INCREDIBLE PATAGONIA Saturday 16 November – Sunday 1 December 2024



16 days, ex-Buenos Aires

\$NZ5995

(based on a minimum of 8 participants and subject to currency fluctuations) This is an estimated price as at July 2023

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Exploring the two great capital cities of Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Santiago (Chile).
- Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, gateway to Cape Horn and the Antarctic.
- Beagle Channel catamaran cruise
- Tierra del Fuego, Los Glaciares, Bernardo O'Higgins and Torres del Paine National Parks
- Some of the best ranches on the continent
- Wonderful cuisine: Patagonian lamb, king crab, BBQ beef, and exquisite wines.
- A wide range of choices: boat cruises, trekking, kayaking
- Amazing flora and fauna in a variety of diverse natural landscapes

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4-star hotels: Pestana Buenos Aires Fueguino in Ushuaia Lagos del Calafate Costaustralis in Puerto Natales Fundador in Santiago
- Daily breakfast included and lunches or dinners if detailed in the itinerary.
- Transport (internal flights and road). All transportation between airports and hotels and pick up and drop off for all activities.
- The services of experienced and knowledgeable English-speaking guides.
- National park entry fees, historic site entry fees.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to and from South America (Buenos Aires and Santiago).
- Any optional activities or choices, personal expenses outside of the inclusions.
- Travel insurance (mandatory).

Itinerary

Introduction

This is one of the best tours to choose if you`re looking to visit the best of Argentinian and Chilean Patagonia, with the capital cities included. If you have two weeks, it`s a great option.

The tour starts in Buenos Aires, one of the most important cities in South America, with the European touch, warm people, great gastronomy (taste the local beef, the asado and the malbec wine!), awesome architecture, and unique places like Caminito in La Boca, San Telmo, Recoleta, Palermo, Puerto Madeo and more.

Next, we will fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, gateway to Tierra del Fuego National Park, the Train of the End of the World, and the Beagle Channel.

Then, we will visit El Calafate and the incredible Perito Moreno and other glaciers, cruising the Argentino Lake in Los Glaciares National Park.

We cross to Chile to visit one of the highlights in Patagonia: Torres del Paine National Park.

And finally, we will fly to Santiago to visit the modern and commercial heart of Chile, to enjoy the local wine in Colchagua and Maipo Canyon, and visiting Viña del Mar and Valparaiso.

Day 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires (Saturday 16 Nov)

Welcome to Buenos Aires, the capital city of Argentina and one of the most important cities in South America. After arriving at the International Airport, called Ministro Pistarini and known by the name of Ezeiza, you will be ready to enjoy the European style in the architecture, history, the unique experience of the tango, great gastronomy, and the warmth of the local people called "Porteños". You will stay 3 nights in this unique city and the first day is free to rest.

Day 2: Visiting Buenos Aires (Sunday 17 Nov)

After breakfast, we will start a 4-hour city tour visiting the best of Buenos Aires. As we told you, Buenos Aires is one of the most European cities in South America, to be honest... the most. And it's because of the European influence in the architecture from the beginning of the past century.

Our tour includes different areas in the city. We will enjoy La Boca, one of the most famous places, that includes Caminito and Boca Juniors Stadium called "La Bombonera". Of course, we will visit San Telmo, another traditional place in Buenos Aires. Please note, on Sundays the famous San Telmo fair will be opened where you can find many interesting antiques.

Our tour also includes the visit to the traditional Plaza de Mayo, with the Government House called "Casa Rosada", the Cabildo, the Cathedral, and all the history around this emblematic square. We will see the Obelisk and 9 de Julio Avenue. Then, Colon Theatre, one of the most important opera houses in the world. You can take a guided visit if you want, but it's important to buy tickets in advance.

This tour will allow us to get to know other areas of the city, such as the neighbourhoods of Recoleta, Palermo and Puerto Madero, a renovated dockside area with a rich gastronomy on offer.

After this tour, you`re free to enjoy the city at your own. There are many activities to do, like the visit to Colon Theatre with a walking tour, or the excursion to Tigre Delta.

