Tours and Activities

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Through the following guide, we expose the most representative activities in the area, in order to explore the surroundings of Eolo and Los Glaciares National Park. At Eolo, we can help you design a program that best suits your preferences, physical ability and travel time, thus presenting an ideal route for discovering southern Patagonia and all of its spirit.

General Notes

- All activities are subject to availability, which is why we suggest to book them in advance.
- Being outdoor activities, weather conditions could cause possible cancellations and changes or adjustments to the itineraries.
- The activities that take place in the National Park are conducted by companies designated by The National Parks Administration.

How to use the guide of tours and activities:

- The activities are grouped according to four main areas:
  - Activities at Eolo,
  - Perito Moreno Glacier area,
  - Punta Bandera Port area,
  - Other activities.
- We recommend to engage in one activity per area.
- It is required to hire a shuttle and a National Park authorized guide to access the Perito Moreno glacier area. Both services are booked separately from the tours.
- To access Punta Bandera port area, it is also required to hire a shuttle, booked separately from the tour.
Activities at Eolo

The lot where the lodge stands extends to 10,000 acres, 30 minutes away from El Calafate, on the way to the Perito Moreno glacier. It is a unique property that expands from a lagoon to forests on the Cerro Frias’s slopes. Being that these activities take place in a unique setting and are exclusive to our guests, we recommend adapting your itinerary to take some of these tours.

All these activities take place at Eolo without any additional transfer.

TREKKING
MOUNTAIN BIKING
BIRDWATCHING
HORSEBACK RIDING
4X4
ZIP LINE
Activities at Eolo

**Trekking**
On the surroundings of Eolo, one can take either gentle walks or intense hiking treks. The most frequent outings are:
- a) climb up the Cerro Frias viewpoints, or
- b) walk to the Flamingos lagoon.
You can perform these treks on your own or with a guide from Eolo.
Activity with no additional cost

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**Mountain Biking**
Cycle rides through unique paths and trails of La Anita Valley, surrounded by the typical landscape of the area: the steppe with the mountains in the background.
Activity with no additional cost

**Duration**
Variable according to the selected route

**Difficultly**
Low / medium

**Intensity**
Medium

**Bird Watching**
It's a hike to venture out and discover the birds that inhabit this region. You can observe a wide variety of birds native to the area, among which the condor stands out with its majestic flight.
Activity with no additional cost

**Duration**
3 hours

**Difficultly**
Low

**Intensity**
Low
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**Horseback riding**
It is an unforgettable experience to get acquainted with the Patagonian Gaucho lifestyle, enjoying panoramic views in a unique and exclusive surrounding. The activity begins at Eolo with two main options. A climb up the slopes of Cerro Frias, or a ride to the Flamingos lagoon.

**4x4**
It is a 4x4 tour to admire the stunning views and scenery surrounding Eolo without any physical effort. The trail begins by the foothills of the Cerro Frias, with intermediate stops at viewpoints before reaching the top.

**Zip line**
It is a recreational activity that takes place descending amidst forests and the slopes of the Cerro Frias. The zip line has unique characteristics because of its length: there are five sections of approximately 1,500 feet each, making it an unparalleled activity in the area.
Activities at Los Glaciares National Park

Los Glaciares National Park is a few miles west of Eolo and is the largest national park in Argentina, comprising an area of approximately 1,500,000 acres. Due to its stunning natural beauty, it was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1981. It is a unique wonder in the world, forming the most extensive ice cap on the planet outside the Polar Regions.

There are a total of 250 major glaciers in the park; the Perito Moreno, Upsala, Viedma and Spegazzini glaciers stand out as main tourist attractions. There are a lot of activities that take place in the park, allowing visitors to be in contact with nature, ensuring the protection and conservation of the scenic beauty.
General considerations for activities within the National Park

The activities that take place in the National Park are conducted by companies designated and controlled by the National Parks Administration. Each has its own provider, thus varying their standards of quality and service. We, at Eolo, will suggest the best alternative according to your tastes and preferences.

TRANSFERS
To carry out the activities in the National Park, you need to book a transfer service separately. The alternatives are:
- Shared bus (pick up and drop off at Eolo’s “tranquera” [main gate]) *
- Private vehicle
- Vehicle owned or leased

When booking your activity, we ask you to please specify us the type of transfer chosen

* By “tranquera” (main gate) we refer to Eolo’s property, located 10 minutes away from the main building. Eolo will provide the transfer to this point to meet up with the shared bus. Waiting time at the gate will depend on the service provider and may have some variations on the agreed time, so it is very important to expect some kind of delay.

We will divide the activities into two areas:

Perito Moreno Glacier area:
The Perito Moreno Glacier is located 34 miles west of Eolo (1 hour) on a route that flaunts incredible landscapes. The Bajo de las sombras port is located 6 miles away from the glacier, which is the boarding point to access the Mini-trekking and Big Ice tours.

