

Patagonia Cruises



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Follow Darwin's Trail in Patagonia

The work of Charles Darwin changed the way that modern people see the world, and a large part of his philosophy was formed during his three voyages on HMS Beagle to Tierra del Fuego between 1832 and 1834, the first when he was just 23. From his exciting observations of the geography and wildlife of the area, Darwin was enlightened and amazed—experiences you can share as a modern day visitor to this region.

One of the primary missions of the Beagle during its time in Tierra del Fuego was to survey the area, including hundreds of small islands and channels that were unknown to sailors. Cape Horn itself was also not well charted at the time, which, along with its sometimes stormy weather, made it difficult for ships pre-dating the Beagle's findings to round the tip of South America. Thanks to the work of the Beagle, modern navigators can now make the trip safely.





Museum on Wulaia Bay

Walk to an old customs house in Wulaia Bay, which houses a museum dedicated to indigenous people of Tierra del Fuego. This is also a site where Darwin and the *Beagle's* Captain FitzRoy landed in 1833.



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<p>○ PLACES OF INTEREST Perito Moreno Glacier and Torres del Paine National Park.</p>	<p>● EMBARKATION PORTS</p> <p>○ DISEMBARKATION SITES</p>
<p>— Cruceros Australis navigation route.</p>	

Sail and Explore the Southernmost Region of the World



Adventure and legend await as you follow in the footsteps of some of
the world's greatest explorers –Magellan, Drake and Darwin.



Pia Glacier

Ainsworth Bay



Stella Australis



Magellan Forest



Wulaia Bay

Cruceros Australis takes visitors deeper inside one of the wildest regions on Earth than any other expedition group can. On one of our sleek cruise ships, explore pristine channels between Punta Arenas, Chile, and Ushuaia, Argentina. Daily wilderness excursions during your voyage will disembark near glaciers and fjords and take you to wild animal colonies and the mythical Cape Horn. You will never forget the Darwin Mountain Range, the archipelagos of Tierra del Fuego and the many amazing experiences on your adventure of a lifetime.



Awaiting a Zodiac boat ride.

Discover Wildlife Like No Place on Earth



Your journey through Tierra del Fuego will reveal wonders of nature in many forms. The Magellanic penguin, sea lion, beaver, elephant seal, guanaco, cormorant and many other mammals, birds and reptiles make their home in this unique environment. Among the myriad exotic flora grow lenga, canelo, coihue trees and ferns.



Cormorants, Tuckers Islets



Photo Courtesy: www.Jeredtravel.com

The Majestic Elephant Seals, Ainsworth Bay



Dolphins



Horn Island



Calafate



Ushuaia

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Meet History Face to Face



Wulaia Bay



Pia Glacier

On your journey through Tierra del Fuego, you will see famous sites of world history, such as Cape Horn National Park and the Cape Horn Memorial. Dedicated in December 1992, it stands in honor of the many sailors who lost their lives rounding Cape Horn through the centuries.

Disembark in Wulaia Bay and visit the site where Charles Darwin and Captain FitzRoy landed to return three Fuegians to their home community, also the former location of the largest Yamana settlement in the region.

Your journey will begin or end in picturesque Ushuaia, Argentina, known as “the city at The End of the Earth” and the gateway to Antarctica.



Itinerary September 2011 – April 2012

Punta Arenas (Chile) – Ushuaia (Argentina) 4 nights

M/V Stella Australis

Departure from Punta Arenas: Saturday

Arrival at Ushuaia: Wednesday

M/V VIA Australis

Departure from Punta Arenas: Tuesday

Arrival at Ushuaia: Saturday

Day 1: Punta Arenas

- Check in at Cruceros Australis offices, Magallanes 990 Punta Arenas, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Board cruise ship at 6:00 p.m
- Enjoy a welcome cocktail reception hosted by Captain and crew.
- Depart on your adventure through the Strait of Magellan, Beagle Channel, and the captivating wilderness of Southern Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego!

