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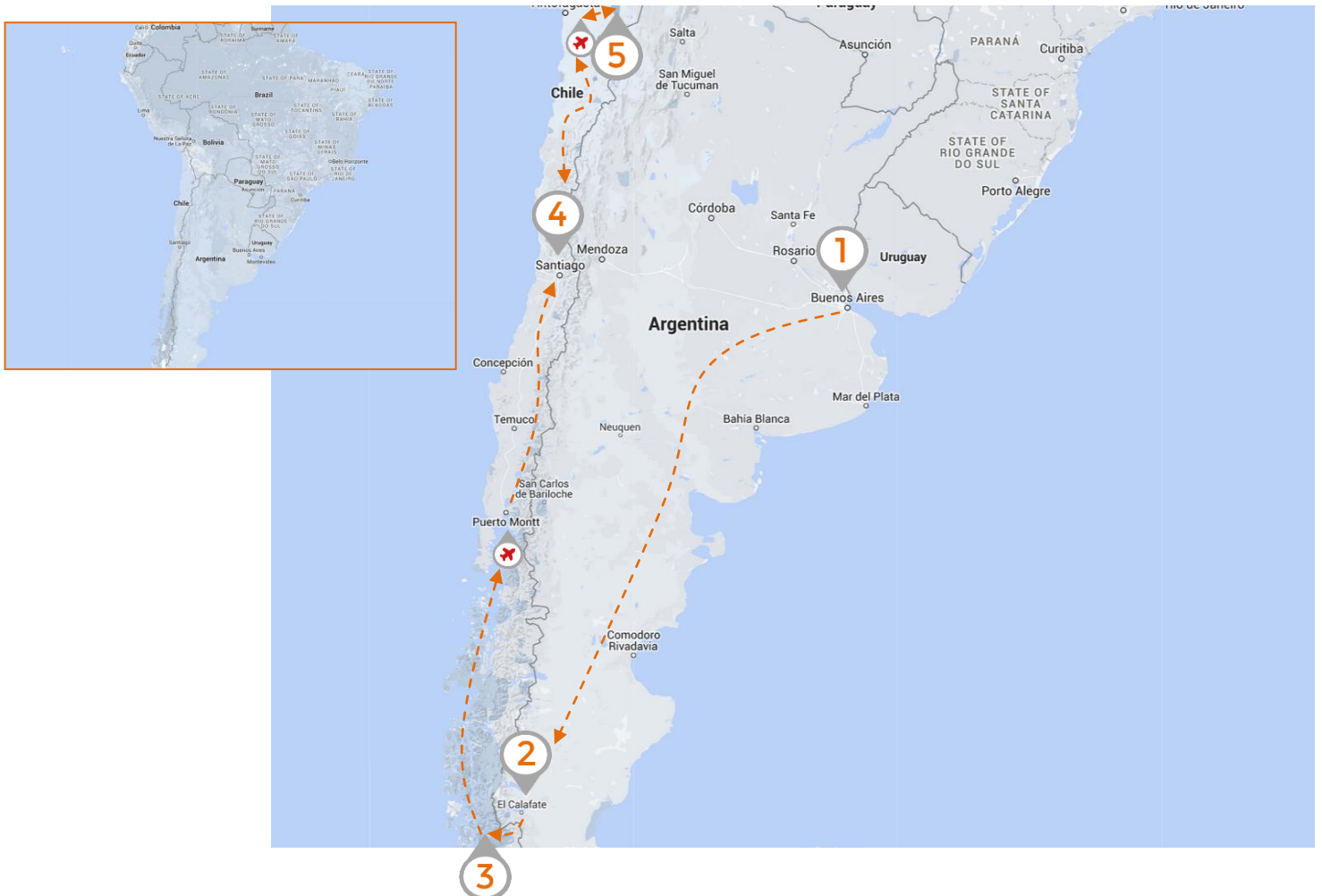


