

# Girls On Tour: Chile, Argentina & Antarctica!! 31 days.



**Friday 7 January 2022**

## **DEPART FOR SANTIAGO 2 NIGHTS**

Depart Australia for Santiago, Chile. On arrival, transfer to our hotel and settle in.

## **Sat 8 Jan - SANTIAGO, CHILE**

A full day city tour of Santiago to start your amazing adventure visiting both the old and new parts of the city. A visit to Cerro Santa Lucia where Santiago was founded in 1541 provides panoramic views over the city. A break during the tour for lunch at a local restaurant before an afternoon visit to the vibrant market district. (B,L)

## **Sun 9 Jan – ATACAMA 4 NIGHTS**

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight to Calama airport and then our transfer to Cumbres San Pedro where you'll enjoy the beautiful landscapes of the Atacama Desert along with the luxury of modern day comforts. Each evening we'll meet with the local guides who will share the included activities that are scheduled for the following day such as biking, trekking, horseback riding and much more. (B,L,D)

## **Mon 10 Jan - ATACAMA**

Today you will take part in your chosen activities based on your interests and physical fitness. Extraordinary full-day excursions include the eerie, otherworldly Valley of the Moon, High Plateau Lagoons, Chaxa Lagoon, and the geysers of El Tatio. Considered the highest in the world at 14,000ft, these geysers provide continuous bubbling caldrons and impressive plumes of steam. (B,L,D)

## **Tue 11 Jan - ATACAMA**

Take advantage of the daily activities available to you and included in your stay as well as the hotel sauna and

Turkish bath, swimming pools and jacuzzis. (B,L,D)

## **Wed 12 Jan - ATACAMA**

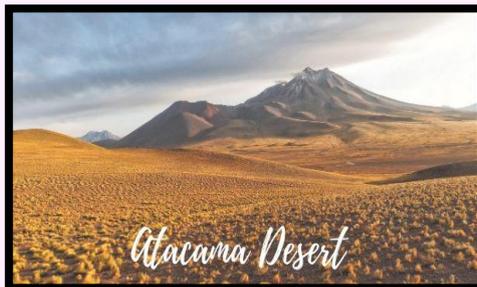
Another day of exploring this incredible part of the world. The Atacama Desert is known as 'the driest desert in the world'. It is here you will find the desert's salt pans, lagoons, volcanoes, geysers and thermal springs at an altitude of 2,500 mts in the High Andes. (B,L,D)

## **Thu 13 Jan – SANTIAGO 3 NIGHTS**

Sadly we bid farewell to Atacama but now it's time to return to Santiago and explore this vibrant city further. After our flight from Calama Airport to Santiago the rest of the afternoon is yours to explore. (B)

## **Fri 14 Jan - SANTIAGO**

Today we leave the city and drive to the colourful port city of Valparaiso to



explore the coast and the humble wines produced in the valley. Famous for its stacked hills and winding stairs with incredible street art, this UNESCO World Heritage city takes you back in time, yet has a modern feel. A highlight of the tour is visiting the home of Chile's Nobel Prize-winning poet, Pablo Neruda. On our way back to Santiago we'll enjoy a creative lunch made with local ingredients and paired with a delicious wine at Tanino restaurant. (B,L)

## **Sat 15 Jan – SANTIAGO, CHILE**

Today is a free day to explore at your leisure. (B)

## **Sun 16 Jan – EL CALAFATE, ARGENTINA 3 NIGHTS**

A new day, a new country. Today we depart Chile for Argentina with a flight from Santiago to Punta Arenas. On arrival we'll transfer to the Chilean/Argentina border and then on to our hotel in El Calafate, the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. (B)



## **Mon 17 Jan – EL CALAFATE**

Enjoy a one-in-a-kind experience when admiring the breathtaking Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the few remaining advancing glaciers in the world, a unique ice field due to its easy access, its steady state and its famous ice breaks. On the way back we enjoy the Nautical Safari, a one hour shared boat ride on Rico Lake passing icebergs calved off the front of the Perito Moreno glacier. These spectacular ice walls soaring 60 metres high offer unique photo opportunities. (B)

## **Tue 18 Jan – EL CALAFATE**

A free day today to relax or explore the region further at your own pace. (B)

## **Wed 19 Jan – TORRES DEL PAINE, CHILE 3 NIGHTS**

Early this morning we'll transfer from the hotel to the Chilean border and then on to our final destination for today, Torres del Paine, Chile. Our stay includes a choice of 9 different excursions each day including horse riding, trekking and sightseeing where you will have the chance to immerse yourself in the beauty of Patagonia. We'll visit the Cerro Negro Ranch where you'll learn about the history and workings of the ranch as well as enjoying a traditional Patagonian roast lamb dinner. (B,L,D)

## **Thu 20 Jan – TORRES DEL PAINE**

One of the many appeals of Torres del Paine is its complete remoteness, stillness and inaccessibility to most humans. In addition to the surrounding mountain vistas above pure lakes and glaciers, the steppes are carpeted with



