



Explorations El Chaltén

Amidst the Argentinean Patagonia, this natural rock, mountain, and ice amphitheater offers countless territories to be explored.

Our explorations provide travelers with an in depth experience of this austral territory, allowing them to become immersed in its unique characteristics and go deeper into what makes Patagonia unique. In order to do so, we have outlined four different exploration zones, each with its own set of unique geographic, cultural and biosphere characteristics.

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CORDÓN ADELA

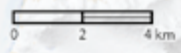
Parque Nacional Los Glaciares

Los Glaciares Parque y Reserva Nacional

ARGENTINA

Glaciar Viedma

Lago Viedma



Parque Nacional Los Glaciares

The Los Glaciares National Park is an area of exceptional natural beauty, with rugged, towering mountains and numerous glacial lakes scattered within its borders.

HIKES

Los Cóndores

Duration: 3:20 hrs
Distance: 2,7 km / 1,7 mi

An exciting hike from beginning to end that will make us truly connect with the Argentinean Patagonia. We will enjoy wonderful views to El Chaltén and the impressive Los Andes Mountain Range, with the company of huge condors along the way.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Valle de granito

Duration: 6:50 hrs
Distance: 14 km / 8,7 mi

We walk to the Los Glaciares National Park through a trail surrounded by forests with views to the area's glaciers. We will get an ample view of the Los Andes Mountain Range, with Mount Fitz Roy taking center stage. We finalize the hike at the town of El Chaltén and take the van back to the lodge.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Mirador Cerro Torre

Duration: 4:20 hrs
Distance: 6,5 km / 4 mi

We begin the hike from an access to the Los Glaciares National Park, taking an upward trail sided by bushes that provides ample views to the Torre Mountain. In this exploration we can observe the marks of a retreating glacier and the impressive Los Andes Mountain Range. We will also have time to photograph in detail the Patagonia landscapes and wildlife.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Las Águilas

Duration: 5:20 hrs
Distance: 5,1 km / 3,2 mi

From El Chaltén we head up to the Los Glaciares National Park, with broad views to the Los Andes Mountain Range, the Viedma Lake, and surrounding mountain ranges. Shrublands and different types of birds can be sighted during the exploration.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Mirador Fitz Roy

Duration: 5:20 hrs
Distance: 9,6 km / 5,9 mi

We take a van from the lodge to the Los Glaciares National Park, where we cross the forests to get a great view of the Los Andes Mountain Range's massifs. On clear days, we can watch Mount Fitz Roy and the Agujas Mermoz and Poincenot in all their glory. Finally, we reach the viewpoint to Mount Fitz Roy, with a unique perspective of this rock formation and all the mountains around it.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Piedras Blancas

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 7,81 km / 4,9 mi

We take a van from the lodge and then begin our hike from the northern area of the Los Glaciares National Park. As we enter the forest, we enjoy a closer view to the Piedras Blancas Glacier while learning about its history, formation, and dynamics.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

El Pliegue

Duration: 8:20 hrs
Distance: 17,5 km / 10,9 mi

We begin in the south area of the Los Glaciares National Park, taking a trail to different valleys and a rise with a broad view to the Torre Mount, the Viedma Lagoon, and the Las Vueltas River valley. An ideal exploration to sit quietly and contemplate the mountains.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Laguna Torre

Duration: 8:20 hrs
Distance: 17,5 km / 10,9 mi

From one of the accesses to El Chaltén, we hike up a trail to a valley with shrub-like vegetation and get an ample view to the Torre Mount.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Laguna de Los Tres

Duration: 7:50 hrs
Distance: 20,3 km / 12,6 mi

This exploration begins in one of the trails of the Los Glaciares National Park, hiking through forests and valleys up to the Los Tres Lagoon. We cross the river and begin ascending to the lagoon, where we will admire the magnificence of Mount Fitz Roy at its fullest.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Los Valles

Duration: 9:50 hrs
Distance: 29,7 km / 18,5 mi

An Explora van will take us to the northernmost tip of the Los Glaciares National Park. From there, we begin crossing the Blanco River valley. We then hike up to the Los Tres Lagoon, enjoying an impressive view of Mount Fitz Roy. We then follow the valley to the Torre Lagoon. We reach El Chaltén after one day with different lookouts within the Los Glaciares National Park, to return to the lodge by van.

Full day | Expert



OVERLAND

Colonos

Duration: 1 hrs
Distance: 3,9 km / 2,4 mi

This exploration is a trip in time, including a guided visit to the house of pioneer Andreas Madsen, a Danish man who arrived in 1901 to work with Perito Pascasio Moreno and built the first houses in El Chaltén. You will learn their history, the challenges faced by Madsen and his family, and everyday life in an estancia over a century ago.

Half day | Easy



Río Las vueltas

Duration: 5:20 hrs

We leave the lodge and border the Las Vueltas River, enjoying different perspectives of the valley and wide views of the Andes Mountains. We stop along the way to get different views of the Los Andes Mountain Range. Before returning to the lodge, we will make a stop in El Chaltén town to walk through its streets.

