Patagonia Paine Circuit - Autumn 2026 / Spring 2027

Trip Code: PPC

Version:

WALK & TREK	GUIDED GROUP	CHALLENGING
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Undertake the coveted 'O Trek' - the complete circumnavigation of the Paine massif
- Trek over the spectacular John Gardner Pass and hike along the serene Lake Nordenskjold
- Trek along Grey Glacier, explore the French Valley and marvel at the impressive Los Cuernos Massif

- View the spectacular 'Torres del Paine' towers from one of South America's most iconic viewpoints
- EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL to confirm national park accommodation.
- 12 day itinerary joining in El Calafate - Autumn 2026 & Spring 2027 departures

AT A GLANCE

- 8 days trekking
- Max altitude - 1,200 metres
- Join at El Calafate

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

Home to jaw dropping scenery of granite towers, incredible lakes, cascading waterfalls and beautiful glaciers; Patagonia is one of the world's last great wildernesses and peerless as a destination for a South American trekking holiday. WInding its way through the UNESCO protected Torres del Paine National Park, you will find what is considered to be one of the very best treks in the world: the classic 'O Trek'. This is the ultimate adventure, completing a full circumnavigation of the Paine massif. Following trails snaking their way through the majestic landscape, we can hope to spot guanaco, Andean grey fox, condor, deer and even the elusive puma. The adventure starts in El Calafate, gateway to Patagonia, before heading off on the trail whilst staying at incredibly scenic campsites in remote locations. Prepare to be truly awe-inspired, as you trek over the impressive John Gardner Pass, walk up the dramatic Frances Valley and hike along the shores of Lake Nordenskjold. However, the icing on the Patagonian cake is the grand finale as you head up to the base of the famed Paine Towers. If you're looking to trek the very best trails in Patagonia and immerse yourself into the most incredible scenery on the planet, accept no substitute.

Autumn 2027 and Spring 2028 departures

Our Patagonia Paine Circuit trip will be changing to join and end in Puerto Natales, rather than El Calafate from Autumn 2027 onwards. This will save a full day's transfer from El Calafate to the Torres Del Paine National Park at the start and end of the trip. The itinerary will run over 11 days instead of the current 12. Clients wanting to experience El Calafate, the Perito Merino Glacier and El Chalten will still be able to join one of our extensions to this area. For full details on the new itinerary please go to: PPN - Patagonia Paine Circuit via Puerto Natales

Is this holiday for you?

During this fantastic trekking holiday, you'll walk an amazing 130kms, which includes exploring the Frances and Ascencio valleys. As you'd expect from one of the world's top 10 treks, there are a couple of long walking days, but the pace is steady and the views more than make up for tired legs! The journey around the Torres del Paine Massif has good trails whilst on the north side of the range, however, when crossing the John Gardner Pass there are some sections of rugged pathway, forested terrain and marshland. Getting to this incredibly wild and remote destination involves a long journey, but this is one

of the reasons it remains such a special place to visit. Patagonia is a wilderness and at times can be windy and it's not unusual to experience all four seasons in a day.

If you have the time available we would recommend arriving a day early in El Calafate and relaxing, so you feel rested and ready for the trek. Please note that phone communication in the park is available but cannot be guaranteed, but WiFi is available at each of the refugios.

While trekking you will need to carry your own kit (days 2 to 10). We recommend a 45-55 litre rucksack that will contain spare clothes, minimal wash kit and personal items, water proofs and any other items you will require on trek. You will also need to leave space for the daily packed lunch. You will not have to carry a sleeping bag or mat.

Itinerary

Version:

Extensions

When booking your holiday, you will be able to 'add an extension option'. Once we have received your booking we will contact you to discuss additional services required for the extension and to take any additional deposit.



El Calafate and Perito Moreno Glacier

Set in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Los Glaciares National Park, Perito Moreno Glacier is a "must-see" for any Patagonia traveller!

Starting in El Calafate, we transfer to Los Glaciares National Park where we explore the walkways and viewpoints that give us a unique panorama of the 5km ice wall at the head of the glacier. As an active glacier we may see dramatic icefalls as the ice carves off and plummets into Lago Argentino (Argentina's biggest lake). After exploring on foot, we take to the water on our Nautical Safari Tour. Here we cruise across Lake Rico, passing between icebergs that have calved off the glacier. As we reach 'Icebergs Channel', at a safe distance, we sail down the headwall of the glacier, allowing for spectacular close-up views of nature at work!

