



Santa Cruz · Argentina

El Calafate

Traveler's guide

Perito Moreno glacier and Lake Argentino: ice trekking, kayaking among icebergs, cruises to Upsala and Patagonian estancias.

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Nature

El Calafate sits on the shore of Lake Argentino, the country's largest, a milky turquoise fed by glaciers. 80 km away, the Perito Moreno advances over the lake with a 5 km front 60 metres high that calves with a roar; beyond, the Upsala and Spegazzini glaciers and the icefield. Steppe with guanacos, rheas and condors, and the Nimez lagoon with flamingos two blocks from town.



Activities

- Perito Moreno walkways, mini-trekking and Big Ice on the glacier with crampons
- Todo Glaciares cruise to Upsala and Spegazzini, kayaking among icebergs in front of Perito Moreno
- Trekking on Cerro Frías and at Estancia Cristina overlooking the Upsala glacier
- Horseback riding and estancia days: sheep shearing, lamb asado
- Glaciarium, Nimez lagoon, and El Chaltén 3 hours away for Fitz Roy trekking

When to go

October to April for cruises and ice trekking, with long days and wind. Glacier calving is most frequent in January and February. In winter the Perito Moreno stays open, with snow, silence and fewer people.

How to get there

Comandante Armando Tola airport (FTE) is 20 km away, with flights from Buenos Aires (3 h 15), Ushuaia, Bariloche and Trelew. Buses to El Chaltén (3 hours), Puerto Natales (5 hours, with border) and Río Gallegos. Perito Moreno glacier is 80 km away: regular buses, tours and taxis; cruises and ice trekking leave from Bajo de las Sombras pier.

Activities in this destination

Trekking · Volcano · Rafting & hydrospeed · Kayak, sailing & fishing · Hot springs · Zipline & tree climbing · Canyoning & rappelling · Paragliding · Horseback riding · Snow & snowshoeing · Mapuche culture · Nature & photography · Stargazing · Full-day excursions · Food & wine · Family & inclusive · Surfing & bodyboard · Sandboarding & dunes · Cycling & MTB · Climbing & mountaineering · Ice & glaciers · Kitesurfing & windsurfing · Diving & snorkelling

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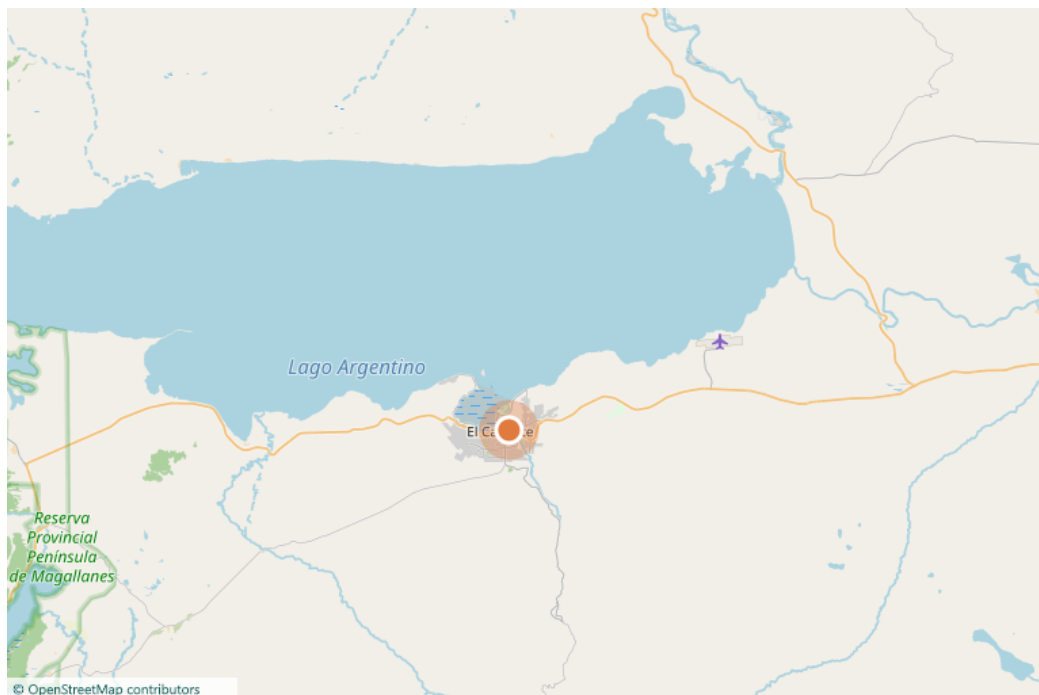


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