In the evening, you can enjoy some optional tours, like an amazing Tango Show, or a Buenos Aires by night activity before returning to your hotel and resting for our next trip tomorrow.

Day 3: Visiting the Pampas (Monday 18 Nov)

After breakfast, we will start our tour to the Pampas, to visit one of the traditional estancias or farms. It's one of the classic visits you can enjoy during your stay in Buenos Aires. usually called "Fiesta Gaucha" and where we will make activities associated with the local traditions, like the typical "Asado Criollo", an unforgettable horse riding, and the traditional folklore show. After lunch which is included of course, we will enjoy some gaucho demonstration with horses, in activities called Carreras de Sortijas.

Return to the hotel is around 5 pm, and you have some free time for rest, or may be enjoy some of our optional activities.

Day 4: Buenos Aires to Ushuaia (Tuesday 19 Nov)

After breakfast, free time until transfer to the local airport to take flight to Ushuaia.

Welcome to Ushuaia, well known as the southernmost city in the world, and gate to many different cruises visiting Cape Horn and Antarctica. After arrival, our guide will be waiting for your transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day is free, but depending on your arrival time, you can enjoy some of our optional activities.

Day 5: Tierra del Fuego National Park and Beagle Channel Cruise (Wednesday 20 Nov)

After breakfast, we will start our first visit. Tierra del Fuego National Park is located only 12 km from Ushuaia and it's a very natural environment to be enjoyed. When you arrive you can buy tickets to one of the main attractions in the area: the Train of the End of The World. The train is optional. After that, and once in the park, you are going to see different species of trees in a very characteristic forest, something as bushes, beech trees, ñires, Indio's beard and flowers in an area of 63.000 hectares. Of course, we will stop many times during our visit to enjoy the panoramic views and take great photos.

From there, we are going to go to Verde Lake and then Lapataia Bay, places where you could see beaver dams and peatlands. On our way back, we will stop on Lake Roca, called also Acigami, to take our last photos of the national park. Return to Ushuaia city will be around 1.30pm and you have some free time for lunch. Let us suggest the unique King Crab, or the incredible Patagonia Lamb!

After lunch and in the afternoon, just walk to the port, located few steps from the centre, to embark in a catamaran to enjoy the Beagle Channel. This cruise is towards the Sea Lions Island, Birds Island and the Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse. We will see a colony of sea lions and Imperial Cormorants among other birds.

Heading back to the city, you can enjoy the panoramic views of Ushuaia city and the mountains. Return is around 5.30 pm, depending on the season. Free time and overnight.

Day 6: Choice of activities (Thursday 21 Nov)

Today, we keep the day free for you, but there are many options to choose: You can visit Fagnano and Escondido Lakes, enjoy an incredible trekking to Laguna Esmeralda, or enjoy a wonderful 4×4 ride to the heart of the island.

- Excursion to Fagnano and Escondido Lakes
- A full day tour to the heart of Tierra del Fuego Island
 - Lakes Off Road
- An awesome 4x4 ride to Fagnano and Escondido Lakes
 - Excursion to Gable Island, Penguin Colony & Canoes

A complete amazing adventure (min 2 pax)

• Full Day Tour to Esmerald Lagoon

A great opportunity to discover the amazing colour of the Emerald Lagoon and the habits and behaviour of some unique introduced rodents.

- Trekking to Turquesa Lagoon and Caravajal Mount
- A great trekking activity in Ushuaia! (min 2 pax)

• City Tour Ushuaia & Museum of the prison of Ushuaia

A complete visit to Ushuaia to learn more about the origins of the city

• Gable Island, Penguin Rookery, and Harberton Ranch

This excursion is a beautiful journey into the almost uninhabited, peaceful location of the first "estancia" (cattle ranch) in Argentina.

Day 7: Ushuaia to El Calafate (Friday 22 Nov)

After breakfast, free time until transfer out to airport for your flight to next destination. If you have time in the morning, you can enjoy some of the optional activities available. Say goodbye to Ushuaia, the city of the end of the world...

Arrive at El Calafate, one of the most important destinations in Patagonia because it`s the gate to visit Perito Moreno and many other glaciers in the area. After check-in, you have free time, but if you`re an active person, you can choose any of the available options.