This extension fits in perfectly, pre-tour, with KE's Patagonia Paine Circuit (PPC) and is a wonderful way to see this impressive natural wonder.



Patagonia El Chalten Extension

El Chaltén is a top-rated hiking destination in Argentina. This charming little village sits at the foot of Mt. Fitz Roy, surrounded by glaciers, lakes, rivers and forests. With endless options for exploration, we have hand-picked two of the best day walks from this hiker's paradise.

We first hike to Laguna de los Tres with magnificent views of the formidable Mt. Fitz Roy - one of the most impressive vistas in all of Patagonia. Our second day walk takes us through forests and canyons on our way to Laguna Torre, again providing incredible views of the rocky high peaks of Patagonia's Southern Ice Field. From Laguna Torre we have views of the stunning Cerro Torre, once thought to be the hardest mountain to climb in the world. After 3 nights to explore the food and delights of El Chaltén we transfer back to El Calafate.

This extension fits in perfectly, post-tour, with KE's Patagonia Paine Circuit and is a wonderful way to see the very best of this magnificent area.

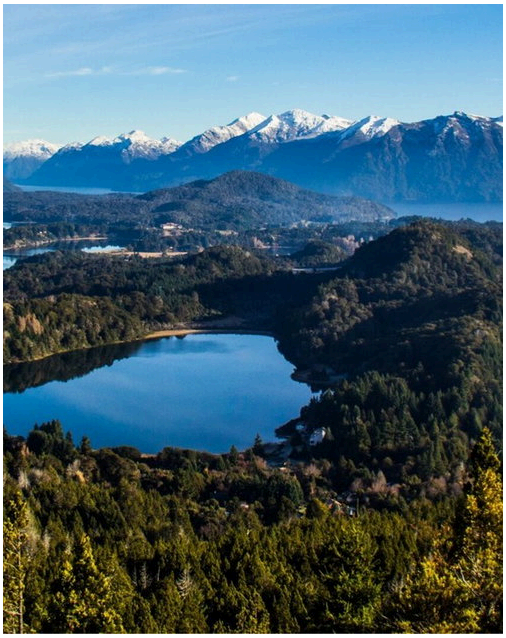


Tierra del Fuego "Land of Fire"

Tierra del Fuego or "Land of Fire" is a breath taking island divided between Argentina and Chile and a must see destination for anyone travelling to Patagonia.

KE's excellent extension explores this beautiful part of the world with inflatable canoes, boat and on foot. Containing one of the most famous stretches of water in the world - The Beagle Channel you will motor and paddle along wonderful waterways, hike secret trails, visit the famed Gable Island with its beaver dams, look for exciting birdlife including seals and meet the penguins on Martillo Island! Staying where the Andes meet the ocean, Ushuaia is the world's most southern town and the perfect place to enjoy, pre- or post-trek.

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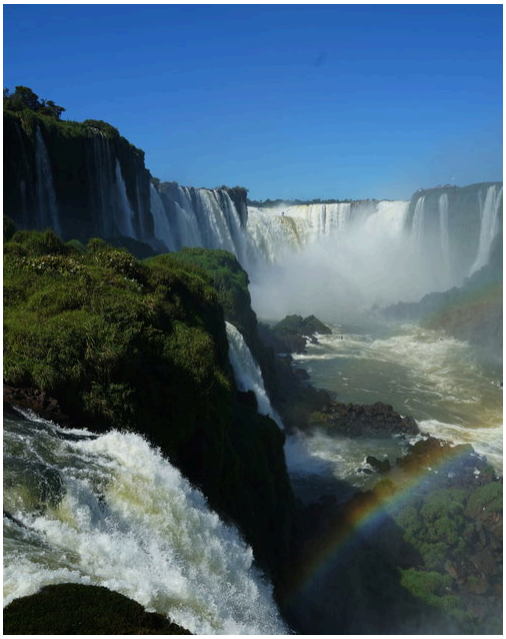
Patagonia Lake District Extension

A four-day immersion into Argentina's Lake District, where turquoise waters, alpine forests and Andean panoramas set the stage for soft adventure. The program combines guided outdoor activities with free time to explore the town at your own pace.

Highlights include a full-day hike in Llao-Llao Municipal Park with views of Nahuel Huapi and Moreno Lakes, as well as a kayaking and trekking experience at Lake Mascardi. Private services and English-speaking guides provide flexibility and comfort throughout the journey, while centrally located accommodations allow easy access to Bariloche's main attractions.