Discover Argentina & Chile

17-days / 16-nights

Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
	Day 01	DEPART	Depart Heathrow for Buenos Aires	-	Overnight flight	1
1	Day 02	BUENOS AIRES	Arrive in Buenos Aires	-	Intersur Recoleta	3
	Day 03		Half day city tour	B		
	Day 04		Day at leisure, evening show and dinner	BD		
2	Day 05	EL CALAFATE	Air & road transfer to El Calafate	B	Posada Los Álamos	2
	Day 06		Full day excursion to the Perito Moreno Glacier	B		
3	Day 07	TORRES DEL PAINE	Road transfer to Torres del Paine	B	Río Serrano	3
	Day 08		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 09		Day at leisure	B		
4	Day 10	SANTIAGO	Air & road transfer Santiago via Punta Arenas	B	Holiday Inn Aeropuerto	1
5	Day 11	ATACAMA	Air & road transfer to San Pedro de Atacama afternoon excursion to the Moon Valley	B	Casa Don Tomás	3
	Day 12		Full day tour to San Pedro, Toconao & Atacama Salt Lake	BL		
	Day 13		Full day excursion to El Tatio Geysers & Machuca	B		
4	Day 14	SANTIAGO	Air & road transfer to Santiago	B	Hotel Orly	1
	Day 15		Half day city tour	B		
	Day 16	DEPART	Meet the return flights to the UK	B	-	
	Day 17	HEATHROW	Arrive back in the UK	-	-	



Detailed Itinerary



Day 01 DEPART

Depart Heathrow flying with Iberia.



IB3173 Economy Dep: Heathrow 19:20

Arr: Madrid 22:55



Day 02 MADRID - BUENOS AIRES

Board your onward flight to Buenos Aires.



IB6841 Economy Dep: Madrid 00:30

Arr: Buenos Aires Intl. 08:10

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Hotel Intersur Recoleta



1 x Executive Callao Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

Combining classic architecture with luxurious interiors, Intersur Recoleta is located in the vibrant and exclusive area of Recoleta only 4km from the domestic airport. Intersur Recoleta has elegant rooms. Intersur is only 7 blocks from the Museum of Fine Arts and 4 blocks from the famous Recoleta Cemetery. The trendy restaurant district, Puerto Madero, is a 10-minute drive. A buffet breakfast with pastries and croissants is served daily at Recoleta Bar and guests can dine á la carte at Marcelo Restaurant.

Afternoon at leisure to explore Buenos Aires.





Day 03 BUENOS AIRES



Shared half day city tour

Cosmopolitan and vibrant, Buenos Aires is a modern capital city with a distinctly European feel. There are many good museums, plenty of green open spaces and the architecture is striking. Away from the centre, several of the traditional neighbourhoods still remain. San Telmo has a quaint faded appeal with cobbled streets which really come alive on Sundays when the weekly antiques market is held. The area of La Boca, established by Italian immigrants, is well worth a visit to see the colourful buildings. Synonymous with Argentina, Eva Peron's final resting place can be seen amongst the grand and ornate surroundings of the Recoleta Cemetery.



Day 04 BUENOS AIRES

Day at leisure to explore Buenos Aires.



Shared evening excursion to Dinner & Tango show at Esquina Carlos Gardel

Named after the greatest tango singer of all, the 'Esquina Carlos Gardel' is located on the site of the 'Chanta Cuastro' restaurant where Gardel used to meet friends in the 1920s and '30s to eat, drink and sing late into the night, and is acknowledged as the city's premier Dinner & Tango Show. The superb food and service, together with the stylish art nouveau interior, recreate the sophisticated and luxurious atmosphere of that era. The show is a spectacular mix of live tango music, singing and dancing and features some of the most talented performers in Buenos Aires.



Day 05 BUENOS AIRES - EL CALAFATE

Private transfer to Buenos Aires Domestic Airport for your onward with LAN.



LA4430 Economy Dep: Buenos Aires Domestic 15:20 Arr: El Calafate 18:45

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Posada Los Álamos



1 x Standard Room on a Bed & breakfast basis for 2-nights

Located a few blocks away from the centre of town, the Posada Los Alamos is El Calafate's best hotel. The hotel has 144 rooms with beautiful views of the gardens and the Andes. All rooms feature LCD TVs with cable channels, CD players and minibars and there is complimentary wireless high-speed internet access. There is also a small golf course, spa, indoor pool and steam room at the hotel and for those looking for a more active stay there is a fitness centre on site and fantastic walking nearby. Posada Los Álamos offers guests multiple dining options at the restaurant, café and bar/lounge and prides itself on its delicious traditional dishes.



