



**SANTIAGO, TORRES DEL PAINE, AND AUSTRALIS CRUISE**  
**11 Days/9 Nights from \$3,909**



Enjoy some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world on this tour of Southern Patagonia. Begin in Santiago and continue on to Torres del Paine, one of the best parks for outdoor enthusiasts in South America, with a spectacular natural setting and massive granite peaks. The last part of the tour is a five day Australis cruise traveling through the Strait of Magellan

and the Beagle Channel to Cape Horn, the southernmost point of the continent, and finishing in Ushuaia, Argentina.

The **M/V Via Australis** is a 236 foot expedition ship that was built in 2005. It has five decks and 64 cabins with private facilities, low beds, and panoramic windows. Social areas include two lounges, a dining room, and a panoramic open deck. The **M/V Stella Australis** is a 290 foot expedition ship that was built in 2010. It has five decks, 100 cabins with private facilities, low beds, and panoramic windows. Its social areas include three lounges, an exercise room, a dining room, and an open terrace.

**ACTIVITIES:** Cultural/historical sightseeing, wildlife viewing, hiking, trekking, and zodiac boating.



**DEPARTURE DATES:** Daily departures from mid-September to mid-April.

**GROUP/PRIVATE:** All airport transfers in Santiago are private, and the city tour and winery tour in Santiago are group tours for single passengers and 3 Star accommodations, and private for 4 Star, 5 Star, and Deluxe accommodations. All services in Torres del Paine and on the Australis Cruise are operated on a group basis. The transfers from the pier in Ushuaia, Argentina to the airport in Ushuaia, and from AEP Airport to EZE Airport in Buenos Aires are private.

**ELEVATIONS:** Santiago is 1,700 feet above sea level, and Torres del Paine National Park elevations can reach 4,000 feet or more, depending upon your itinerary.

## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

### **Day 1: Santiago.**

Depart to Santiago via overnight flight.

### **DAY 2: Santiago/Folkloric Dinner Show.**

After passing through immigration and customs, proceed to the reception area, where our inbound services representative will be holding a sign with your name on it. You will be greeted and then transferred to your hotel. In the evening, you will have a folkloric dinner show with typical Chilean dishes, dances, music, and costumes. Overnight in Santiago. (B,D)

**Note:** Check-in time is 2:00 PM. We can request early check-in but cannot guarantee it.

### **DAY 3: Santiago/City Tour/Winery Tour.**

In the morning, you will have a panoramic city tour of Santiago, which will include Parque O'Higgins, Plaza de Armas (the city's historic center), Palacio de la Moneda, ex-National Congress, Mapocho Station Cultural Center, Santa Lucia Hill, the place of Santiago's founding in 1541, and the Bohemian district of Bellavista. In the afternoon, you can choose to visit one of the following vineyards around Santiago (included in price): Concha y Torro, Cousino Macul, and Undurraga. Overnight in Santiago. (B)

### **DAY 4: Santiago/Punta Arenas/Estancia Cerro Negro/Torres del Paine.**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival, you will be taken from the airport by van (+/- five hours of travel time) to Hotel Las Torres. En route (after traveling for two hours), you will visit the Cerro Negro cattle ranch and see first-hand the lifestyle of the settlers at the end of the world and roam around the beautiful colonial house. Depending on the time of arrival, the visit will include a traditional Magallanes-style barbeque. Overnight at Hotel Las Torres. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 5: Torres del Paine.**

Choose from one full-day or two half day optional excursions (included in the cost of the tour). Overnight at Hotel Las Torres. (B,L,D)

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Choose from one full-day or two half day optional excursions (included in the cost of the tour). Overnight at Hotel Las Torres. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 7: Torres del Paine/Punta Arenas/Australis Cruise.**

Transfer from Torres del Paine to the Cruceros Australis office in Punta Arenas and check in between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Cruise-ship boarding at 6:00 p.m. The Captain and crew give a welcome cocktail reception on board. Immediately afterward, the ship departs for “the uttermost part of the earth”. Our excursion will take us through the Strait of Magellan and Beagle Channel to explore one of the most breathtaking wilderness regions in the world: Southern Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego. Overnight aboard the ship. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 8: Australis Cruise/Ainsworth Bay/Tucker Islet.**

At dawn, we continue navigating through Almirantazgo Sound until finally arriving near Marinelli Glacier in Ainsworth Bay, where we enjoy a walk to discover a beaver dam in the midst of a marvelous Magellanic forest. On the beach we observe a colony of Elephant Seals. Later we visit Tucker Islet, where we view colonies of Magellanic Penguins and Cormorants from the Zodiac boats. The islet’s penguins migrate in April; as a replacement we visit Brookes Bay, for a short walk to see a glacier. Overnight aboard the ship. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 9: Australis Cruise/Pia Glacier/Glacier Alley.**

We navigate through the main part of Beagle Channel to reach Pia Bay, where we disembark near Pia Glacier. We take a short hike to a lookout point with a spectacular view of the entire glacier tongue, stretching from high in the mountains all the way to the sea. After this unforgettable experience, we sail again along the northwest arm of Beagle Channel through majestic “Glacier Alley”: Spain, Romanche, Germany, Italy, France and Holland glaciers. Overnight aboard the ship. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 10: Australis Cruise/Cape Horn/Wulaia Bay.**

