



# ELSEWHERE PATAGONIA ARGENTINA

2024





# OUR DREAM OF BRINGING GUESTS ELSEWHERE

As we developed the concept for Elsewhere Brewing, we spent two years backpacking the USA, South America and Europe. During this adventure we met some incredible people and experienced some incredible places -- places that no travel agency knew about.

Eating, drinking, and meeting the people involved in making the delicious food and drinks is our favorite part of traveling. After having some incredible experiences along the way, we knew that someday we would take like-minded individuals to the same places to share in the experience.

Our first trip Elsewhere was to Patagonia in February 2023 ... we're excited to offer this trip again in 2024, with even more knowledge and appreciation for this region of the world. A fine-tuned itinerary should make this trip even better than our first excursion!



# THE TEAM



**Richard Oyarzun**  
Chef & Travel Guide

**Sara & Sam Kazmer**  
Founders of Elsewhere



# RICHARD OYARZUN

Richard Oyarzun is a professional chef specializing in culinary experiences. He has 30 years of experience in Patagonian cuisine and culinary culture. He has lived in Bariloche for more than 20 years, a small town within a very large national park that is surrounded by rivers, lakes, mountains and glaciers. As a nature lover and chef, he lives to share his passion for outdoor life and gastronomic adventure in Argentine Patagonia.



- **Intimate groups -- 10-14 people**
- **Argentine guide & Elsewhere guide always with you**
- **11 days total including travel**
- **Food, lodging, drinks, excursions ALL included -- you will never run out of wine here :)**
- **Nearly everything on the trip will be pre-paid, and all reservations & accommodations are cared for by our team on-site**



# TRIP OVERVIEW

**The trip focuses on exploring the terrain, food, and drink of the Patagonia region.**

**Throughout your travels, our guide Richard will share the people, places, and culture he's discovered during his lifetime in this part of the world.**

**The trip is truly an escape from the day-to-day of city living -- we'll enjoy beautiful nature, hiking, swimming & more together.**



# DAY “0”

Travel before group trip begins!

Allows for a flexible amount of time to be spent in Buenos Aires

Our trip together will begin on the morning of February 1st in Bariloche. To get to Bariloche, you need to connect through Buenos Aires with a day-long layover.

To make this process as flexible as possible and allow for folks to extend the trip as much as they want, we’re going to offer suggestions on flights, hotels and airport transfer accommodations within Buenos Aires, but this will not be part of our Elsewhere group trip. We will even include some of our favorite restaurants and sight-seeing locations in Buenos Aires!

Each party will be responsible for their own flight booking, hotels in Buenos Aires, and arrival to the Bariloche airport on February 1st. This allows you to spend one night or multiple nights in Buenos Aires, or even visit other South American countries en route to our trip together.

Specific details about this portion of the trip will be made available to individuals who book the trip, but it’ll take roughly this shape:

**Tuesday, Jan. 30: Overnight flight out of Atlanta, lands in Buenos Aires EZE around 9am on Jan. 31**

**Wednesday, Jan. 31: Full day to explore Buenos Aires, eat a delicious meal or two, and get a good night’s rest**

**Thursday, Feb. 1: 7:45am flight out of Buenos Aires EZE or 8:30am flight out of Buenos Aires AEP**

We’ll make suggestions for flights and let you know the specific flights you need to book for the Feb. 1st morning when our trip together begins. But you’re welcome to spend more than a night in Buenos Aires to kick things off!



# DAY 1

Arrival to Patagonia

Travel to Bariloche &  
the Valle Encantado  
(Enchanted Valley)

**Morning flight into Bariloche, where we gather as a group and meet Richard. Then we take a shuttle together to the Valle Encantado (Enchanted Valley).**

**This is a secluded ranch area with no cell service or Wi-Fi, and power only operates for a few hours a day. It's a truly special place -- you won't find it on lists of Patagonia recommendations and you can't simply book a stay here online.**

**Our trip kicks off with an opportunity to disconnect and get acclimated with one another! Cabin-style lodging with comfortable beds.**

**Sparkling wines, a Patagonian asado dinner and sooooo many gin & tonics await us on our arrival!**



# DAY 2

## Valle Encantado

Wake up for breakfast and an optional yoga class.

Trek to the caves -- mostly light hiking, some steep areas, overall beginner level -- local beer tasting with cheeses & fruits at the caves! We'll sample beers from some breweries that we'll visit later in the week. There will be opportunities for awesome views.

