

ICONIC HIKES AT GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Southern Patagonia, Argentina

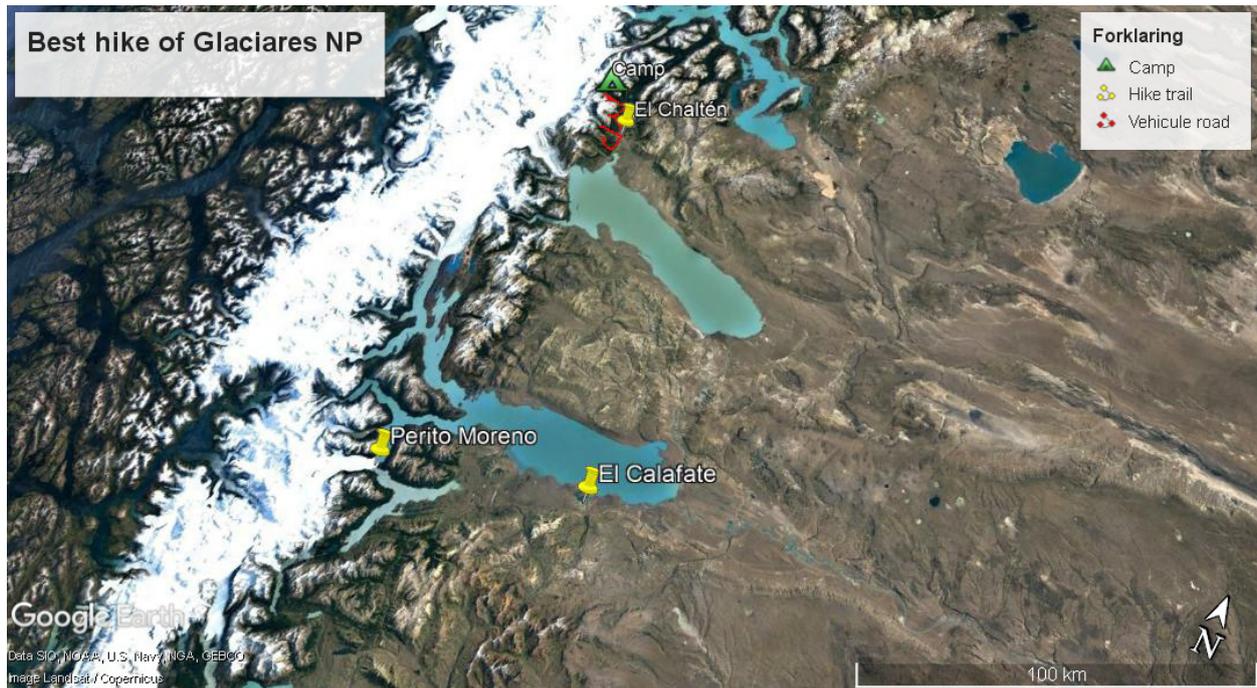
- Duration** 7 days / 6 nights
- Difficulty** Advanced ●●●○
- Departure** October to April

OVERVIEW

A weeklong trekking journey that is designed to include a selection of trails that enable us to contemplate, from different angles, the best views of Glacier National Park, where colossal granite mountains rise from arid steppe irrigated by the turquoise waters of Lake Viedma. Beautiful, jagged peaks like Mount Fitzroy draw well-known climbers from all over the world, as well as hiking enthusiasts from around the world. This collection of peaks ranges from Cerro Solo to Cerro Eléctrico, including the emblematic Cerro Torre. We invite you to join us on an amazing journey and unique experience that is only lived in places such as this.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ A thorough exploration of one of the world's greatest hiking destinations, Los Glaciares National Park, including iconic trails and those that are off-the-beaten path and transited by few travelers
- ★ Marvel upon the north face of the Fitz Roy Mountain
- ★ Immerse yourself in a less explored area of the park



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1. El Calafate /El Chaltén

Arrive at El Calafate Airport where you will be met by your guide and transferred across the Patagonian steppe to the mountain village El Chaltén. Following an equipment check, you'll be briefed about the upcoming adventure and enjoy a welcome dinner.

