

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Puerto Madryn Penguins and Whales 4D/3N

Nature & Adventure

4 Days / 1 Country

Argentina

Departure city: **Puerto Madryn, Argentina**

End city: **Puerto Madryn, Argentina.**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience one of the highlights of the Atlantic Coast in Patagonia
- Take a full-day tour of the area's wildlife that includes marine elephants, penguins and sea lions
- Enjoy a full free day to explore the city on your own

Take a 4-day trip to Puerto Madryn, a popular seaside resort and gateway to the well-known Peninsula Valdés. This Peninsula is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the whole Atlantic Coast in Patagonia; it is a wildlife sanctuary for birds and many marine species such as marine elephants, penguins and sea lions.

MAP



What is included



Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 3

- Hostels, 3-star or 4-star hotels
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Transport: 2

- Accommodation transfers by mini-bus for tour
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Meals: 3

- 3 Breakfast(s),
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Guides:

- Bilingual guide
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What is not included

- *Airport transfers (\$40 usd extra each way)
- *Entrance fees to national parks
- *Other meals & drinks
- *Optional tours
- *Tips for guides
- *Travel insurance

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Optional Tours:

1- Whale Watching Navigation (From June 1st to November 30th)

Please note: This Optional excursion has to be taken the same day of the Peninsula Valdes Full Day Tour. Duration of navigation: 1 hours and 30 minutes.

When the Peninsula Valdes Tour reaches Puerto Piramides, a small touristic village in the coast of the Peninsula, we have the chance, during whale season, to embark for a Whale Watching excursion. The guides on board will tell you about the coastal and marine ecosystems. This navigation is enjoyable because of the environment and because of the company of the gentle giants of the sea. Apart from observing them in their habitat, we will learn about their biological cycle: mating, birth and breeding of these beautiful whales.

2- Punta Tombo Penguin Colony (From September 1st to March 20th)

You can take this optional tour on Day 3. In this tour you will visit the most important Latin American continental "Pingüinera" or Penguin Colony (where hundred of thousands of Penguins lays their eggs on the beach).

You will leave Puerto Madryn at 7:30 am and make a first stop at "Rawson" port, in the "Union" beach to see the "Toninas Overas" if you are lucky (a cool-looking dolphin species). After that, we will move towards Punta Tombo, a geographic feature that serves as a habitat to the "Magallanes" Penguin. There, we will have time to observe how the Gulls, "Skuas", "Petrels", Cormorans, Oystercatchers and Duck Steams cohabit in the coast. You will also be able to observe steppe

characteristic species like "Guanacos"(typical animal), "Choiques" (small ostrichs), "Maras" (big patagonian Hares) and Foxes. Then we will visit the small town of Gaiman, to admire its culture and the very particular architecture, and also to taste a delicious piece of cake and a welsh tea (optional). We will return to Puerto Madryn around 18:30 hs.

Includes: Bilingual guide, Pinguineras, Toninas sight, Gaimán, Snacks, Mini-bus transportation

Excludes: Entrances to National Parks

Itinerary

Day 1: Puerto Madryn, Argentina

Arrival in Puerto Madryn

Arrive in Puerto Madryn anytime and make your own way to your accommodation. Check-in and have the rest of the day at leisure to relax and explore the city.

Day 2: Puerto Madryn, Argentina

Península Valdes Full Day Tour (B)

Península de Valdés is a heritage site in which countless different unique species can be found. This is a one day complete route, accompanied by naturalists and bilingual guides. You will get picked up from your hostel in Puerto Madryn at 7:30 am and make a first stop at the Carlos Ameghino Isthmus Interpretation Center, where you can learn about the fauna, flora and geology of the Peninsula. Then we will enjoy the panoramic views that the “Golfo Nuevo”, “San Jose” and the “Isla de los Pajaros” offer us. We make another stop in the village of “Puerto Piramides”, where depending of the month of the year, you can take a tour to see the whales (optional), or a Nautical strolling with snorkelling (Optional). We continue on by land, and depending on the season, the climate or the tides, we will be visiting: “Caleta Valdés”, “Punta Cantor” and “Punta Norte” to observe marine elephants, penguins and marine lions. The Orcinus or ill-named “Killer Whales”, can be seen from the seaside at “Punta Norte” (the best months to see them are in March and in April, also during the month September at the “Caleta Valdés”). You will get dropped off at your hostel in Puerto Madryn around 18:30 pm at the end of your tour.

Optional Tour: Whale Watching Navigation from June to November

Day 3: Puerto Madryn, Argentina

Free day in Puerto Madryn (B)

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the city on your own, visit museums, and see historic buildings and monuments. Take the optional tour 'Punta Tombo Penguin Colony' from September to March.

Day 4: Puerto Madryn, Argentina

Puerto Madryn Departure (B)

After breakfast, it is time to say goodbye to your new friends. After checking-out from your accommodation, this amazing adventure will come to an end.