Day 2: Ainsworth Bay – Tuckers Islets

Arrive at Ainsworth Bay, inside the Alberto De Agostini National Park.

View the Marinelli Glacier and the Darwin Mountain Range.

Walk through a spectacular subpolar Magellanic forest.

Look for elephant seals on the beach.

Sail to Tuckers Islets, eat lunch and board Zodiac boats to view Magellanic penguins (only in the Southern Hemisphere) and cormorants. Visitors in September and April go instead to Brookes Bay for a short walk to a glacier.

Day 3: Pia Glacier

- Through the Beagle Channel to Pia Fjord, where we disembark near Pia Glacier.
- Take a short hike to an incredible panoramic viewpoint to contemplate the entire glacier tongue.
- Sail along the northwest arm of the Beagle Channel through majestic “Glacier Alley”.

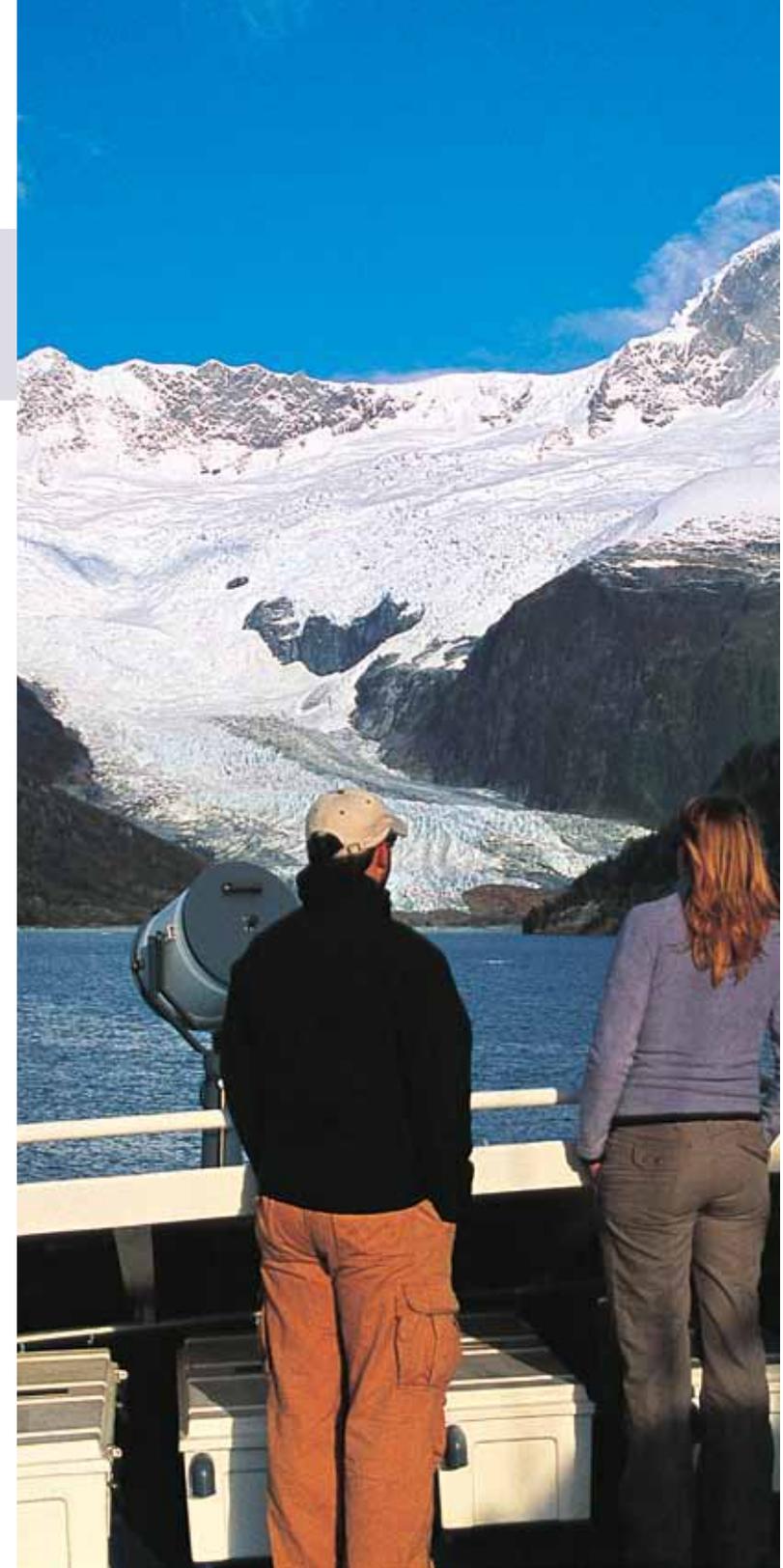
Day 4: Cape Horn – Wulaia Bay

- Sail through Murray Channel and Nassau Bay to Cape Horn National Park, and disembark (weather permitting), at mythical Cape Horn, the “end of the Earth”.
- In the afternoon, go ashore at historic Wulaia Bay, where Charles Darwin landed on January 23, 1833 with the HMS.
- Walk through a Magellanic forest of unique, native vegetation to a look-out point.

Day 5: Ushuaia

- Arrive at Ushuaia, Argentina’s most important city on Tierra del Fuego and the southernmost city in the world.
- Disembark at 8:00 a.m.

NOTE: The excursions/day trips described in the itineraries can normally be, and are frequently, carried out. However, Transportes Marítimos Terra Australis S.A., Transportes Marítimos Via Australis S.A., and Transportes Marítimos Geo Australis S.A. reserve the right to reschedule, shorten or alter all or part of itineraries and/or excursions without previous notice, in order to safeguard the well being and safety of passengers and preserve the environment or due to extraordinary circumstances, acts of god or force majeure. For the same reasons, the hours of departure or arrival of the vessels may be subject to change.



