

Patagonia Travel Guide- Expedia.

Before watching the video.

- 1- What do you know about Patagonia? Have you ever visited this region?
- 2- Make a list of the places you expect the video to mention.

Vocabulary:

Match the words

jagged	To be settled comfortably within or against something
Feel dwarfed	To cause to appear or seem small in size
Be nestled	Having a sharply uneven edge or surface
Take a detour	An elevated place that offers a wide view for observation.
Spellbound	Of or relating to natural scenery
Slope down	To slant toward or recede from something at a downward angle
Scenic	Something fascinating and captivating
White-capped peaks	Semiarid plain with few trees
Lookout point	Take a a longer, less direct way to get where you're going.
Steppe plains	Tops of mountains covered with snow

While watching.

- 3- Complete the list with the places mentioned in the video.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

BARILOCHE
EL CHALTEN
SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES
USHUAIA
VILLA LA ANGOSTURA
PUERTO VARAS
VILLARICA
PUCON
PUNTA ARENAS

4- Watch the first part of the video again and put the missing sentences in the correct place.

Far away, at the fabled 'edge of the world' the natural wonders of Patagonia await. This last frontier of South America slopes down from The Andes towards Antarctica, covering the sparsely inhabited southern regions of both Chile and Argentina.

(1) _____.
This is a land of legendary beauty, where Mother Nature runs the show. Prepare to feel dwarfed by the mighty volcanoes, towering glaciers and floating icebergs that are sure to cross your path.

In this remote region, even the most firmly planted human footprint is soon covered under blankets of snow, erased by westerly winds, or washed away by lapping waves.
(2) _____

White-capped peaks of silvery mountains puncture the horizon, while soaring condors and solitary 'gauchos' bring this seemingly spellbound landscape to life. This untamed land has moods as changeable as the weather and can be rugged and desolate as well as breathtakingly beautiful and inviting.

Everything south of here is too harsh for human settlement and it's this "Edge of the World" feeling that has captivated intrepid souls for centuries...
(3) _____

Some 300 years later, a young Charles Darwin contributed to the myth that this was once a land of giants by collecting the remains of huge extinct animals. Now, almost two centuries later, Patagonia is still a place of discovery. While the region has become much easier to reach, its mythical appeal remains. Whether you set out on a road trip, or explore its far corners by cruise ship or plane, this is bound to be the journey of a lifetime.

On the Argentinean side, one of Patagonia's most relaxing day trips takes you from sleepy San Martín de los Andes to Villa La Angostura.
(4) _____

This road trip will bring you to San Carlos de Bariloche, a popular mountain resort on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. The town has all the facilities and outdoor pursuits of the Swiss Alps...without the price tag.

(5) _____
Hike to the idyllic Laguna Capri or to even higher lookout points to gaze up at the moody Fitz Roy mountain.

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| A. First to arrive was the 16th-century Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, who named the region "Patagonia": "the land of the big feet". |
| B. Spend the night in El Calafate, just a few hours to the south. |
| C. Simply follow the scenic Road of the 7 Lakes, which takes in two water-rich national parks. |
| D. No destination captures the imagination like Patagonia |
| E. Embark on an epic journey to one of the nature's greatest gifts: the Perito Moreno glacier |
| F. When Magellan first arrived here, he spotted the camp fires of native tribes and named the archipelago "Tierra del Fuego", the "Land of Fire". |
| G. With its mosaic of green steppe plains and blue mountain lakes, framed by wooded hills of ever-changing colors, Patagonia paints a mesmerizing picture. |
| H. When roaming south along the famous Ruta 40, take a detour to the town of El Chaltén: Argentina's trekking capital in the southern Andes |

Other trails provide scenic views of the jagged peaks of Cerro Torre, which only few dare to climb. (6) _____ Stock up on supplies and try the regional specialty of “asado”, whole lamb grilled over an open fire.

El Calafate is nestled on the southern shores of Lago Argentino, the gateway lake to Los Glaciares National Park. (7) _____ If ice trekking over its slippery surface doesn't warm you up, perhaps a whiskey “on the rocks” will...

From the safety of a nearby viewing platform, observe the ever-changing face of its terminus, which reaches some 200 feet above sea level this glacier is the world's third-largest freshwater reserve.

Most Perito Moreno tours also take in the milky waters of Canal Upsala, nature's own exhibit space for some the most spectacular sculptures on Earth: floating icebergs shaped by water and wind. All the way south, the Strait of Magellan separates the far corner of Patagonia from mainland Argentina.

(8) _____ You can get there by boat, but most visitors simply fly to the province's capital Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world.

This former penal colony was once a cold and brutal place of punishment, but now extends a warm welcome to all newcomers. In the morning, board the 'End of the World Train' for an unforgettable day trip to Tierra del Fuego National Park.

An even more scenic way to reach this reserve is joining a cruise along the Beagle Channel, the closest you can get to experiencing Antarctica without actually going there.

5- Watch the second part of the video and complete the blanks with the correct words.

See the Magellanic cormorants flock to Bird Island and then observe the lazing giants on Seal Island. The nearby Les Éclaireurs lighthouse has marked this _____ to Chile for about a hundred years.

Once you've reached the wondrous domain of Tierra del Fuego National Park, you have come to the end of your Argentinean explorations. From here, you can either return to Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires, or _____ into Chile to explore the west coast of Patagonia, where more adventures await. On the Chilean side, you can find fascinating historic and cultural attractions in pretty colonial cities, such as the regional capital Punta Arenas.

After a day of _____ in the outdoors, warm up with the local flavors that await in the region's inviting restaurants. In much of Chilean Patagonia, forests, lakes, snow-capped mountains, rivers and volcanoes dominate the landscape.

With more than half of this gigantic region declared a _____, you'll find untouched nature everywhere you go. On your way north, take a little detour to the Milodón cave. This prehistoric shelter held the remains of a giant ground-dwelling sloth and other huge _____. It was discoveries like these that sparked Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection.

Not far from the cave, the granite peaks of Torres del Paine loom over Chile's wind-swept tundra like towering castles in the sky. This dramatic national park is brimming with lakes in many _____ of blue and green; some with distinctive white banks and others that spill out into gorgeous waterfalls, such as Salto Grande.

Continue north until you spot the spectacular outline of the Osorno Volcano. This _____ giant is the focal point of Los Lagos, the lake region that forms the northern border of Chilean Patagonia. Straddling the opposite shore of Lake Llanquihue is the small town of Puerto Varas, a good place to end your Patagonia expedition.

After collecting some mementos, you can _____ return to Bariloche in Argentina by crossing the border via the lakes, or drive north for a stopover in Pucón and Villerica before flying out from the capital Santiago de Chile.

Travel to the land that time forgot, to walk in the footsteps of early explorers or make a new _____ all of your own. This magical wilderness at the far edge of the world reminds us that we are just temporary _____ of nature's infinite beauty.

After watching:

Discuss the following questions:

- When was the Patagonia discovered?
- What did Charles Darwin find in Patagonia?
- How are the landscapes described?

TASK:

- 1- Use the list of places from the activities above and make notes about attractions that tourists can find in each city.
- 2- Select 4 of those cities and investigate the following items.
 - a. When was the city found
 - b. Geographical location
 - c. Natural attractions in the city (lakes, mountains, lookout points etc)
 - d. Activities that the city offers (excursions, sports, etc)
- 3- Now imagine you are speaking to a tourist from the USA, he is visiting Patagonia soon and wants to find out information about the cities he can visit and what activities are available in them.