

# PATAGONIA 2013: ARGENTINA & THE CHILEAN FJORDS

20 DAYS/17 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

DEPARTURE: 2013 October 22

PRICES FROM: \$14,990 to \$28,360 (See pages enclosed for complete prices.)

From the wilds of Tierra del Fuego to the pinnacles of Torres del Paine National Park, experience Patagonia at close range aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. Setting off from Buenos Aires, trace the coast towards Tierra del Fuego, watching for elephant seals and Andean condors, humpbacks and rare Commerson's dolphins, guanacos and quirky penguins. Venture deep into Chile's maze of glorious fjords past incandescent icebergs and massive glaciers. Explore Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Then round Cape Horn, following the same route as some of history's great explorers.



*Magellanic penguins.*

*“An expedition along the coast of Patagonia will be essentially nonstop inspiration and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.”*

*—Expedition Leader, Bud Lehnhausen*



*Snowy, saw-toothed peaks rise above a rushing river in Torres del Paine National Park.*



## ITINERARY: 20 DAYS/17 NIGHTS

### OCT. 22, 2013: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

### OCT. 23-24: BUENOS AIRES/EMBARK SHIP

The sweep and elegance of a Parisian cityscape—with a tango soundtrack. That's Buenos Aires. Visit the city's Beau Arts palaces and the bohemian quarters of La Boca and San Telmo. Overnight at the Caesar Park Hotel, and on Oct. 24, embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (Oct. 24: B,L,D)

### OCT. 25-28: AT SEA/BAHIA BLANCA/ AT SEA/PENINSULA VALDES

After a day at sea, dock in Bahia Blanca and head to the Parque Provincial Ernesto Tornquist to view the flora and fauna of the *pampas*. Another day of sailing brings us to Peninsula Valdés, a World Heritage Site where southern right whales come to mate and give birth. Observe these endangered creatures and then venture inland to spot guanacos, Patagonian foxes, and more. (B,L,D Daily)



Southern right whale.

### OCT. 29-31: BAHIA BUSTAMANTE/ PUERTO DESEADO/EXPLORING ARGENTINA'S COAST

In Bahia Bustamante, a vast family-owned *estancia* that stretches from the Patagonian steppe to the coast, we'll go on hikes; look for whales; and encounter colonies of Magellanic penguins, sea lions, and elephant seals. The next day, travel in small boats into the Reserva Natural Ria Deseado, a submerged estuary that

is home to the rare black-and-white Commerson's dolphin and the only rockhopper penguin colony in Patagonia. Later, learn of the famous explorers who passed this way at the museum in Puerto Deseado. Then spend a day sailing Argentina's southern coast, stopping to explore secluded beaches or dramatic arches and caves. (B,L,D Daily)



Guanaco.

### NOV. 1-2: PUNTA ARENAS,CHILE/ISLA MAGDALENA/TIERRA DEL FUEGO

In Punta Arenas, visit museums and enjoy an optional hike before heading to Isla Magdalena to observe the antics of the Magellanic penguins. Continue to the newest and largest protected area on Tierra del Fuego: Karukinka Natural Park. We have special permission to visit the private reserve, which spans 1,160 square miles and harbors rich wildlife, including the guanaco, the endangered culpeo fox, and the Andean condor. (B,L,D Daily)

### NOV. 3-6: THE CHILEAN FJORDS/ PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Venture into the fjords of the honeycombed Chilean coast, set against the spectacular backdrop of the Cordillera Darwin range, and explore by ship and by Zodiac. Drop anchor in Puerto Natales and drive to the Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Spend a day discovering this magnificent park with our experts and local guides. Then return through



the fjordlands, searching for humpback whales, Peale's dolphins, and rare Chilean dolphins. Cruise deep into the fjords of the western Strait of Magellan to see tidewater glaciers. (B,L,D Daily)

### NOV. 7-8: BEAGLE CHANNEL/YENDEGAIA/ CAPE HORN

Sail the Beagle Channel to Yendegaia, a stunning wilderness that covers more than 95,000 acres on Tierra del Fuego. We have special permission to explore the reserve, a former cattle ranch that hosts beech forests, wild rivers, and abundant wildlife. The following day, we round Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of South America, and, weather permitting, take Zodiacs ashore for spectacular views. (B,L,D Daily)

### NOV. 9-10: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Take our charter flight to Buenos Aires and connect to your overnight flight home. (B,L)

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

»Add 5 days in Easter Island or 4 days in Iquazu Falls. Visit our website or call for details.