Ideal for travelers seeking light adventure and scenic landscapes, this extension offers a well-balanced introduction to Patagonia's Lake District.

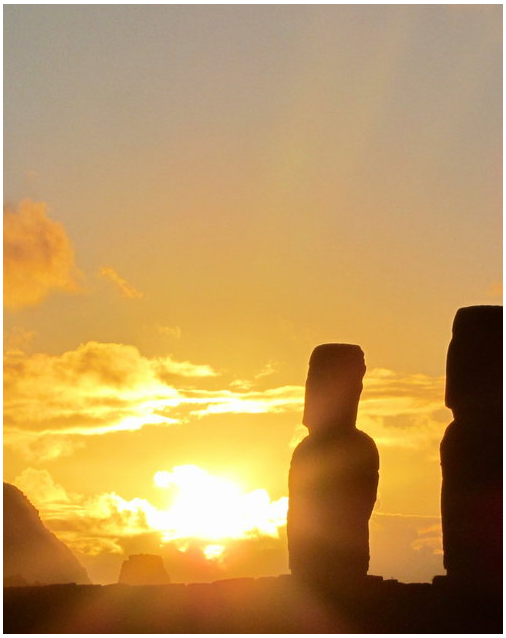
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Iguazu Falls Extension

Straddling the border between Argentina and Brazil, the Iguazu Falls are the largest of their kind in the world. Tumbling over the 3km-wide edge of the Parana Plateau, the falls consist of between 150-300 waterfalls, dominated by the long, narrow chasm that is known as the Devil's Throat. One of the world's true natural wonders, the sheer force and power of these falls can be felt on our extension which allows us to visit from both sides of the border. On the Argentinian side, we are able to wonder in, out and between the falls, whereas on the Brazilian side it is possible experience and observe the falls from a step back, which enables a true sense of perspective. What a wonderful way to cap your experience in Patagonia!

3 days from
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'Rapa Nui' - Easter Island Active Extension

Easter Island, known as Rapa Nui to its native inhabitants, is a vast National Park filled with diverse archaeological treasures. The island is famed for its iconic "moai" statues–towering stone heads that serve as enduring remnants of its rich and ancient culture. This heritage continues to thrive through the island's vibrant traditions and rituals.

During this program, you'll explore Rano Raraku, the island's most renowned site where many of the moai were skilfully carved. You'll marvel at the stunning petroglyphs of Orongo, trek up Maunga Terevaka–the highest volcano on Rapa Nui–and venture into two captivating caves that showcase the island's unique history and natural beauty.

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional local leader plus Chilean guides on trek at a ratio of 1 guide for 4 people
- A single timed airport transfer on Day 1 and 11 (to meet the preferred flight)
- National park fees
- All accommodation as described in the trip notes
- All meals as per the trip notes
- On trek a full service including food and all camping equipment (except personal equipment)
- All land transport required by the itinerary

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Tips for Tour leader, local guides and drivers,
- Tips for restaurants (10% of the bill),
- Airport transfers (except group transfers)
- Airport departure taxes (if applicable)
- Transfers between Buenos Aires Airports
- Miscellaneous expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the hotel in El Calafate.

Single-timed group transfers are provided between El Calafate Airport and the group hotel.

Full joining arrangements including hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

All meals except one lunch in El Calafate are included in the holiday cost.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

Water from the taps is perfectly drinkable on this holiday, both in the towns and cities and at the refuges on trek - please use this to fill your personal bottles for your daily activities. We do not encourage the purchase of single-use plastic bottles. There may be the occasion where the water isn't drinkable, your guide will advise, and for this we would recommend taking along some water purification tablets.

Patagonia's rich and fertile land, combined with a fascinating human history of waves of European immigration ensures a rich and diverse cuisine. The glacial waters of the national parks mean an abundance of fresh trout and salmon which are grilled, pan-fried or roasted. It is hard to imagine being able to source fresher and wilder freshwater fish than here! Patagonia is also rightly famed for its lamb, often spit-roasted over a wood fire, served with a sauce made from the local calafate berry. Wild deer and boar roam the rugged landscape here, and can often be found on the menu too. Empanadas are very similar to Cornish pasties and are stuffed with lamb, vegetables or cheese. The influence in the highlands is alpine, and happily this also means chocolate of the very highest quality. For those seeking refreshment, Patagonia (like much of Latin America) is experiencing a boom in micro-breweries and are well worth seeking out. The calafate berry also makes it in to the local version of the Pisco Sour, which locals will tell you is far superior to any other! Finally, wine lovers will be utterly spoiled with the very best Malbec, Pinot noir and Torrentes wines.

