*** Patagonia ***

Tramp and travel through “the land of Giants”
Southern Chile and Argentina, plus Iguassu Falls, Brazil
Leader : Eileen Cameron
1st to 28th January 2020, 28 days
$13,295 ex Auckland (est. as at February 2019)

A minimum group size of 8 is required to operate this trip and we prefer to restrict the group to not more than 12
Any payments by visa or mastercard adds $350 to the final trip price

PRICE INCLUDES :
• International flights ex Auckland and all internal flights in South America
• All accommodation – small hotels, mountain huts and a farm stay
• All land transport and drivers, boat trips, all transfers in South America
• Very experienced Spanish and Portuguese speaking kiwi trip leader throughout
• Many meals - 38 altogether
• National park fees, qualified guides as required
• Tip fund covering local guides, drivers, cooks, etc
• Numerous other inclusions as detailed in the itinerary

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE :
• Domestic connections to/from Auckland
• Additional meals
• Travel insurance
• Items of a personal nature
• Optional activities in selected locations
Trip Leader

**Eileen Cameron** hails from the Waikato, but lives in Vietnam. She has lived in South America for more than a decade, and currently resides in Hanoi. She has worked in various aspects of tourism for approximately 16 years, leading tours through Latin America for GAP, has been a regular tour leader for Grassroots, the Auckland based company and latterly has been leading trips around NZ. She has a wealth of knowledge & understanding of Latino culture and speaks Spanish and Portuguese fluently. She also holds a BA in Spanish and Latin American studies.

Eileen led FMC’s trips to Patagonia in 2011 and 2014 and also our Peru/Bolivia combination in 2012 and 2013 and 2016 and most recently, our extended Peru 2018 adventure. This itinerary has been amended to include the best parts of the original route while taking into account new options and activities to make this one just as successful. I know that you will enjoy a great experience with her, particularly as she has already led a number of trips into Patagonia.

She welcomes your contact at: spantranz@gmail.com

Patagonia – an overview:

Patagonia was named by Magellan; although the exact origin of the word is questionable, the name was given for the tall inhabitants of the region – the Tehuelches. Indeed, everything in Patagonia is on a gigantic scale. You will find vast steppe-like plateaus, towering mountains, imposing volcanoes, mammoth glaciers, extensive pine and beech forests, long icy rivers and the blue skies that seem to stretch into eternity.

Patagonia spans the southern part of Chile and Argentina, covering an area almost four times the size of New Zealand. This trip will allow you to experience the contrast of lush, mountainous Chile to the golden steppes of barren, windswept Argentina. **Wildlife** such as guanacos, rheas, armadillos, llamas, skunks, flamingoes, Patagonian geese and giant condors, to name a few, are likely to be observed. **We have included a variety of tramps, ranging from half, full and multi-day hikes where we visit numerous national parks and many national reserves throughout the Patagonia region.** One of the great things about Patagonia is that although you are up in the mountains, there are no issues with altitude sickness and furthermore you can drink safely from the sparkling mountain streams. The weather can be very changeable so come prepared for anything.

Our first stop is **Pucon**, where we enjoy a day tramp in the **Huerquehue National Park** and then soak in a nearby hot spring. The next day we hike up the **volcano Villarica** (all gear is provided) and then enjoy a typical Chilean BBQ. From here, we follow the lakes heading further south to **Puerto Varas**, one of Chile’s postcard towns with a strong German heritage. We enjoy a day trip to **Chiloe Island** including a traditional Chilean curanto, similar to a hangi, only also prepared with seafood. The next day we have an interesting journey involving short ferry rides and spectacular scenery through remote wilderness and national parks; eventually we arrive at **Futaleufu** where we stay on a farm. This is our first day on the great southern highway (**Carretera Austral**) and most of the settlements are small and few and far between.

However, this is the best way to experience the vastness of Patagonia and the scenery is breathtaking. Indeed it is only be doing an overland trip and tramping programme of this nature that one can fully appreciate what the land of giants is all about. We will have the chance to observe how farming is done in this part of the world – generally implementing old school methods, living off the land using manual labour. After 6 days and over 1400kms overland on Chile’s Carretera Austral, with a number of hikes on the way, we arrive at the last town enroute: **Villa O’Higgins**. From here we catch a couple of ferries, hike and bus our way across to **El Chalten** in Argentina. We enjoy day walks in **Los Glaciares NP**, taking in the best of the scenery and returning to the same lodging each night. We then head south to **El Calafate**, where we visit **Perito Mereno Glacier** and a sheep station, known as an estancia, to learn about gauchos farming practices, go horse riding (optional) and top it off with a Patagonian roast lamb and signature Malbec wine! In total we spend a magical 7 days in **Los Glaciares (Arg) and Torres del Paine (Chi) National Parks**, which are quintessential tramping destinations with amazing alpine scenery. We then fly to our final Patagonian port of call, **Ushuaia** on the southern coast of **Tierra del Fuego**, the southernmost city in the world. Nestled on the banks of the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia is the jumping off point for most expeditions to Antarctica and we have one last hike here as well as likely see seals, penguins, skuas and cormorants when we cruise the Beagle Channel.