Ushuaia (Argentina) – Punta Arenas (Chile) – 3 nights

M/V Stella Australis

Departure from Ushuaia: Wednesday

Arrival at Punta Arenas: Saturday

M/V VIA Australis

Departure from Ushuaia: Saturday

Arrival at Punta Arenas: Tuesday



Day 1: Ushuaia

- Check in at Cruceros Australis offices, San Martín 409, Ushuaia, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Board cruise ship from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Enjoy a welcome cocktail reception hosted by Captain and crew.
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Day 3: Piloto and Nena Glaciers

- Awake to sail the isolated Brecknock and Ocasión channels, reaching Cockburn Channel in the afternoon.
- After lunch, arrive at Chico Sound and disembark in Zodiac boats to explore Alakaluf Fjord, with its beautiful waterfalls.
- Observe the Piloto and Nena glaciers from the sea, and learn about their formation.

Day 4: Magdalena Island – Punta Arenas

- Early in the morning, go ashore on Magdalena Island (weather permitting), once an essential supply source for explorers in the Strait of Magellan. View the island’s immense Magellanic penguin colony on a walk to a lighthouse. Visitors in September and April will instead make a trip by Zodiac boats to Marta Island to observe sea lions.
- Sail to Punta Arenas, disembarking at 11:30 am.

Equipment for Expeditions

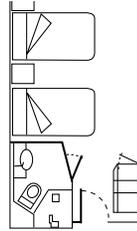
Be ready for two- to three-hour walks in Tierra del Fuego’s changeable weather with an assortment of clothing, including a sweater, a waterproof parka and waterproof pants. The average air temperature from September through April will be around 50° F, but rain and cool winds may require extra layers.



