
The Best of **Argentina** 2018 Patagonia & Buenos Aires

11 Nights | 6 Rounds | January 15 - 26

Tour **Pricing** Per Guest

Golfer: \$7,395 | Non Golfer: \$6,435 | Single Supplement: \$1,975

Once we discovered why it's said 'you can hear the silence' in Argentina, the choice for our newest destination was made. Patagonia is stunning. The majestic Andes reach nearly 23,000 feet into the western sky while the plateau of steppes and grasslands stretch forever on their way to the Atlantic. This is unspoiled natural beauty on a scale like New Zealand's but twice as remote. It is the setting for seven of the eleven nights and four of the six rounds on our newest Escorted Tour, *The Best of Argentina ~ Patagonia and Buenos Aires Escorted 2018*.

This is a tale of two trips because we begin with four nights and two rounds in Buenos Aires, the high energy cosmopolitan heart of Argentina. *Lonely Planet* writer Sandra Bao, who was born here in the capital, says 'BA is sexy, vibrant and supremely confident. It looks a bit European but with edgy Latin American twist.' That's a picture that paints itself when you remember it was Argentina that gave us the tango. Our golf here includes **Olivos Golf Club**, one of the finest clubs in South America and 2016 host to the 111th Argentina Open, plus the fine **Buenos Aires Golf Club**, site of Tiger Wood's and David Duval's World Golf Championship victory in 2000. A steak dinner at any of the *parrillas* (beef restaurants) in San Telmo, a trendy barrio with cobblestone streets just six blocks from Plaza de Mayo, promises the most authentic churrasco experience imaginable. Between the golf is a day for exploring the city along with La Bamba Ranch where we will join a fiesta gaucho, or a party with the cowboys.

Next we fly two hours southwest to **San Martin de los Andes** in the Patagonia Lakes Region. The city of 18,000 is tucked into a geological basin beside Lake Lacar, a glacial lake in the Andes Mountains. We'll play Jack Nicklaus' **Chapelco Golf Club** along with one of Greg Norman's best at **El Desafio**. After El Desafio, we'll lunch beside the river before we fish for trout in the **Fly Fishing Clinic**.

A tour highlight follows with our 60 mile drive south on the Camino de los 7 Lagos (The Road of the Seven Lakes) to **Bariloche**. This is one of the world's most scenic roadways enjoyed even more thanks to lunch at Las Balsas, a Relais Chateau Hotel on the shores of Nahuel Huapi Lake offering unforgettable views and superb dining. We'll arrive mid-afternoon at the spectacular Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, member of Leading Hotels of the World. This grand mountain lodge, complete with exposed cypress walls and oversized stone fireplaces, is home for the next four nights in Lake View rooms. Golfers will play twice, non-golfers will enjoy the resort including its exceptional spa, all will enjoy our half day tour by boat to Isla Victoria in the Nahuel Huapi National Park.

If you enjoy combining your love of the game with a passion for travel, you'll find a lot to like about this escorted experience for a party of 20-24. Arrangements are in place for every aspect of this fully managed program including various meals, guided sightseeing, carts/caddies and local transportation. It is an excellent opportunity for couples and individuals to join a group of like-minded future friends!

Detailed Itinerary

MONDAY, JANUARY 15: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Morning arrival **Buenos Aires**. Met on arrival and private transfer to the **Loi Suites Recoleta**. The hotel provides our guests arriving on overnight flights with an early check in guarantee, allowing a chance to properly rest.

Buenos Aires is a charming city with a strong influence from many of the main European cities. Beautiful walks, avenues, parks, monumental buildings, cafes, museums and churches gathered in 26 districts, each with its own distinct personality, gives it a truly cosmopolitan air. The northern quarter resembles the most elegant areas of Paris; May Avenue and its innumerable cafes houses revives the flavor of Madrid's Gran Via; the shady Belgrano streets recall the distinguished Londoners suburb; Naples seems to be present in the noisy and colored La Boca quarter.