Lunch back at the ranch -- an amazing fire-roasted chicken meal will be prepared while we sip on wine and relax around the beautiful grounds.

Afternoon swimming and R&R. Dinner & drinks will be a little earlier tonight, a lighter meal with fish and mushrooms. Before dinner, Richard will lead a little cooking class, demonstrating ceviche techniques.







# DAY 3

## Valle Encantado

**Wake up for breakfast and optional yoga. Lazy morning!**

**This is a free/rest day. Enjoy the magical space that is Valle Encantado -- hiking, swimming, hang with the group.**

**Optional activities available for an additional cost: Horseback riding, fly fishing, biking, massages, paragliding, condor watching, climbing.**

**Happy hour & dinner at the ranch. Our mission is to drink all of the wine that Richard brought with him :)**





# DAY 4

**Travel to Bariloche w/ hiking & brewery visits**

**After breakfast, we'll say our goodbyes to the Valle Encantado and head out together.**

**Hiking at the Cerro Lopez, a steep but rewarding hike. Amazing views await at the top, along with lunch at the Roca Negra shelter! Steak sandwiches, beers & more!**

**We'll catch a shuttle to go back down, then visit Berlina & Patagonia Breweries in the Colonia Suiza area. Beer samples will be plentiful.**

**We'll check into the hotel (TBC) and grab dinner at an Argentinian-style pizza spot. Drinks will be available with dinner, of course!**



# DAY 5

## BOAT DAY!

Early breakfast, then a shuttle.

We will ride a historic ship, the Kaiken, to enter the Brazo Tristeza - a remote fjord surrounded by mountains and ancient glaciers. We'll arrive at a Valdivian rainforest and trek to the Frey Waterfall.

This is a beautiful boat ride over crystalline blue water. It's a short, easy hike to a waterfall and lagoon -- opportunity to swim and slide down the natural water slides if you're adventurous!

Lunch & sparkling wine and chocolate tastings will feature on our return sail.

We'll return to the hotel, rest for a bit, then head to Brewery Gilbert for a tour of a smaller-scale Patagonian brewery. We'll eat dinner here too.



# DAY 6

**Travel to Mascardi Hotel lake lodge!**

**We will eat breakfast in the hotel, then you'll have a free morning around Bariloche. This is a great time to pick up souvenirs, pop into the local markets, and get your bags packed up for our next stop.**

**We'll travel together to the Mascardi Park Lodge & Hotel. This is a beautiful, lake-side lodge with comfortable rooms. When we arrive, you'll have options for swimming, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding. Some activities that involve renting equipment may incur a small additional cost.**

**Happy hour & dinner will be at the lodge. There's a large dining room where our whole group can eat & drink together, and the grounds are beautiful for after-hours hanging out, too!**



# DAY 7

## Andean Region excursion

**Eat an early breakfast at the lodge, then we'll take a trip to the Andean Region to meet local farmers & agricultural producers. Highlights include visiting a sheep cheese farm and plenty of fresh fruits & vegetables. You'll have the chance to shop in local markets and sample loads of freshly farmed fare.**

**Then, we'll navigate a hedge maze (a big attraction here!) and eat a late lunch at a local cidery where Richard helped craft the menu.**

**We'll return to the hotel for happy hour & dinner.**



# DAY 8

Mascardi Lodge

This is a totally free / chill day at the beautiful Mascardi Lodge grounds. Tomorrow is our big hike, so the goal is to rest up and enjoy each others' company. Swimming, yoga, hiking up to the Green Lagoon are all options for today.

Optional activities for an additional cost include: Horseback riding, bird watching, fly fishing, sailing, getting massages.

Happy hour & asado dinner by Richard tonight -- early night to prep for our big day.



# DAY 9

Big Hike Time.

We'll wake up early for a light breakfast, then head to Pampa Linda to begin our hike.

This is a big trek -- 10 miles up and ends high in the mountains, at the base of a glacier along the Chilean border. Most of the hike is relatively flat, but there are stretches with major elevation gain. En route, we'll have lunch along a river bank. This is

We'll arrive at the Refugio Rocca, our shelter for the night. There will be plenty of time to explore the high-alpine terrain, take pictures of the beautiful views, eat snacks, and share some beers. Dinner is served at the Refugio as well -- homemade fresh pasta and wine.

