



Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Australis Cruises, Torres del Paine and Santiago



Buenos Aires

The Stella and the Via are the new expedition cruise ships of Patagonia Cruises in Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. Each of the outside cabins offers spectacular views of glaciers, forests and snow-capped mountains when we cross from Argentina to Chile, arriving at Torres del Paine National Park. Yampu travelers will also visit Buenos Aires – that lovely city on the southern shore of the Rio de la Plata – and Santiago.

After the cruise we will visit the towering granite “cuernos” or horns as they are called in Torres del Paine National Park, and which are perhaps the best-known image of Chile. Enormous glaciers mark the northern boundary of the park. This is the southern extreme of the Patagonia Ice field – the world’s largest.

Preferred departure date for this trip is Wednesday or Saturday, since there are two weekly departures on the Stella or the Via.

This tour includes airfare allowance from London (UK), on non-holiday dates. You do not need to fly via London; Yampu will fly you the most direct way to your city of destination. Depending on your travel dates and proximity of travel, we will quote you the most economical surcharge from your city or country of origin.

Pricing

Occupancy Type	3-star	4-star	5-star	Deluxe
Double	£ 4388	£ 5042	£ 5439	£ 5889
Single	£ 6353	£ 6822	£ 7347	£ 8230

Prices shown above are per person, in Sterling (£).



Santiago



Stella

Itinerary

Day 1

Take the overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Day 2

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Afternoon, city tour of Buenos Aires, an impressive city that combines the atmosphere of an old European town with that of a Latin American capital. In this tour, you will acquire a greater appreciation of its characteristics, its history, its architecture, its culture and its best stories. We will visit the center of the city, San Telmo, La Boca, Puerto Madero and Palermo, and stops in Plaza de Mayo, Caminito and La Recoleta. Tour is done on group basis and may involve wait times picking up other passengers at different hotels. We recommend that this tour be done privately in order to avoid this, at an additional cost of \$ 42 per person, based on two people (\$ 84 based on one person).

Day 3

Fiesta gaucha

Full-day excursion to an estancia for a typical barbeque lunch and a folklore/gaucha show. Here we will learn about the customs of the Argentinean gaucho and his abilities on the horse that will leave you breathless. The meat will be cooked "a lo gaucho," outdoors on the barbeque. Lunch and drinks included. Afternoon, return to Buenos Aires. Duration: 6 hours. Operates every day except Monday.

Day 4

Day of leisure in Buenos Aires

Evening tango show. At night, you will be treated to an unforgettable tango show performed by the best dancers and singers, while enjoying a delicious meal. This is the perfect way to leave Buenos Aires, the city of tango. Return to the hotel.

Day 5

Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Ushuaia. Upon arrival, transfer to Tierra del Fuego National Park, located only 12 kilometers (7 miles) away from the city. It preserves typical species of the Andean-Patagonic Forest, such as firebushes, beech trees, ñires, box-leafed barberries and flowers, spread over an area of 63,000 hectares. Before entering the park, board the Train to the End of the World and enjoy an unforgettable trip along the original embankment where the old prisoners' train ran until 1947 for their expeditions in search of wood for heating. The highlight of the park is Lapataia Bay, the southernmost tip of the continent, with a wonderful view of Beagle Channel. Here, the old inhabitants of the area have left their testimony in the "concheros," incredible archeological deposits.

Afternoon, transfer to the port to embark on the Via. Check in at San Martín 245, Ushuaia, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., embark on the Cruise Ship. The captain and crew will give a welcome cocktail reception on board. Immediately afterward, the ship will set sail for "the uttermost part of the earth." Through the Strait of Magellan, we will travel to Southern Patagonia, including Tierra de Fuego. This is the beginning of a Great Adventure!

Day 6

Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

We will sail through the Beagle and Murray Channels to disembark in Cape Horn National Park. Cape Horn, a sheer, almost 425-meter-high promontory, where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans merge, was discovered in 1616 by the Dutch commercial expedition organized by Isaac Le Maire. The Cape owes its name to the Port of Hoorn, the expedition's departure point. In the afternoon, we will disembark in historical Wulaia Bay, formerly the site of one of the region's largest native settlements. This area is also renowned for the spectacular beauty of its vegetation and geography. We will walk through a Magellanic forest filled with Lengas, Coigües, Canelos, ferns and other species to reach a lookout point.

Day 7

Agostini Sound and Águila Glacier

We will sail through the Brecknock, Ocasión, Cockburn, and Magdalena Channels to enter the spectacular Agostini Sound, in the heart of the Darwin Range, in Tierra del Fuego. Here you can see the glaciers flowing down the mountainside, often all the way to the sea. In the afternoon we will get into the Zodiac boats and head to the Águila Glacier where we will take an easy walk on the shore of a lagoon surrounded by mountains until we reach the base of the glacier. We will learn about Patagonia's cold rainforest and the forces that molded the landscape.

Day 8

Magdalena Island - Punta Arenas

Early in the morning, we will disembark on Magdalena Island, the home of an immense colony of more than 120,000 Magellanic Penguins that we will be able to observe during our walk to the Lighthouse that guides different ships on their way through the Strait of Magellan. After our visit, we will return to Punta Arenas, disembarking at 11:30 a.m., concluding our adventure.