Accommodation

During this holiday, you will spend 2 nights at a hotel in El Calafate, and 1 night at a Patagonian Hosteria. Accommodation is based on double/twin sharing ensuite rooms. If you are a solo traveller you will be paired up with another solo traveller of the same sex. We spend 8 night camping at the Refugio fixed campsites which offer comfortable facilities, dining and shared bathrooms with hot showers. All of the refugios have a bar and restaurant area and a basic shop selling food, drinks and toiletries. WiFi is available at each of the refugios. They are all in the most incredible locations and the tents offer more privacy and space than staying in the shared mixed-gender bunkrooms. Comfortable mattresses and sleeping bags are provided with the tents.

The single supplement includes a single room at the hotels and hosteria and a single tent whilst camping, although tents are subject to availabililty.

For Flight Inclusive Passengers, we also stay 1 night at the start and 1 night at the end of the trip in Buenos Aires in a comfortable city centre hotel in the Palermo District close to the airport. Single rooms for these nights are available at additional cost (not included in the land only single supplement price).

Additional hotel nights in El Calafate and Buenos Aires are also available. For hotel prices and single supplement costs please refer to the dates and prices page of the trip on our website. Hotels are subject to availability and prices may vary.

Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be accompanied throughout by a professional and qualified tour leader. On trek you will be joined by Chilean guides at a ratio of 1 guide for 4 people.

Altitude

This holiday does not involve any significant ascent to altitude and we would not expect any altitude issues with this trip.

Spending Money

We estimate that US$500 will cover all of your expenditures whilst in Argentina and Chile, including meals, soft drinks and staff tips (allow US$300). If you intend to purchase expensive souvenirs, you should budget accordingly.

Credit and debit cards are widely accepted throughout Argentina and Chile, including at all of the refuges on trek. Tips are appreciated in US$ so we recommended bringing US$ cash for this, including some small notes. You may also wish to exchange some US$ cash into local currency. In Argentina it is possible to do this in Buenos Aires and in El Calafate. In Chile, it is possible to exchange currency for some Chilean Pesos at the border crossing at Parador El Ovejero.

Guidance on Tipping

Tips are the accepted way of saying 'thank you' to your local guides. They do not form part of their wages. KE always pays local crews the best rates of pay, no matter what country they are in and any tips they receive are seen as a personal thank you from group members. For our part, we advise local teams that tips are not a duty or a prerequisite but are a bonus and entirely dependent on the service that was given. For your trek crews we recommend that you give a tip if you feel that their services have met your satisfaction. We recommend that you give any tips from the group as a whole rather than from individuals and that the whole group agree on a level of tipping that everyone is happy with. As a rough guide we suggest you allow a total of $80 - $100 per person, per guide (usually 3) to put into a tipping pool, and a smaller additional tip for the driver.

It is also customary to tip at restaurants. We recommend a tip of 10% of the bill, which depending on the meals is likely to be approximately US$3-4 per person.

Additional Information

Due to the nature of the Torres del Paine National Park reservation system for the refugios and campsites, it is essential to book early on this trip. Trips often reach their capacity and we cannot accept more travellers beyond this for a given departure. In addition, final accommodation listings are submitted to the National Park sites around 2 months in advance of the trip and can often not be added to after this due to the very high demand in the National Park. Any bookings received after this point will be subject to availability of these accommodations.

Beat the Jet Lag

Our holidays are normally designed with minimal 'down time' at the start of the trip, but having a day or two at the beginning will have the additional benefit of allowing you time to get over the stress of a long journey or travelling across time zones, leaving you refreshed and ready for your holiday. We can easily arrange for you to have additional nights and airport transfers.

Baggage Allowance

The internal flights to Patagonia allow one piece of checked baggage of 15kg and one hand luggage of 8kg.

During the trek, your baggage will split into 2 parts. Any items that are not required during your trek can be left in your main kitbag in a secure location in El Calafate, arranged with your tour leader.

Any items that you will require on trek will be carried by yourself (days 2 to 10). We recommend that you carry a 45-55 litre rucksack that will contain spare clothes, minimal wash kit and personal items, water proofs and any other items you will require on trek. You will also need to leave space for the daily box lunch. You will not have to carry a sleeping bag or mat.