Punta Bandera Area:
The Punta Bandera port is the starting point for all activities including navigation of the Argentino Lake. The port is located 15 miles west of Eolo Lodge (30 minutes), from there, there are a variety of proposals that we detail below.
Activities in Los Glaciares National Park

Perito Moreno Glacier Area

**Perito Moreno Glacier visit**
The visit to the Perito Moreno glacier is an almost compulsory activity. There is a natural viewpoint facing the glacier which can easily be accessed in any vehicle. There are 2 miles of catwalks available to the visitor, which allow viewers to appreciate the glacier from different angles and heights. The glacier’s colors, calving and magnificence impress every one of its visitors.

Optional: Navigation next to the south wall of the glacier (duration 45 minutes).

**Mini-trekking**
This activity is a complement to the visit to the catwalks, which includes a short navigation close to the south wall of the glacier and one and a half hours trek using crampons over the glacier surface. The tour is a unique experience where guides will lead visitors through safe trails to appreciate all the features that this type of glacier has to offer.

**Big Ice**
This option is also a complement to the visit to the glacier. The starting point is the same as the one for the Mini-trekking, with the difference that in this case visitors will be able to access nearly the center of the glacier. The trek includes approximately 2 hours of walking through different paths and trails, spending approximately 4 hours on the glacier’s surface. It is a trip for adventurous people in search of a more intense and exclusive experience.
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Punta Bandera Area

**Kayaking**
This activity is designed for outdoor enthusiasts. It is a voyage from the Punta Bandera port to reach a beach area on the Upsala Channel on the Argentino Lake. The kayaking activity, which lasts 2 hours, will be conducted among detached icebergs from the Upsala glacier.

**Estancia Cristina**
The boat trip starts from Punta Bandera Port. The way goes through different areas of Argentino Lake sailing close to an area full of magnificent icebergs coming from Upsala Glacier. After 2 hours and a half the boat reaches the historical Estancia Cristina, where we suggest one of the following activities:

- **Tour 4x4:**
  After disembarking, a track of almost 1 hour on 4x4 vehicles, will take us to the Upsala Lookout, an impressive panoramic viewpoint to the Southern Patagonic Ice Field. After going back to the "estancia", we visit its museum (old shearing shed) to better understand the life of the first settlers in Patagonia.

- **Fossils Canyon Hiking**
  This activity starts once reached the Upsala Lookout 4x4 vehicles. The tour takes place in a landscape that was recently covered by glaciers and has great geological interest. The descent is through the Fossils Canyon, a hiking where fossils can be found, remains of the last marine incursion, which was uncovered by glacial action. This valley has unique characteristics in the National Park.
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Punta Bandera Area

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This activity starts from Punta Bandera Port. The first part of the way goes through an area of amazing icebergs and having views of Upsala Glacier. When the boat reaches the front of Spegazzini Glacier, it stops for enjoying a great lunch with gorgeous views. During the afternoon, we disembark at "Puesto de las Vacas" for a short hike among the Patagonic wood.

Todo Glaciares or Rios de Hielo
There are two options for sailing the Argentino Lake:

- **Todo Glaciares:** From Punta Bandera port, navigate the branches of Lake Argentino to visit the various glaciers found in the National Park, among which are: the Upsala, Spegazzini and Perito Moreno. Large and imposing icebergs can be seen during the seven hours tour.

- **Rios de Hielo:** A second option for this tour is a voyage beginning with the ice barrier on the Upsala Channel, continuing to the Spegazzini glacier and then returning to port, without visiting the Perito Moreno glacier.
Other activities in the area

The vast expanse of the entire area allows a different number of activities both inside and outside the National Park. While they are not as popular, they are still magnificent options. These include outdoor activities aimed at more adventurous people, knowledge and research, sports and visits to historic and traditional estancias. Below we list the most significant ones.

FULL DAY EL CHALTEN
GLACIARIUM
FLY FISHING
NIBEPO AIKE
Other activities in the area

**Full day El Chaltén**
National Trekking Capital.
Cover 150 miles (approximately two and a half hours) from Eolo to El Chaltén, enjoying the typical scenery of the Patagonian steppe. This is the youngest town in Argentina, located at the foot of Fitz Roy Mount and Cerro Torre. It is also an essential destination for nature lovers and outdoor activities. You can access viewpoints and trails of different lengths and intensities, discovering lagoons and glaciers, through ancient forests.

**Glaciarium**
This is an interpretation centre which offers visitors an interactive vision, where the Patagonian Ice Field and the glaciers in the region are the protagonists. Promotes visual experiences, creates a space for research, generates entertainment with scientific rigor, reports the latest research on glaciers and their environment, and encourages environmental awareness.

**Fly fishing**
It is conducted in the Roca Lake, the Argentino Lake or the Santa Cruz River, with the assistance of experienced guides. The species that can be found are mainly rainbow trout and perch.

**Nibepo Aike**
A visit to a historic Estancia in the area that allows visitors to appreciate and learn about rural activities and enjoy a typical Patagonian lamb “asado”. It provides the opportunity to recreate the customs and lifestyles of old ranchers.