



The Southern Crossing



THE SOUTHERN CROSSING

A JOURNEY THROUGH NATURE'S FINEST

16 DAYS

WINE, WILDERNESS & WONDER AWAIT

 DEPARTS FROM: **BUENOS AIRES**  MAX GROUP SIZE: **14 PEOPLE**  PHYSICAL LEVEL: **MODERATE**

A land of striking contrasts and natural wonder, this journey traces the Andes through Argentina's most iconic landscapes across to neighboring Chile. Experience the elegance of Buenos Aires, the thunder of mighty Iguazu Falls, and Patagonia's wild glaciers and soaring peaks. Cross vineyard-lined valleys into Chile, and conclude your adventure in the vibrant cultural heart of Santiago



HIGHLIGHTS

- Vibrant La Boca District
- Historic Colon Theatre
- San Telmo Sunday Market
- Recoleta Cemetery
- Palermo District
- Iguazu Falls & National Parks
- Devil's Throat (Garganta del Diablo)
- Hiking in the Fitz Roy Mountains
- Perito Moreno Glacier & Cruise
- Glaciares National Park
- Malbec Country - Mendoza
- Wine Tours & Tasting
- Olive Oil Farm Visit & Tasting
- Boutique Vineyard Stay - Mendoza
- Aconcagua Provincial Park
- Spectacular Andes Crossing
- Chilean Wine Country Stay

MEET YOUR HOST



Every Byroads tour is supported by an experienced Byroads Escort – a true travel professional with a genuine passion for travel and people. They take care of all the nitty-gritty details to ensure your trip runs smoothly – and you can focus on enjoying the moment.

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DAY 1: FRI 12 NOV 2027 - BUENOS AIRES

Arrive at Buenos Aires International Airport where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Settle in and meet up with your group in the evening.

Principado Downtown Hotel (or similar)

DAY 2: SAT 13 NOV 2027 - CITY SIGHTSEEING BUENOS AIRES

Today you'll explore the vibrant highlights of Buenos Aires, one of South America's most charismatic capitals. Visit some of the city's most iconic neighbourhoods, including colourful La Boca, known for its strong Italian immigrant heritage and artistic flair. Along the way, take in architectural masterpieces such as the world-renowned Colón Theater, the grand National Congress, the emblematic Casa Rosada presidential palace, and the soaring Obelisco—each telling a part of Argentina's rich political and cultural story. (B)

Principado Downtown Hotel (or similar)

DAY 3: SUN 14 NOV 2027 - CITY SIGHTSEEING BUENOS AIRES

This morning, visit the elegant Recoleta district, famed for its French-style architecture and status as one of Buenos Aires' most upscale residential areas. Explore the remarkable Recoleta Cemetery, where iconic figures like Evita Peron are entombed amidst ornate mausoleums. Discover the lively cultural scene with museums and art spaces that enrich the neighborhood's charm. Then, continue to Palermo, the city's largest neighborhood, celebrated for its vast parks, exclusive avenues, and a vibrant culinary scene featuring some of Buenos Aires' finest bars and restaurants – perfect for soaking up the local atmosphere. Returning to the "Downtown" there is time this afternoon to wander the famous San Telmo Street Market. It's enormous. (B)

Principado Downtown Hotel (or similar)

DAY 4: MON 15 NOV 2027 - BUENOS AIRES - PUERTO IGUAZU - FOZ DO IGUAZU - PUERTO IGUAZU

This morning, fly to Puerto Iguazu to explore the breathtaking Iguazu Falls, one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders. Cross the border into Brazil and visit Foz do Iguacu National Park, where panoramic viewpoints and walkways provide stunning vistas of nearly all the falls, including the thunderous 'Garganta del Diablo', or Devil's Throat. The sheer power and scale of the falls here create an unforgettable sensory experience. After soaking in the magnificent scenery, return across the border to the Argentine town of Puerto Iguazu, where you will spend the night, reflecting on the day's incredible sights. (B)

Saint George Hotel (or similar)

DAY 5: TUE 16 NOV 2027 - IGUAZU NATIONAL PARK

Start the day with a guided trip into the heart of Iguazu National Park. Begin at the visitor centre to get a sense of the park's incredible ecosystem, then hop aboard the open-air train or take a peaceful walk along the Green Trail through lush forest. First, explore the lower trail, where walkways wind through the jungle and bring you face to face with the thunder and spray of the falls – an unforgettable, close-up encounter. Next, follow the upper trail, which offers sweeping views over the falls and the vast canopy below. With the roar of the water still in your ears, return by train and head back to your hotel in Puerto Iguazu to relax after a thrilling day in nature. (B)

