

Patagonia Wonderland

Led by Jack Wheeler & Eddy Downpatrick

Saturday, January 7 to Monday, January 17, 2023

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Patagonia! You've heard of this place all your life, a wonderland of enchantment almost beyond imagination. A land of gauchos on the pampas, of the world's most beautiful lakes, of massive glaciers flowing into those lakes, of staggeringly awesome mountains unlike anywhere else on earth.

A land of people who live life to the brim, who eat marvelous food with gusto, who drink fabulous wine merrily, who party exuberantly, who will welcome you graciously with both arms.

Experience all of this luxuriously with Wheeler-Windsor Expeditions as we explore Patagonia together.



Map of Our Expedition



Day 1 - Arrival Day – Buenos Aires, Argentina - Saturday, January 7, 2023

We start in Buenos Aires, Argentina's joyous capital, to explore its historic district with the Casa Rosada, stroll along the promenade of the Rio de la Plata for a glass of Malbec...



Puerto Madero Promenade along the Rio de la Plata



Casa Rosada, Argentina's White House

Tonight we'll enjoy a sumptuous dinner at a famous steakhouse!



Day 2 - Buenos Aires, Argentina - Sunday, January 8

We'll spend the morning at the San Telmo Sunday Fair – [Feria de San Telmo](#) – it's where the locals gather to shop, party, dance the tango and celebrate life. The cobblestone streets are lined with cafés, museums, old churches, delicious foods, antique stores, and are filled with artists, musicians, and tango dancers of all ages. It's a guaranteed fun insight into the Argentine life-style.

After a late relaxing lunch, we take our early evening flight to the Patagonian playground of *Bariloche*. We transfer to the beautiful [Alma Suites & Spa](#), lakeside on the shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi.



Day 3 – Bariloche, Argentina - Monday, January 9

After breakfast overlooking the lake, we embark for the Patagonian *pampas* (grasslands) and a *gaucho estancia* (ranch).

We'll learn about gaucho history and folklore, the animals and wildlife of the pampas, and be treated to demonstrations of gaucho horsemanship.

And then a lunch to never forget: a genuine *gaucho lamb asado* – that's lamb slow cooked over an open wood fire... you've never had barbeque like it. It's may be accompanied by their delicious Malbec red wine.



If you love to ride and would like to, please let us know. There can be other opportunities as well.

Day 3 – Bariloche, Argentina - Monday, January 9 (continued)

We're back by mid-afternoon for a historical walking tour of Bariloche, with its nickname of "Little Switzerland of the Andes," as it looks like a Swiss alpine town built of wood and stone. The Swiss immigrants also have made Bariloche famous for dreamily delicious chocolate. There's even an entire street lined with chocolate stores, factories, and museums.



Bariloche's Civic Center



Bariloche's chocolate street, Avenida Mitre



At day's end, we'll treat ourselves to the famous fresh-caught Patagonian trout at the Alma del Lago's lakeview Terra restaurant.

Day 4 – Bariloche, Argentina - Tuesday, January 10

This is Patagonian Adventure Day! We are going to whitewater raft the Rio Manso! First – it's safe, approved for anyone older than five years old.

Second, it is spectacularly beautiful, turquoise clear water running through virgin forests and snow-capped mountains. The rapids are a safe Class II/III, thrilling but secure with our expert guides at the helm.



Midway we have a marvelous gourmet picnic lunch. We swim in gin-clear natural pools. What a glorious day we'll have in store for us today!



Day 5 – Bariloche, Argentina - Wednesday, January 11

We're on our way this morning to one of the most magnificent hotels in Patagonia if not the world. On the way we take a chairlift ride to the top of [Cerro Campanario](#) for the astonishing views of the Bariloche lakes and surrounding mountains..

Then we arrive and check-in to the incredible beyond 5-star [Llao Llao Resort Golf & Spa](#). It's stunning.



If you love to golf or fish and would like to, please let us know.

Day 5 – Bariloche, Argentina - Wednesday, January 11 (continued)

We will entice you away for perhaps the most iconic scenic drive in all Patagonia, the *Llao Llao Curcuito Chico* that encircles the area. Filled with magic places like the Arrayanes forest that inspired Walt Disney when he was here in 1941 for the forest in *Bambi*...



You'll be spellbound by the view at the *Cervecería Patagonia* – and by the beer they brew on the premises. Here we'll enjoy lunch with great food and very enjoyable liquid refreshment.



And breathtaking overlooks, albeit some are eccentric...



By mid-afternoon we're back at the Llao Llao resort to relax and luxuriate in its abundant amenities. We'll have dinner tonight nearby at a family Italian taverna – just like mama's home cooking back in Italy.

