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PATAGONIA

December 23th, 2017 to January 2th, 2018

Among all the various birding trips available in Patagonia this one was designed to cover all the seven natural regions that make up Patagonia.



PRICE: **GBP 3350 / USD 4400-**



All possible natural regions of Patagonia, steppes, coast, mountains, rural, wetlands, central valley and including its 4 subdivisions of the forest: Araucaria forest, Southern beech Patagonian forest, cypress area and Valdivian rainforest.

In this itinerary we go through all the different kinds of Patagonian landscapes, in a single trip over 540Km where all this amazing biodiversity converges, we can find 38 endemic bird species among

the 360 species of birds, plus mammals, trees and and enjoy one the wildest lands remaining in the world.

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Season: Early summer in southern hemisphere

Habitats: Patagonian Forests, High Andes, Patagonian Steppes, Monte, Pacific Coast and Central Valley of Chile.

Number of bird species in the area: 360

Endemic birds: 36

This price included:

- Birding guide with vehicle,
- Accomodation in double room
- All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Non alcoholic beberages
- Checklists.
- Fee to National Parks

Not included

- Medical insurance
- Alcoholic drinks.
- International and domestic flights to Bariloche

Booking until November the 15 th.

About the group: Will be minimum 3 people, maximum 8 people



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PROGRAMME

Day 0 / December Friday 22: arriving in Buenos Aires.

Day 1 / Saturday 23: In the morning we will take a flight to Patagonia, arriving in Bariloche (1600 km from Buenos Aires), capital city of the Lake District, Patagonia, Argentina. There a vehicle will pick us and we will leave to Villa La Angostura to have lunch there and from there crossing the Andes until Maicolpué, Chile (300km), a small fishing village on the Pacific coast, still unknown to tourism. In the travel we'll look for the Chilean Mockingbird Night, the Slender-billed Parakeet and the Black-faced Ibis. Night in Maicolpué, at the sea coast.

Day 2 / Sunday 24: Birding in the coast, with 3 different places: Maicolpué, Bahía Mansa and Pucatrihué. If sea conditions permit we will try to enter offshore to view seabirds: several species of cormorants, oystercatchers, boobies and pelicans. This is a nesting area of two Penguin species: Magellanic and Humboldt Penguins. Christmas Eve in Maicolpué.



Day 3 / Monday 25: We'll return to the central valley, to the west side of the Andes, inside Puyehue National Park, still in Chile. In the cabins we can see 4 species of Tapaculos, Thorn-tailed Rayadito and White-throated Treerunner. Christmas lunch in Aguas Calientes. The atmosphere of this National Park is unique in Patagonia, with a

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cold rainforest very humid and the opportunity to take a thermal bath close to the active volcanoes. Night in Aguas Calientes.

Day 4 / Tuesday 26: Puyehue National Park. After take a thermal bath, we'll go up to the Mountains, looking for the Yellow-bridled Finch and the Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Miners and Ground-tyrants. In the afternoon we'll be very close of the sky, go to walk on the volcan Casablanca Night in Aguas Calientes.

Day 5 / Wednesday 27: In the morning we'll cross the Andes again and take the 7 Lakes road, knowing more forest species like Red-backed Hawk, Thorn-tailed Rayadito, Austral Blackbird, Chilean Pigeon and Austral Thrush. Lunch in Villa La Agostura, arriving in San Martín de los Andes in the afternoon. Check in the hotel and afternoon in La Vega wetlands, a protected area with the biggest colony of Geese: Upland geese and Ashy-headed Geese. Night in San Martín de los Andes.



