



Argentina

Whale and Puma Conservation

1 Week

Travel to Argentina with Darwin200 and learn about ongoing conservation efforts to protect whales and pumas.

Work alongside expert conservationists to study local flora and fauna, and watch pumas through camera trap footage.

Learn more about southern right whales with an introduction to marine conservation and hear about the "Following Whales" tracking project.

Survey a local sea lion colony and observe their behaviours with support from professionals.



Highlights

- ▶ Survey pumas with expert conservationists
- ▶ Learn about the southern right whale and monitor their movement through GPS tracking
- ▶ See sea lions up close with a visit to a sea lion colony
- ▶ Visit the Magellanic penguin colony in Punta Tombo
- ▶ Explore Argentina and take in its incredible scenery

Accommodation

Conservation accommodation and guesthouse in Puerto Madryn

Transport

Private minibus, boat, foot

Responsible Travel

We offset 100% of carbon emissions associated with your in-destination transport. We're committed to being fully climate-positive by 2024!

By travelling with us, you're making a positive contribution to the economies of communities around the world and supporting local jobs.



Day 1

Welcome to Argentina

On arrival day, a Projects Abroad staff member will be waiting to collect you from the designated pickup point. It will be easy to spot them as they will be wearing a Projects Abroad t-shirt.

From here, you will be taken to your accommodation in La Esperanza where you'll have time to get settled in and rest after the long journey. Later, you'll meet with local staff for an induction course to learn about the area, local customs, and priorities for the week.

We know you'll be excited to start your conservation work straight away, so after your induction talk, you'll jump into learning about the work being done here. Our experts will talk to you about current efforts towards the conservation of the local biodiversity and landscapes.

You'll then head back to the accommodation for a well-earned rest!

Day 2

Conservation Work

On day two, you'll hear more about the work being done to monitor and study pumas on the Proyecto Huellas or 'Footprints Project'. You'll take part in activities such as:

- ▶ Monitoring puma tracks
- ▶ Installing camera traps
- ▶ Downloading pictures and videos from camera traps
- ▶ Collecting survey data for analysis

With the highest density of pumas in the world, Patagonia is the best place to visit for a chance to see these amazing animals in person.

Day 3

Conservation Work

Learn more about sea lions as you conduct a survey on a nearby colony. Take a short 30-minute walk to these amazing animals and help with conservationists' research as you conduct surveys. December is a great time to head to the colony, as females arrive at the beaches to give birth, while males prepare to mate and compete for territory.

In the afternoon, you'll have an introduction to marine conservation through the Siguiendo Ballenas or 'Following Whales' tracking project. You'll learn how conservationists survey the southern right whale and monitor their movement through GPS tracking.

The data collected from these surveys helps to understand southern right whales' behaviours better. It also allows conservationists to advise on the regulation of human activity, in order to protect the wildlife.

Day 4

Conservation Work

Today, your group will visit the Tehuelche remains at the "Las Lolas" site. You will learn about the indigenous peoples' cosmovision and their relationship with nature. This is a great opportunity to take part in community-based conservation and learn about a different way of life.

Day 5

Sea Lion Colony

Discover Punta Loma protected area and sea lion colony. This area covers 1,707 hectares of mountain plains and plateaus, with approximately 600 specimens of South American sea lions. This reserve is the first in Chubut and was created with the goal of preserving and protecting nature here for years to come.

In the evening, your group will take part in a Tango and Folklore lesson. Immerse yourself in the local culture as you learn through dance and storytelling. This is a great chance to relax and have fun with your group.



Wildlife

Argentina is home to some of South America's most spectacular wildlife. Visitors can spot different animals, depending on which region they're staying in.

Find alpacas at high altitudes, sloths and monkeys in the rainforest, and armadillos at lower elevations. Very lucky visitors may even spot a jaguar roaming the countryside.



Food

Once famed for its massive beef consumption, Argentine food has become more diverse in recent years, comprising plenty of fried meats, mashed potatoes, and pastries.

Food is often the centrepiece of any social gathering. Get ready to experience the joy of Asado, which is an Argentine barbecue.

Get in Touch!

We've designed our trips to maximise your impact and experience. If you have any questions or specific requests, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

We have Project Experts available 9:00-17:30 Monday-Friday to help you with anything you might need.



Culture

Known for its vibrant and lively way of life, Argentina has developed its culture over the centuries from a number of influences. Spanish, Italian, and other European cultures have mixed with Indigenous groups to create a unique and distinctly Argentine culture.

While in the country, you'll be immersed in this, coming to both know and love it.



Community

With a range of cultures spread across this vast landscape, the people of Argentina often form an identity based on the community they belong to. This could be a gaucho (horseman) way of life, Catholic practices, or Indigenous traditions.

While in the country, you'll be expected to engage with the local community, leaving a positive impact on it.

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Day 6

Seeing the Magellanic Penguin Colony

On day six, your group will visit the Magellanic Penguin Colony for a full day out in Punta Tombo. The colony here is the largest in Argentina with more than 1.5 million heading to the area to breed every year.

After a day of travelling, you'll make your way back to Puerto Madryn for dinner. After this, you can head out into the centre and go shopping or relax back at the accommodation.

Day 7

Saying Goodbye to Argentina

After an amazing week of learning, sightseeing and new experiences, it's time to leave Argentina. You've immersed yourself in life here while learning more about the current efforts in Argentina to protect and learn about whales and pumas. You've seen sea lions and penguins up close and made memories with a group of like-minded people.

It's sad to say goodbye, but you're always welcome back!

Projects Abroad staff wave you off as you head off from the departure point back home or onto your next adventure.