Day 8: Perito Moreno Glacier (Saturday 23 Nov)

After breakfast, we will start our visit to one of the highlights of Patagonia: the incredible Perito Moreno Glacier.

El Calafate is located 80 km from Perito Moreno Glacier, along a 50 km paved road. The last 30km are within Los Glaciares National Park.

During the first 40 km you travel through the Patagonian steppe, which is very typical in the area, but once you enter the National Park there is a real change in the vegetation, such as ñires (*nothofagus antartica*), guindos (*nothofagus betuloides*) and lengas (*nothofagus pumilio*); also some isolated canelos (*drimys winteri*) and many-coloured flowers, among them the intense red-coloured notro (*embothrium coccineum*), the typical flower of the Andean Patagonian forest.

Once at the Glacier, the visitor is overwhelmed by the impressive spectacle and can appreciate the many unforgettable vistas from the walking paths. You will have free time to enjoy this show. You can see enormous blocks of ice falling into the lake with a thunderous crash. It's an amazing display of nature. There is a restaurant, a snack bar, and restrooms.

You can choose some good options that can be added to the visit, like the mini trekking to walk over the ice of the glacier or the Nautical Safari which is a cruise to see the glacier from the lake.

Day 9: Choice of activities (Sunday 24 Nov)

After breakfast, we keep this day free, so you can choose one of the full day boat cruises available, to visit different glaciers in Los Glaciares National Park:

• Excursion to Estancia Cristina, Classic Option

Full-day boat cruise in Los Glaciares Nat Park & visit to the Estancia Cristina

• Excursion to Estancia Cristina, Discovery Option

Full-day boat cruise in Los Glaciares Nat Park & visit to the Estancia Cristina

- Excursion to Estancia Cristina, Horseback Riding Option -
- Full-day boat cruise in Los Glaciares Nat Park & visit to the Estancia Cristina
 - Excursion to Estancia Cristina, Trekking Option
- Full-day boat cruise in Los Glaciares Nat Park & visit to the Estancia Cristina
 - The Glaciers Gourmet Experience Full Day
- It's an amazing full-day boat cruise in El Calafate
 - Todo Glaciares Boat Cruise

Enjoy a different glacier in Los Glaciares National Park

• Chalten Full Day Tour from El Calafate

A full day trip from El Calafate, to visit El Chaltén. El Chaltén is a village within Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina's Santa Cruz province. It's a gateway to trails surrounding the peaks of Cerro Torre and Mount Fitz Roy to the northwest. Near Fitz Roy, a path leads to the Laguna de los Tres viewpoint. Just northwest of the village, the shores of Laguna Capri offer mountain views.

- Full Day Torres del Paine National Park from El Calafate
- A full day trip to Torres del Paine National Park
 - Kayaking in the Perito Moreno Glacier region

Day 10: From El Calafate to Puerto Natales (Monday 25 Nov)

After breakfast, you have some free time until your transfer to airport or bus station to continue your trip. If you leave in the afternoon, you can choose an interesting optional activity.

Good-bye El Calafate!

Arrival to Puerto Natales bus station or Punta Arenas Airport and transfer to your hotel in Puerto Natales. The city is located at the opening of Ultima Esperanza Sound, and from here you will visit amazing places, such as Torres del Paine National Park or Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers. After check in, free time to enjoy walking the city, or just rest to be ready for the next day.

Day 11: Torres del Paine NP (Tuesday 26 Nov)

After breakfast, we will start one of the best excursions you can do in Patagonia. Yes, it's the visit to Torres del Paine National Park. After picking up all the passengers from their accommodations, the tour starts around 8:00am. Our first destination is Milodon's Cave, the place where in 1895 were found remains of a colossal prehistoric animal, and nowadays there is a replica of that mammal together with detailed information of the glaciological process of how the cave was formed.

After this, we will go to Cerro Castillo to have a short break and enjoy snack services, coffee shops and souvenir stores.

