

### • TRAVELLING BY PLANE

**Desde Buenos Aires / Desde Bariloche / Desde Ushuaia / desde Trelew**



**From Buenos Aires:** LADE, Aerolíneas Argentinas or Southern Winds. All the flights take about 3 hours, and 1 hour and 20 minutes more if there is a stop; you may also fly to Río Gallegos and then take a bus to Calafate. It is advisable to get information at the airlines (LADE, Aerolíneas Argentinas or Southern Winds) about the flight schedules.

**From Puerto Natales - Chile:** Chile: by bus, leaving in the morning or at midday and arriving at El Calafate either at midday or in the evening.

You can book in advance and at the same price by sending an order of reservation to the following web page [www.alwaysglaciers.com](http://www.alwaysglaciers.com)

**From Punta Arenas:** via Natales 3 hours by bus and then 4 hours more if you make the right combination. From Bariloche, several ways:

#### **From Bariloche several ways:**

Non-stop flight to El Calafate in Aerolíneas Argentinas or Southern Winds, or via Buenos Aires and then to Calafate. Or by route 40, it is advisable to make a two days' journey with the special service of minibuses on odd days, spending the night in the city of Perito Moreno; you can book in advance by sending an order of reservation to the following web page [www.alwaysglaciers.com](http://www.alwaysglaciers.com) [www.alwaysglaciers.com](http://www.alwaysglaciers.com) Or by bus to Comodoro Rivadavia, via RGL, and then Calafate.

**From Trelew / Puerto Madryn:** by plane or bus to RGL and then by bus to El Calafate.

**From Ushuaia:** Aerolíneas Argentinas non-stop flight to El Calafate, or from Río Gallegos and then by bus to El Calafate.

### • TRAVELLING BY BUS



**From Río Gallegos:** From Río Gallegos: there are several buses that leave from the terminal and wait for the arrival of the flights to Río Gallegos; then they go on to El Calafate. You can book in advance and without additional cost by sending an order of reservation to the following web page [www.alwaysglaciers.com](http://www.alwaysglaciers.com)

### • TRAVELLING BY CAR:

**Let us know if you come by car so that we can give you useful information to bear in mind.**



**From Buenos Aires:** it will take about 2 days. You should take the highway to Cañuelas, then route 3 in Bahía Blanca, continue along the 22 to Río Colorado some kms until the intersection with route 251, then 20kms more to San Antonio Oeste, then route 3 again to Puerto Madryn where you can spend the night. Next morning, if you get up early, you can watch the whales; at about 9 o'clock continue your way and 30kms before Río Gallegos take the route to El Calafate.

**From Río Gallegos:** by provincial route N° 5, paved, about 300kms.

#### **Adjusting of the car**

Remember to stop at every service station to fill the tank. Whenever you have to drive on a gravel road, take two spare wheels, a large can with fuel and some food to be on the safe side if your car breaks down and maybe you have to wait for hours until some vehicle comes and helps you; take also a rope or cable to tow or be towed.

### • STOPS ON THE WAY TO EL CALAFATE



- Las horquetas, La Esperanza.
- Tapi-Aike, coming from Chile, on route 40.
- La Leona, coming from the north, on route 40, at about 100kms north of El Calafate.

### • SERVICE STATIONS (in the area)



En El Calafate 2 service station.  
En Río Gallegos several  
La Esperanza n 1 service station 180Kms  
Perito Moreno 600 kms.  
Los antiguos 1 service station 630kms.  
Bajo Caracoles 1 pump 500 kms.  
Tres Lagos 1 service station 150 kms.  
Chaltén 1 service station 220 Kms.;  
Tapi-Aike 1 service station 140kms;  
Cerro Castillo en Chile 1 pump 170kms;  
Río Turbio several 260kms.

In National Park Torres del Paine, you can get benzene in some places and gasoline or petrol.

### • MECHANICAL SERVICE, SPARE PARTS, EMERGENCIES



There is a spare parts shop 100mts from the Hostel but remember that there are not many spare parts in the town. If you have any problem, you may go to the ACA (Automóvil Club Argentino) where you may be helped.

### CLIMATE OF THE AREA



Dry, with ample thermal variations.  
The average temperature in summer is very pleasant, 19/20° C; in winter, the minimum is -0° C. Excursions, either in summer or in winter, have their own attractions. There are few windy days but some of light breezes.

Equipment: mountain gear if you want to camp in the mountains; you should take warm clothes because the temperature lowers at night; a rucksack is also very useful.

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### SERVICES IN CALAFATE

#### Currency – Banks



You can use the national currency or American dollars. If you have travellers' cheques you can change them at these banks: Nación, Tierra del Fuego, Provincia de Santa Cruz; opening hours: 10a.m to 3p.m, from Monday to Friday. These banks have Red Link cash dispensers. There are also cash dispensers at El Calafate International Airport.

Credit Cards: In some places you will be charged a little more when using the card; you may also get reductions when paying cash.

In El Chaltén, there are no banks because the population is of about 300 inhabitants.

### Drinking Water



It is convenient to drink mineral water although water in the town is drinkable.

### Electricity



220V 50Hz provided by public services of El Calafate.

### Medical Assistnace



In Calafate there is a hospital and several doctors who work privately. There are several chemists.

### Useful Numbers in El Calafate



National Parks: 491005  
Province Highway System (roads condition) 492272  
Formentis Hospital: 491001 / 491003  
Police Department: 101  
Fire Brigade: 100

#### **Calling from abroad**

Code of the country Argentina: 54  
Code of the Town: 2902  
Hotel Number: 492450  
Number of Always Glaciers Travel Agency: 492502

#### **Vía e mail**

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