We sail through Beagle and Murray channels to reach and disembark in Cape Horn National Park (weather permitting). Cape Horn, on Hornos Island, is a sheer, 425-meter (1,394-foot) high rocky promontory. This mythical place is known as the “End of the Earth”; a visit is a singular privilege. The park was declared a World Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in June 2005. In the afternoon, we go ashore in historic Wulaia Bay, once the site of one of the region’s largest aboriginal settlements. This area is also renowned for the mesmerizing beauty of its vegetation and geography. We walk through a Magellanic forest of Lengas, Coigües, Canelos, ferns and other native vegetation to reach a lookout point. Overnight aboard the ship. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 11: Australis Cruise/Ushuaia.**

Arrival at Ushuaia, Argentina’s most important city on Tierra del Fuego, and the southernmost city in the world. Disembark at 8:00 a.m. Transfer from the pier to the

airport in Ushuaia and from AEP Airport in Buenos Aires to EZE Airport for your return flight to your final destination. (B)

**B** = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

**PRICE PER PERSON** (in U.S. Dollars)

	<b>Single</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Triple</b>
3 Star	\$6,339	\$3,909	\$3,609
4 Star	\$6,439	\$4,029	\$3,699
5 Star	\$6,559	\$4,089	\$3,759
Deluxe	\$6,739	\$4,189	\$3,779

**Promotional Departures:** Sep 20, 27; Apr 10.

**Cruise Low Season:** Oct 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29; Dec 10, 13, 17; Mar 17, 20, 24, 27, 31; Apr 3.

**Cruise High Season:** Nov 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29; Dec 3, 6, 20; Jan 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31; Feb 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28; Mar 3, 6, 10, 13.

**Cruise Special Pricing:** December 24 and 31 Departures have Special Pricing. Call for Availability and a Quote.

**NOTES:**

1. The above prices are valid until December 31, 2011.
2. Accommodations at Hotel Las Torres are all-inclusive.
3. The above prices are based on a B Cabin during low season.
4. A limited amount of triples can be accommodated on the Via and Stella Australis.
5. Cabin and hotel room upgrades are available upon request.

**HOTELS**

**3 Star:** Santiago, Rugendas; Torres del Paine, Hotel Las Torres.

**4 Star:** Santiago, Atton el Bosque; Torres del Paine, Hotel Las Torres.

**5 Star:** Santiago, Marriott Santiago; Torres del Paine, Hotel Las Torres.

**Deluxe:** Santiago, Ritz Carlton Santiago; Torres del Paine, Hotel Las Torres.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- South American Vacations' expert pre-departure planning services and documentation.
- Airport/hotel transfers with baggage handling.
- Private transfer from the Cruceros Australis office in Punta Arenas, Chile to the pier at the beginning of the cruise, and from the pier in Ushuaia, Argentina to the airport in Ushuaia, and from AEP Airport to EZE Airport in Buenos Aires.
- Hotel accommodations including taxes and service charges.
- Accommodations on board the M/V Via Australis or the M/V Stella Australis in a B Cabin (low season price).
- All meals scheduled on board including alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and other meals as indicated on the itinerary.

- Excursions as indicated on the itinerary including all applicable entrance fees.
- Local, English-speaking tour guides/ naturalist guides.

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- International airfare.
- Domestic airfare.
- Chilean Reciprocity Fee (\$131).
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- Meals not indicated on the itinerary.
- Hotel nights after the cruise.
- Port Tax in Punta Arenas, Chile (\$25).
- Gratuities to tour guides, ship crew and guides, drivers, and hotel staff.
- Gifts and personal items.
- Travel insurance.

**We will be happy to quote the cost of airfare and travel insurance, and to make these arrangements for you.**

**PASSPORT/VISA:** For Chile, U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU (except Greece and Romania, which require a visa) citizens require a passport valid for at least six months from date of entry and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. U.S., Australian, and Canadian citizens are required to pay a reciprocity fee (considered a multiple entry visa) of \$131, \$61 and \$132 respectively in cash upon arrival (subject to change without notice due to currency fluctuations or other reasons). This tax is paid once and remains valid until the passport expires. Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Chilean embassy in their country before traveling. For Argentina, U.S., Australian, Canadian, and EU citizens require a passport and return ticket for stays of up to 90 days. Citizens of other countries are advised to contact the Argentinian embassy in their country before traveling.

**RECOMMENDED CLOTHING FOR THE CRUISE:** Trekking or hiking boots are required for all passengers. Hat, sunglasses, sun-block, waterproof parka, sweater, waterproof gloves, and waterproof trousers are recommended.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** In order to protect your travel investment from unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip, we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. We offer **Access America's Classic Comprehensive** and other plans. The Benefits, Coverage Limits, and rates are summarized on our website at [www.savacations.com/insurance.asp](http://www.savacations.com/insurance.asp). Call your travel counselor if you have any questions or to purchase a plan.

**TO BOOK THIS TRIP:** We require a non-refundable deposit of \$1,100 per person plus the cost of the international and domestic airfare (if we arrange it for you). The balance of the trip cost is due 60 days prior to departure.

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