Day 06 EL CALAFATE



Shared full day excursion to the Perito Moreno Glacier

A two hour drive from El Calafate takes you to the Perito Moreno Glacier, considered by many to be the most beautiful glacier in the world. Wonder at the spectacle that is the 180 foot high, 3 mile wide and 20 mile long mass of ice. Certainly one of the most spectacular natural wonders in South America, the brilliant white glacier is slowly retreating and you will not have to wait for long before a large chunk of ice breaks away and crashes into the lake below. You will walk along the paths located in front of the glacier's western wall, allowing you to view this natural wonder from a variety of different viewpoints.



Day 07 EL CALAFATE - TORRES DEL PAINE



Private transfer across the Chilean border to Torres del Paine. Covering an area of over 180,000 hectares, Torres del Paine has been declared a world heritage site by UNESCO. The centrepiece of the park are the mighty Torres, huge granite pillars that rise upwards from the surrounding mountains. There is an abundant supply of wildlife and several bird species that can be found nowhere else. Sites included in the tour are Lake Sarmiento, Laguna Amarga, Paine Waterfall, Salto Grande, Cuernos del Paine, Lake Pehoé and Nosedenskjold.

You will be dropped off at Laguna Amarga where you will meet a shared transfer to your hotel.

Río Serrano



1 x Standard Monte Balmaceda Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

This beautiful hotel is located on the eastern bank of the Serrano River and boasts a panoramic view of the Paine Mountain Range and the chance to enjoy unforgettable sightseeing tours and activities such as kayaking, horseback rides, trekking and fly-fishing close to the hotel. The hotel has 20 large, double standard and 30 superior rooms, all with private bathroom, central heating and telephone, all very cosy and pleasantly decorated. It also has a pleasant dining room, where you will be able to taste the region's most typical dishes, all with excellent service. It also has a large lounge with comfortable armchairs, television and heating, where you will be able to enjoy a relaxing end to the day or simply admire the scenery.



Days 08-09 TORRES DEL PAINE

Days at leisure. Optional tours can be arranged locally including visits to Lago Grey.



Day 10 TORRES DEL PAINE - PUNTA ARENAS - SANTIAGO

Road transfer to Punta Arenas airport for your onward flying with LAN.



LA280	Economy	Dep: Punta Arenas 10:15
LA280	Economy	Dep: Puerto Montt 13:00

Arr: Puerto Montt 12:25
Arr: Santiago 14:45

On arrival make your own way to your hotel.

Holiday Inn Aeropuerto



1 x Executive Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night

The recently opened Holiday Inn Santiago Aeropuerto is conveniently located just opposite the main terminal of Santiago's international airport Arturo Merino Benítez and around 10km from Santiago's downtown area. The 6-floor hotel features 110 rooms and 2 junior suites. All rooms are equipped with plasma TV, safe security box, internet access, iron and ironing board, and in room coffee maker among others. General hotel facilities include a bar, a restaurant offering international cuisine, swimming pool, sauna, gym and a business centre. Further hotel services include room service, laundry service, bilingual staff and private parking.



Day 11 SANTIAGO - CALAMA - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Make your way to Santiago airport for your onward flight with LAN.



LA0340 Economy Dep: Santiago 12:00

Arr: Calama 14:10

Shared transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Hotel Casa Don Tomás



1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

Located close to the centre of San Pedro de Atacama, this cosy and welcoming hotel offers comfortable rooms with rustic furniture, electric heating and en-suite bathrooms. Built in the traditional style of the region, the hotel's facilities include a restaurant, swimming pool and terrace with views towards the volcanoes in the distance.



