



Patagonia

20–27 January 2028 • Argentina and Chile



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US\$3,699 per person for the first eight travellers

Save US\$200 against the regular US\$3,899 price.

25% deposit: US\$924.75 at the early-bird base price, before add-ons. Balance due 22 October 2027.

8 days • 7 hotel nights • Local guide • Challenge activity level

[See the full itinerary on my trip page](#)

Bookings open Friday 16 October 2026 at 6:30 am AEDT. Early access does not reserve one of the eight discounted places.

Facts checked 15 October 2026 (AEDT)

The trip at a glance

This will be my first visit to Patagonia. I can share my approach to preparation, but I cannot speak from first-hand experience of these routes. The local guiding team's advice and the conditions on the day will matter.

- 20–27 January 2028: eight days in Argentina and Chile, with 8–20 travellers.
- Seven hotel nights on a standard double-occupancy basis.
- A local guide throughout, plus the listed intercity and activity transfers.
- Perito Moreno boat trip and walkways, the Cóndores and Águilas lookouts walk, and the demanding Base Las Torres hike.
- Seven breakfasts, two dinners and the Base Las Torres packed lunch.

A second packed lunch is included only if you book the paid Laguna de los Tres hike. Packed lunches do not include water.

What costs extra?

Flights, airport transfers, insurance, visas, tips, unlisted meals and drinks, and optional activities are extra. Private rooms and extra hotel nights cost more and depend on availability.



Perito Moreno / Lake Argentino • [Sonia Dauer / Unsplash](#)



Fitz Roy / El Chaltén region • [Rafael Peier / Unsplash](#)

Destination photographs show the region, rather than guaranteed viewpoints on the trip.

The pages ahead cover booking together, cancellation and refunds, hotels and luggage, the hikes, fitness and exposure.

Sources: [Current trip page](#) • [Unsplash image licence](#)

Where we'll be

Patagonia is in southern South America. This trip starts in El Chaltén, Argentina, continues to El Chaltén and finishes in Puerto Natales, Chile.

SOUTH AMERICA



Our trip is here
Argentina + Chile

SOUTHERN PATAGONIA



● Hotel bases

◆ Day outings

Locations only

El Chaltén is the base for the Cóndores and Águilas walk, the optional Laguna de los Tres hike and the optional via ferrata at Estancia Bonanza.

This map shows approximate locations for orientation. It does not show driving routes, walking tracks or border-crossing details.

Sources: [Full trip itinerary](#) • [Mowser's AllTrails list](#) • [Natural Earth map data](#) • [Location data © OpenStreetMap contributors](#)

Booking and travelling together

Prices and booking policies checked 15 October 2026 (AEDT).

Can I book with my partner or a friend?

Yes. TrovaTrip supports bookings for more than one traveller, with each person named and their details entered. The primary traveller controls payments, refunds and booking changes for that booking. Passenger substitutions within 90 days of departure may not be possible.

Shared or separate beds can be selected. For a roommate request, both people should name each other through the Trip Form at least 50 days before departure. A request is still subject to the available rooms.

How does the early-bird allocation work?

Bookings are scheduled to open on Friday 16 October 2026 at 6:30 am AEDT (Thursday 15 October at 12:30 pm PDT). The first eight travellers are advertised at US\$3,699 per person. The regular price is US\$3,899, so the early-bird saving is US\$200 per person. Early-access signup does not reserve a discounted place.

For a two-person booking near the end of that allocation, check the price shown for each person before paying. I have not yet had confirmation of how checkout handles a booking that crosses the eighth place. These are advertised prices, not a live count of places remaining.

What do I pay when I book?

The deposit is 25% of the booking total, including selected add-ons. With no add-ons, that is US\$924.75 at the early-bird price or US\$974.75 at the regular price. Insurance is extra. The remaining balance and add-ons are due on 22 October 2027, 90 days before departure.

TrovaTrip supports direct interim payments of at least US\$200. I am checking the Australian payment details, including any fees, before describing that as a payment arrangement. Affirm is a separate US-only finance option.

Who handles the booking and the trip?

Bookings and payments are handled through TrovaTrip. I am your host. The local trip team and guides manage the on-ground logistics and guiding. The specific local company for this departure still needs confirmation.

Sources: [Trip and prices](#) • [Multiple travellers](#) • [Deposits](#) • [Payment deadlines](#) • [Interim payments](#)

Cancellations and refunds

If you need to cancel your own place. Checked 15 October 2026 (AEDT).

What if I cancel my booking?

For a booking made and confirmed more than 90 days before departure, a full refund is available only if you cancel within 48 hours after the confirmation notification is sent. After that window, the deposit is not refunded in cash under the standard traveller-cancellation policy.

After 48 hours, with more than 90 days remaining: the deposit becomes a trip credit less US\$100 per traveller, and additional payments are refundable. The credit lasts one year and cannot replace the deposit on a new booking.

At 90 days or fewer before departure: all payments on a confirmed booking are non-refundable. A booking made within that period becomes non-refundable on confirmation, with no 48-hour grace period.