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the ‘Dates and Prices’ table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE TRANSITING THROUGH THE USA

If your flights pass through the USA, even if only in transit, you will require either a visa or an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation). Citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and passport holders from several EU countries can apply for an ESTA under certain conditions*. This must be done online via https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov, no later than 72 hours prior to travel and applies whether entering the country by sea or by air. You will need to have a biometric passport to apply for an ESTA. The fee is currently US$40 *(as of 30/09/25).* Travellers who have not registered before their trip are likely be refused boarding.

*If you have visited Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen since 2011 or have dual nationality with any of these countries, you cannot travel with an ESTA. You will need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate instead. Additionally, if you have travelled to or have been in Cuba since the 12th of January 2021, you will not be eligible for an ESTA visa waiver and will need to apply for a US visa. You should consult the US State Department website to determine which you will need.

When completing the ESTA application form you will be asked to enter your 'Point of Contact' information. This is not required if you are only transiting through the USA.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE TRANSITING THROUGH CANADA

UK citizens will require an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation), and you must get this before boarding any Canada-bound aircraft or ship, or entering on a land border. The fee is CAD$7 and you should apply for it at http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office

Entry requirements can change regularly so please ensure you have the most up to date information before travelling by checking visa entry requirements at the relevant embassy in your country of residence: (US Embassy in London: http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html)

Visa Argentina

UK and USA passport holders do not require a visa for short stays.

Visa Chile

UK and USA passport holders do not require a visa for short stays. USA passport holders will be issued with a tourist card on arrival.

Visa Brazil

UK passport holders do not normally require a visa for short stays.

Citizens of the USA, Canada or Australia

US and Canadian citizens must obtain a Brazil visa prior to arrival if they will be in Brazil for more than 6 hours. For details: : https://brazil.vfsevisa.com. (Required for Iguazu Extension).

New entry requirements to Argentina

Please note that, due to recent changes in Argentina's Immigration Regulations, new entry requirements apply to all foreign non-resident travellers as of May 28, 2025.

To enter the country, each traveller must present the following documents:

- Valid medical insurance that provides coverage for the entire duration of the stay.
- A return ticket or proof of onward travel out of Argentina
- Accommodation booking or the address of the place where they will be staying.

Failure to provide any of these documents may result in denied entry, at the discretion of the immigration authorities.

We strongly recommend to all travellers to ensure all the travel documents are complete and up to date before departure to avoid delays or inconveniences upon arrival.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Preparing for your Holiday

It makes a lot of sense to spend some time before coming on a trekking or climbing trip getting some additional exercise. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable you will find the experience. Our treks can be physically demanding, but more as a result of altitude and terrain than distances walked. We would suggest that you adopt a weekly exercise regime. Jogging and swimming are good for developing aerobic fitness and better stamina. You should gradually increase your exercise leading up to departure, and in the month before setting off, we suggest that you try to fit in a number of long walks in hilly country, carrying a rucksack. We would recommend carrying a rucksack of around 7-8kg as part of your training to get used to the weight you are likely to be carrying on the Paine Circuit.

Climate

The vast unbroken stretch of ocean to the west and south of the South American continent leaves the Patagonian Andes exposed to a variety of weather. As you'd expect when travelling to any mountain region you need to be prepared for all conditions. We operate our holidays to Patagonia during the optimum time for trekking when the days are longer and warmer days. During this time the temperatures in El Calafate are around 22ºC and in El Chalten around 19ºC. These are maximum figures and night temperatures in Patagonia will be colder than this, and occasionally freezing. Day time temperatures on trek can vary from feeling warm (shorts and t-shirt) to really cold when the wind blows and it's raining! Patagonia is a wilderness and the weather can be unpredictable at times - it's not unusual to experience all four seasons in a day.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Books

- Chile & Easter Island - Lonely Planet.
- The Rough Guide to Chile.
- Chile & Easter Island - DK Eyewitness Travel Guide.
- Trekking and Climbing in the Andes (Globetrotter Adventure) - Val Pitkethly and Kate Harper.
- The Andes A Trekking Guide - John & Cathy Biggar.
- The Old Patagonian Express. Land of Tempest - Paul Theroux.
- Mischief in Patagonia - Eric Shipton.
- Travels in a Thin Country - Sarah Wheeler.
- The Motorcycle Diaries - Ernesto "Che" Guevara.
- The House of the Spirits - Isabel Allende.
- In Patagonia - Bruce Chatwin.