Reception at the port and transfer to the bus station to take the bus to Puerto Natales. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Evening at leisure to rest before your excursion to the Torres del Paine Park.

Day 9

Torres del Paine National Park

Full day excursion to Torres del Paine National Park. Enroute we will visit the Milodón Cave, where the remains of a prehistoric animal were found in the last century. The Torres del Paine National Park was declared a biosphere reserve by UNESCO in 1978. The park covers an area of 160,000 hectares. The most important attraction is the central mountain range where the Horns of Paine are found, and also the needles which were formed by the action of the many glaciers surrounding the rock. There are also many impressive lakes, glaciers, waterfalls and a quite varied flora and fauna—which makes this one of the most famous places in Chile to visit. Lunch (included) is in a restaurant in the park itself. Transfer to a hosteria in the park in the late afternoon.

Day 10

Torres del Paine

Day of leisure in Torres del Paine. Optional excursions available at the hosteria. Overnight in Torres del Paine.

Day 11

Torres del Paine - Punta Arenas

Morning of leisure. Afternoon, transfer to Punta Arenas to take the flight to Santiago. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day 12

Full day of touring around Santiago. On this day, you may choose from one of the following excursions: Vina del Mar and Valparaiso; Valle Nevado; Isla Negra - Pablo Neruda Museum; Cousiño Macul and Concha y Toro wineries.

Day 13

Santiago

Morning city tour of Santiago. We will pick you up from your hotel to explore the historic and modern sights of Santiago de Chile. We will start our tour at the Alameda Bernardo O'Higgins, Santiago's main avenue, visiting La Moneda, the Government Palace, where we will explain to you the historical and actual meaning of this place. We will enjoy a walk through the pedestrian streets of Huerfanos and Ahumada, where the main commercial activity of the city is concentrated. We will then visit the famous Plaza de Armas, the main square of the city, which is surrounded by the Metropolitan Cathedral and other historical buildings such as the City Hall and the Post Office, both dating from colonial times. Next we head to Santa Lucia Hill, the hill upon which the Spanish founded Santiago in 1541. It is a lone steep rock, with many plants and an antique building rising steeply from the city below. From here you can see the Parque Forestal (park) on one side and the Mapocho River on the other. We will cross the river to visit Bellavista, the cultural and artistic neighborhood of Santiago. Return to your hotel.

After this excursion, we will transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Price includes:

- No visa is required for travel to Argentina as a U.S., Canadian or Australian citizen. A reciprocity fee must be paid upon entering Argentina. The current amount that must be paid by U.S. citizens is \$140 per person and \$75 per person (single entry) for Canadian citizens.
- Optional Excursions at Hosteria las Torres:
 - The Towers
 - Type: horse riding and/or walking
 - Demand: high
 - Duration: 6-8 hours
- One of the main attractions of the renowned Torres del Paine National Park, these rock formations are 1,000 meters of naked granite, stabbing the heavens with three colossal towers. The trail penetrates a valley covered in forests, streams, slopes and wildlife; this is definitely an overwhelming hike.

The Cuernos

Type: horse ride or walk

Demand: medium

Duration: 7-8 hours

This beautiful trail tours through a diversity of local plants such as the Notro, which blossoms powerful red flowers in November and December. Along the trail, there will be a peaceful lagoon usually inhabited by a family of caiquenes (wild upland geese).

Full Paine

Type: vehicle and walking

Demand: low

Duration: 8-10 hours

The day starts off in a vehicle, driving through the length of the park to reach Grey Lake, we see guanacos, foxes and birds. This is an excellent excursion to see the park as a whole. While walking on a path that traces the shores of the lake, our guide will explain how glaciers have sculpted the entire region. Along the way, we are likely to see icebergs that have broken off from the main glacier.

Salto Grande

Type: vehicle and walking

Demand: low

Duration: 4-5 hours

The inner roads of the park will delight the passenger with its beauties until Salto Grande is reached. A short walk will lead to this waterfall that flows into the turquoise waters of Lake Pehoe.

Lake Nordjenskold

Type: walking or horse riding

Demand: low

Duration: 2-3 hours

This light path borders Mount Almirante Nieto, passes the romantic Laguna Inge and reaches the emerald-green Lake Nordenskjold. The path promises a soft walk or a pleasurable ride among Mother Nature. The lake extends to the foot of the colossal mountain Almirante Nieto.

Cost: From \$35 to \$100 per person, to be paid directly at the hosteria.

Prices include air transportation from Miami to Buenos Aires and Santiago to Miami in economy class, domestic air from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia and Punta Arenas to Santiago, hotel accommodation with daily continental breakfast, cabin accommodation at Mare Australis with all meals and activities, guided tours in English, all entrance fees, all transfers between airports and hotels with assistance and baggage handling; meals where specified. Local airport taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. Taxes and security fees that can be paid at time of ticketing are already included in the quote (if airfare has been included in the quote).