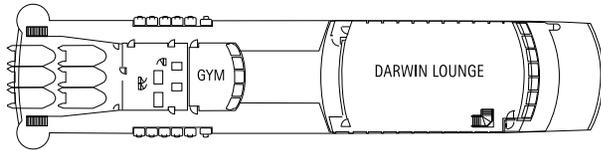
Infrastructure and Distribution

M/V Stella Australis

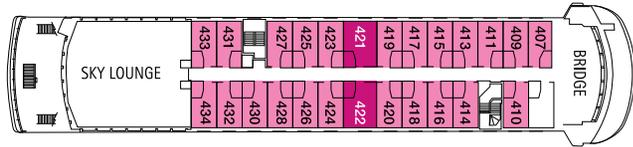
Total cabins	100	Passenger capacity	210
B Cabins	3	A Cabins	34
AA Cabins	36	AAA Cabins	23
AA Cabins superior	2	AAA Cabins superior	2



Cabin Plan
 Standard 177 sq.ft.
 Superior 220 sq.ft.

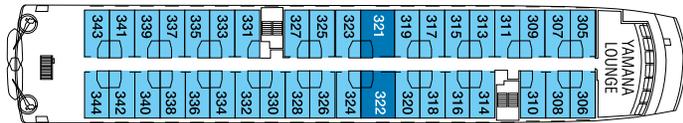


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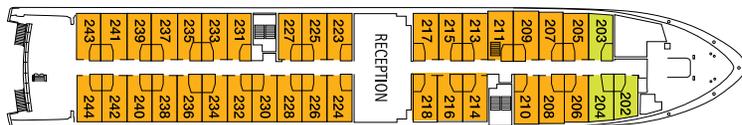
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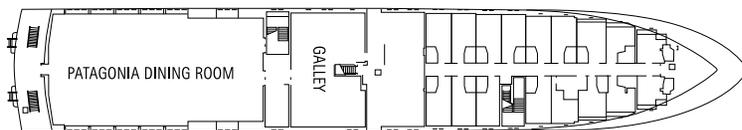
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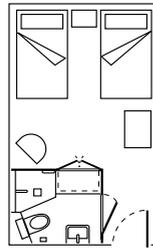
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PATAGONIA DECK



M/V Via Australis – M/V Mare Australis



Cabin Plan
161 sq.ft.

DARWIN DECK

CABO DE HORNOS DECK

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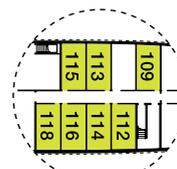
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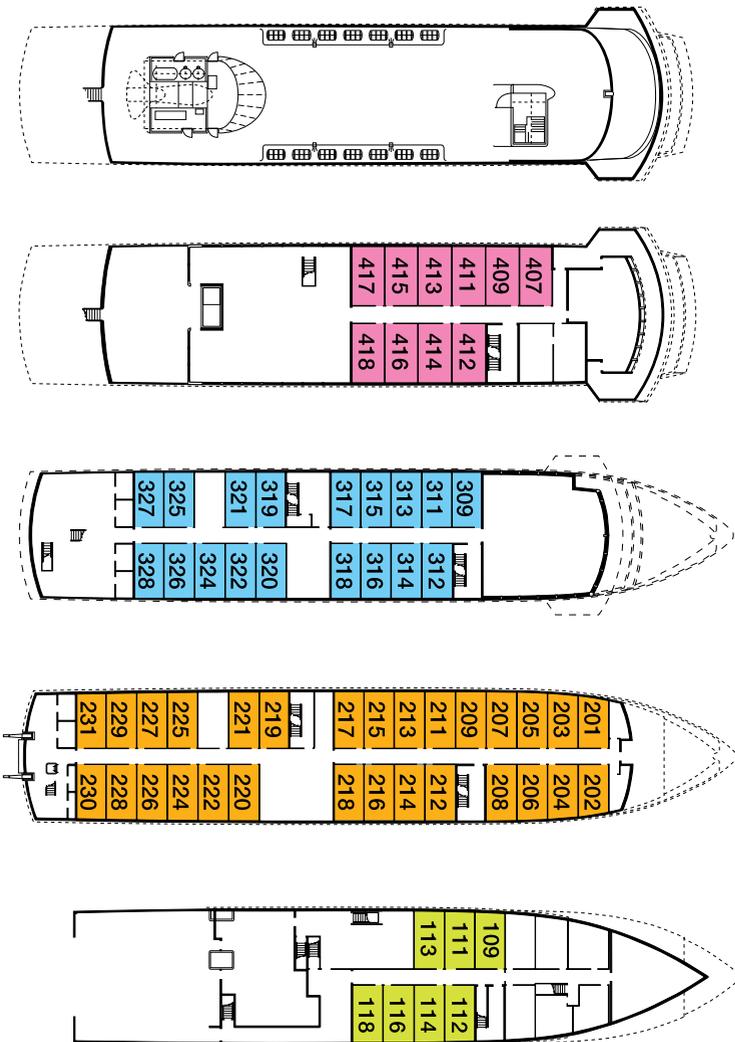
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Mare Australis