From that point, we will go to Torres del Paine Park where the first natural sceneries we will see are: Sarmiento Lake Lookout, Paine's towers, Paine's Horns and Almirante Nieto Hill. Regarding fauna, the most predominant animals you will see are guanacos, lesser rhea and condors. Also in the park live foxes, hares, rufous-collared sparrows and the lion of America: the mountain cat.

Inside the park we will see turquoise lakes such as Pehoé and Nordenskjold, waterfalls and mountains covered in ice. A walk of 15 minutes is necessary to get close to Salto Grande waterfall.

After lunch, the visit continues with a walk along the shore of the Grey Lake, from where you can see small icebergs and at the back the great Grey glacier. Depending on preferences, the return can be on the same route or using the new road, ending at your accommodation. Free time and overnight.

Day 12: Choice of activities (Wednesday 27 Nov)

After breakfast, we keep the day free, so you can choose any of the optional activities you can find in the list below:

• Full Day Boat Cruise to Balmaceda & Serrano Glaciers

A great visit to two glaciers in Bernardo O'Higgins Nat Park.

• Full Day Trekking to Base las Torres

The most traditional trekking activity in Torres del Paine National Park.

Day 13: Puerto Natales to Santiago (Thursday 28 Nov)

After breakfast, free time to enjoy Puerto Natales until your transfer to the bus station or Punta Arenas Airport to continue with your itinerary.

Arrival to Santiago Merino Airport, in Santiago de Chile. The Chilean capital has become a good choice for international travellers, developing a reputation as a calm and clean city with a good quality of life. It's one of the most important and populated cities in South America. Most government activities take place in Santiago's downtown area, which is home to La Moneda (the presidential palace), Plaza de Armas, and the Judicial and Executive Branches. There are also many museums and shopping malls.

Districts such as Providencia, Bellavista, Las Condes, and Vitacura offer a dazzling array of businesses, shops, and restaurants as well as bustling nightlife.

Santiago is also located near many attractions, such as the beach house of poet Pablo Neruda, Isla Negra, ski resorts located around 60 km from the city, spots in the Andean foothills like Cajón del Maipo, the port of Valparaíso, which is about an hour from Santiago, and Viña del Mar and other summer resorts on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Options for enjoying the mountains and sea are always right at your fingertips in Santiago.

Day 14: City Tour in Santiago (Friday 29 Nov)

After breakfast, our guide will be waiting for us for our first visit. We will enjoy a city tour to discover one of the most modern capitals of South America.

Santiago is a cosmopolitan and vibrant capital that perfectly combines tradition and modernity. The tour will allow you to know the origins of the city and emblematic places like the Cathedral, the Post Office, the Plaza de Armas, and the famous Palacio de la Moneda, the house of the Chilean government. You will discover the traditional neighbourhoods of the historic centre. We visit Santa Lucía hill, called Huelén by the natives, a real urban oasis in the heart of the centre. Learn more about the history of Chile and enjoy privileged views of the capital and the mountains surrounding the city. The second part of the tour will take you to the east, to see the financial area of Santiago, and modern buildings. Duration is around 4 hours. Return to the hotel and free time.

Day 15: Viña del Mar and Valparaiso (Saturday 30 Nov)

After breakfast, our guide will be waiting for you to start our visit to Viña del Mar and Valparaiso, in the direction of Chile's coast. We drive through the country's main wine- producing areas, so we can admire the vineyard-covered landscapes along the way. We will stop to take some great photos of this important area. We will continue to the coastal road known as the Camino de la Pólvora, arriving at Valparaíso, considered the cultural capital of Chile, full of colours and unique views of the pier and the city over the hill. We will visit the Muelle Prat, a historic dock filled with dozens of colourful boats. From Plaza Sotomayor, the main gateway to Valparaíso from the sea, you'll immerse yourself in the old quarter, declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Place.

We will visit the House-Museum of Pablo Neruda, called as La Sebastiana. You'll then reach Paseo 21 de Mayo, a natural viewpoint at the bottom of the Artillería Hill, where you'll be able to take in a panoramic view of Valparaíso's view from the blue sea to the city and the surrounding mountains.

