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Explorer**

## WHALES WATCHING IN PUERTO MADRYN

Whales Watching + Peninsula Valdes + Punta Ninfas + Kayak + Gaiman

This journey program to Puerto Madryn and its outskirts has been designed taking into account the Southern Right Whale presence. For that reason we will do the watching at Puerto Pirámides embarked and another one from the coast at Doradillo, we row in Kayaks to observe the sea fauna and the whales. The Valle Inferior and Punta Ninfas complete this itinerary where nothing is left to be known.



### 7 days - 6 nights

- ✓ Accommodation and breakfast - Double Room
- ✓ Transfer IN OUT APT/HTL/APT
- ✓ Regular Tours with Spanish & English Guide
- ✓ Permanent Coordination
- ✓ Food and Air tickets not included
- ✓ Tickets to Natural Reserves included
- ✓ Spanish & English Bilingual Guide

### Itinerary

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**1**

#### **Puerto Madryn**

Reception and transfer from Trelew Airport to the hotel.

#### Bus Option:

This program can be performed by bus, setting off Buenos Aires to Puerto Madryn, travelling around 1,450km and lasting 18 hours. In this case the departure must be the previous day near 12pm or 1pm to be arriving at 8am the following day.

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**2**

#### **Visiting Puerto Madryn, El Doradillo & Whales Coastal watching**

Breakfast at hotel. Today we will visit the most representative places of Puerto Madryn. This wonderful city attracts visitors from all over the world who arrive at the diving capital wishing to know its principal attraction: the Southern Right whale watching. After knowing the city centre we set off to the protected Municipal Area El Doradillo, located only 12km to the north of Puerto Madryn. It is one of the few places

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located on the shore of Golfo Nuevo, where we will not have to move from the shore to watch the whales, a unique experience.

Year after year, from June to mid October, we will meet these fascinating mammals that reach the gulf to mate and raise their whale calves. It is a magnificent experience, where we will watch the Southern Right whale in its natural environment. Besides, we will visit the Las Canteras beach and the Punta Flecha lookout point, strategically chosen by the Natural Patagonia Foundation to be able to observe and protect the maritime fauna.

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### **Peninsula Valdes and Whale Watching**

Breakfast at the hired accommodation. We travel around the Protected Natural Area of Peninsula Valdes located 50km away from Puerto Madryn, declared as World Heritage by the UNESCO, considered as one of the most interesting ecosystems in the world, we can find the Southern Right whales as well as killer whales (orca whales), sea lions, sea elephants and Magellan penguins, choiques (kind of rhea), etc.

Our first stop is at the Interpretation Centre watching the Birds Island, a reserve created in 1967 with the aim to protect the big bird groups that live in the place. After that we will head to Puerto Piramides, located some 28km away from the city. Between July and November there is a dinghy voyage to watch the Southern Right whale. In June and December the probability is notoriously less. If it is the watching season, we embark during a little more than an hour protected with life jackets.

From Puerto Piramides, we arrive at the sea elephant station at Caleta Valdes going through the Great Saltpetre Bed with a 35km surface. Finally we go to Punta Norte at the North-East of the peninsula if it is summer or to Punta Delgada the rest of the year so as to watch sea lions and sea elephants and luckily we could see killer whales (orca whales) in Punta Norte.

### **Note about the whale watching**

It is performed between July and November. Waterproof clothes and windbreakers are recommended. Before the trip, elemental advice is provided. This adventure is available for adults as well as for children.

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### **Trelew & Gaiman: Discovering the Rio Chubut lower valley**

Breakfast at hotel. We begin travelling to Trelew a bit more than 70km away. This city arose at the sides of the railway in 1886 and as years went by, it became the principal commercial and industrial centre in the zone. It is the principal woollen textile pole in Argentina and it is where more than 90% of the wool is commercialized.

We also visit the San Luis Town Regional Museum, where we will be able to enjoy and go into Welsh history and principal inhabitants in more depth. Before leaving Trelew, we will visit one of the most important museums in South America: The Egidio Feruglio Paleontologic Museum (MEF), which conserves the remains of the Patagonian paleontologic patrimony.

Before returning to Puerto Madryn, we stray off to the west, towards the Cordillera de los Andes (Andes Mountain Range), to go to the geographic centre in the Rio Chubut lower valley: Gaiman. This small town is one of the most important benchmarks of the Welsh colonization in Argentina. It looks as if history was halted in time, as its inhabitants try to keep the traditions and history of each Welsh immigrant who arrived at the Puerto Madryn shores in 1865 giving a great boost to Patagonia. We will enjoy the famous Welsh tea in one of the most prestigious Tea Houses in the place.



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### **Punta Ninfas lighthouse: Elephants & fossils**

Breakfast at hotel. We start the excursion at the southernmost point of Golfo Nuevo, where Punta Ninfas is located, an excellent place to enjoy the panoramic view of the whole gulf. Visitors know this place for the lighthouse with the same name. This antique lighthouse in Punta Ninfas has been the principal shelter for elephant seals since over a century. We will be able to see the place history through the marine fossils.

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### **Kayac in Golfo Nuevo**

The day begins with a pure maritime adventure, the marine kayak is an ideal means to know the Atlantic coasts getting an excellent contact with nature. We make an incursion into the calm waters of Golfo Nuevo enjoying a coastal diversity of fauna and flora. This gulf on the Atlantic Ocean, has an extraordinary microclimate for many species habitat. The trip is rather short and always accompanied by sea lions swimming next to the kayaks. We leave Puerto Madryn towards Paraná Beach, where there is a sunk vessel. We start rowing towards the South to the Punta Loma Reserve. We can practise snorkelling, depending on the month of the year we are in. The Cerro Avanzado appears in sight, easy to recognize for the zone characteristics with sedimentary hoardings which preserve fossil remains. We go down trekking the hill and then we go back to Puerto Madryn.

**Note:** To have previous rowing experience is not necessary.

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### **Back to Buenos Aires**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Trelew Airport.

#### Bus Option:

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**END OF THE SERVICES**

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