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Ships Specifications

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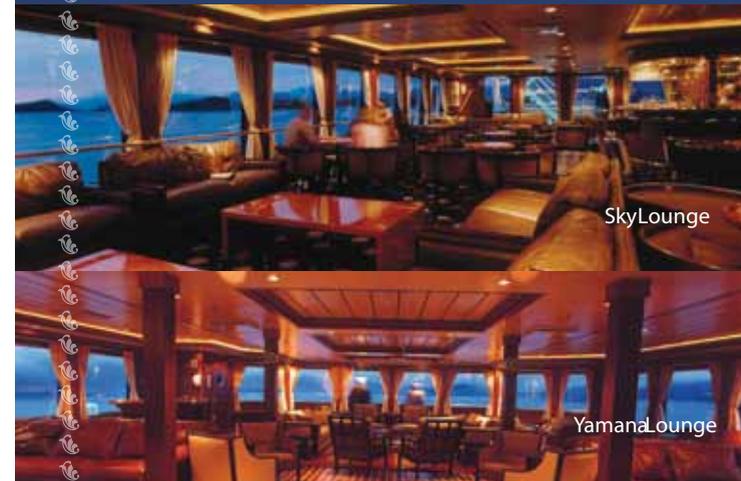
Gross tonnage: 4,500
 Built: 2010
 Cabins: (96 cabins of 177 sq.ft., and 4 superior cabins of 221 sq.ft.)
 Decks: 5 decks
 Lounges: 3 lounges, an exercise room, a large open terrace and a dining room.
 Naut Length: 292.0 ft
 Breadth: ft 47.9

Via Australis

Gross tonnage: 2,664
 Built: 2005
 Cabins: 64 cabins of 161 sq.ft., with private facilities, low beds and panoramic windows.
 Decks: 5 decks
 Lounges: 2 lounges and one dining room.
 Length: ft 235.7
 Breadth: 44.0 ft

Mare Australis

Gross tonnage: 2,664
 Built: 2002
 Cabins: 64 cabins of 161 sq.ft., with private facilities, low beds and panoramic windows.
 Decks: 5 decks
 Lounges: 2 lounges and one dining room.
 Length: 235.7 ft
 Breadth: 44.0 ft



SkyLounge

Yamana Lounge



Service

- Daily excursions via Zodiac boats, accompanied by our own expert guides in small groups.
- All-inclusive meals and bar with selected beverages, liquors, and wines (during open hours).
- Audiovisual presentations on the region's flora, fauna, geography, glaciology, ethnography, and history.
- Official languages on board are Spanish and English. However, you may find guides speaking French, German and Italian.
- Satellite phone access.

About Us



Cruceros Australis has a maritime history in Tierra del Fuego that spans more than 100 years. The pioneering family that started it all has continued to make exploration and conservation a dual mission for the company, bringing visitors up close to one of the wildest areas in the world, with as little environmental impact as possible.

To keep this precious wilderness pristine, Cruceros Australis avoids massive tourism. Our tours are small, as are our ships, which allow us to bring visitors to the heart of Tierra del Fuego as no one else can. The entire staff is trained in all aspects of conservation and environmental protection, and we help our passengers to follow the same procedures.

Our goal is to increase understanding of this amazing part of the world by sharing as much experience and information with visitors as time allows. Our excursions are guided by expedition leaders who provide scientific information, constantly updated. On-board lectures give passengers deep and lasting insight into what they will see and visit.