Day 6 – Bariloche, Argentina - Thursday, January 12

We've been gazing at Lake Nahuel Huapi for days now – this morning we get to explore it. Today we will be cruising on Lake Nahuel Huapi.

Our small boat cruise departs from the dock just below the Llao Llao, and we get to relax on board while marveling at the lake's shades of green and blue in its nooks and bays.

Our destination is Dream Harbor at Puerto Blest – and here it is seen on the right, bottom photo.

We'll have lunch at the charming Blest Inn, and then have a forest walk to the Los Cantaros waterfall.



Day 6 – Bariloche, Argentina - Thursday, January 12 (continued)

We'll stop to appreciate at Los Cantaros Cascade...



We'll be back at the Llao Llao by mid-afternoon. Then we have a sunset dinner tonight at the hotel's marvelous lakeside Llao Llao Social Club!



Day 7 – Bariloche to El Calafate, Argentina - Friday, January 13

The sun rises at 6am, so the early morning is free to spend as you like – sleep in, play a little golf, relax and swim lakeside, enjoy the spa, go for a scenic walk, your call. We'll have an early lunch however, for we must get to the airport for our 2pm flight to *Calafate* and arrive late afternoon.

Calafate is a small town on the south shore of Lago Argentino, with the purpose of providing access to the three most breathtaking sights in Patagonia. We transfer to the modern-chic [Design Suites](#) that's lakeside, where we'll enjoy a lingering dinner into the twilight at one of the best restaurants, which also has the best lake view.



Day 8 – El Calafate, Argentina - Saturday, January 14

People come from all over the world to witness the extraordinary *Perito Moreno Glacier* calving off into Lago Argentino. This famous glacier is 240 feet high on the edge, 100 square miles of ice, and it is *growing*, not shrinking – thus constantly calving off enormous blocks of ice at the edge that plunge into the lake.

We'll take a boat cruise to watch this incredible sight right in front of us, then stroll along the boardwalk overlook to see the glacier's enormity. The first day to never forget in Calafate.



Day 9 – El Calafate, Argentina - Sunday, January 15

The second day to never forget being here. A full day excursion across the pampas (we'll see lots of wild guanacos) and into the Andes reaching the jaw-dropping *Torres del Paine*. They seem out of a science fiction movie, yet they are stunningly real.



Torres Del Paine



The Paine Towers



Wild Guanacos

Day 10 – El Calafate, Argentina - Monday, January 16

The third day of unforgettability. We drive past the east end of Lago Argentino and along the north shore of Lake Viedma to reach the incredible gigantic rock spires jutting up out of the Southern Patagonia Ice Field. We'll gasp at our first roadside view, but wait until we get up close. It is Mount FitzRoy.

Named in honor of Robert FitzRoy who explored the area when captain of HMS Beagle of Charles Darwin fame, it is considered one of the most glorious mountain sights on earth. Easy to see why.

Yet across a chasm from FitzRoy is another rock spire that shoots up to the sky for a full vertical mile: Cerro Torre. Yes, this really exists, and you will have been here.



Mount FitzRoy



Day 11 – El Calafate, Argentina - Tuesday, January 17

Today is Departure Day. The good news is you can sleep-in this morning, or go shopping for chocolates and other goodies in Calafate. Then enjoy our Sumptuous Farewell Lunch during which we'll all be planning our next adventure together.

Afterwards we bid a grateful goodbye to glorious Patagonia, board our late afternoon flight to Buenos Aires and thence to our late evening connecting flights back home.



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Register: [WWX Patagonia Wonderland Expedition 2023 Jan 7-17](#)

All Inclusive per person, double occupancy: \$11,600 (50% deposit; balance by Dec 07, 2022.)

Patagonia Wonderland was personally designed by Jack Wheeler exclusively for this adventure. It is unique in what we experience, how we experience it, and in value.

Cost includes:

- *All accommodation (double-occupancy) as specified in itinerary. We stay at the best hotels and enjoy the “best” restaurants.
- *All 3 meals with group (B-L-D), including bottled water throughout the itinerary.
- *All transportation: 3 Internal air flights (1. Buenos Aires to Bariloche – 2. Bariloche to El Cafayete – Buenos Aires) airport transfers and ground transport.
- *All activities and excursions with the group in the itinerary.
- *All entrance fees to museums and monuments with group.

Cost does not include:

- * International air travel.
- * Meals, snacks, services, and activities not with group or in itinerary.
- * Personal expenses for incidentals, laundry, internet, gratuities and alcoholic drinks.
- * We provide guidance on all support documents required for visas.

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No vaccine required. On August 26 2022 Argentina lifted all travel restrictions.

