

Bucket List TRAVEL TRIPS

PATAGONIA: THE NEXT FRONTIER OF LUXURY ADVENTURE

Glaciers, wilderness lodges, expedition cruises, exceptional wines, and landscapes that will leave you speechless.

Everyone talks about Antarctica, Iceland, and the African safari. But there is another destination I believe belongs at the top of your bucket list: Patagonia. Stretching across Chile and Argentina, Patagonia is a place of towering granite peaks, turquoise lakes, immense glaciers, wild fjords, and extraordinary natural beauty. It is already beloved by adventurous travelers, but I believe it is becoming an increasingly compelling choice for luxury travelers looking for something beyond the ordinary.

WHY PATAGONIA, AND WHY NOW?

More travelers want meaningful, immersive experiences rather than another conventional vacation. Patagonia offers that sense of discovery without requiring you to give up comfort. For 2027 and 2028, this is one of the destinations I would put firmly on your radar

EXPLORA LODGES: A DESTINATION I KNOW FIRSTHAND

I've personally visited Explora's lodges in Torres del Paine and the Atacama Desert, and that firsthand experience is one reason I'm so enthusiastic about recommending them. Explora combines beautifully situated lodges with expertly guided exploration. I particularly love the combination of active days discovering remarkable places with the comfort of a beautiful lodge, excellent cuisine, Chilean wines, and spectacular scenery. We can also consider additional Explora experiences across Chilean and Argentine Patagonia, including El Chaltén and El Calafate.

Explore Explora lodges: Click here for more information.



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EXPLORE BEYOND PATAGONIA





BOLIVIA: SALT FLATS, HIGH-ALTITUDE LANDSCAPES AND REMOTE LODGES

For a truly extraordinary extension, consider Explora Travesía Atacama–Uyuni, a journey connecting Chile's Atacama Desert with Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni. Picture vast white salt flats, volcanic scenery, colorful lagoons, and remote Andean landscapes, with Explora's mountain lodges as part of the experience. This is a wonderful option for travelers who want to go beyond the usual highlights. The Bolivia experience requires thoughtful routing, suitable acclimatization, and enough time to appreciate the journey rather than rush through it.



EASTER ISLAND: AN EXOTIC PACIFIC ADDITION

Another remarkable possibility is Explora Rapa Nui on Easter Island. Discover its famous moai, Polynesian heritage, volcanic landscapes, and remote island setting. From Patagonian glaciers to desert salt flats and the Bucket List Travel Trips | 2 Pacific Ocean, the contrasts are extraordinary.



AUSTRALIS CRUISES: EXPLORE PATAGONIA BY SEA

Australis offers intimate expedition voyages through southern Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, including glacier country, Zodiac outings, and possible Cape Horn landings when conditions permit. It pairs beautifully with a land stay in Torres del Paine.



SILVERSEA, SEABOURN, SCENIC AND MORE

For a different style of voyage, consider Silversea, Seabourn, and Scenic Eclipse, along with HX Expeditions, Ponant, Atlas Ocean Voyages, and Lindblad Expeditions. Some itineraries emphasize Chilean fjords, others Cape Horn or Antarctica connections. I help you compare the actual routes, excursions, and onboard experience, because not every Patagonia sailing offers the same opportunities.



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YOUR SOUTH AMERICAN BUCKET-LIST JOURNEY

SANTIAGO AND CHILEAN WINE COUNTRY: MY VISIT TO SANTA RITA WINERY

Santiago brings culture, excellent restaurants, and the dramatic Andes as a backdrop. And one experience I especially love sharing is my own visit to Santa Rita Winery in the beautiful Maipo Valley, just outside Santiago. Santa Rita is far more than a wine tasting. Founded in 1880, the historic estate brings together beautiful gardens, atmospheric cellars, Chilean heritage, and exceptional wines. Its famous 120 collection takes its name from a story connected to Chile's struggle for independence. The Maipo Valley is especially celebrated for Cabernet Sauvignon. For me, the appeal is discovering the stories behind a destination, not simply checking off another stop. Picture wandering through the estate, learning about the winemaking traditions, savoring a tasting, and lingering over a wonderful lunch. We can build in a private wine experience or a relaxed overnight stay, depending on your interests. It's a delicious contrast to Patagonia's rugged landscapes and Atacama's otherworldly desert. I love combining extraordinary adventures with the food, wine, history, and local experiences that make a journey truly memorable

HOW I WOULD PUT THE FULL PACKAGE TOGETHER

ULTIMATE SOUTH AMERICA JOURNEY – APPROX. 25-35+ DAYS

Santiago	Chilean wine country	Atacama	Bolivia's Atacama–Uyuni Lodge journey	Patagonia lodge	Australis expedition voyage	Easter Island
2 nights	2 nights	3–4 nights	roughly 7-10 days (depending on program)	4–5 nights	4 nights	3–4 nights

This is a concept, not a fixed package. Additional flights and transit nights may be needed.

We can shorten it, split it into separate trips, add Argentine Patagonia or Buenos Aires, or substitute a longer Silversea, Seabourn or Scenic sailing for Australis.

PATAGONIA:
TRIP PLANNING & NEXT STEPS



WHEN TO GO

Patagonia's main season generally runs October through April. Bolivia, Atacama, and Easter Island have different weather and operating considerations, so the best timing for a multi-region trip depends on your priorities. Lodge programs, cruise schedules, and flight connections must all line up.

WHY I BELIEVE PATAGONIA BELONGS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST

After years exploring extraordinary destinations, including Antarctica and remote corners of the world, I have learned that the most memorable journeys are not always the most famous ones. They are the places that genuinely move you. Patagonia, paired with Atacama, Bolivia, Easter Island, and Chile's wine country, offers a spectacular way to experience South America.

READY TO MAKE YOUR BUCKET-LIST TRIP A REALITY?

Whether you dream of a single Patagonia lodge or the complete South American adventure, I'd love to design a journey that feels entirely your own.

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