



## FITZ ROY & PERITO MORENO GLACIER ADVENTURE

8 days – 7 nights  
(Trek grade: moderate)

**Departures:** All Saturdays. Guaranteed.

**Season:** October thru April

**Trip starts at:** El Calafate Airport

**Trip ends at:** El Calafate Airport

The Fitz Roy & Perito Moreno Glacier Adventure starts and ends at El Calafate and focuses on Los Glaciares National Park, visiting and hiking Fitz Roy & Cerro Torre, may be the two most emblematic mountains of Patagonia, and the Perito Moreno Glacier (only one in the world that shows a closure and rupture process due to unusual favourable conditions) You will travel in an active way, enjoying the company of fellow travellers.



## Itinerary

### Day 1 El Calafate airport – El Calafate

We welcome you at Calafate airport and transfer to town to check in at your hostel. By 7 pm the group meets in the lobby of the Hostel del Glaciar Pioneros, street Pioneros 251, El Calafate, to meet your guide, discuss details of your program and enjoy your welcome dinner together with your fellow travellers.

**Lodging in a Hostel room with shared bathroom.**

**Alternative: Hosteria or Inn, double or single room with private bathroom.**

Meals we provide: Dinner.

### Day 2 Bus to El Chaltén – Laguna Capri

After breakfast we take our bus for the 220 km long drive to El Chaltén, a small and picturesque village at the foot of Fitz Roy & Cerro Torre massif. We make a stop half way to enjoy local pastries and hot coffee. Once in Chaltén, we'll meet fellow travellers coming from up north (Route 40) and start our trek. We carry in our packs only the necessary items for this 3 nights and 4 days in which we'll overnigh in our Full Camps inside the National

Park.

We hike up a gentle slope on Fitz Roy trail to gain height over the River de las Vueltas valley up to the first viewpoints over Fitz Roy massif. Our hike to Laguna Capri will take us no more than 2 hours and a half, in a clear and easy trail. Once on our Laguna Capri Full Camp, we leave our stuff in our tent and we enjoy an afternoon walk to the sightseeing points around the lagoon.

Full Camps are pitched up early in the season, so we find the camp ready upon arrival. It offers comfortable 3 people igloo type tents for each 2 passengers, with mattresses and sleeping bags. An inside cotton sheet is provided as inner clothing for the sleeping bag. The camp also features a spacious dining tent, a kitchen tent, tables, benches or chairs and a full set of table service and kitchenware. The sanitary services are latrine-type.

**Lodging at Laguna Capri Full Camp in double or single tent (rural area)**

Meals we provide: Breakfast, box lunch, dinner.

### Day 3 Cerro Fitz Roy, Laguna de los Tres

Early in the morning, before the first coffee, we can try to match up the morning Light getting pink in Fitz Roy granite walls. You only need this to feel the trip is worthwhile. But of course the day offers much more.

After breakfast, carrying only day personal items such as our parka, gloves, our camera, water bottle and box lunch, we hike along Fitz Roy trail up to Rio Blanco, climbers basecamp to the east side of the mountain. From here a steep 1 h trail leads us to one of the most spectacular viewpoints of the National Park: Laguna de los Tres, with its zephyr blue colour, lays at the foot of the massif, offering full close up views of Fitz Roy massif spires and glaciers. Each wall rises something from 600 to 1500 mts above the surrounding glaciers. Fitz Roy, with its 3405 mts above sea level, is considered the "King of Patagonia" and also considered one of the three most beautiful mountains on Earth (together with Alpamayo in Perú and K2 in the Karakoram). We hike back to Laguna Capri in the late afternoon. Walking time is 5 to 6 hs.

**Lodging at Laguna Capri Full Camp in double or single tent (rural area)**

Meals we provide: Breakfast, box lunch, dinner.

### Day 4 Cerro Torre

Today we make it around Laguna Capri to get to the Lagoons Madre and Hija Valley and down to Fitz Roy river valley, where we meet Cerro Torre trail and we get to Cerro Torre Full Camp. The trail runs along beech forest, bogs and shrubland. From the camp, a short hike takes us to Laguna Torre, enclosed by moraines and with the Glacier Grande calving in its west side. It is usual to see icebergs pushed by the wind in the coast of the lagoon. The thin and elegant 3128 mts of Cerro Torre group and the Adela range in the background complete this spectacular view. Walking time 3 to 4 hs.

**Lodging at Cerro Torre Full Camp in double or single tent (rural area)**

Meals we provide: Breakfast, box lunch, dinner.