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Deposits, Payments, Cancellations and Refunds

*Non-refundable 50% deposit of US\$5,800 upon booking

*Balance in full – US\$5,800 – must be received by Dec 7, 2022.

*Refund of deposit and balance in full on the condition of a fully-paid acceptable replacement for you.

* *Note:* We strongly advise you consider “Cancel for any Reason” trip cancellation insurance. Your travel agent can assist.

Note on International travel. If you do not have your own travel agent, John Spielman at Spielman Travel, john@spielmantravel.com, (240) 423-7708 can assist you.

Important caveat: Every effort will be made to adhere to the itinerary above. Due to the vagaries of travel in this region and of adventure travel in general, the itinerary may be altered in any way necessary. You agree that if a trip cannot be run for any reason out of the control of the company, it will be rescheduled as needed. Participants are expected to accept this, and to maintain a cheerful attitude on an adventure such as this.

To apply for your participation in this extraordinary adventure, please contact us immediately. Only a small number of travelers with an adventurous attitude may participate.

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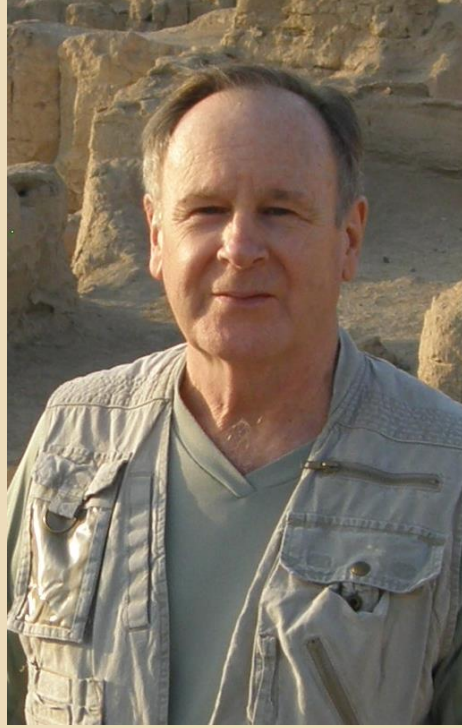
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Meet Our Expedition Leadership Team - WWX

Welcome to our world of exploration and adventure! We look forward to sharing extraordinary expeditions with you. We know that these experiences deepen our lives in countless ways and create lifelong memories to treasure and share. Join us to experience it for yourself!

Jack Wheeler has traveled to every country in the world. He started out as the youngest Eagle Scout in history at age 12, he climbed the Matterhorn at age 14, swam the Hellespont (LIFE Magazine 12/12/60) and lived with Amazon headhunters at 16, hunted a man-eating tiger in Vietnam at 17, and started an export business in Vietnam at 19. He wrote *The Adventurer's Guide* (New York: Mackay, 1975), described by Merv Griffin as “the definitive book for anyone wishing to lead a more adventurous and exciting life.” He has three “first contacts” with tribes never before contacted by the outside world: a clan of Aushiri in the Amazon, the Wali-ali-fo in New Guinea, and a band of Bushmen in the Kalahari. He retraced Hannibal’s route over the Alps with elephants; led numerous expeditions in Central Asia, China, Tibet, Africa, the Amazon and elsewhere, including 21 expeditions to the North Pole; and has been listed in *The Guinness Book of World Records* for the first free fall sky-dive in history at the North Pole.

Jack founded **Wheeler Expeditions in 1976**, which has conducted exclusive and bespoke expeditions to unusual destinations across the globe for over 40 years. On a personal note, in the early 80’s he married **Ms. Rebel Holiday** in St Tropez, France, who is a partner in the business. Wheeler Expeditions was a classic family business, working with their two grown sons: Brandon Holiday Wheeler and Jackson Holiday Wheeler.

Brandon Holiday Wheeler, has traveled to over 90 countries on 6 continents for the past 32 years and has been leading international expeditions for over a decade. He has summited 13 mountains, along with his many adventures skydiving, scuba diving, and flying. He has lived, studied, worked, and volunteered in multiple countries and participated in their diverse cultures, finding value in learning about their distinct worldviews.

Edward Windsor, Lord Downpatrick, (“Eddy Downpatrick”) Eddy is an explorer and adventurer who takes great pleasure in designing and guiding exclusive expeditions. Eddy’s experience, intellect, and great passion for exploring our wondrous planet and sharing it led to the formation of **Wheeler-Windsor Expeditions (“WWX”)**. In addition to extensive world travel, Eddy is a mountaineer, avid hiker, skier, cold-water swimmer, linguist, and is adept on a horse. This opens an even wider range of travel experiences for WWX Client-Members, with “invitation-only,” exclusive events from Eddy’s uniquely broad network.

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