Our next step is the visit to the city of Viña del Mar, whose name in Spanish means "Vineyard of the Sea". The coastal town is also often called the Garden City, and you'll soon see why when you visit sights such as the iconic Flower Clock on the side of Castle Hill. Free time for lunch and then, some free time to enjoy the beach, before returning to your hotel in Santiago de Chile.

Day 16: Goodbye Santiago (Sunday, 1 December)

After breakfast, free time until transfer out to airport.

EXTRA EXCURSIONS

From Santiago it is possible to undertake further excursions to Easter Island (Chile), Machu Picchu (Peru), Iguazu Falls (Argentina) and the Galapagos Islands (Ecuador). These are <u>not</u> part of our tour, but you can arrange to do them, after the tour concludes, through your preferred travel agent.

INCREDIBLE PATAGONIA 2024: Booking Conditions :

- 1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
- 2. Footsteps Walking and Travel Club is not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip.
- 3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be fully refunded. We also reserve the right to make any modifications that may be essential.
- 4. The trip price includes some subsidisation of the leader's administrative and travel expenses.
- 5. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration Form. The deposit is \$995 per person.
- 6. Registrations **should be sent as early as possible** in order to obtain optimal arrangements. Once we reach "critical mass" the trip moves from "orange light" status to "green light" status and the earlier that happens the better because people can then book flights with confidence. The deadline for registrations is **30 April, 2024**, or earlier if fully subscribed.
- 7. Half of the balance (\$2500) is due by **1 July, 2024** and the remainder (\$2500) by **1 September, 2024**. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking to Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (please write your surname in the reference box).
- 8. Arrangements are made in other currencies. Events beyond our control, such as exchange rate fluctuations or any unforeseen additional costs, may affect the overall trip price. We cannot guarantee the price until such times as *full payment has been received* (1 Sept, 2024). Upon full payment, the trip price is guaranteed.
- 9. Cancellations. If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise Phillip in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. Full refunds are given up to 90 days prior. Following that, refunds are by negotiation, with the aim of refunding the maximum amount possible. Travel insurance can cover you for unexpected changes of plan that have a valid reason. If you find a suitable replacement person, cancellation fees MAY be waived.
- 10. Personal travel insurance is mandatory, and proof thereof should be carried by all participants.

A registration form is below...

Registration Form – Incredible Patagonia, 2024

Complete and send to Phillip Donnell with Waiver Form and a copy of the data page in your passport. The deposit required is \$995 per person Our preferred payment method is internet banking into Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (with your surname and "IP 2024" in reference columns).

Your full name(s) as per passport(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s)

Mailing address

Day phone

Night phone

Mobile

Email

Date(s) of birth

Are you comfortable in close contact with like-minded travellers for 3.5 weeks with all the give and take needed for harmony? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the full trip dossier and I / We enclose the per person deposit of \$995pp. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by the due dates. I/ We understand that the final trip price is subject to minimum numbers and other cost impacts as detailed under the Booking Conditions section; therefore the final trip price cannot be guaranteed until such time as *full payment has been made*.

Signed (all participants should sign here):

FOOTSTEPS WALKING and TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

PROVIDER: Footsteps Walking and Travel Club (Phillip John Donnell)("Footsteps")

PARTICIPANT:

("the Participant")

I, the Participant, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Footsteps from all and any liability, claims, demands and damages, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether foreseeable or otherwise, either at law or in equity, which arise or may arise from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Waiver discharges Footsteps from any liability or claim that I may have against Footsteps in respect of personal injury, illness, medical treatment, death, property loss or damage, and otherwise howsoever, resulting from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps. I hereby waive all such rights and remedies.

I accept that I participate in the services and activities entirely at my own risk.

I acknowledge and accept that this Release and Waiver:

- (a) Extends to and covers all contractors, agents, volunteers and employees of Footsteps; and
- (b) Binds the executors, administrators, successors, attorneys and assigns of both parties.

Signed by the Participant:

Date:



FOOTSTEPS WALKING AND TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

COVID POLICY AND SAFETY MEASURES

Footsteps would like to thank you for joining one of our excursions to share and experience some incredible destinations with us – you're in for a treat! We trust you are ready to disconnect in order to reconnect with nature, landscape, wellness and likeminded travellers.