In the afternoon join our short city orientation tour.

This evening Welcome Cocktails & Dinner at the renowned **Cabana Las Lilas**, one of the most respected parrillas (steakhouse) in the city.

OVERNIGHT: **Loi Suites Recoleta** - Superior Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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SIGHTSEEING: Visit the **Tigre Area** on excursion by both land and boat. Situated 20 miles north from Buenos Aires, Tigre is the departing point to explore the Delta of the Parana River, a very picturesque and charming place in Argentina. Puerto de Frutos is one of the most attractive places to visit in Tigre City. Here you will find an outdoor Fruit & Craft Market where visitors can buy local produce such as jellies, liquors and preserves and crafts made of wicker, cane and wood. Early afternoon return to hotel.

OVERNIGHT: **Loi Suites Recoleta** - Superior Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Today a chance for all guests to enjoy a full ranch day experience at **La Bamba**.

You will experience a 'fiesta gaucha' (a party with the cowboys) on this full-day tour from Buenos Aires to La Bamba Ranch, the most exclusive "*estancia*" (ranch) in the Buenos Aires area. Loosely translated as the South American version of cowboys, gauchos are residents of the Argentina plains, and at La Bamba they offer ranch activities, horseback rides, a BBQ lunch, wine and a performance of their fantastic horse-riding skills.

OVERNIGHT: **Loi Suites Recoleta** - Superior Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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SIGHTSEEING: Today a chance to relax or further explore Buenos Aires. Our guide will be available to assist.

In the evening all guests will enjoy a Tango Show with dinner at **Gala Tango** including a private 30 minute lesson before the dinner. This dance is synonymous with Argentina. Its sensuality has traveled the world in the voices of famous singers. From its origin in the marginal neighborhood of La Boca at the beginning of the twentieth century, Tango has come a long way and today is danced in the finest dancehalls in Buenos Aires and the world.

OVERNIGHT: **Loi Suites Recoleta** - Superior Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19: SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES, ARGENTINA

Mid morning today we depart Buenos Aires for a two hour flight to **San Martin de los Andes** in the North Patagonia Zone Lake Area then a short transfer to the Loi Suites Chapelco Hotel.

Patagonia straddles the Andean mountain range in the southernmost reaches of South America and incorporates both Chile and Argentina. It is a stunningly beautiful area with some of the world's most dramatic scenery.

San Martin de los Andes is located on the shores of Lake Lacar, the city is located in a natural basin, protecting it from the wind. Its geographical location is of singular beauty, almost hidden in a sumptuous amphitheater in the mountains that preserves the fertility of its lake and forest.

Afternoon at leisure to explore the village.

OVERNIGHT: **Loi Suites Chapelco Hotel** - Golf View Room

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20: SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES, ARGENTINA

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SIGHTSEEING: Non-Golfers have an opportunity to relax and enjoy all that the Chapelco resort has to offer.

Early this evening the the group will transfer to the nearby village for dinner at a local Patagonian restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: **Loi Suites Chapelco Hotel** - Golf View Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21: SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES, ARGENTINA

GOLF: This morning play the stunning **El Desafio** Golf Course, a fabulous Greg Norman design, although only comprising 9 holes. It will set golfers up perfectly for our afternoon activities.

The group will enjoy an outdoor lunchtime barbecue on the banks of a Patagonian river, followed by an afternoon **Fly Fishing Clinic**.

Patagonia is renowned worldwide for the quality of its fishing. The rods will be prepared, and the boats launched.

