

AVANTI DESTINATIONS
CALAFATE, LAGO ARGENTINO:
Glacier District – Southern Patagonia

4 Days/3 Nights
Departs daily September through April

Southern Patagonia is a windswept land of wide open spaces with great distances between estancias and towns. When it meets the Andean corridor it offers some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Formed more than 20,000 years ago, these massive glaciers located in this southernmost part of the Andean mountain range, cover an area of 170 miles long and 35 miles wide. Perito Moreno, Upsala, and Onelli Glaciers are visually stunning with various shades of blue and turquoise reflected in the ice, against a majestic background of snow-covered Andean peaks. The charming town of Calafate is located on the shores of Lago Argentino. Besides being the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park, the town is in the largest sheep ranching region in the country.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Airport meeting and transfer to your selected hotel. Overnight.

Day 2: Early morning departure at 8:00 a.m. for a full day excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier. Travel 2 ½ hours from Calafate on a gravel road (50 miles) to the glacier, with stops for picture-taking. You will spend three hours on the glacier balconies, walking along pathways and stopping at viewpoints. Late afternoon return to your hotel in Calafate. (B/L)

Day 3: After breakfast, depart at 7:30 a.m. for a full day excursion to the Upsala and Onelli Glaciers. This excursion will take you along the north arm of Lago Argentino, one of the most beautiful areas of the National Park, only reachable by boat. At Punta Bandera, 25 miles from Calafate, you will board a comfortable boat (with bar, lounge, restrooms and outdoor space). Sail for two hours among the icebergs towards Upsala Glacier. Once there, your naturalist guide will talk about the glacial landscape. Continue sailing to Bahia Onelli where you will disembark for three hours to explore the forest and admire the glaciers. Onelli Bay is the meeting point for three glaciers and it is almost completely covered by icebergs. Return by boat to Punta Bandera and continue by land to your hotel in Calafate, arriving there at approximately 6 p.m. (B/L)

Day 4: Transfer to the airport for your flight. (B)