gardens.

Day 24 – AMSTERDAM – KUALA LUMPUR – 30 APR 2017

Free and easy; can consider a canal cruise and a visit to the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh museum. In the late afternoon, to depart for the Airport for flight back to Kuala Lumpur.

Day 25 – Arrival in Kuala Lumpur – 1 May 2017

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Total tour cost on a twin-sharing basis:

International Air Ticket (Economy)	:	RM7,000 (subject to change; ex KUL)
International Air Ticket (Business Class):	:	RM30,500 (subject to change)
Intra-South America Air Tickets (economy & excluding Easter Island)	:	RM4,400 (subject to change)
Ground Cost for main tour (twin-sharing & excluding Easter Island)	:	RM21,390 (per person)
Easter Island Extension		
- Air ticket (economy)	:	RM2,604 (subject to change)
- Ground cost twin sharing)	:	RM4,536 (per person)
Single Supplement for main tour	:	RM4,914
Single Supplement for Easter Island	:	RM910
Amsterdam extension	:	To be confirmed
Travel insurance	:	RM112 – RM140

PLEASE NOTE THAT FLIGHT PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE (UNLESS FULLY PAID AND PURCHASED) WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

The intra South America flights as well as the ground cost is based on an exchange rate of US\$1 = RM4.1. Unless the air tickets cost and tour price is fully paid, we reserve the right to revise the price should the exchange rate goes beyond the above rate.

Other important points to note:

- 1 The above price is subject to a minimum group size of 6 persons and covers what is detailed in the itinerary. Please note the separate prices quoted for the extensions to Easter Island and Amsterdam.
- 2 Services are to be provided on a private basis with local English speaking guide (except Amsterdam).
- 3 All hotels to be provided are rated 3* or 4* as follows:
 - ✓ Buenos Aires 4*
 - ✓ Bariloche 3*
 - ✓ Ushuaia 4*
 - ✓ El Calafate 3*
 - ✓ Puerto Natales 3*
 - ✓ Santiago 3*
- 4 The intra South America flights (other than Argentina) are not available for 2017 and the above fare are estimated based on current fare.
- 5 The above price includes
 - ✓ Meals and excursions as detailed in itinerary
 - ✓ Tippings for guides, drivers and restaurants
 - ✓ 1 litre of drinking water a day
- 6 The above price excludes
 - ✓ Alcoholic beverages or extras during meals
 - ✓ Early check in or late check out
 - ✓ Extras at hotels such as phone calls, laundry service, etc.
- 7 Operation of services may vary according to weather, operative (traffic, schedules, etc) or political situation.
- 8 The extension to Amsterdam is on a SIC basis or 'back-packing' basis and cost is currently not determined yet.
- 9 Pictures used in the itinerary are sourced from pictures libraries; actual views may differ.



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