Shared afternoon tour to the 'Moon Valley'

One of the most spectacular places in the Atacama Desert, Vallé de la Lune (or Moon Valley) is a fantastic moon landscape that is a part of the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountain Range) belonging to the Los Flamencos National Reserve. It is a small depression 1,650 feet (500m) in diameter full of strange sculptural shapes that are the result of geological shifts in the earth's crust. The lack of humidity and life has turned it into one of the most inhospitable places on the planet. Highlights of the tour include reaching the salt figures or 'Tres Marias' around sunset and the chance for an optional short hike to one of the giant sand dunes in the valley.

**Day 12 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA****Shared full day tour to San Pedro, Toconao & Atacama Salt Lake including lunch**

After breakfast, will visit San Pedro de Atacama; the centre of a Palaeolithic civilization that built impressive rock fortresses on the mountains encircling the green valley. The colonial church was constructed in 1577 and is the largest and most beautiful church in the region. The extraordinary archaeological museum of Padre Gustavo Le Paige has many archaeological pre-Hispanic artefacts.

After this visit you will drive around 4km to reach the pre-Columbian village of Tulo (around 3000 years old). The archaeological remains here are the oldest evidence of human settlement in the valley.

Then continue your morning tour to Pukara de Quitor. This fortress was conquered in 1540 by the Spanish conquistadores defeating the Incan troops who, in turn, had captured it from the pre-Incan cultures and extended the fortification. In the afternoon you will start your tour to Toconao, a village where locals dedicate themselves to the manufacture of white volcanic stone sculptures.

You continue to the huge Atacama Salt Lake, an inland sea formed millions of years ago. Be overwhelmed by one of the most spectacular and dramatic landscapes in Chile!





Day 13 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA



Shared full day excursion to El Tatio Geysers & Machuca including picnic breakfast

You will be collected from your hotel early (around 04:00) and head north to the famous El Tatio Geysers. El Tatio are situated at 4320m above sea level on the Altiplano, making them the highest geysers in the world. Here, powerful spurts of steam shoot out from various blowholes and there are about 40 geysers, thermal wells and fumaroles. Enjoy a picnic breakfast next to the geysers. If possible (depending on the activity of the geyser) you can take a bath in the hot thermal pools.

Later drive on to visit Machuca, a former ancestral people, with houses built in the traditional way. You will arrive back at your hotel around 13:00 and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.



Please Note:

Due to high altitude and early departure it is recommended to have a light dinner the night before and no alcohol. Also it could reach up to -15°C/5°F bring warm clothing, sun cream, sun glasses



Day 14 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA - SANTIAGO

Shared transfer to Calama airport to meet onward flight with LAN.



LA347 Economy Dep: Calama 17:20

Arr: Santiago 19:30

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Hotel Orly



1 x Queen Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night

A small, intimate French-style hotel, the Orly is located in the lively Providencia neighbourhood, which offers a good selection of shops and restaurants. It is elegantly decorated throughout its 28 rooms. The Orly is without doubt one of the best places to stay in the city.



Day 15 SANTIAGO



Shared half day city tour

Flanked by the Andes Mountains to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west, Santiago is one of South America's best located capitals. The architecture is generally modern although some colonial buildings do remain. The climate is favourable and many vineyards can be found in the surrounding countryside. The tour starts with the city centre sights such as La Moneda, (the Government Palace), the pedestrian streets of Huérfanos and Ahumada and the famous Plaza de Armas, the main square of the city, which is surrounded by the Metropolitan Cathedral and other historical buildings. It then continues to Santa Lucia hill, where the Spanish founded Santiago in 1541, which gives great views of the Parque Forestal and the Mapocho River, before continuing on to the cultural district of Bellavista and finishing at the restaurants, elegant shops and modern high-rise buildings of Providencia.



Day 16 SANTIAGO - DEPART

Private transfer to Santiago airport to meet your return flights to the UK, flying with Iberia.



IB7322 Economy Dep: Santiago 20:45 Arr: Madrid 13:25 (Day 17)



Day 17 SANTIAGO - DEPART

Board your onward flight to the UK.



IB3166 Economy Dep: Madrid T4s 15:55 Arr: Heathrow T5 17:20

Arrive back in the UK.



Holiday Cost

from £3,695.00 per person

20% deposit is required to secure this booking

Suggested Itinerary

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

Includes

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please Note

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

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