Accommodation: In El Chaltén

Meals: D

Transport: 3 hours in private van

Day 2. Laguna Torre

We'll begin our weeklong journey warming up on one of the more accessible treks in the park. Leaving early, we take a quick drive through the Fitzroy River Valley to Laguna Torre, and begin our trek. Halfway up, we'll be treated to magnificent views of the Adela range, Cerro Torre and its satellite granite needles. At the end of the trail, we'll view the Grande Glacier that descends into the Torre Lagoon, with its floating icebergs. Return to El Chaltén for the evening.

Accommodation: In El Chaltén

Meals: B, BL

Activity: 7-8 hours hike – 12 miles/ 19 km; 700ft/ 250 m elevation gain

Difficulty: Moderate

Day 3. Laguna de los Tres

We will leave El Chaltén and transfer by van 10 miles along Rio de las Vueltas until we reach Hostería El Pilar where we'll begin our hike. The first 4.3 miles follows the Rio Blanco to Poincenot's basecamp, where we'll begin to hike a steep slope up to Laguna de los Tres at 1,200 meters (1,640 ft) in elevation, for the highlight of the day: the Cerro Fitz Roy viewpoint. The return descent is 4.9 miles / 7.8 km down, with views of the Capri Lake.

Accommodation: In El Chaltén

Meals: B, BL

Activity: 9 hours trek/12 miles -19 km/700ft - 200m elevation gain

Difficulty: Difficult

Transport: 1/2 hour in private van

Day 4. Pliegue Tumbado

Leaving our hotel at 8am, we'll walk to Glaciers National Park visitor center, from here we'll begin our hike up for about 5 miles until we reach the summit at 1,640ft (500m). From this viewpoint you can see the Range of Cerro Torre, Cerro Fitz Roy and River Fitz Roy Valley.

Accommodation: In El Chaltén

Meals: B, BL

Activity: 7 hours trek - 9.5 miles/15 km; 2,800ft- 850m elevation gain

Difficulty: Moderate

Day 5. Rio Eléctrico

This is a more demanding activity and it was created outside of the conventional hikes, with distances that are longer and the terrain more technical. Following an early-morning transfer to the "Rio Eléctrico" Bridge (10.5 miles from El Chaltén), the trek heads through the Rio Eléctrico Valley to Piedra del Fraile, where we will set up camp. An afternoon hike takes us to Lake Pollone where we'll have outstanding views of Mount Fitz Roy's north face. Return to Piedra del Fraile to overnight in our tents.

Accommodation: Wilderness Camp

Meals: B, BL, D

Activity: 8 hours trek - 10 miles/ 16 km

Difficulty: Difficult

Transport: 1/2 hour in private van

Day 6. Mount Fitz Roy & Cerro Torre

This is a strenuous day. We'll depart from our camp en route to Paso del Cuadrado, a demanding 5-hour climb to access rarely observed views of the northwest face of Mount Fitz Roy and its needles, as well as views of the east face of Cerro Torre. Back at Piedra del Fraile, we'll close camp and hike along the same path to the bridge where our transfer to town will meet us for a well-deserved rest.

Accommodation: In El Chaltén

Meals: B, BL, D

Activity: 9 hours trek - 9.3 miles/ 15 km

Difficulty: Strenuous

Transport: 1/2 hour in private van

Day 7. Good-bye Patagonia

Transfer to the town of El Calafate, where we bid farewell to our guide. End of services.

INCLUDED

- Local knowledgeable English-speaking guide (1:6 clients)
- Private transfer El Calafate - El Chaltén - El Calafate
- Private transfer on hiking days
- Porters to carry food and camp equipment from day 5 to 6
- Meals as stated 6 B(reakfast), 5 BL (packed lunch), 3 D(inner)
- 5 nights in Hostel/ Hotel in El Chaltén
- 1 in Wilderness Camp
- Group bio security equipment (according to international standards)
- Emergency kit: Wilderness First aid kit, VHF/ UHF radio and Satellite phone
- Tents and Camp equipment (pots, stoves, utensils etc)

NOT INCLUDED

- Beverage
- Tips to local guides & other personnel
- International and national airfare to Buenos Aires and El Calafate
- Personal equipment (sleeping bag and liner, mattress, technical clothes, trekking boots etc.)
- Porters to carry personal equipment (can be contracted)
- Personal bio security kit (mask, gloves etc)
- Personal medical and evacuation insurance (obligatory)