From one extreme to the other, we then fly to Argentina’s capital **Buenos Aires** - known as the Paris of the Americas for its elegant class and beautiful architecture. A city tour will introduce us to this thriving metropolis, and we top it off with a tango show, in the city where this sensational dance was created.
From here we fly to the steamy northeast corner of Argentina and spend three days in this hot jungle region, staying just across the border in **Foz do Iguacu, Brazil**. In stark contrast to Patagonia, the tropical heat and vibrant colours of the **Iguassu Falls** region will imbue your senses. We visit both the Brazilian and Argentina falls – each unique in its own right, enjoying a thrilling speedboat ride under the falls, visit a huge tropical bird park and marvel at the **Itaipu Dam**, the largest in the world and a modern wonder of the world shared by Brazil and Paraguay. We then fly back to Buenos Aires, and connect through to Auckland.

**Trip Organization**

**Flights:**
The trip includes international flights from Auckland and 6 internal flights within South America. **Within the overall trip price, there is a $4000 per person allocation towards indicative flight costs. At the time of completing this dossier in February 2019, not all the flights we require were viewable in the system and therefore only estimated. The allocation should cover, but if the total cost of the flights we require exceed $4000, we will need to pass any increase on. Flights fill rapidly and prices rise steadily hence the need to register early so we can get underway asap.**

**Operations:**
A variety of local operators are used as we go from region to region. Apart from enjoying private excursions, we will also have local guides in eight towns or cities. **Our ‘land’ arrangements are priced to us in USD, so we are at the mercy of currency fluctuations at every step, when we make supplier payments and at the time we run the trip. We cannot guarantee the final cost of the trip until such times as you have paid your final invoice.**

**Your trip leader:**
Eileen has full control ‘on the ground’ and is the co-ordinator ensuring everything runs as smoothly as possible. Eileen facilitates accommodation check-ins and briefs the groups, responds to questions and issues and helps with language and cultural issues. Eileen has worked extensively in these regions and has a wide range of local contacts to assist and ensure you enjoy the best possible experience.

**Accommodation:**
Mostly in small family run hotels, mountain cabins and hostels, often with private facilities. In Torres del Paine National Park there will be shared accommodation at different mountain lodges inside the park. Hotels in the cities tend to be larger and conveniently located to bring you close to the main tourist attractions and shopping areas. Rooms are generally twin share and many include private facilities. We will place solo travellers of the same gender together. We do not offer a specific solo room supplement. However, should that be your requirement, please make it clear at the time of registration, so we can provide an estimate of what will be possible.

**Transport:**
We will have private vehicles from Temuco to El Calafate with a local driver and this will facilitate coordinating the different tramps and other activities en-route as well as covering the big distances. Keep in mind we cover approx’ 3500 kms overland so there is a lot of driving but with abundant spectacular scenery and time for photo stops and hiking. The vehicle size and domestic flights dictate that your luggage be restricted to one checked in pack/bag up to 15kgs. A packing list will be sent closer to the departure date and this allowance covers all your clothing requirements. Airport transfers are included for all airports en-route, but if you are not traveling with the group to/from New Zealand, you will need to discuss transfer options with John.

**Meals:**
Simple breakfasts are included – usually bread or croissants, butter and jam with a hot drink and sometimes egg, fruit and/or juice may be available. We have included two traditional roast Patagonian lamb meals (one in Chile, one in Argentina), a Chilean curanto and an Argentine pasta meal, dinners and box lunches while staying at Torres del Paine National Parks. Two other dinners include the tango show in Buenos Aires and final dinner at Iguassu. In total, 25 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 8 dinners are included. Allow spending money for other meals, drinks, snacks, etc (approx $50US/day). Due to the spread out nature of Patagonia, we will have picnic lunches on occasion and advise in advance where you need to stock up on supplies. There is lots of fresh fruit available in Chile and you should always
carry plenty of snacks and ample water, which is potable in Chile and Argentina. If you love coffee, you may wish to consider bringing your own supplies because Chile doesn’t have a coffee culture. An enjoyable aspect to the trip is sampling the regional cuisines and local specialties, especially the seafood in Chile and the meat and pasta in Argentina. The red wine is also good quality and relatively inexpensive (add $10/day if you like to have a drink with meals).