The Refugio Rocca has camp-style lodging -- think bunk-beds with sleeping bags. There are showers, but they cost extra to use, about \$20 USD.

If you elect to opt out of this hike, you can stay at the Pampa Linda Hotel and we'll have guides who can lead lighter hikes to visit lakes, glaciers, and waterfalls.



# DAY 10

**Descent hike, and one of the best lunches you will ever eat in your life**

**We hike down the same way we came up! The restaurant at Pampa Linda is our reward. They're famous for milanesa (breaded chicken), french fries & ice cold beers. After two days of hiking, that lunch is a sight for sore eyes!**

**Then we'll return to the Mascardi Lodge to rest up a bit. We close out our final day with a happy hour, dinner, and a farewell party.**





# DAY 11-12

## Return travel

We'll grab breakfast together before our trip back home. We'll fly from Bariloche to Buenos Aires, then back to Atlanta. The flight back will land early morning on the twelfth day of the trip.

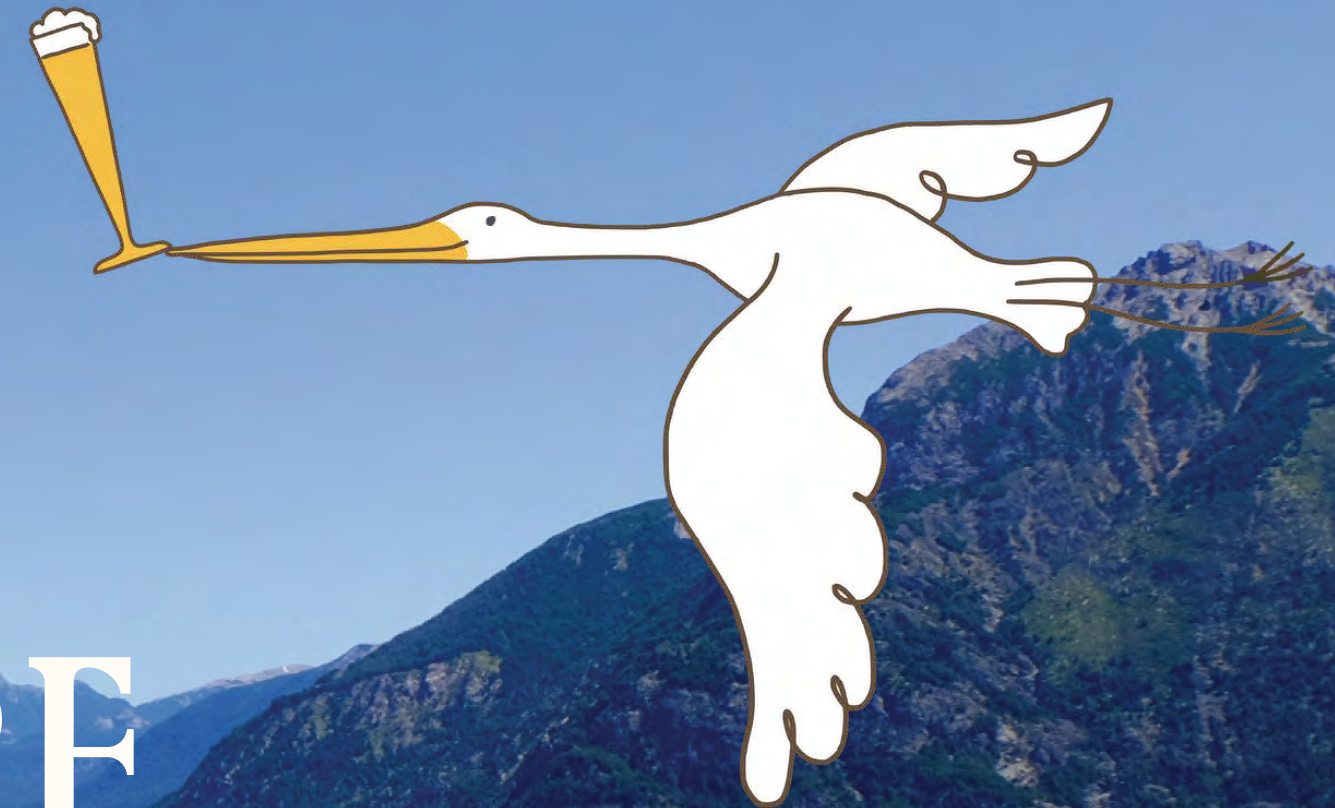


# PRICING & DETAILS

- **\$4,815 per guest for double occupancy; \$5,532 single occupancy**
- **Includes all food, alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages, lodging, transportation, and excursions mentioned In the itinerary! Optional Excursions not Included**
- **Round-trip flights to Argentina are around \$1,750 and flights to Bariloche are about \$400. We'll send flight recommendations to everyone, but this booking is handled by you individually**
- **50% Deposit secures your spot on the trip**
- **Balance of trip cost is due 45 days before departure (mid-December)**
- **Trip begins in Patagonia on February 1st -- arriving back in Atlanta early morning Monday, February 12th**