Beginners will learn the first steps, enjoy the scenery and catch trout (perhaps!). Advanced and experts can choose fishing for quantity or quality trout, and focus on specific techniques they would like to perform with the guide.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 22: BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA

Today we make the highly scenic drive along the 'Camino de los 7 Lagos' (Seven Lakes Route), one of the most famous circuits in Argentinian Patagonia. It is a 60 mile route, that links the towns of San Martin de los Andes and Villa La Angostura, both in the Neuquen province, covering the south sector of Lanin National Park and the north of Nahuel Huapi National Park. The route passes by lakes Lcar, Hermoso, Falkner, Villarino, Traful, Correntoso, Espejo and Nahuel Huapi, as well as by other minor lakes. Together with the lakes the other big attraction of the route is that it goes through the beautiful Andean-Patagonian forest, dominated by native species like the different Nothofagus (Roble Beech, Antarctic Beech, Chilean southern Beech and South American Beech) and others like the Cordilleran Cypress and the Radal.

At noon time arrive **Las Balsas**, a Relaix Chateau Hotel with a delightful restaurant on the shores of the Nahuel Huapi Lake offering unforgettable views and outstanding dining.

After lunch we continue our scenic journey to **Bariloche**. Arrival mid afternoon. Check in at the 5-star Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, a member of Leading Hotels of the World.

OVERNIGHT: **Llao Llao Hotel & Resort** - Lake View Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23: BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA

GOLF: The best club in Patagonia is found just 15 minutes from town at **Arelauquen Golf Club**. It's a 6,693 yard parkland layout on the northwestern shore of Lake Gutierrez surrounded by the lake, the Andes and thick forests in every direction.

SIGHTSEEING: Non-Golfers have an opportunity to relax and enjoy all that the Llao Llao resort has to offer.

OVERNIGHT: **Llao Llao Hotel & Resort** - Lake View Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24: BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA

Today all guests will enjoy a half day tour to **Isla Victoria** in the Nahuel Huapi National Park.

The tour begins at Puerto Pañuelo, on the shores of the picturesque Llao Llao Peninsula, where we board our catamaran for the 30 minute cruise to the northernmost branch of the lake. Isla Victoria has varied foliage, including the arctic beech, and some easy hiking trails, and if you spend time wandering, you can find some solitary beaches on which to sit and contemplate the lake. There are cave paintings on the island that mark a distant past when the island was inhabited by Indians. In the Mapuche language for 'Nahuel Huapi', nahuel means 'jaguar' and huapi means 'island'.

Remainder of day at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: **Llao Llao Hotel & Resort** - Lake View Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25: BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA

GOLF: **Llao Llao Golf Club**, with a superb location, surrounded by deep-blue lakes, snow-covered mountains and natural forests, the golf course belongs to the Llao Llao Hotel & Resort. It has asymmetric fairways, imposing green and bunkers perfectly integrated to the environment. The layout crosses the Nahuel Huapi Lake a number of times a quite a few times and its dramatic 18th hole is one of two holes in Argentina which are rated amongst the best 500 hundred in the world.

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In the evening we join together in the Llao Llao Hotel & Resort for our **Farewell Dinner**.

OVERNIGHT: **Llao Llao Hotel & Resort** - Lake View Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26: BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA

Late morning we make the short transfer to Bariloche Airport for the nonstop 2 hour flight back to Buenos Aires. Guests making evening homeward departures (earliest recommended departure 7:00PM) will be transferred to Buenos Aires International Airport. Our tour concludes with great memories and friendships made!

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION ~ Iguazu Falls | 2 Nights | Full Day Tour of the Falls | January 13 - 15

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13: IGUAZU, ARGENTINA

Morning arrival **Buenos Aires**. Met on arrival and transferred to Buenos Aires domestic airport for short flight north directly into Iguazu where you will again be met and transferred to the 5-star Grand Iguazu Hotel.

Remainder of the day to relax.