Half day | Easy



Los Témpanos

Duration: 5:15 day

The impressive Perito Moreno Glacier comes down to Argentina from the Southern Ice Fields. We begin our trip at El Calafate, from where we approach the front of this magnificent and sculptured ice mass that will constantly remind us that it is always moving. Travelers will have the option to take the different walkways to get a better view of the glacier. We return to El Calafate by van and then take off to explore El Chaltén.*

Full day | Easy



HIKE AND ICE

Perito Moreno

Duration: 6 hrs

While we drive to the Perito Moreno Glacier, we will learn more about its history, the Patagonian steppe, the area's nature, the dynamics of glaciers, and the features that make this one so special. Why is it balanced? How does it compare with other glaciers? These are some of the questions that will be answered as we approach the impressive Perito Moreno Glacier.*

Full day | Easy



HIGH MOUNTAIN

Paso del cuadrado

Duration: 10:20 hrs
Distance: 22 km / 13,7 mi

An ideal exploration for travelers wishing to have a different experience and perspective of the Patagonia. Surrounded by mountains, we will border the Eléctrico River through a Patagonia forest while enjoying a view to the Marconi Glacier. We then hike up a steep slope, leaving the forest behind and approaching the impressive mountains that seem to grow in height as we get closer. The north side of Mount Fitz Roy is waiting from a lookout that is the highest point of this exploration.

Full day | Advanced



Cerro Madsen

Duration: 10:20 hrs
Distance: 21,7 km / 13,5 mi

The ascent to Cerro Madsen, in the Fitz Roy area, is a perfect challenge for beginners in the mountains or for those who want to make their first summit in Patagonia and treat themselves to one of the most wonderful views in the world.

Full day | Expert



*Subject to availability between the months of October and April. This exploration combines explora services with services provided by third parties, so it must be confirmed with our reservations team at least 30 days before the stay and has an additional cost. This exploration must be done during the day prior to check-out at Explora, and must include a night's stay in El Calafate, which must be covered by each traveler. To make your reservation, contact us at reserve@explora.com or by phone +56 2 2395 2800.

Reserva Los Huemules

The Los Huemules Conservation Reserve, encloses features that cannot be easily found elsewhere in Patagonia.

HIKES

Laguna Cóndor

Duration: 2:25 hrs
Distance: 2,9 km / 1,8 mi

An ancient lenga tree forest welcomes us to this exploration where birds take main stage in several spots along the way. The tour continues upward through a rock cliff offering unique views and perspectives to the Las Vueltas River valley.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Aves patagónicas

Duration: 3:25 hrs
Distance: 2,9 km / 1,8 mi

In this exploration we will learn more about the birds of this region. We will leave by van to the Laguna Cóndor. We will walk to a viewpoint to contemplate the landscape and observe various types of birds that live there to learn more about them and their behavior. Then we will continue walking through an old lengas forest that will allow us to see other birds. We will return by van to Explora.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

El filo

Duration: 4:50 hrs
Distance: 6,2 km / 3,9 mi

This exploration provides an overhead view of the north face of Mount Fitz Roy. We hike along the edge of one of the hills bordering the Diablo River, arriving to an altitude ecosystem with shrub-like forests, rocks, and sand fields. We get a great view of the glaciers, mountains, and valleys of the Diablo and Las Vueltas rivers.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Corazón de la reserva

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 5,1 km / 3,2 mi

A brief hike from the lodge will take us to the entrance of the Los Huemules Nature Reserve forest. Along the way are lenga and ñirres trees, and lagoons, as well as the company of native birds.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Valle eléctrico

Duration: 4:30 hrs
Distance: 10,4 km / 6,5 mi

We walk from the lodge to enter a forest of lenga and ñirre trees, with the company of native birds in their habitat. The splashing of the Eléctrico River will follow along faithfully during the entire exploration, as we enjoy the contrasting views offered by the valley's glaciers and hills.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Huemules

Duration: 7:10 hrs
Distance: 14,8 km / 9,2 mi

We take a slightly rugged track from the lodge to the Azul lagoon. Amidst rivers, mountains, and lagoons we amaze ourselves at the sight the north face of Mount Fitz Roy, while we continue our hike to the Diablo Lagoon. Finally, we reach a lookout with an ample view to the Cagliero Glacier, completing this full-day exploration to the Los Huemules Nature Reserve.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Laguna de los Huemules

Duration: 3:10 hrs
Distance: 4,9 km / 3 mi

We hike from the lodge crossing a lenga and ñire forest, watching different types of birds and huemul deer tracks. We hike up to the Azul Lagoon, a water reserve that will reveal what has happened there. Different water birds will follow us along during this hike.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Laguna del diablo

Duration: 5 hrs
Distance: 12,6 km / 7,8 mi

We start hiking through a trail surrounded by forests, with a view to the north face of Mount Fitz Roy. The route follows the Diablo River, where we can sight torrent ducks. As we go up, we get views to the Cagliero Glacier and the Diablo Lagoon. There are two options to return: Walking down to a spot to be picked up by a van or hiking back to the lodge.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

