



FITZROY CIRCUIT (6D-5N) (CFR) (0809)

Camping

Start / End Chalten

Difficulty Grade: **Exigent:**

Walks of 6 to 10 hours

Use of porters to carry general gear and equipment

In some occasions passengers will have to carry their own gear

Moderate to big drops (400 to 1000 mts.)

Physical training before the trip is highly recommended

DEPARTURE DATES:

EVERY SUNDAY FROM SEPTEMBER 28 2008 ♦ APRIL 26 2009

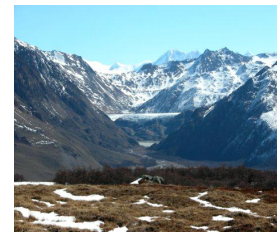
To complement any trip on the Chilean side of Patagonia there is "Los Glaciares National Park" in Argentina. The northern section of the park is dominated by the incredible, world-famous form of the Fitzroy Massif, with its sheer, 6000-foot rise from the glaciers at its base. About a dozen glaciers flow east to feed two huge lakes, Lago Viedma and Lago Argentino.

We will trek a unique path, starting on the less visited areas to finish at the shore of the River "Las Vueltas" in a first class camp.

Day 1, Sun **Arrival in Chalten – Trek to Toro**

Upon arrival in El Chalten, our guide will be waiting for you to start checking the equipment for the next days; then we will begin our trek to Laguna Toro. On the way we will enjoy beautiful panoramic views of the granite massif of Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre from the Pliegue Tumbado ridge. We will descend to Rio Tunnel valley and follow the river until our campsite, nearby Laguna Toro.

(6-7 hours hike. Chalten – Pliegue Tumbado: 800m in ascent. Pliegue Tumbado – Laguna Toro: 500m in descent) (D) (Night at Toro Camp)



Day 2, Mon **Paso Del Viento**



We start following the shore of the Lake Toro and crossing a river, (on foot or by a Tyrolean rope), to start the climb towards Del Viento Pass. It is one of the main passes into the Ice-cap. During this 2700 ft (900-meter) ascent, there is a one hour crossing on Ice, over Tunnel Glacier. The trek continues above moraines and scree slopes and splendid views are seen all along the trek. At the top of the pass a fabulous panoramic lookout awaits everyone. The return is following the same trail, back to Lake Toro Base Camp.

(10 hours hike, 900m drop) (B-BL-D) (Night at Toro Camp)

Day 3, Tue **Laguna Toro – Thorwood**

Today we will make a trek with dramatic views. We will follow Rio Tunnel valley and start ascending towards Agachonas Pass. Will cross the peak of Loma del Pliegue Tumbado, from where we will have a complete view of Cerro Torre and Fitz Roy from the heights. We will then descend towards Laguna Torre. We will cross Fitz Roy River by a Tyrolean traverse and we will arrive to our camp Thorwood, in the middle of the woods.

(7-8 hours hike. Toro – Loma Del Pliegue Tumbado: 500m in ascent. Loma Del Pliegue Tumbado – Thorwood: 600m in descent) (B-BL-D) (Night at Thorwood Camp)



Day 4, Wed **Torre Ice Trek**



Today's walk atop the glacier is an experience not to be forgotten. We begin with a crossing of the Fitz Roy River by a Tyrolean traverse, and then trek through a native beech forest and along the glacial moraine. We descend to the edge of the ice, where we strap on our crampons. We'll spend several hours walking on the ice, with Cerro Torre's spectacular South Face rising directly above us. We will provide all necessary technical equipment for our glacier hike. There are some easy, introductory ice climbs which the guide will assist all interested trekkers in tackling. We return to Thorwood for dinner and overnight.

(2-3 hours hike, 3 hours over the glacier. Thorwood-Glacier: 300m in ascent and 200m in descent) (B-BL-D) (Night at Thorwood Camp)

Day 5, Thu Thorwood – River Las Vueltas Camp

We start a full day trek along the Valley of Madre and Hija Lagoons towards Rio Blanco. We can choose to hike up to Laguna de los Tres, the closest view of the Fitz Roy. In the afternoon we will continue following Rio Blanco Valley until arriving to Hosteria el Pilar. A transfer will be waiting for us here in order to drive us to our next camp in the shores of Rio de las Vueltas.



(7 hours hike, with an extra 1.5 hour if we ascend to the Laguna Los Tres.

Thorwood – Río Blanco: 300m in ascent. Río Blanco – Laguna de los Tres: 400m in ascent. Río Blanco – Hosteria el Pilar: 200m in descent. (B-BL-D) (Night at Las Vueltas Camp)

Day 6, Fri Return to El Chalten

After a nice breakfast, a transfer will drive us back to El Chalten.

(30 minutes by private transfer) (B)

REGARDING THE SCHEDULE

The schedules indicated above are subject to change due to weather conditions or unexpected circumstances beyond our control, but we will try our best to keep them unaltered

PRICE	2 passengers	3 passengers	4 – 8 passengers	9 – 12 passengers	Single Supplement
Per person	USD \$ 2.195	USD \$ 1.795	USD \$ 1.595	USD \$ 1.395	USD \$ 195

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All the private transportation indicated in the schedule -All meal according to the itinerary (B: breakfast, BL: picnic lunch, D: Dinner) -Radio communication with our office in El Chalten. -Mountain equipment (ropes, harnesses, karabiners, maps, compass, etc.) -Double tents, cooking equipment and utensils. -Crampons and technical equipment for the participants. -Five nights lodging in camp -Entrance fee to Los Glaciares National Park -Guide (English-Spanish languages) for the whole program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any additional nights -Medical expenses -Insurance of any kind -Personal expenses -Any alcoholic drinks -Gratuities for guide -Transfer in/out to El Chalten