Saint George Hotel (or similar)

DAY 6: WED 17 NOV 2027 - PUERTO IGUAZU - BUENOS AIRES - EL CALAFATE - EL CHALTEN

Following breakfast, head to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires and connect onwards to El Calafate airport, gateway to Patagonia. From here, travel overland through wide open steppe and dramatic mountain views to the charming village of El Chalten, nestled at the foot of the Fitz Roy range. Known as Argentina's trekking capital, this small town offers a relaxed vibe and stunning natural surroundings. Settle in and soak up the fresh mountain air ahead of tomorrow's adventures. (B)

Poincenot Hotel (or similar)

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DAY 7: THU 18 NOV 2027 - MORNING HIKE TO LOS CONDORES & LAS AGUILAS VIEWPOINTS

This morning, cross the Fitz Roy River and follow a well-marked trail from the National Park Visitor Centre to the Los Cóndores viewpoint. It's a relatively easy walk to a spectacular lookout over the Fitz Roy range, and a prime spot to watch condors glide across the sky. Return back along the trail where a signposted fork leads to the Las Águilas trail – a gentle path opening onto vast views of Lake Viedma, the steppe, and distant peaks like Cerro Huemul and Cerro Piramide. After soaking up the stunning scenery, return to El Chalten for a free afternoon – perfect for a relaxed stroll, an optional short hike, or simply enjoying the fresh mountain air. (B)

Poincenot Hotel (or similar)

DAY 8: FRI 19 NOV 2027 - MORNING HIKE TO DEL TORRE LOOKOUT - EL CHALTEN - EL CALAFATE

Enjoy a rewarding morning hike through the Fitz Roy River valley to one of the region's most iconic viewpoints. Pause at Margarita lookout for breathtaking views of Mt. Torre, the Adela range, and the Solo hills, as well as the cascading Margarita waterfall across the gorge. Continue through lenga forest and along the river until you reach the Del Torre viewpoint – a sweeping panorama of jagged granite spires and the dramatic ice-covered peaks of the Torre massif. After soaking in the scenery, return to El Chalten where following lunch it's time for a transfer to El Calafate, three hours drive away. (B)

Hotel Quijote (or similar)

DAY 9: SAT 20 NOV 2027 - FULL DAY EXCURSION TO PERITO MORENO GLACIER - EL CALAFATE

Travel across the vast Patagonian steppe along the southern edge of Lake Argentino, passing into Los Glaciares National Park where the landscape shifts to lush Andean forest. Stop at a panoramic viewpoint for sweeping views of the Andes and the first sight of the mighty Perito Moreno Glacier. Then, explore the network of balconies and walkways that offer unforgettable views from above, beside, and even eye-level with the glacier's towering ice walls. Later, board a one-hour boat cruise for an up-close look at the glacier's stunning face before returning to El Calafate for the night. (B)

Hotel Quijote (or similar)

DAY 10: SUN 21 NOV 2027 - OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS - EL CALAFATE

Today is your free day to enjoy El Calafate however you like. Whether you want to relax, explore local shops, or enjoy a coffee with a view, the choice is yours. If you're feeling adventurous, there are some fantastic optional excursions to consider. Two of the most popular options are detailed below. To ensure you don't miss out, we recommend booking any optional tours when you reserve your Byroads trip – or your Byroads Escort can arrange them easily on Day 1 in Buenos Aires. (B)

Hotel Quijote (or similar)

Option 1 - Estancia Nibepo Aike

Prepare for a full-day adventure on a traditional Patagonian ranch, where you'll get an authentic experience of rural life. Learn about the history of the estancia and the pioneer family who still manage it today. Admire impressive gaucho skills, watch a shearing demonstration, and enjoy a hike or optional horseback ride to La Angostura, the stunning point where Roca Lake and Argentino Lake meet. The day culminates with an unforgettable lunch featuring a traditional Patagonian lamb barbecue (asado). The visit includes about 5 hours at the estancia, plus approximately 2½ hours of transfer time.

