

DAY BY DAY IN EL CHALTÉN

A Sample of Five Day
Itinerary in El Chaltén,
Patagonia, Argentina



Day 1

WELCOME TO EL CHALTÉN. Located in **Los Huemules Conservation Reserve**, near the **National Park Los Glaciares**, our newest lodge will provide you with an experience of its remarkable geography – shaped by mountains, glaciers, lakes, and rivers. With views to the **Eléctrico Valley** and the **Marconi Glacier**, Explora is located on the north bank of the Eléctrico River and surrounded by a dense **Andean-Patagonian forest**. After getting acquainted with your room and our lodge, we will explore the surroundings with a relaxed hike within the Reserve. Have you ever been in a forest bursting with **lenga and ñirre trees**? Our expert guides will introduce you to the local **flora and fauna surrounding the lodge**, along with impromptu bird watching, to help you fully appreciate what it means to be at the heart of Patagonia.



Day 2

TODAY'S HIKE will let us show you why our focus on **conservation** is an essential part of what we do—and why loving the remote means taking care of it. The trail to explore the **Huemules Conservation Reserve** begins right from the lodge and runs alongside the Eléctrico River. Feeling the fresh breeze as we immerse ourselves in an abundance of ñirres and lengas and joining native birds - such as the **Magellanic woodpecker** - that live in this unique habitat. The Eléctrico River's relaxing sound will guide us through this entire exploration, acting as the perfect soundtrack to the rich Patagonian contrasts: magnificent glaciers, steep hills, vast valleys, and the Andes mountain range with its magnificent **Mount Fitz Roy**.

Day 3

WITH A FULL-DAY HIKE ahead of us, we will venture to **Los Glaciares National Park**, trekking among forests to get a close encounter with the magnificent Mount Fitz Roy, that reigns over the Andean Mountain Range. Mount Fitz Roy, also known as El Chaltén in the **Aonikenk language meaning "smokey mountain,"** referencing the moment when the clouds align on top of the mountain due to the strong Patagonian winds. We will then soak in the charm of the mountain town El Chaltén returning to the lodge by van. Continuing to learn about Patagonia through its food will be the perfect excuse to enjoy the locally inspired dishes back at the lodge's restaurant: **chef Pablo Jesús Rivero**, owner of the restaurant Don Julio –awarded as Best South American restaurant by The World's 50 Best Restaurants ranking in 2020–honors the Patagonian diversity in a menu designed exclusively for our lodge. We provide a culinary experience that interprets and enhances the surrounding nature with fire as the main element.

Day 4

LEAVING the lodge in a van, we will ascend through forests that become increasingly dense as we head West. Acting as a natural barrier from the humid winds that come from the Pacific Ocean, the trees adapt to their surroundings and will marvel us with the diversity of flora and fauna that changes along with them. Then we will venture into the **Desert Lake** and sail to the **Vespigniani Reserve**, where we will trek through the forests bordering the lake.

After exploring remote Patagonian wonders, we encourage you to spend the rest of the day **relaxing at our spa**—after several days of exploring, you deserve it. You can still be mesmerized by our surroundings and enjoy the view while getting a massage, and our hydromassages and sauna will let you unwind and **refuel your energy** for your last day of deep exploration.



MOUNT FITZ ROY



PERITO MORENO GLACIER

Day 5

TODAY'S EXPLORATION will take us to the border of **Laguna del Diablo** and the **Cagliero Glacier** that feeds it. We will gear up and start hiking straight from the lodge. Following along the noisy **Diablo River**, we may spot the local duck species **Pato de los Torrentes**, playing in the fast-flowing water. After passing through ñirre and lenga forests, the trail offers privileged views of the valley and on clear days we can even see the **north face of Mount Fitz Roy**. As we go up, the trail opens and snowcapped mountains provide a stunning backdrop as we reach the Laguna del Diablo with the Cagliero Glacier sitting on the other side of the lake. After returning to the lodge (either hiking or by van), we can share our impressions of this remote adventure at the **explorer's bar**, tasting local spirits and cocktails with a story to tell.

The next day, we will check out from the lodge and venture into a full-day exploration to **Perito Moreno Glacier**.

Everything is included

Since we believe that it is important to leave all daily concerns behind, our lodges are all inclusive: explorations, food, beverage, and transport.