With the 2023-24 Season upon us, we thank you for your ongoing support post the COVID-19 pandemic. As a touring enterprise we continue to navigate ongoing uncertainty related to travel. Regardless, the safety of our guests and staff is a priority.

In recent times there has however been significant relaxation of the rules around travel associated with COVID-19. In that context, we have updated our COVID-19 policy and associated safety measures in line with official advice.

Footsteps has appropriate safety measures in place to help manage and mitigate COVID-19 risks on all trips operated by us. We have robust procedures and protocols in place for your wellbeing.

We would like to acquaint you in more detail with the Footsteps Covid policy, which in turn reflects that of most tour companies. These are our expectations, which are now a condition of your booking a trip and travelling with us:

- 1. You will ensure that Covid cover is part of your travel insurance policy. It is essential that you do this in order that that any unexpected circumstances, including risks of needing to cancel tour participation due to COVID or illness, can be reimbursed by your insurance company.
- 2. No guest should present for a tour if they are unwell, or have symptoms that may impact their ability to complete the walks/activities safely, having regard to their own interests and those of fellow guests and guides.
 - If you are older, not up-to-date with vaccinations, or at high risk for other reasons, talk to your GP, community pharmacy or local healthcare provider to find out more.
 - Since airlines no longer require pre-flight testing, you should take a RAT test within 48 hours prior to coming on the trip. If positive, you should not embark on the trip in terms of contact with the rest of the group. You can fly to your destination if you wish, but not participate with the group until you are clear.
 - If upon pick up at our meeting location on day one you are displaying any symptoms, our guides may make a determination as to whether you are fit and healthy, and appropriately equipped, to attend the tour.
- 3. You should wear a mask in all crowded spaces, such as airports, planes, buses, shopping centres, restaurants, transport hubs. It is strongly recommended that you also wear a mask when with the group.
- 4. As an added safety precaution, Footsteps asks that all guests ensure prior to trip departure that they have an adequate supply of face masks, hand sanitiser and an approved rapid antigen COVID-19 test kit.
 - Since RAT tests are not supplied, you need to bring them with you on the trip, and test yourself every 3-4 days, as well as at the first sign of feeling unwell. If you have any suspicion of having

Covid, you should do a test. You must also take a RAT test if asked to do so by the trip leader or tour agency.

- You are most infectious (or contagious) in the first 5 days *after* your symptoms start. You can also spread COVID-19 in the 48 hours *before* your symptoms start. If you never have symptoms, consider yourself most infectious in the 5 days after you test positive.
- 5. Guides may choose to evacuate a guest off the tour if they have concerns about the ability of that guest to complete the walks/activities safely, having regard to their own interests and those of fellow guests and guides.
 - If you contract Covid during a trip, it is anticipated that you will immediately isolate (at your own expense) until such time as you test negative. This may involve moving to another part of an accommodation facility, moving to a different accommodation facility, or returning home early. Isolation is necessary to protect others (from the risk of infection) and also yourself. Rest is vital too much activity while having Covid or while taking anti-virals, can worsen the condition.
 - New Zealand Government advice is as follows:
 If you test COVID-19 positive, self-isolate for 7 days with no further tests.
 If you are a close contact of a positive case: Testing negative at day 3 and day 7 means that you can then you can leave self-isolation.
 If you are a close contact who then tests positive your 7 days self-isolation restarts.
 If you still have symptoms on day 7, isolate until 24 hours after you no longer have symptoms.
 - In the event of the need to evacuate a guest from a tour, arranging accommodation, treatment, medication, and meals are primarily your responsibility, as are any additional costs associated with the evacuation. However, our team will reasonably assist in organising these things (after having regard among other things to the interests of fellow travellers and guides).
 - On longer trips, you may re-join the group when your isolation period is over (at least 5 days after showing symptoms). No refund of trip fees is possible in these circumstances.

We cannot guarantee that nobody will contract Covid on any of our trips. That possibility is now a fact of life. However, the above measures are designed to prevent this from happening, and to ensure that everyone knows what to do in the event of it happening.

Thanks for your understanding and anticipated precautions.