Before confirmation: a pending booking is refundable. Once the confirmation notice is sent, the rules above apply. The 48-hour clock starts with that notice, not your deposit payment. Request cancellation through TrovaTrip and check the terms applying to your booking.

What if I am injured and cannot travel?

An injury does not automatically entitle you to a refund. For a confirmed booking cancelled 90 days or fewer before departure, the standard policy makes the deposit and further payments non-refundable. That includes an injury such as a broken leg four weeks before the trip.

Arrange appropriate cancellation cover when you book. Ask the insurer whether both travelling partners' trip payments and flights are covered if one becomes medically unable to travel. Cover depends on the policy, exclusions and circumstances.

TrovaTrip may review exceptional circumstances case by case, but do not rely on a discretionary refund.

Sources: [Booking terms, sections 5.2, 5.4 and 5.7](#) • [Cancellation and refunds](#) • [Requesting a refund](#)

Travel insurance

Choose cover for your circumstances and the activities you plan to do.

Should I arrange travel insurance?

Yes. I recommend arranging suitable travel insurance when you book, including cancellation cover. Insurance is not included in the trip price.

TrovaTrip offers travel protection through Travel Insured International during or after booking. There are US eligibility restrictions: the provider's published policy limits cover to US citizens or residents. Check eligibility for the specific plan offered.

If you are travelling from Australia or another country, I do not have an insurer to recommend. If you have used one before, that may be a starting point, but do your own research and check that the policy suits this trip.

Ask about cancellation, medical treatment, evacuation and every activity you choose. Read the exclusions, including those for pre-existing conditions. Do not assume that host absence, ice trekking or via ferrata is covered.

Sources: [TrovaTrip travel protection](#) • [Provider policy and US eligibility](#) • [Booking terms, section 5.14](#)

If the trip changes

Host absence and cancellation by TrovaTrip or the local trip company.

What if Mowser cannot travel?

I'm fully committed to being there and would do everything I reasonably could to attend, even if an injury meant I could not join every walk.

Under the general host-withdrawal rule, more than 45 days before departure travellers can transfer or receive a full refund, except where the force-majeure rules apply. Within 45 days, the trip is generally due to continue and the ordinary traveller-cancellation rules apply, again subject to force majeure.

A documented host injury has separate provisions. The published documents do not clearly explain what those provisions mean for traveller refunds, so that point still needs written confirmation from TrovaTrip. If, for example, I broke a leg four weeks before departure, I cannot currently promise that cancelling your place would produce a full refund.

What if TrovaTrip or the local trip company cancels?

TrovaTrip cancellation generally offers a transfer or refund, with separate rules for events outside its control. Cancellation by the local trip company has different rules: more than 30 days out without a reschedule, a refund or credit applies; with a reschedule, the deposit becomes credit and travellers have a choice about additional payments. Within 30 days, refunds can depend on funds recovered.

The exact circumstances matter. Flights and other incidental or consequential losses are excluded from these trip-refund provisions. See sections 5.8–5.10 of the booking terms for the detail.

Sources: [Booking terms, sections 5.8–5.10](#) • [Cancellation and refunds](#)

Hotels, luggage and transfers

A hotel base for each part of the trip.

Where will we stay, and can we share a room?

The trip includes seven hotel nights on a standard double-occupancy basis. The named properties are Kosten Aike in El Calafate, Pudu Lodge in El Chaltén and Costaustralis in Puerto Natales, or similar. These are planned properties, not guaranteed hotels.

Solo travellers normally share a room with separate beds. Partners can request a shared room and their preferred bed arrangement through the Trip Form. A private-room add-on is currently listed at US\$857, subject to availability and the checkout total.

Do I carry my main luggage on the hikes?

These are day hikes from hotels. Carry a daypack with enough drinking water, lunch or snacks, warm and waterproof layers, and your essentials. Follow the local guide's advice on water treatment. There is no single pack weight that suits everyone.

The permitted size and weight of your main bag, and storage arrangements on transfer days, still need confirmation from the trip team. Please check those before buying luggage or making assumptions about storage.

Which transfers and meals are included?

The listed transfers between towns and to included activities are part of the trip. Airport transfers are not included. You arrange your arrival into El Calafate (FTE) and departure from the Puerto Natales area, with PNT the recommended departure airport. Do not assume transport to Punta Arenas (PUQ) is included.

Seven breakfasts, the welcome dinner and farewell dinner are included. A packed lunch is included for Base Las Torres. If you book the optional Laguna de los Tres hike, that activity includes a packed lunch too. Packed lunches do not include water. Other unlisted meals, drinks and tips are extra.

Can I arrive early or stay longer?

Pre-night and post-night add-ons are listed, subject to availability. Confirm the room basis, price and any transfers before adding them. Flights, airport transfers, visas and travel insurance are separate costs.

Sources: [Itinerary and inclusions](#) • [Roommate requests](#) • [Trip Form](#)

Walking, fitness and exposure

Walking times are estimates and depend on conditions and the group.

The day to prepare for

Base Las Torres is included: about 18 km (11.2 miles), 915 m (3,002 ft) of ascent and eight hours of walking. It is a substantial day even if you skip the optional hikes.

