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PATAGONIA GARDEN TOUR

5 - 19 January 2019



Join Brian Sams & Wattletree Garden Tours

AU\$9,750

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Our Buenos Aires & Patagonia Garden tour will be escorted by Brian Sams from Wattletree Horticultural Services. Brian is a well-qualified and experienced horticulturist having worked in the industry for over 35 years in various positions starting in the nursery industry, teaching horticulture, consultation and garden tourism.

The tour starts in the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires, then continues to Bariloche, Peulla, Puerto Varas. Fly South to Punta Arenas and spend a few days in Torres del Paine National Park. Cross the border to El Calafate and admire Perito Moreno Glacier. Fly to Ushuaia, one of the most Southern cities in the world where the tour will continue with an optional cruise to Antarctica.

Highlights:

- Visit the cosmopolitan and sophisticated Buenos Aires.
- Enjoy a delicious steak and a memorable tango show.
- Cross the Lakes District between Argentina & Chile.
- Admire the awesome views of Nahuel Huapi Lake from Campanario Mountain.
- Visit the remote mountain village of Peulla and its pristine nature.
- Enjoy the catamaran rides in the Emerald colored lakes.
- Experience the German architecture influence in Bariloche & Puerto Varas.
- Hike, navigate lakes in one of the most famous national parks : Torres del Paine
- Travel through the vast steppes of South Patagonia in Argentina & Chile.
- Visit one of the most Southern towns in the world: Puerto Natales.
- Experience the life of the Gauchos whilst in Torres del Paine National Park.



**15
Days**

Included in the price:

- 14 nights accommodation in tourist superior hotels.
- All transfers and sightseeing as per program in air-conditioned vehicles and bilingual guide assistance.
- 14 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 12 dinners.
- 4 days/3 nights Las Torres Hotel Program with all transfers, excursions and activities with guides.
- Garden visits in Argentina and Chile & All entries to sites.

PRICES:

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| Patagonia Garden Tour | Price pp Twin | AUD\$ | Single Supp. AUD\$ |
| Twin Standard | \$9,750 | | \$2,805 |

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Patagonia Garden Tour, 15 Days, 5 - 19 January 2019

ITINERARY:

Day 01, Arrive in Buenos Aires

Welcome to South America! On arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel. Overnight at Hotel Intersur Recoleta 4* (D)

Day 02, Morning City Tour + Evening Tango/Dinner Show

Today, discover the beauty and wonders of Buenos Aires on our city tour, visiting the National Congress, the Metropolitan Cathedral next to the Government House in the Plaza de Mayo (May Square) area. Admire the Colon Theatre, one of the most important opera houses in Latin America. Visit San Telmo, a traditional neighbourhood where Tango performances can be seen in many bars and restaurants. Stop at La Boca, the oldest and most authentic neighbourhood in Buenos Aires, La Boca is now home to many artists. Visit Eva Peron's tomb at the Recoleta cemetery. Enjoy Palermo, an area that combines its architecture and history with entertainment and amusement in its green spaces.

This afternoon there is an optional tour to the Pampas (to a local Estancia/Hacienda).

This evening we will be picked up from our hotel to enjoy a delicious meal, good wine and the best Tango, a perfect combination. Taste Argentine cuisine specialities accompanied by excellent wines and finish the evening enjoying a Tango and folklore show long to be remembered. Afterwards transfer back to our hotel. Overnight at Hotel Intersur Recoleta 4*(B,D)

Day 03, Botanical Garden Tour, Japanese & Rose Garden Tour

Today we will visit the Buenos Aires Botanical Garden opened in 1898 based on a design by French architect Carlos Thays. Today the national monument encompasses 18 acres (7 hectares) of gardens showcasing some 5,500 species of plants from six different continents: Asia, Africa, Oceania Europe and the Americas.

Highlights of the green space include a Roman garden, designed by Carlos Thays in the fashion of early Christian-era gardens, as well as a French garden inspired by the gardens of Versailles.

The Palermo Rose Garden forms part of Buenos Aires' Cultural Heritage and is the most visited place in Tres de Febrero Park. Designed by landscape artist Carlos Thays, the Rosedal is filled with roses in bloom. These delicate flowers scatter their varied fragrances throughout the gardens. A wrought-iron fence outlines the garden perimeter. Overnight at Hotel Intersur Recoleta 4* (B,L,D)

Day 04, Buenos Aires / Bariloche

Today we will be transferred to the airport for our

flight to Bariloche. On arrival we will transfer to our hotel. Overnight at Hotel Nahuel Huapi 4* (B,D)