Approximate Current Cost: From USD \$200 per person

Option 2 - All Glacier Navigation

If the glaciers have captured your imagination, the All Glaciers Navigation is a must. This full-day cruise on a modern, comfortable catamaran takes you deep into the remote arms of Lake Argentino. Sail through iceberg-dotted waters to witness from a safe distance the vast Upsala Glacier and glide past the towering face of Spegazzini Glacier—the tallest in the park at 140 metres high. Along the way, you'll spot other impressive ice formations like the Seco, Heim, and Peineta glaciers.

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Disembark at the Spegazzini Base and stroll a gentle forest trail to the panoramic refuge, with stops at themed viewpoints covering glaciology, wildlife, and local history. Enjoy spectacular views, browse the shop, and soak up the atmosphere before cruising back—an unforgettable day amid Patagonia's icy giants.

Approximate Current Cost: From USD \$350 per person

DAY 11: MON 22 NOV 2027 - EL CALAFATE - BUENOS AIRES - MENDOZA

This morning, depart El Calafate and fly north via Buenos Aires to the celebrated wine region of Mendoza. Nestled at the foot of the Andes, Mendoza is renowned for its Malbecs, sunny climate, and laid-back charm. On arrival, meet your local guide and transfer to your centrally located hotel –perfectly positioned to explore the city's leafy streets, plazas, and vibrant dining scene. (B)

Hotel Fuente Mayor (or similar)

DAY 12: TUE 23 NOV 2027 - MENDOZA CITY TOUR - WINERY VISIT

This morning, explore the city of Mendoza with a guided tour through its historic heart. Stroll along tree-lined streets and the lively Sarmiento pedestrian zone, visit the ruins of the old Jesuit church, browse the Central Market, and admire civic buildings like the Ministry of Culture and San Martin Passage. Enjoy a walk through the beautiful San Martin Park before heading to the Cerro de la Gloria for sweeping views and the striking Monument to the Army of the Andes.

In the afternoon, journey into the lush wine country that has made Mendoza famous. This fertile region— an oasis at the foot of the Andes — is the cradle of Malbec. Travel through the Lujan de Cuyo and Maipu regions, where grand old vineyards sit alongside modern wineries and country estates. Visit two distinct wineries with a local expert, tour their vineyards and cellars, and enjoy tastings that showcase the region's finest vintages. Return to Villa Mansa, your relaxing winery hotel for the night. (B)

Villa Mansa Wine Hotel & Spa (or similar)

DAY 13: WED 24 NOV 2027 - OLIVE OIL FARM VISIT - WINERY VISIT

This morning, enjoy a private half-day visit to a boutique winery and an olive oil farm in the heart of Mendoza's wine country. As you explore the tranquil olive groves, you'll learn about traditional and modern methods of cultivation and production. Guided tastings let you sample a range of premium oils—perhaps comparing varieties and discovering the secrets behind extra virgin quality. Mendoza is home to some of South America's best olive oil producers, and this experience is a real treat for food lovers. At the winery, gain insight into the grape-to-glass journey with a visit to the cellars and vineyards, capped off by a relaxed tasting of local vintages. Return to Villa Mansa for a peaceful afternoon with time to unwind and enjoy the hotel's serene rural setting. (B)

Villa Mansa Wine Hotel & Spa (or similar)

DAY 14: THU 25 NOV 2027 - MENDOZA - ACONCAGUA PROVINCIAL PARK-RINCONADA

Today we bid farewell to Argentina and journey west through the mighty Andes, crossing into Chile. Along the way, we stop at Aconcagua Provincial Park for unforgettable views of Mount Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Americas, standing at a staggering 6,962 metres. There's time to stretch your legs on a short, scenic hike to Horcones Lagoon, a peaceful glacial-fed lake nestled beneath snow-capped peaks (approx. 2.6km). This relatively easy walk offers stunning photo opportunities and a chance to experience the grandeur of the Andean landscape up close. Continuing the journey, we descend into Chile's Aconcagua Valley, eventually reaching the outskirts of the small town of Rinconada. Here we check in to a lovely winery hotel, surrounded by vineyards and mountain views – an ideal spot to unwind after a day in the high mountains. (B)

Howard Johnson de Los Andes (or similar)

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DAY 15: FRI 26 NOV 2027 - RINCONADA - WINERY TOUR - SANTIAGO DE CHILE