## **Day 5 Lagoon & Glacier Torre – El Chalten**

In the morning we visit Laguna Torre again to reach the old Maestri basecamp, located in a high site up along the north moraine of the lagoon. For keen hikers, we offer an optional excursion, the so called “Holiday on Ice”: early start, crampons and harnesses, a tyrolean (horizontal fixed rope attached to both sides of a river) to cross Fitz Roy river, and we visit Glacier Grande, where we will visit crevices, ice caves and we’ll practice ice climbing with the proper advice of experienced mountain guides.

Late in the afternoon we walk back to Chaltén along Fitz Roy river valley. Total estimated time of the standard day: 4 to 5 hs. If you go on the “Holiday on Ice”, it is 7 hs plus the trail back to Chalten which is 2 and a half hours more.

**Lodging in a Hostel room with shared bathroom.**

**Alternative: Hosteria or Inn, double or single room with private bathroom.**

Meals we provide: Breakfast, box lunch and dinner.

Optional excursion: Holiday On Ice

## **Day 6 El Chalten – El Calafate**

Morning at your own to visit the picturesque village or to make optional excursions such as Lago del Desierto (in spite of its name, its a beautiful, beech forest surrounded lake, with hanging glaciers in its west side), or to see very interesting information at the National Park Visitor Centre.

By 5 pm we take our bus to our next destination, El Calafate, gateway for the glaciers area of the Park. Arrival time is scheduled for 9 pm. Driving distance: 220 km

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Meals we provide: Breakfast.

## **Day 7 El Calafate –Perito Moreno Glacier**

We dedicate this day to one of the World’s Natural Wonder: the Moreno glacier. This ice field- type glacier flows down from the Patagonian Icefield, a big sheet of ice that with its 22.000 square kilometres is the third largest glacier area in the world, after Antarctica (14 M sq km) and Greenland (1 M sq km). Because unusual favourable local conditions, this glacier is the only one in the world that shows a closure and rupture process. The road leads to the very front of the glacier, which will be only meters away from your eyes. A beautiful, short trail, will lead us from the shores of the lake to the upper viewpoints. The roar of the chunks of ice falling inside the glacier or from the glacier into the lake, the frequent collapse of the front seracs into the turquoise water, makes out of this day a very special and unique experience. We will drive 80 km (1 and a half hour) to get and come back from the glacier across the steppe, watching a wide variety of birds.

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**Alternative: Hosteria or Inn, double or single room with private bathroom.**

Meals we provide: Breakfast.

## **Día 8 El Calafate - Aeropuerto El Calafate**

After breakfast we transfer to El Calafate airport where our services ends.

Meals we provide: Breakfast.

## **Detail of Services**

### **Included**

Bilingual tour leader during all the trip.

Mountain guides while on trek.

Moreno Glacier excursion.

All transfers El Calafate airport – El Calafate - El Chalten – El Calafate – El Calafate airport.

During the trip we combine private and regular buses.

Lodging as shown below.

7 breakfasts, 4 box lunch y 5 dinners as detailed below.

## Lodging

We offer the Fitz Roy and Perito Moreno Glacier Adventure in three different type of accommodations.

### Hostel Room

Nights	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hostel room with shared bathroom							
Full Camp double basis (rural area)							

### Double or Single Room with Private Bathroom

They differ from the previous one that passengers stay in Hotels, Hosterias or Inns in double room with private bathroom (not in a Hostel) and the single room option is available.

When you choose single base, you have single base accommodations at the Full Camp tents too.

Nights	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>(TFG 01)</b> Hosteria double basis with private bathroom							
Full Camp double basis (rural area)							
<b>(TFG 02)</b> Single base option available	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

## Meals

Meals included in the trip are shown in the following chart.

Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Breakfast								
Box Lunch								
Dinner								

## Not included

Entrance fees to National Parks.

Medical and life insurance.

Tips.

Drinks and beverages (all foods are without alcoholic or non alcoholic drinks).

Flights or airport taxes.

Optional excursions.

Services not shown or detailed in the program.

## Notes

Camino Abierto holds the right of changing the itinerary or cancel any of the activities when any natural cause (or any other cause of any type) justifies it in order to look after the group safety.

## Meeting Point

The Meeting Point for the Group on Day 1 is at 7 pm at the lobby of the Hostel del Glaciar Pioneros, street Pioneros 251, El Calafate. This Meeting Point can be modified and will be confirmed upon booking confirmation of the passenger.

## List of suggested personal equipment

- Backpack, 50 lts or so
- Thermal underwear
- Trekking shoes or boots
- Trekking pants
- Fleece
- Parka and overpants
- Gaiters
- Gloves
- Thermal socks
- The necessary spare cloth
- Wool hat
- Sun hat
- Sun glasses
- Sun screen (UV is very strong during the southern spring, from september thru december)
- Personal items
- Lamp
- Trekking poles (recommended, if you are use to them)
- Personal medication

Weather in Patagonia is unpredictable. Not very cold, but it is usually windy. To dress in layers is the best advice.

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