Private Groups Information

Make this KE Adventure holiday your own!

- Do our normal group departure dates not fit?
- Would you prefer to travel with just friends and/or family?
- Are you looking to organise a trip for your local walking, biking or mountaineering club?

It's really easy to make a trip your own. Simply select from our full range of adventure holidays and choose the dates that work for you and your group.

We are experts in creating holidays for groups of friends, families, charities and clubs. Our personal service means you'll be fully involved as we make the arrangements for your perfect adventure holiday.

Independence with Security

Travelling as a KE Private Group allows you more flexibility and choice, but still with the peace of mind that everything is pre-planned and arranged for your group by a reputable adventure travel company.

To take your first step to an amazing adventure with your friends and family complete the private group enquiry form, or call our **Sales Experts on: 017687 73966**

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Equipment List

The following checklist should help you with your packing. As a general rule, you should always try to keep the weight of your equipment to a minimum. Please refer to the trip notes 'Baggage Allowance' section for details of the strict and important baggage limits.

You must bring the following items:

- Hiking boots
- Lightweight trainers, crocs or similar for camp use
- Socks
- Underwear
- Trekking trousers
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof over-trousers
- Thermal baselayer shirts
- Casual shirts and/or T-shirts
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Lightweight puffer jacket (down or similar) or gilet/vest
- Sunhat
- Sunglasses
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Warm hat
- Lightweight thermal gloves
- Warm and waterproof gloves
- Rucksack 45-55 litres

- Large kit bag or suitcase (to leave behind travel clothes etc). Having a wheeled suitcase or bag is fine for this trip.
- Selection of dry bags (to keep rucksack contents dry)
- Waterproof rucksack cover (with a way of attaching it to your rucksack in case of wind)
- Head torch and spare batteries (if it's not rechargeable)
- Water bottles 2 x1 Litre (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets - only a small amount are needed as the water is drinkable from the tap almost everywhere on this trip
- Washbag and toiletries
- Antibacterial handwash
- Small trek towel
- Basic First Aid Kit including: Antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, insect repellent (DEET), and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).
- Sleeping bag liner - silk is best

The following items are optional:

- Power bank - charging points are available, but limited at the refuges
- Spare laces
- Travel clothes
- Trekking poles - strongly recommended
- Pen-knife (note: always pack sharp objects in hold baggage)

- Repair kit - (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Small padlock - to lock your suitcase or kit bag whilst travelling and in storage at El Calafate
- Camera
- Travel plugs - Chile: Type C / Argentina: Type I
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Sleeping bag and mattress:

- Sleeping bag and a comfortable mattress are provided at each of the fixed camps

Land Only Information

Please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Flights and other transport to your destination should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary, joining at the hotel in El Calafate. Single timed transfers are included from/to El Calafate Airport.

Flight Inclusive Information

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London (Heathrow) to El Calafate airport via Buenos Aires, including an overnight stop in Buenos Aires on both the outbound and inbound legs. Outbound flights will depart from the UK in the evening, arriving to Buenos Aires the following morning. Following a night in a Buenos Aires hotel (airport transfers included to/from the hotel) we will fly the following morning to El Calafate, arriving early afternoon (day 1 of the itinerary). Return flights will depart Calafate to Buenos Aires in the afternoon of the last day of the itinerary, staying a night in Buenos Aires (Airport transfers included). We will fly the following day from Buenos Aires to the UK. Direct flights from London to Buenos Aires with British Airways are available, please contact the office for a quote.

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This is the classic O Trek, a complete circuit of the stunning Paine massif and the ultimate adventure in one of the most wild and ruggedly beautiful trekking destinations in the world. One of few UK companies to offer the full circuit, KE will take you on this iconic trek underneath the instantly recognisable towering rock spires, stunning azure lakes and mighty calving glaciers. We stay in a range of stunningly located refugios and campsites which allow us to experience total immersion into the Patagonian landscape.We have increased our itinerary to 12 days to give you longer to savour this incredible region and give you even better value for money!Our flight inclusive package includes an overnight stopover in Buenos Aires at the start and end of your holiday, allowing us to split the journey and sample this vibrant city, arriving to Patagonia refreshed and ready to explore. Extra nights in Buenos Aires can be arranged either before or after your trip.

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