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beautiful wildflowers and an assortment of bird species (condors, swans, ostrich-like rheas), and herds of guanacos (cousins to the llamas). (B,L,D)

### Fri 21 Jan – TORRES DEL PAINE

The spectacular 600,000 acre park rises vertically more than 6,500ft above the Patagonian steppe, the park was actually part of a large sheep estancia before being designated as a national park in 1959. The area is still recovering from prior decades of overexploitation of its pastures, forests and wildlife. Our hotel, located in the heart of the park shows a unique

#### INCLUSIONS

- Return international Economy flights
- All transfers at destination and internal flights as shown
- 4 and 4.5 star hotel accommodation
- Breakfast daily. 18 lunches, 17 dinners. Beer & wine with dinner on Greg Mortimer.
- All entries and touring as shown on itinerary including Park Fees
- Reciprocity fees Chile (to the value of \$180AUD)
- Full time Australian escort .
- Balcony cabin twin share on MV Greg Mortimer
- Aurora Polar Jacket
- Photo book of Antarctic Voyage

#### EXCLUSIONS

- Tips and gratuities
- Airline taxes
- Polar and wet weather clothing for Antarctica (polar jacket is incl)
- Personal items, travel insurance
- Anything not specified above

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Cost pp - Twin Share \$32,451\*AUD in Balcony Cabin

Porthole Cabin pp twin share \$30,651\* (only 4 porthole berths available).

Single supp (Land only) \$3,245 AUD

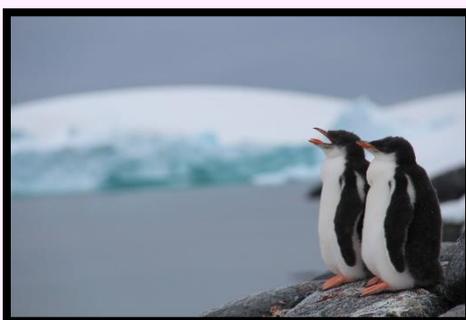
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\*based on minimum group of 11 and subject to currency fluctuations.

character because of its past as a cattle farm, which is still possible to see through the organic garden, the stables and horses, gauchos as well as the layout of the hotel. The hotel offers a close-to-nature experience of Patagonia allowing guests to interact with the past and history of this land. (B,L,D)

### Sat 22 Jan – PUERTO NATALES, CHILE 2 NIGHTS

We transfer by road today from Torres del Paine to the port city of Puerto Natales nestled between the border of



Argentina and overlooking the Ultima Esperanza Gulf. Balance of the day is yours to relax and or explore. (B)

### Sun 23 Jan– PUERTO NATALES

Today is yours to relax or explore, the choice is yours. You may choose to wander and check out Monumento de la Mano, portraying the five digits of an enormous human hand protruding out of the ground which is located only a 10 minute walk from the city centre or The Municipal History Museum or go further afield to Milodon Cave where skins and fossils were found of the extinct, giant ground sloth Mylodon Darwinii. So many choices! (B)

### Mon 24 Jan – PUNTA ARENAS 1 NIGHT

On arrival in Punta Arenas we will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions to begin our Antarctic adventure. Overlooking the Straits of Magellan, the city sits astride one of the world's most historic trade routes. We gather tonight to meet our fellow expeditioners for a briefing before our flight tomorrow to Antarctica!! (B)

### Tue 25 Jan - ANTARCTICA

This morning, weather permitting, we will fly to King George Island, Antarctica. On arrival we will transfer by zodiac to our vessel 'Greg Mortimer'

where our adventure on the 'Great White Continent' begins. (B,L,D)

### Wed 26 Jan – Wed 2 Feb EXPLORING THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

It's almost impossible to describe the feeling of arriving in Antarctica. Spotting your first iceberg and taking a deep breath of some of the most fresh, crisp air on earth is an experience that will stay with you forever. Once we arrive, the western side of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands are ours to explore, and we have a host of choices available to us. Because we are so far south, we will experience approximately 18-24 hours of daylight and the days can be as busy as you wish. Your experienced expedition team, who have made countless journeys to this area, will use their expertise to design your voyage from day to day, choosing the best options based on the prevailing weather, ice conditions and wildlife opportunities. We generally make Zodiac excursions twice a day. You'll want to rug up before joining Zodiac cruises along spectacular ice cliffs or among grounded icebergs, keeping watch for whales, seals and porpoising penguins. Zodiacs will also transport you from the ship to land where you can visit penguin rookeries, discover historic huts and explore some of our favourite spots along the peninsula. (B,L,D)

### Thu 3 Feb – PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE 1 NIGHT

As we approach Frei Base on King George Island, it is time to farewell Antarctica and our amazing adventure before boarding 'The Penguin Express' for Punta Arenas. The balance of the day is yours to explore before we meet tonight for our farewell dinner to recap our amazing adventure. (B,D)

### Fri 4 Feb – DEPART FOR HOME

### Sat 5 Feb – IN TRANSIT

### Sun 6 Feb – ARRIVE HOME



