



TRAVEL GUIDE

# PATAGONIA

# BUEENOS AIRES

The capital city of Argentina, BA is often called the “Paris of the south.” While it’s not highest on my list of must-sees, a lot of tours start here and there’s plenty to do before you continue your journey.

## DON'T MISS

The Recoleta Cemetery is fascinating. If you actually want to spend eternity there, you’ll need a real estate agent, an architect, and well over \$50k for a small plot. Each mausoleum is the unique vision of the owner—some are very clean and contemporary while others are a Rococo dream of pink marble scroll work. A shady morning walk through the cemetery is delightful.



LA RECOLETA CEMETERY





 ROJO TANGO SHOW

I was skeptical about going to see a tango show, but Rojo Tango alone made the trip to Buenos Aires worthwhile. It is sultry and sexy and the athleticism of the dancers is incredible. You leave with your heart pounding!




# USHUAIA

At the bottom of Argentina, this tiny town is billed as “the end of the world.” It is the setting-off point for most Antarctic cruises.

## DON'T MISS

Ushuaia is close to the penguin colonies on Isla Martillo, reachable by boat and absolutely worth the effort to get there. While you can't get off the boat, you are very close to them, and they are just as curious about you as you are about them.



PENGUIN COLONIES, ISLA MARTILLO 





 KALMA

Make sure to have dinner at Kalma. This unassuming restaurant focuses on local ingredients and was one of the best meals we had on the whole trip.

Stay at the Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa with stunning views overlooking the Beagle channel. Set outside of the town itself, it has the look of an isolated sanatorium on approach, but inside it is warm and elegant and has a lovely pool and spa.



ARAKUR USHUAIA RESORT & SPA 



# EL CALAFATE

This pretty little town's proximity to Glacier National park makes it a bit touristy, but you don't need more than a day or two here.

## DON'T MISS

You can take a boat from town to the base of the glaciers, where chunks of ice calving off from the face is an exhilarating sight. There is also a wonderful catwalk where you can view different angles of the glacier from terra firma.



PERITO MORENO GLACIER



UPSALA GLACIER + ICEBERGS



# TORRES DE PAINE NATIONAL PARK

We went by car from Argentina to Chile. The drive only took a few hours along empty roads.

## DON'T MISS

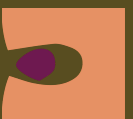
Patagonia is all about being active, and there is no shortage of things to keep you busy. From hikes to horseback riding, it has a bit of everything.



HORSEBACK RIDING, TORRES DE PAINE



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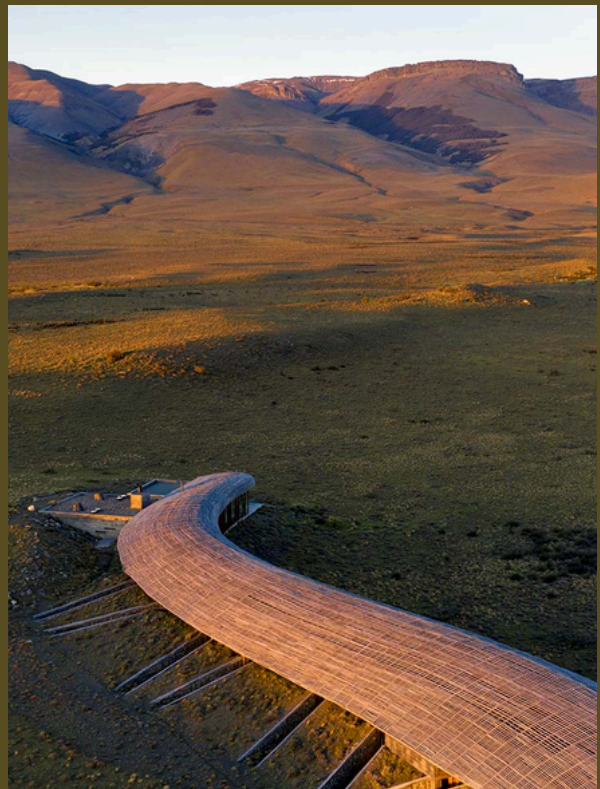


The lonely, rugged terrain of the Baguales region is a unique, dramatic space, and definitely worth some exploration.



BAGUALES REGION

Our home base in Torres de Paine was Tierra Patagonia, a stunning hotel that blurs the lines between the natural landscape and the built environment.



TIERRA PATAGONIA 



# SANTIAGO

We visited Santiago for one night, although I'm sorry we didn't spend longer there. The city feels young and vibrant, with big parks and public art everywhere.


## DON'T MISS

We got panoramic views from the cable car and Cerro San Cristobal where the Virgin Mary statue looks over the city.



CABLE CAR 



 METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

A stop at one of the city's pretty squares, Plaza de Armas, revealed the enormous Metropolitan Cathedral, a confection of pink marble and French design.





The perfect way to spend a final afternoon in Santiago? A visit to the Santa Rita Vineyard. We had a delicious lunch in the old family mansion before touring the expansive grounds and tasting the wines.

 SANTA RITA VINEYARD

Our final experience was perhaps one of our very best. We drove above the city to Chef Carolina's own home for a cooking class that turned into so much more. Yes, we learned how to make empanadas and pisco sours. But the most interesting part was chatting with Chef and her husband as we cooked.



CHEF CAROLINA'S COOKING CLASS 



# WHAT TO WEAR

Bring layers. The weather throughout Patagonia is continually shifting between warm sunshine, sleet, and gale force winds almost without notice. Be prepared for everything.

## A FEW SPECIFICS

- 1 nice dress or trouser
- 2 pair of hiking pants
- 1 rain jacket (can also act as a windbreaker)
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- 1 lightweight puffer jacket
- 2 or 3 fleece tops or sweaters
- Miscellaneous t-shirts and hiking shirts
- Hats, gloves, and a neck buff or scarf
- 3 pair of shoes—hiking shoe or boot; cute/casual sneaker; and a pair of ballet flats
- A backpack to carry all your stuff—you will be constantly adding and removing layers



# WHAT TO BRING HOME

We are always searching for unique, hand made objects to bring home with us as a reminder of our trip.

At the [hotel Vira Vira](#) in Pucon we spotted the most beautiful textiles made Sandra Rojas [@telares\\_sandrarojos](#), and we bought one of her plush woolen throws.

In Santiago we met a charming artist [@delarosaarte](#) who carves sculptures out of stone. We purchased three stone figures based on those that the Mapuche people made as guides into the spirit world. And we simply couldn't resist one of his handcarved granite bulls!

