Tours and Activities
Season 2020-2021
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 the program that best suits your preferences, physical condition and duration of the stay, thus achieving an optimal itinerary to discover southern Patagonia and all its attractions.

**General notes**
- All activities are subject to availability, which is why we suggest booking in advance.
- Being outdoor activities, weather conditions could cause possible cancellations, changes or adjustments on the itinerary.
- The activities that take place in the National Park are conducted by companies designated by the National Park Administration.

**How to use the tours and activities guide:**
- 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 an 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 tours.
Activities at EOLO

The land where the hotel stands extends to 10,000 acres, 30 minutes away from El Calafate, on the way to Perito Moreno glacier. It is a unique property that expands from a lagoon, to forests on the Cerro Frías'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.
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.

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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.

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Birdwatching
It’s a hike to venture out and discover flora, fauna and birds that are typical to this region. You can observe a wide variety of native birds to the area, among which the condor stands out with its majestic flight.
Activities at EOLO

**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 Frías, or a ride to the Flamingos’ lagoon.

**Appropriate Duration**
2 hours

**Difficulty**
Intermediate
(no experience required)

In groups or in private with an EOLO guide

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**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 Cerro Frías, with intermediate stops at viewpoints before reaching the top.

**Duration**
2 hours

**Difficulty**
Low

Operated by third parties
In groups or in private

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**Zip-line**
It is a recreational activity that takes place descending amidst forests and the slopes of Cerro Frieas. 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.

**Duration**
2 hours

**Difficulty**
Intermediate

Operated by third parties, in groups or in private
Los Glaciares National Park is a few miles west from 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 in the world outside the polar regions. There are a total of 250 major glaciers in the park; Perito Moreno, Upsala, Viedma and Spegazzini glaciers stand out as the 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.
Activities at
Los Glaciares National Park

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 likings 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 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 Minitrekking 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 (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 or north wall of the glacier (duration 60 minutes).

**Minitrekking**
*Short hike over the Glacier*
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’s 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**
*Long hike over the Glacier*
This option is also a complement to the visit to the glacier. The starting point is the same as the one for the Minitrekking, with the difference that in this case visitors will be able to access nearly the center of the glacier. The trek includes approximately two hours walk through different paths and the glacier’s moraine, spending approximately four 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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Perito Moreno Glacier Area

**Kayak Experience, Perito Moreno glacier**
This option is also a complement to the visit to the Glacier. It is an activity designed for enthusiasts of nature, adventure and outdoor activities. The activity starts on a beach near the Glacier from where visitors will kayak for approximately 2 hours in front of the Perito Moreno glacier.

**Glaciar Sur Pioneros**
This activity combines the natural landscapes and the history of the area. Departing from El Calafate, in direction to the southern section of the National Park, visitors will arrive at Nibepo Aike, a pioneer Estancia in El Calafate. A demonstration of shearing and gaucho tasks will be performed, and after, a traditional Patagonian lamb is served for lunch. After that, the excursion includes a navigation through the Rico branch of Argentino Lake, to then disembark at Playa de las Monedas, and make a gentle walk to a unique viewpoint of the Perito Moreno glacier. Further on, the boat navigates towards the south wall of the Glacier, and later disembark again and walk the catwalks.

**Glaciar Sur Aventura**
This excursion also starts in the city of El Calafate. The activity includes a navigation through the southern branch of Argentino Lake and a trek to Frieas lake. From there, visitors cross the lake in zodiacs, and disembark at the opposite end to start a second trek through an old glacial valley. The trails through mountains and forests of centennial beech trees, permits visitors to get unique sightings of glaciers Frías, Dickson, Cubo and Grande.

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**DURATION**
Full day (7 hours)

**DIFFICULTY**
Medium / High

**AGE RANGE**
Determined by the operator: older than 14 years old
Activities in Los Glaciares National Park

Punta Bandera Area

Ríos de Hielo
This activity starts from Punta Bandera port. The navigation through the northern branches of the Argentino Lake brings visitors close to the different glaciers that are in the National Park. Upsala and Spegazzini glaciers are reached from the boat. The Captain Club option (VIP lounge) includes food and drink during the navigation.

Estancia Cristina
This option starts from Punta Bandera port. The boat navigates through the northern branch of Argentino Lake, close to an area boasting magnificent icebergs that have loosened from the front of Upsala Glacier.

After two and a half hours the boat reaches the historical Estancia Cristina, where we suggest one of the following activities:

- Discovery Tour 4x4:
  A track of almost one hour on 4x4 vehicles, will drive visitors to the Upsala lookout, an impressive panoramic viewpoint to the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. On the way back, a visit the estancia’s museum (former shearing shed) helps better understand the life of the first settlers in Patagonia.

- Fossils Canyon Hiking:
  This activity starts once reached the Upsala lookout in 4x4 vehicles. The tour takes place in a landscape that in the past was covered by glaciers and has great geological interest. The descent is through the Fossils Canyon, a hike where sea 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.
Activities in Los Glaciares National Park

Punta Bandera Area

**DURATION**
Full day (10 hours)

**DIFFICULTY**
Low

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**María Turquesa Cruise - Marpatag**
This activity starts from La Soledad port. It is a navigation on Argentino Lake in an area of icebergs, spotting Upsala, Spegazzini and Perito Moreno glaciers. Includes gourmet lunch on board with stunning views, and visitors can disembark at Puesto de las Vacas for a short walk through the Patagonian forest.

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**May Spirit Trek Navigation**
Departing from Lago Argentino port, the boat navigates through the Icebergs’ Channel to finally reach the Mayo Sound. The activity includes two landings one at Bahía Toro and another at Seno Mayo, to appreciate the Andean-Patagonian forest and walk towards the viewpoints of the hanging glaciers of Cerro Mayo and Cerro Negro. The excursion continues to the Perito Moreno glacier to navigate in front of the northern wall and disembark again to walk the catwalks in front of the 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, etc.
Below we list the most significant ones.
### Other activities in the area

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<td>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.</td>
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| **Fly fishing**            | Half day or full day | Low               |
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| Fishing activities can take place in the Argentino Lake, Roca Lake, or Rico Lake, and/or the Santa Cruz River and Pelque River according to the season, with the assistance of experienced guides. The species that can be found are mainly Rainbow trout, Lake trout, Brown trout, Fontinalis, Perch and Chinook salmon. Includes equipment. |

| **Glacierium**            | 3 hours           |                  |
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| This is an interpretation centre that offers visitors an interactive vision, where the Patagonian Ice Field and the glaciers in the region are the main 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. |