After breakfast, visit El Escorial winery, nestled in the Andean foothills. Enjoy a guided walk through its historic grounds and Romanesque-arched cellar, followed by a tasting of four Gran Reserva wines—two reds, a Late Harvest, and the estate's emblematic label. Later, travel to Santiago for lunch and a city tour. Drive along Alameda Avenue past the 16th-century San Francisco Church, then enjoy sweeping views from Santa Lucía Hill. Explore the charming Lastarria district with its cafés and cultural flair. Stop at La Moneda Palace, the elegant former mint of the Spanish Crown, then stroll down Paseo Ahumada to the lively Plaza de Armas, home to the Cathedral and historic museums. Cross the Mapocho River to vibrant Bellavista and finish with a cable car ride up Cerro San Cristóbal for panoramic city views. (B)

NH Ciudad de Santiago (or similar)

DAY 16: SAT 27 NOV 2027 - SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Your Byroads tour comes to a close after breakfast this morning. Airport transfers are available and can be arranged through Byroads.

As you leave South America, take with you the unforgettable sights of Argentina and Chile, the warmth of their people, the friendships you've made and the many experiences you've shared.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

GUIDES

- ✓ Byroads tour host and local guides throughout

TRANSPORT

- ✓ Arrival transfer, domestic flights Buenos Aires-Puerto Iguazu-El Calafate-Mendoza, private, airconditioned mini-coach.

ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ 15 nights (3 to 4-star)

MEALS

- ✓ Breakfasts throughout.

TICKETS

- ✓ Entrance fees to indicated sites



GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

You can book your flights online or via your travel agent.

Both Latam Airlines and Qantas have airfares to Buenos Aires and return from Santiago. These are the most direct flights. You can book these on-line or via your travel agent.

Your arrival transfer is included however, your departure transfer is not. Byroads can organise a departure transfer on request.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

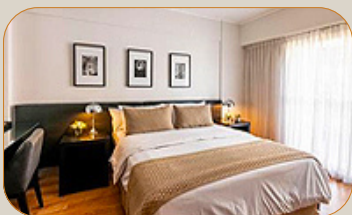
We'd love to do it all for you. But there are a few things you'll need to arrange yourself. This includes you:

- Visas & travel insurance (compulsory)
- Early check-in and late check-out
- Departure transfer
- International flights
- Additional meals and drinks
- Cash for tipping kitty
- Optional tours
- Spending of a personal nature
- Laundry

ACCOMMODATION

Byroads accommodation is a destination unto itself. We choose our hotels carefully to ensure a seamless transition from your day exploring to a night of relaxation. Think traditional architecture blended with modern comforts – and plenty of views.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



Principado Downtown - Buenos Aires

An urban oasis in the heart of the capital. It blends modern elegance with warm Argentine hospitality. Just steps from iconic landmarks, it offers sleek design, spacious rooms, a stylish lounge, and a serene courtyard.



Poincenot Hotel - El Chalten

A cozy base in the heart of town. just steps from iconic hiking trails. This comfortable hotel offers bright rooms, a welcoming lounge, and easy access to Patagonia's breathtaking landscapes.



Villa Mansa Wine Hotel & Spa

A charming boutique retreat in Mendoza's premier wine region, it blends intimate hospitality with comfort. Surrounded by vineyards and Andes views, it offers stylish rooms, tranquil gardens and a pool.

THE FINER DETAILS

DATES AND PRICES

DATE	TWIN SHARE	*DOMESTIC FLIGHTS	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
12 Nov 2027	*7145 USD	**1500 USD	*1750 USD

* Provisional 2027 Price

** Domestic flight prices are approximate and subject to change by the airline

Due to the volatility of international currencies, trip fees are calculated in US Dollars. However, you will be charged in Australian dollars. Currency conversion is based on Westpac Banking Corporation's buying rate on your balance due date.

Additional expenses

Tipping is customary, so please allow extra funds for the tipping kitty. This will cover tips for your local and national guides, drivers and porters.

MEALS

- Breakfast is included daily.
- Lunch (cafe or local restaurant): \$8-\$15 USD p/person
- Dinner (mid-range restaurant): \$15-\$30 USD p/person

DOCUMENTATION

Once we've received your final payment, we'll post you a comprehensive field guide. It's a physical document you can keep handy to inform your travels. It also includes all relevant tour and accommodation information you need to book your visa.

VISAS

Australians and New Zealanders currently require visas for Brazil. This can be applied for on-line. A visa is not currently required for visiting Argentina or Chile.

Other nationalities should check with Byroads.

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