What are the included walks like?

The Mirador de los Cóndores y Águilas walk is listed as Easy, at about 6.4 km (4 miles), 250 m (820 ft) of elevation change and three hours. Perito Moreno includes a boat trip and walkways.

Base Las Torres is the demanding included hike. Its walking time does not include all travel to and from the walk. Elevation gain is cumulative climbing, not the altitude reached: Base Torres is roughly 850–900 m (2,789–2,953 ft) above sea level, while Laguna de los Tres is roughly 1,200 m (3,937 ft). These background route figures are not a promise of the exact route in 2028.

How fit do I need to be?

The trip is rated Challenge. Prepare for long days on your feet, sustained uphill walking and a long descent, carrying what you need for the day. A short flat walk is a poor comparison with the included Base Las Torres day.

As a preparation guide, build towards longer walks on uneven ground with hills and your usual daypack. That is a useful way to judge your readiness, not a guarantee that the trip will suit you. Discuss any health or mobility concerns with an appropriate clinician and the trip team before booking.

What about heights, exposure or turning back?

I have not walked these routes, so I cannot promise that they will feel comfortable if you are uneasy with heights. Las Torres describes a narrow section at Paso de los Vientos and a steep, rocky final moraine on the Base Torres route. Laguna de los Tres has a steep final climb and exposure. Wind and conditions can add to the difficulty, and trail work may change sections before 2028.

If exposure or completing Base Las Torres is a concern, get specific advice from the local team before booking. Guide ratios, an escorted turnaround and an easier alternative have not been confirmed. An included hike should not be treated as an optional free day with a guaranteed substitute.

Sources: [Walk descriptions](#) • [Patagonia traveller FAQ](#) • [Base Torres route](#) • [Laguna route](#) • [Laguna altitude](#)

Optional activities

You can leave these extras out. The included walking still needs preparation.

What is the Laguna de los Tres option?

I made this hike optional because it is a big day and will not be for everyone. I'll be joining it myself, subject to conditions and the local guide's advice on the day.

Day 4 can be a free day in El Chaltén or a paid Laguna de los Tres hike. The hike is currently listed at US\$170, including a packed lunch for participants. It is about 26 km (16.2 miles), with 700 m (2,297 ft) of ascent and eight to nine hours of walking.

It is rated moderate to difficult, with a steep final ascent and exposure. It is a bigger walking commitment than simply adding another sightseeing stop. Confirm availability and the current activity details when booking.

What does the glacier ice trek involve?

The optional Perito Moreno ice trek is currently listed at US\$430. The activity takes about five hours, including roughly one hour on the ice. Crampons and a helmet are supplied, gloves are recommended and passport details are required.

People over 65 are excluded from this optional activity. The published sources disagree about eligibility at exactly 65, so that age needs written confirmation before booking. This restriction is not a trip-wide age limit. Any medical restrictions also need confirmation with the activity provider.

What is the via ferrata, and do I have to do it?

No. Day 5 can be a free day or an optional via ferrata at Estancia Bonanza. This is a climbing activity using cables, rungs and steps, with suspension bridges and a zip line. It is separate from the walking itinerary and takes about four hours.

This is an exposed activity, with climbing at height and open space below you. If you are uncomfortable with heights, ask the local team about the route before deciding to book it.

The listed weight range is about 36–118 kg (80–260 lb). A harness, helmet, gloves and lanyard are supplied. Price, availability and suitability need checking with the trip team. Supplied equipment does not remove the risks or make it suitable for everyone.

Sources: [Activities and current prices](#) • [Patagonia restrictions](#)

The week ahead

How does the itinerary fit together?

20–21 January: arrive in El Calafate, then visit Perito Moreno. 22 January: transfer to El Chaltén and walk to the Cóndores and Águilas lookouts.

23–24 January: free days in El Chaltén, with the paid Laguna hike and via ferrata options. 25 January: transfer to Puerto Natales, about eight hours including the border crossing.

26 January: Base Las Torres and farewell dinner. 27 January: breakfast and independent departure. The final itinerary and local conditions may change the detail.

Wait for written trip confirmation

Wait for written trip confirmation before booking non-refundable flights. Separately booked flights and other consequential costs are not guaranteed to be refunded if the trip changes or is cancelled.

Leave time for the practical checks

Check the entry and transit requirements for your nationality closer to departure. Rules current in 2026 cannot be guaranteed for January 2028. Check that any travel insurance meets TrovaTrip's requirements and covers the activities you choose, subject to the policy's conditions.

Walking footwear, waterproof and warm layers, and poles can be useful. Confirm the final packing guidance. Do not assume rental gear will be available.

Use the current booking details

This FAQ summarises information checked on 15 October 2026 (AEDT). It helps with planning, but it does not replace TrovaTrip's booking terms, your confirmation or advice from the local trip team. Prices, availability and arrangements can change.

Read the current trip page and terms before paying.

[See the full itinerary on my trip page](#)

Sources: [Current Patagonia trip page](#) • [Flights and transfers](#) • [Booking terms](#) • [Smartraveller: Argentina](#)