SELF GUIDED

Laguna Azul

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 5,4 km / 3,4 mi

We hike from the lodge crossing a lenga and ñirre forest, watching different types of birds and huemul deer tracks. We hike up to the Azul Lagoon, a water reserve that will reveal what has happened there. Different water birds will follow along.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Las Lolos

Duration: 2:30 hrs
Distance: 2,93 km / 1,8 mi

A brief hike from the lodge will take us to the entrance of the Los Huemules Reserve forest. Along the way are lenga and ñires trees, and lagoons, as well as the company of native birds.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

CLIMBING

Conexión vertical

Distance: 2:30 hrs

El Chaltén is one of the best places in the world for rock climbing, so we offer our travelers the chance to have that experience. We provide a rock climbing briefing that covers the main places to climb in El Chaltén, history, how to control your body, and the importance of trusting partners.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

La Roca

Distance: 3 hrs

El Chaltén is known worldwide for rock climbing. Many of the world's top climbers have gone up the Fitz Roy, Torre, and La Guilloumet mounts, among others. For those with the appropriate experience, we offer climbing routes for beginners and others that are more demanding, always caring for the traveler's safety and experience.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

**Climbing explorations are subject to availability have an additional cost. Reserves in the lodge.*

Lago del Desierto

The Desert Lake (Argentina) is a wildlife enclave around which numerous Patagonian ecosystems can be observed and explored.

HIKES

Bahía Tranquila

Duration: 4:20 hrs
Distance: 6,5 km / 4 mi

Following the Las Vueltas River amidst ancient forests, we will go to the northern area of El Chaltén. We will border the Desierto Lake, a watershed adjacent to forests and foothills of the Los Andes Mountain Range, to enjoy the views to two glaciers: Vespigniani and Huemul. Finally, we return through the same track to the van that will take us back to the lodge.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Glaciar Vespigniani

Duration: 8:20 hrs
Distance: 6,9 km / 4,3 mi

We take a van from the lodge to the south shore of the Desierto Lake. From there, we cross this historical lake while enjoying the view of the Vespigniani Glacier. We land on the northernmost tip of the lake and take a rugged track through the forest, reaching some of the most unexplored parts of this area. We reach the southern edge of the lake and finalize the exploration taking a van back to the lodge.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Lago del desierto

Duration: 7:20 hrs
Distance: 13,1 km / 8,1 mi

We take a van from the lodge to the south shore of the Desierto Lake. From there, we cross this historical lake while enjoying the view of the Vespigniani Glacier. We land on the northernmost tip of the lake and take a rugged track through the forest, reaching some of the most unexplored parts of this area. We reach the southern edge of the lake and finalize the exploration taking a van back to the lodge.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

OVERLAND

Reserva Vespigniani

Duration: 5:20 hrs

We take the van from the lodge to the southern tip of Lago del Desierto. From there, we will navigate for about 30 min to the Vespigniani Nature Reserve, where we can walk along a low difficulty path through the forest of the least known areas of El Chaltén. On the way back, we see the valley surrounded by woody mountains and, in the background, Mount Fitz Roy.

Full day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Río arriba

Duration: 5:20 hrs

We leave Explora by van, going through the different curves and beautiful waterfalls that are formed thanks to the geography of the Río de las Vueltas valley, to go into the deepest and most humid forests of the Lago del Desierto Provincial Reserve. Once we reach the lake, after making a panoramic stop, we return along the route to the lodge. We will make a stop at a small waterfall to enjoy lunch.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Campo de hielo sur

Explorations in this zone take travelers throughout the territories most influenced by the ice fields, as well as areas where the glaciological legacy is most evident.

EXPEDITION

Hielos Patagónicos

Duration: 2 nights, 3 days
Distance: 38,3 km / 23,8 mi

We hike from the lodge bordering the Diablo River valley. We spend the first day among Patagonian forests until we reach the edge of the Diablo Lagoon. We sleep at the Cagliero refuge. The next day will be spent hiking up rock cliffs towards the Southern Ice Fields. It will be a day of contrasts between the valley, the lagoons, and this huge ice expanse. We camp through the night. On the next day, we enjoy the splendor of this place, contemplating the mountains as we descend over ice and snow, until reaching the rock of the Eléctrico River valley. We cross the river in a zip line and hike to a forest, where a van will be waiting for us to return to the lodge.

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Campos de hielo sur

Duration: 5 nights, 6 days
Distance: 71,6 km / 44,5 mi

Campo de Hielo Sur es considerado uno de los lugares más remotos e inhóspitos del mundo. Caminar por este enorme altiplano de hielo y nieve es una de las experiencias más transformadoras que un explorador puede tener. Si las condiciones lo permiten, pasaremos seis días entre bosques, laderas de roca, lagunas y amplias extensiones de hielo y nieve, todo bordeado por imponentes montañas. Es una caminata exigente, con un clima cambiante y alrededor de 90 kms de expedición.

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