OVERNIGHT: **Grand Iguazu Hotel** - Standard room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14: IGUAZU, ARGENTINA

Enjoy a full day private tour to the Argentine side of the **Iguazu Falls** and Grand Aventura Boat Ride. Located on Iguazu river, which represents the border between Argentina and Brazil, this natural wonder is made up of about 160 to 270 falls, depending on the volume of water the river carries. They are higher and every bit as beautiful as Niagara Falls in the United States and Victoria Falls in Africa. Visitors can also see the waterfalls from below. The track leads among begonias, orchids, ferns and palms where one can see toucans, parrots, swifts and myriad of butterflies of all colors.

During the excursions participants will board special boats that will take them, at high speed, to enjoy one of the most unforgettable experience in the region: the direct and wet contact with the mighty Iguazu Falls!

Return to the hotel with remainder of the day at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: **Grand Iguazu Hotel** - Standard room

MONDAY, JANUARY 15: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Morning transfer to Iguazu Airport for return flight to Buenos Aires, where you will be met and transferred to the **Loi Suites Recoleta** to meet your fellow participants for *The Best of Argentina ~ Patagonia and Buenos Aires Escorted 2018*

Golf Schedule

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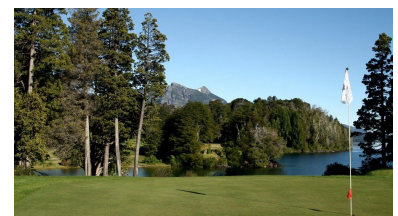
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Accommodations

LOI SUITES RECOLETA: BUENOS AIRES



Wonderfully set overlooking the beautiful waters of Rio de la Plata (River Plate), the chic 5-star Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel enjoys a prime location in Buenos Aires' fashionable residential neighborhood of Recoleta. Surrounded by magnificent mansions and buildings exhibiting a French architectural style, the hotel is within easy reach of Argentina's famous La Recoleta Cemetery. Guest rooms and suites are appointed with an elegant décor, complimentary high-speed internet access, and individual climate-control. This premier hotel boasts a large indoor swimming pool area with a café, fitness center, jacuzzi, and sauna facilities. Guests begin their day with a free buffet breakfast. Gourmet dining is offered in the hotel's La Fuente restaurant.

LOI SUITES CHAPELCO HOTEL: SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES

Located next to Chapelco Golf Club, this upscale hotel in San Martin de los Andes has 76 sleek, modern rooms with mountain views, minibars, free WI-FI and 32" flat-screen TVs. The hotel features a full-service spa, an indoor and outdoor pool. The 24-hour front desk has staff standing by to help with dry cleaning/laundry, concierge services, and luggage storage.



LLAO LLAO HOTEL & RESORT: BARILOCHE



This famous hotel is situated in the foothills of the Andes on a hill between the Moreno Lake and Nahuel Huapi lakes in the heart of Argentina's Lake District. It is reminiscent of a grand mountain lodge, complete with exposed cypress walls and oversized stone fireplaces. The original building, designed by Alejandro Bustillo, was only open for only a short time before being destroyed by fire in 1939. A year later Bustillo opened a new facility constructed of reinforced concrete and stone. The hotel has a 15-hectare park, an 18-hole golf course, a marina, pools inside and out, a full service spa plus five restaurants serving a variety of dishes from International Cuisine to the best of Argentina including 'Llao Llao Tea' which is served with a spectacular view of the Hotel gardens and the breathtaking Nahuel Huapi Lake.

GRAND IGUAZU HOTEL - Standard room: IGUAZU

Located just 15 minutes from the Iguazú National Park, home to the astounding Iguazú Falls, and 20 minutes from the Puerto Iguazu Airport, the





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Iguazu Grand Resort Spa & Casino is the most luxurious hotel in the city of Puerto Iguazu, Argentina. It features 134 suites with minibar, LED TV and Wi-Fi. Our Spa del Paraiso offers a full menu of therapeutic treatments along with a water circuit that includes sauna, steam room, Scottish shower, indoor pool and a Roman bath. Casino Iguazú is one of the leading casinos in Latin-America featuring 40 table games including poker along with 220 slots.