

# Spirit of the West

## Included Shore Excursions

### BUENOS AIRES

February 03rd, 2024

Arrival in Buenos Aires, welcome by our local representative and transfer to your hotel. Hotel check in starts at 300pm. Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Accommodation: **HOTEL RECOLETA GRAND – STD ROOM**

### BUENOS AIRES

February 04th, 2024

Breakfast. Morning departure for a half day **sightseeing of Buenos Aires** to Plaza de Mayo, historical and political core of the city, to discover its main buildings and monuments: the Pirámide de Mayo, the Casa Rosada (Presidential Palace), the colonial Cabildo and the Metropolitan Cathedral. We continue along Avenida de Mayo, interesting for its different architectural styles, to reach 9 de Julio Avenue, with its eight lanes embellished with lawns, fountains, and sculptures, and of course the Obelisco, undisputable emblem and gravitational center of the city. From here the tour travels back in time to the picturesque port district of La Boca, with its famous alley Caminito whose colored tin houses and customs reflect the influence of the 19th century European immigrants in the typical "cantinas" (small restaurants) and "conventillos" (tenement houses). The visit continues to Puerto Madero, with its old port warehouses turned into offices, apartments, world-class restaurants, and bars, with an amazing view of the docks and the Rio de la Plata. We will visit the cemetery, surprising for its rich architecture, for its suggestive stories and the relevant historic figures buried there, among whom Evita is probably the most renowned. Return to hotel and afternoon at leisure.

Evening, depart hotel to **Tango Porteno**.



Accommodation: **HOTEL RECOLETA GRAND - STANDARD ROOM BREAKFAST/ DINNER**

### BUENOS AIRES

February 05th, 2024

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour to San Antonio de Areco to visit **Estancia El Ombu de Areco**, including a technical visit and chat with the owners (if they are available) During this excursion we will visit an estancia outside the city of Buenos Aires. They will live the experience of enjoying a traditional asado in an authentic farmhouse, knowing the rooms and halls of a typical ranch, and knowing the typical clothing of the gauchos, dances and traditional games of the people who live in the countryside. We can take carriage rides and horseback riding. We will do it try traditional Argentine food, such as empanadas, asado, blood sausage, chorizo, with a snack of mate with fried cakes. Return to the hotel to pick up the luggage and continue to the pier for cruise embarkation **BREAKFAST / LUNCH**

### MONTEVIDEO

February 07th, 2024

Visit of the **city of Montevideo**. You will have the opportunity to know the Old City, with this rich architecture, Port Market, Downtown shops, Independence Square, Parliament Palace, the romantic zone know as "el Prado", the Hill of Montevideo, the elegant residential areas like Carrasco, Punta Gorda and Pocitos, by the exceptional promenade with beautiful and endless beaches.

### PUERTO MADRYN

February 09th, 2024

**Punta Tombo** is located approximately 170 miles south of Puerto Madryn and is world renowned as one of the best places to see Magellanic penguins, as it is the largest penguin colony of this species. From September through April Punta Tombo hosts approximately one million penguins that arrive to complete their breeding cycle and the molting (change feathers). Throughout the visit we will have the opportunity to walk among thousands of burrows and marvel at this natural wonder.

A box lunch will be included.

### FALKLAND ISLANDS

February 11th, 2024

Get ready for the experience of a lifetime. You will depart Port Stanley in a convoy with your final destination being Volunteer Point King Penguin colony. Lunch is supplied along with once in a lifetime experiences. You will have an hour or so after returning to Port Stanley to shop prior to tendering back to the ship.

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### USHUAI

February 13th, 2024

#### TIERRA DEL FUEGO NATIONAL PARK AND BAHIA LAPATAIA TOUR

Drive west bound to the Tierra del Fuego National Park, the only one in the country with sea coast, located twelve kilometers from the city of Ushuaia. There you can enjoy a ride with multiple panoramic views of the Beagle Channel, wrapped in the enchanting environment that provides the last foothills of the Cordillera de Los Andes before diving into the ocean and Andean-Patagonian forest, made up of diverse tree species -such as , cherry trees, ñires, notros, among others and different flowers, such as orchids, violets and senecios. A tour between valleys and peat bogs leads to the Lapataia River and Laguna Verde. Continue along the final stretch of National Route 3, which ultimately culminates at Lapataia Bay. Here, the early inhabitants of the area left their imprint in the "concheros", incredible archaeological sites that provide interesting information about their ancient customs.

### PUNTA ARENAS

February 14th, 2024

#### MAGDALENA ISLAND – LOS PINGUINOS NATURAL MONUMENT (charter embarkation)

Undoubtedly the best option in Patagonia to cross the mythical Strait of Magellan and have the opportunity to admire and interact with these funny birds, the Magellanic Penguins, together with them we will have the interesting opportunity to see Albatros de Ceja Negra, Skuas, Gaviotines, Cormorants and Dominican Gulls in the surrounding skies. Isla Magdalena, 16 nautical miles from Punta Arenas, is a protected area within the Los Pinguinos Natural Monument that covers an area of 97 hectares also considering the small island Marta, colony of Lobos Marinos. Upon landing on Magdalena

Island, we will find not only a visual spectacle but also a world of smells and sounds. is an attraction in itself since it is a National Historic Monument with a panoramic view of the island and its surroundings. The length of stay on the island is around one hour.

### PUERTO MONTT

February 17th, 2024

#### OSORNO VOLCANO PHOTO SAFARI WITH LUNCH INCLUDED

DURATION: 7- 7½ hours approx. Your day begins with a narrated drive through Puerto Montt where your guide will point out some of the city's landmarks, including Main Square with its neo-classical cathedral. Traveling out of the city, your drive through Puerto Varas, where you will have breathtaking views of Lake Llanquihue and the impressive snow-covered, perfectly shaped Mount Osorno. Your journey continues past little Ensenada Village, before reaching Petrohué Falls. You'll return to Ensenada for lunch. After lunch, your tour continues with a drive into the Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park, where you will walk through the forest to Laguna Verde, located at the foothills of the Osorno Volcano, surrounded by old forests of "Coigues". Reaching the "La Burbuja" crater by bus, enjoy a short walk around the ski center and the panoramic view of the Petrohué valley. After these views and photo shops, you'll return to the ship.

### SANTIAGO, CHILE

February 19th, 2024

Arrival in San Antonio pier, meet your local guide and transfer to Santiago (about 1 ½ hour drive). En route, start a panoramic tour of the city. **Santiago de Chile** is a city of contrasts with remains of its Colonial past. Accommodation: **HOTEL MARRIOTT SANTIAGO - STD ROOM**

### SANTIAGO

February 20th, 2024

Breakfast. Check out at the hotel at noon. Transfer to the airport for your home flight.