

Puma Country

14th - 19th Feb, 2024

Feb 14th Fly to Patagonia.

Buenos Aires to El Calafate Airport.

Flight leaves at lunchtime, which gives plenty of time to make the connection if you're on the first leg of the trip and flying from Iguazu Falls.

Price of 3 hour flight (Buenos Aires to El Calafate) **IS NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP TOTAL**) cost is about 450 Dollars return. Contact Esteban if you need assistance with booking these flights.

Feb 15th Drive to Cerro Castillo in Chile, the heart of Puma country. We will stay just outside Torres del Paine the National Park.

On the journey we will have great opportunities to see and photograph *Andean condors* and *black chested buzzard eagles* Also *black necked, coscoroba swans* and some sought after ducks, *spectacled* and *steamer*.

Feb 16th , Feb 17th and **Feb 18th**. Full Days tracking Pumas with local tracker. Hiking is easy and we'll cover one or two miles in a day.

Cost per person US\$3300.00 (single supp \$520.00)

Extension for the ...

Mythical Hooded Grebe

Feb 21st 9am Spectacular drive from Calafate to La Angostura. En route we have chances of condor, buzzard eagles, Patagonian tinamou and others. We will also make our first attempt to see the rare Austral Rail. Dinner at La Angostura

Feb 22nd 6am start to drive to Hooded grebe nesting lake.

The Conservation team guess there will be about 10 pairs with floating nests in the milfoil weed patches. The nests are usually quite close to the shore giving great photo opportunities. The grebes are not shy. For the 3 years before 2023 there was hardly any nesting at all, as the milfoil weed beds collapsed, but they grew back and the birds are now nesting again. Unless there's some unexpected disaster seeing the nesting colony of grebes is guaranteed in February 2024. **THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 750 left.**

We'll spend all day with the grebes travelling back to La Angostura for dinner.

Feb 23rd Birding around La Angostura for Patagonian specialities.

Patagonian tinamou, lesser rhea, chocolate vented tyrant, etc. The bizarre Magellanic plover will be a target!

Packed lunch with dinner at La Angostura

Feb 24th Travel back to Calafate and flight to Buenos Aires.

IIF THE WEATHER IS BAD ie really windy on the 22nd we'll SWITCH DAYS and see the grebes in the 23rd instead

Cost per person US\$1650.00

Flights are not included

**To book a spot on either of these adventures contact Esteban
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