Day 6 / Thursday 28: Early in the morning will go to the most important hot spot of Patagonia, surrounded by the steppe: the valley of Collón Cura. It is possible to find birds like the endemics, Rusty-backed Monjita and Patagonian Canastero, and opportunities for Black-chested Eagle, Chilean Flamingo, Burrowing Parrot, Two-banded Plover, Band-tailed Seedeater, Coscoroba

Swan, Many-colored Rush-tyrant and Seedsnipes. Picnic in Collón Cura. In the afternoon visit to Laguna Blanca National Park and in the travel we have the best opportunities for the Andean Condor. We will be for dinner in Zapala. Overnight in Zapala

Day 7 / Friday 29: Morning in rural areas of Covunco and Mariano Moreno, looking for the ingress of the pampas species, like White-faced Ibis, Piciu Ground-Dove, Chiguanco Thrush, South-America Seedsnipe, Baywing, Saffron Yellow-Finch and Peregrine Falcon. In La Solitaria Lake will look for Black-necked Swan, Silver Grebe, Collared Plover, Baird's Sandpiper and South America Stilt. In the afternoon we'll continue exploring the region of the Monte looking for the endemics Tapaculos. Night in Zapala.

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Day 8 / Saturday 30: In the morning we'll visit Laguna Blanca National Park. After that we are going to Junin de los Andes, Ruta 40 and visit in the afternoon the Araucaria forest looking for Austral Parakeet and White-throated Treerunner. Night in San Martín de los Andes.

Day 9 / Sunday 31. The end of the year in Patagonia. In the morning we will visit Chapelco Hills, where are amazing views in the top of the mountain and birding opportunities, including Des Mur's Wiretail, Magellanic Woodpecker and several ground-tyrants. Picnic in the high mountain steppes. Afternoon around the city and MidNight party (optional) in San Martín de los Andes.



Day 10 / January! Monday 1st: After a late breakfast we'll leave the city through "Paso Cordoba" a road through Enchanted Valley, arriving to Bariloche again. We'll visit Otto Hill with new opportunities for new species: we'll try to find the Bicolored Hawk. Farewell dinner and Night in Bariloche

Day 11 / Tuesday 2nd: After breakfast, transfer to Bariloche airport and flight to Buenos Aires city for combination with international flights or extension to Iguazú Falls (4 days).

Ten target birds in this trip: Andean Condor, Humboldt Penguin, Lesser Rhea, Torrent Duck, Des Murs' Wiretail, Burrowing Parrot, Green-backed Firecrown, Chucao Tapaculo, Many-coloured Rush-Tyrant, Least Seedsnipe.

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Extension to Iguazú Falls



The Iguazú Falls is one of the most stunning places in the world. Its unique beauty, surrounded by a well conserved rainforest in the National Park, creates a perfect home to a great number of endemic or exclusive species. Subtropical, warm and humid, this rainforest includes the crowns of gigantic emerging trees. It is located in the northeast of Argentina in the border with Brazil.

You can fly to Iguazú from several cities in Argentina. It is possible to combine your visit by staying in birding lodges at different levels or in the middle the forest, enjoying ample variations in bird communities and in wildlife in general.

PRICE: GBP 1070 / U\$D 1420-

Included and not included same than the main trip

Lenght: 4 days

Habitats: Atlantic Rainforest

Number of Species in the area: 500

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Preparing the Journey

What we need to bring?

- Binoculars.
- Field notebook.
- Trekking shoes.
- Water Sandals.
- Small towel and swimsuits.
- Clothes for rain.
- Cotton pants, shorts, t-shirts short and long sleeve ones.
- Personal hygiene items, medicines, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses.
- Insect repellent.
- Small backpack for hiking.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM PATAGONIA

Patagonia (Spanish pronunciation: [pata'yonja]) is a sparsely populated region located at the southern end of South America, shared by Argentina and Chile. The region comprises the southern section of the Andes mountains at west, as well as the deserts, pampas and grasslands east of this southern portion of the Andes. Patagonia has two coasts: western facing the Pacific Ocean and eastern facing the Atlantic Ocean.



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The Colorado river, which runs from the Andes to the Atlantic, is commonly considered the northern limit of Argentine Patagonia. Some geographers and historians locate the northern limit of Chilean Patagonia at Biobío river.

The climate in this region varies significantly between seasons. Winter brings cold days with abundant snowfall while the summer is the dry season, when Patagonia offers warm and sunny days ideal for exploring the beautiful countryside. The breeding season is on the end of spring and start of summer, just when we are going.

During the summer, daylight extends from 6am to 10pm while in the winter, daylight is from 9am to 7pm.



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