WE HOPE YOU'LL  
JOIN US ELSEWHERE



# FAQS

## **Trip deposit & guarantees**

When you express interest in the trip, we'll mark you down as committed, but we won't request your deposit quite yet. We need a total of 10 people to make the trip work at the stated prices, so we'll wait to gather 10 commitments before taking everyone's initial deposit. We reserve the right to refund deposits if the group falls below 10 attendees.

## **Baggage**

Less is more! Personally, we will be traveling with a medium sized backpack (22-25 liters; see pack list) and a carry-on suitcase. You should be able to pack everything on the recommended pack list in these two vessels. If you booked Main Cabin or a higher class, checked luggage is included. If you booked basic economy, baggage is not included. You should be able to bring a small/medium backpack and a carry-on roller board on the flight with you without having to check a bag.

## **Vaccines**

No vaccines are required to travel into Argentina

## **Forms of payment / tipping**

Outside of the included excursions and food/drinks, you may want to explore some other spots, buy gifts to take home, or pay for additional optional activities. Credit cards are generally accepted at most places, but United States dollars are highly desirable in Argentina and often might result in a lower cost. Bringing some USD is highly recommended. Tipping (for things you do outside of what's included) is normally around 10% in Argentina.



# FAQS

## **Paso de los Nubles Big Hike Day**

We'll be leaving the bulk of our luggage behind and carrying only what we need in light backpacks (toiletries, clothing, medication, sleep items). It's roughly a 5-hour hike going up, slightly shorter coming back down. You should be comfortable with hiking and cardio activity. If you don't want to participate in the hike, there are lower-exertion options available if you stay at the base.

## **Climate & Attire**

February is summer weather in Argentina. Mornings and nights are cool because of the mountain region, during the day is dry and warm. Layers are key here! It can go from sun to quite chilly some days. Most people in Patagonia travel around in outdoor gear, even out to most restaurants. Plan on wearing hiking/exploration gear along with some comfortable lounging attire while relaxing at the lodges. Make sure to bring a waterproof jacket!

## **Testing your Gear**

If you have new gear, like a backpack or shoes, be sure to break in these items at least a little before your trip. Don't wear anything in Patagonia for the first time! You want to make sure they feel comfortable and do not hurt your back or feet during your experience here.



# PACK LIST

**Note:** We didn't include basic items like underwear, sleepwear, etc. Below are the items that are different than most international trips! We did put some major items in (like passports) as an additional reminder. If you would like a more in-depth list, please let us know. The underlined are links!

- Passports
  - Take photos on your phone of your passports/IDs/prescriptions
  - Medium backpack: 20/25 liters
  - Water proof back pack cover
  - Cozy fleece/lounging pants
  - Hiking pants
  - Any medication or antidotes if allergic to bees or other bugs
  - Hat bug net if sensitive to bugs for hikes
  - Comfortable, light-colored clothing for hiking
  - Water bottle or Camelback for hiking
  - Hat -- you'll want one while you're hiking
  - Sunscreen
  - Trekking poles (a couple could share a set)
  - Comfortable lounging shoes/sandals/slippers
  - Waterproof athletic sandals (like Tevas or Chacos)
  - Waterproof hiking shoes/boots (for short or long treks)
  - Good boot insoles, like Superfeet recommended
  - Thick wool socks
  - Beanie/warm hat
  - Swimsuit!!
  - Sleeping bag liner (if you prefer for the night at the shelter)
  - Inflatable pillow (for the night at the shelter)
  - Headlamp
  - Sunglasses
  - Insulating layer (down coat or smart wool layer)
  - Light outer shell layer to protect against rain
- For the long flights:**
- Neck pillow, sleep mask, ear plugs
  - Portable device charger, headphones, Kindle etc
  - Keep your slippers/comfy socks in your travel pack