Our commitment to sustainable scientific tourism means that passengers will be able to witness and take part in the scientific aspect of the trip as the Cruceros Australis Expedition Team photographs glaciers, marine and land mammals and measures water temperature in zones of glaciers – data that is passed on to CEQUA (Center of Quaternary Studies Fuego-Patagonia and Antarctica).

Come join us on a life-changing voyage to a spectacular wilderness like no place on Earth.

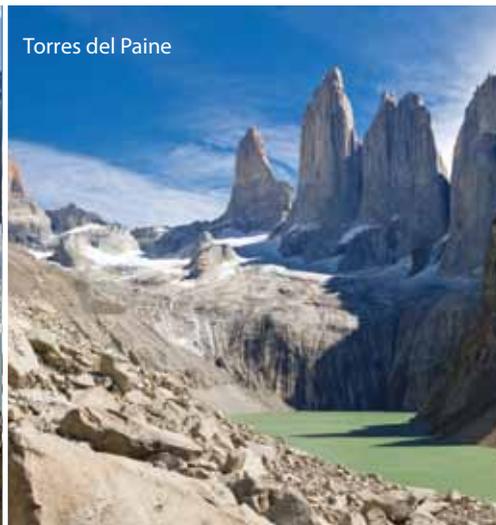


A visit to Southern Patagonia with Cruceros Australis can be a part of a remarkable adventure in the region, so take advantage of the must-see stops while you are there.

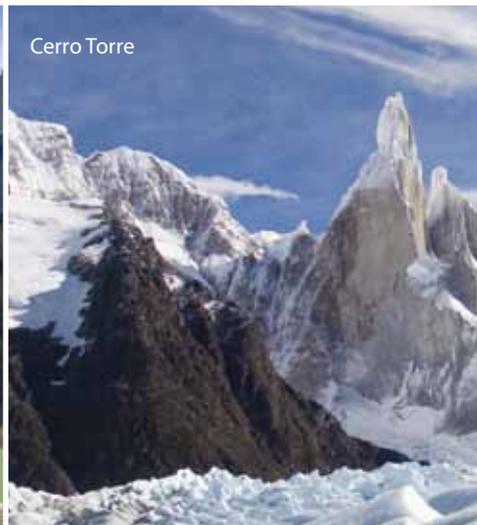
Glaciar Perito Moreno



Torres del Paine



Cerro Torre



Torres del Paine

Torres del Paine lies between the Andes Mountains and the Patagonian Steppe in Chilean Patagonia, north of Punta Arenas, and is a designated UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. The 698 square-mile park features glaciers, lakes and river-rich areas, populated with exotic plants and animals, such as puma and guanaco. A stay in the park will allow for trekking, horseback riding, sailing, kayaking, climbing or fishing, as well as daily tours and expeditions. Comfortable accommodation in the park can be found in one of its lodges, hotels or in several more rustic refugios.

The southern gate of Torres del Paine is less than 50 miles from the town of Puerto Natales and accessible via Punta Arenas and Santiago. Ask your travel agent about transportation to the park.

Los Glaciares

North of Torres del Paine, in the Austral Andes of Argentina, you'll find Los Glaciares National Park, declared a UNESCO's World

Heritage site in 1981. On the northern end of the park, experience one of the most extraordinary views on Earth, where Monte Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre, two of the most rugged peaks in the Patagonian Andes, hold court over an astounding vista of granite peaks, lakes, woods and glaciers. On the southern side of the park, you can see the awe-inspiring Glaciar Perito Moreno and witness the epic ice falls from its front face. Look for condor, choique and guanaco among the many animal species and plants found here.

The small village of El Chaltén is the gateway to the peaks of Los Glaciares, offering supplies and shelter to tourists and trekkers from around the globe. Both national parks are accessible to the village of El Calafate, "capital of the glaciers". Flights arrive there daily from Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. You can also travel to Los Glaciares via bus or car from Rio Gallegos. Ask your travel agent for more details.

Recommended Hotels:



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