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## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

More than a century after Europeans settled it, Patagonia remains remote. Never precisely defined, it stretches south from the Rio Colorado and eastern part of the Rio Bio-Bio to the tip of the continent. Our exploration here includes unforgettable highlights and wilderness of epic proportion.

### Chilean fjords

Two expert Chilean pilots will be traveling with us through these waters, and will share their insider's knowledge of best spots for exploring and kayaking.

### Torres del Paine

We will explore Torres del Paine, one of the America's most iconic and wildlife-rich wildernesses.

### Yendegaia

We have an exclusive invitation to visit Yendegaia, a stunning private wilderness on the Chile-Argentina border of Tierra Del Fuego.

### Cape Horn

Weather permitting, you'll add the view from the top at the southernmost point of South America to your life list.

### Karukinka

We have special permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to explore Karukinka Natural Park, the newest, largest private reserve.

### Beagle Channel & Straits of Magellan

Traverse two of history's most storied and significant routes of discovery.

### Peninsula Valdés

We see the main breeding ground for the endangered Southern right whale, and October is the absolute best time to be there.

### Bahía Bustamente

We'll visit Bahía Bustamente, the private estancia/wildlife sanctuary *The New York Times* called "Argentina's Secret (and Private) Answer to Galápagos."

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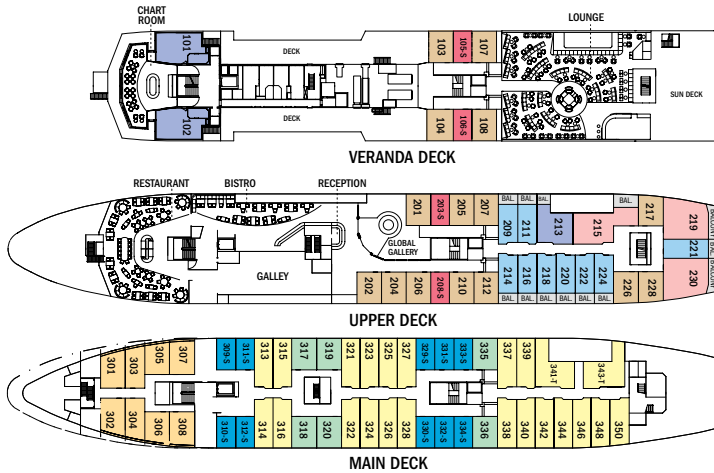
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## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER



Costs are per person double occupancy unless otherwise noted.

**Category 1:** **\$14,990**

Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308

**Category 2:** **\$15,990**

Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

**Category 3:** **\$16,880**

Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

**Category 4:** **\$17,670**

Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

**Category 5:** **\$21,450**

Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

**Category 6:** **\$24,570**

Veranda Deck-Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213

**Category 7:** **\$28,360**

Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

**Category A Solo:** **\$19,990**

Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

**Category B Solo:** **\$21,100**

Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

**Category 3 Triple:** \*

Main Deck with window #341, 343

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Available in Categories 1 and 2.

**NOTE:** Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306 – These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. **NOTE:** Sole-occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B. \*Third-person rates are available in the designated triple-occupancy cabins at one-half the double-occupancy rate.

**CAPACITY:** 148 guests in 81 outside cabins. Overall Length: 367 feet.

**REGISTRY:** Bahamas.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library; lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films and presentations; observation lounge; fitness center; LEXspa treatment room and sauna; internet café; mud room.

**MEALS:** Served in one seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling.

**CABINS:** All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Zodiac landing craft; kayaks; ROV; underwater video camera; crew's nest remote controlled camera; video microscope; laundry. Undersea specialist, full-time doctor; National Geographic photographer; video chronicler; wellness specialist.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**COST INCLUDES:** All accommodations per itinerary, meals indicated and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks, tips (except to ship's crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, and services of our expedition staff. Charter flight from Ushuaia/Buenos Aires.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Air transportation, extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, baggage/accident/travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry, etc. Gratuities to ship's crew at your discretion.

**SAMPLE AIRFARES:** Patagonia 2013: Round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,440; Business from \$4,395.

**ADVANCE PAYMENT:** \$1,800 due at time of booking.

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