



## Botanizing Argentine Patagonia

**Northern Patagonia Tour: November 29 – December 10, 2021**

**Southern Patagonia Extension: December 11 – December 15, 2021**

### PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Thanks for your interest in the NARGS-sponsored tour to Patagonia. Detailed itineraries for the main tour to northern Patagonia and the extension to southern Patagonia as well as associated information are posted on the NARGS website.

You need to be a NARGS member to pre-register. If you need to renew your membership or to join the society, please do so via the NARGS website ([www.nargs.org](http://www.nargs.org)) or contact Bobby Ward at [nargs@nc.rr.com](mailto:nargs@nc.rr.com) if you have questions or need help. The annual NARGS membership fee is \$40 (all dollar references are in USD) if you reside in North America or \$45 if overseas. Your membership must be up to date before we can complete your registration.

The cost for the main tours is \$3,800 per person based on double occupancy and \$4,700 for single occupancy. The cost for the extension is \$1,660 per person based on double occupancy and \$1,960 for single occupancy. Requests to participate in the extension only will be considered if space is available. These prices include tour guide and admission fees, ground transportation, lodging, and most meals. Tour prices do not include international and in-country flights, travel and medical insurance, alcoholic beverages, tips, or any other expenses not detailed in the tour brochure. In-country flights will be determined in early 2021 after flight schedules and prices have been announced by the airlines.

A 25% deposit is payable to NARGS at the time of pre-registration. Final payment is due by August 1, 2021. If the number of participants is fewer than 15 for the main tour or fewer than 10 for the extension, NARGS will notify all registrants of the additional costs associated with conducting the tours with a smaller group; if any registrants chose to cancel the tour due to the higher cost, their deposits will be refunded in full minus any expenses previously incurred.

### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration requests are being handled electronically via Google Forms. [Click here](#). Persons traveling together must each fill out a Pre-Registration form. If you have problems or questions related to the form, send an email to [nargstours@gmail.com](mailto:nargstours@gmail.com).

### INFORMATION RELATED TO PAYMENT, CANCELLATION, AND INSURANCE

#### Pre-Registration Payments

Before submitting your deposit, send an email to [nargstours@gmail.com](mailto:nargstours@gmail.com) to confirm space availability. You will receive a text confirming space availability and payment instructions. Pre-registration deposits are made through the PayPal link on the NARGS website ([www.nargs.org](http://www.nargs.org)) that allows payment via either a PayPal account (if you have one) or your own personal debit or credit card through the same PayPal link. Persons traveling together can submit a single payment covering both participants or separate payments for each.

## **Final Payment**

Final payment is due by August 1, 2021. NARGS will send an invoice in June 2021 indicating the amount due. The preferred method for final payment is by check from a U.S. bank denominated in USD. The check should be payable to NARGS, note *Patagonia Tour* on the memo line of the check, and be mailed to NARGS, POB 18604, Raleigh, NC 27619-8604. Payment can be made via credit card, PayPal, postal or bank money order, or a check from a non-U.S. bank but must be denominated in USD and must include a 5% surcharge to cover banking fees. Failure to make final payment by August 1, 2021 will result in reservation cancellation and full loss of the deposit.

## **Cancellation**

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to NARGS by the person making the reservation. Cancellation requests received before June 1, 2021 will be refunded their deposit minus an administrative fee of \$100. Cancellation requests received between June 1 and August 1, 2021 will be subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the deposit, which will be reduced to \$100 if the cancelled spot is filled by another person. Cancellations requests received after August 1, 2021 will be subject to a fee of 50% of the tour price if the request is received by October 31, 2021 and 100% if the request is after October 31, 2021. Fees for cancellations received after August 1, 2021 will be reduced to \$250 if the cancelled spot is filled by another person.

If the tour is cancelled by NARGS for any reason, all payments minus banking fees and incurred expenses will be refunded to registered participants. If the tour is cancelled by NARGS, any person who had previously cancelled will not be entitled to this refund.

## **INFORMATION RELATED TO INSURANCE, WAIVERS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

### **Insurance**

The tour price does not include insurance to cover costs associated with medical treatment, repatriation, flight cancellations, baggage loss, travel interruptions, cancellation fees, or other expenses. Each registrant is urged to assess their personal situation and to obtain private insurance to cover these costs.

### **Waiver of Liability and to Use Photos**

By submitting a tour deposit, you are acknowledging that you are aware of the risks associated with travel and that you will not hold NARGS or others associated with the tour responsible for any delays; changes in itinerary, staffing, or accommodations; injuries, illnesses, or deaths; or any circumstances beyond the control of NARGS. At the time of final payment, you will be required to sign a waiver releasing NARGS and others associated with the tour from any losses, liability, or claims associated with your participation in the tour and allowing use of any photos taken during the tour.

### **Public Health Requirements**

All participants must comply with public health requirements for international travel in their country of residence and in the tour host country. Documentation of vaccination for Covid-19 must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the tour departure date. Failure to provide this documentation will be considered a cancellation by the participant and will result in forfeiture of all payments. During the tour, participants will be using private and public transportation and may be in close contact with other participants and the general public. To the extent possible, participants should comply with U.S. and local guidelines on mask wearing, social distancing,

and other public health guidelines, and must comply with all local public health requirements.

If you do not feel well, let the tour guide know. The guide will assist in locating medical services, but these services may be distant and less extensive than those available at home. Each participant will be individually responsible for paying the cost for these services and associated transportation.

Medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible in some areas, and the medical facilities that do exist could be of lower quality than what is available at home.

**QUESTIONS?**

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