Day 05, Small Circuit of Bariloche

Today we depart our hotel on a tour of this lovely city, followed by a visit to the Nahuel Huapi National Park and Llaolao Municipal Park. Along the length of its 65 Km there are several interesting places to visit: Cerro Campanario by chairlift - At an additional cost, the lookout Llaolao peninsula and the surrounding lake system, the lavender plantation and factories of knitted goods, candles, dolls, artistic clocks, jam and chocolate, ceramics and homemade beer. We can also visit fish hatcheries, forgeries, tea houses and plant nurseries as well as the magnificent Llaolao hotel, San Eduardo chapel and the Lopez and Capilla massive rock face. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at Hotel Nahuel Huapi 4* (B,L)

Day 06, Bariloche / Peulla

After breakfast this morning we will be transferred to the lake crossing office in Puerto Pañuelo. Then depart on a catamaran to Puerto Blest, afterwards bus journey to Peulla in Chile. Overnight at Hotel Natura 4* (B,L,D)

Day 07, Peulla / Puerto Varas

Today, we cross Todos Los Santos Lake, offering spectacular views of Cerro Puntagudo and Osorno Volcano. We'll then travel by road to beautiful Petrohue Falls, where green crystal waters cascade over black volcanic rocks, before continuing on to Puerto Varas - one of Chile's most charming villages on the shores of Lake Llanquihue, with further transfer to our hotel. Overnight at Hotel Cabanas del Lago 3* Sup (B,L,D)

Day 08, Puerto Varas City Tour and Native Plant Nursery Patagonia Virgin & Frutillar

This morning enjoy a city tour of Puerto Varas touring its streets and avenues adorned with beautiful rose beds, the Philippi Hill and its splendid "mirador" offering a panoramic view of Llanquihue Lake and the Osorno Volcano.

We will also visit the Native Plant Nursery Patagonia Virgin & Frutillar projects the essence of southern Chile. The store is born from the nursery in Frutillar, which gives rise to the varied products they offer, ranging from plants native to Patagonia, to the flavours and aromas of Meli products, in addition to Agua de Patagonia personal care line and Sustainable paintings Falu Rödärg. Overnight at Hotel Cabana del Lago 3* Sup (B,L,D)

Day 09, Puerto Varas / Puerto Montt / Punta Arenas / Torres del Paine / Las Torres

Today we will be transferred to Puerto Montt airport for our flight to Punta Arenas. On arrival, we will be met and transferred to our hotel located in Torres del Paine. Overnight at Hotel Las Torres (B, D)

Day 10 - 11, Las Torres

The hotel's strategic location on the foot of the majestic "Torres del Paine" mountain range and astride the park's legendary hiking trails makes it a perfect "base camp" for exploring the area's many natural wonders.

Excursions are designed to enjoy the national park around a range of topics, from the park's flora, fauna and geology, to the heritage and culture of the region's gauchos and indigenous people. They also include various transportation modes — hiking, horseback riding, vehicle safaris and boat excursions. Last but not least, they vary from easy to difficult depending on your fitness and expertise.

Throughout the day our Guest Service, will be available to provide all information needed for scheduling our excursions and make our journey an unforgettable experience. Overnight at Hotel Las Torres (B, L, D)

Day 12, Las Torres / Torres del Paine / El Calafate

Today we will transfer from Las Torres to El Calafate and then on to our hotel. Overnight at Hotel Posada Los Alamos 4* (B,D)

Day 13, Excursion to Perito Moreno Glacier & Nautical Safari

Perito Moreno Glacier is an impressive natural wonder and due to its extension and height, it has become world famous for its easy access, continuous advance and the loud loosening of huge icebergs. The Parque Nacional Los Glaciares (Glaciers National Park) area is home to other important glaciers such as Upsalla, Onelli and Spegazzini.

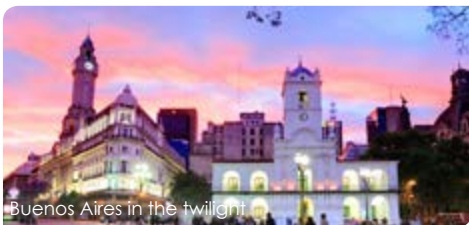
Once inside Los Glaciares National Park, we'll follow the route around Lago Argentino where 50 miles (80km) from El Calafate, Perito Moreno Glacier lies imposing with its 200 foot (60 metres) high ice walls. Follow the paths that lead you to face the glacier and get different impressive views, all while continuous detachments and constant ice breaking noises echo in our surrounds! Enjoy this great Argentinean getaway and discover firsthand the absolute beauty and grandeur of the Perito Moreno Glacier. Overnight at Hotel Posada Los Alamos 4* (B)

Day 14, El Calafate / Ushuaia

Today we will transfer to the airport for our flight to Ushuaia. On arrival in one of the most Southern cities in the world we will transfer to our hotel. Overnight at Hotel Alto Andino 4* (B,D)

Day 15, Depart Ushuaia

At the appropriate time we will transfer to the cruise pier for the Antarctic cruise. (B)



Buenos Aires in the twilight



Botanical Gardens Buenos Aires



Nahuel Huapi Lake & Llaolao Hotel



Catamaran in Lakes Crossing



Perito Moreno Glacier



Calafate Berries