A typical day on the trip:
There is so much variety that it is hard to generalize. Nevertheless, we have a lot of two night stops, so on the first day we’ll probably leave early, drive quite a lot, stop off to visit places of interest or do a short hike en-route. It does not get dark until after 9pm so we have a lot of time to enjoy the day and meals tend to be much later than in NZ. Restaurants stay open later, usually until at least 11pm. On the second day in the same place, we are likely to enjoy more nearby activities and tramps, some being weather dependent. Tramps range from half to full day as well as multi-day. A good standard of fitness is required as some of them are quite challenging (although normally there is a shorter alternative), and it will also help you enjoy the travel days more. All of the days will be action packed! However, you will enjoy some downtime on the minibus to take a siesta in order to recharge your batteries etc. Having said that, the scenery is so captivating, you will likely be enthralled and not want to miss anything.

Newsletters:
At least one newsletter will be compiled to inform of things not mentioned here. Recommendations on how to prepare for the trip will be included, along with an accommodation list, group member contacts, recommended gear list, cultural and food details, and anything else considered relevant. There are many books and publications on Patagonia to read up and of course the likes of the Lonely Planet series and Rough Guides can be helpful. The more you find out the more you will enjoy this trip although we have local guides en route to enhance your knowledge.

“Chile”
“In the beginning of time, God created the wonders of the world. When he was finished, however, he saw that he had many leftover parts of rivers and valleys, of oceans and lakes, of glaciers and deserts, of mountains and forests, and of meadows and hills. Rather than to let such beauty go to waste, God put them all together and cast them to the most remote corner of the earth. This is how Chile was born.”
- A Chilean Legend

Itinerary

Day 1. Wed 1st Jan. Auckland to Pucon
Early evening departure from Auckland and midday arrival to Chile’s capital as we cross the dateline, followed by a domestic flight south to Temuco, just one hour’s drive from our destination. We arrive in the small town of Pucon early evening and there is time to grab some dinner, relax and explore.

Day 2. Thu 2nd Jan. Pucon
This morning we head out to Huerquehue National park (35kms away) for a warm up hike through forests and lakes – just the thing to introduce us to the flora and fauna of the region and to stretch our legs. Opportunity to visit nearby hot springs in the evening and head into town for dinner.

Day 3. Fri 3rd Jan. Pucon to Puerto Montt
We take the scenic route driving south past many beautiful lakes and through small towns to the picturesque town of Puerto Varas, full of German heritage. From here we’ll do a side trip to Petrohue which has impressive geology and may remind some of the Huka Falls. Back to Puerto Varas to check out the local shops, cafes and superb views on the lake front. We’ll have dinner here then drive 30 minutes to Puerto Montt, the city we’ll stay in for the next 2 nights.

Day 4 Sat 4th Jan. Puerto Montt to Chiloe
A full day excursion to Chiloe Island where we will observe wildlife, enjoy a curanto – the Chilean equivalent of a hangi (+ seafood), and visit the World Heritage church in Ancud, one of 16 throughout the island. Time for some supermarket shopping to pick up some (picnic) supplies before we start our road trip on the Great Southern Highway. Return to Puerto Montt in the evening. B, L.

Day 5. Sun 5th Jan. Puerto Montt to Lago Yelcho
Today we start the southern highway or carretera Austral as it is known in Chile. After an early start we’ll have a mixture of van and ferry transportation, along with a short hike and some hot springs. As we make our way south, settlements become more sporadic and volcanoes and lakes more abundant. The beauty of these landscapes and the variety in today’s transport will keep you entertained all the way to our destination near Lago Yelcho! B.

Day 6. Mon 6th Jan. Lago Yelcho to Puyuhuapi
We drive south again on the Carretera Austral, which is the main road in Chilean Patagonia, stopping for a hike to a hanging glacier. We arrive at the little town of Puyuhuapi, originally settled by Germans in 1935 and situated on the shore of a beautiful forested fjord, on the bay of the same name. B.

Day 7. Tue 7th Jan. Coihaique
Heading south, we do a 3–hour tramp in the nearby Queluat National Park, famous for its huge hanging glacier (Ventisquero Colgante). We then cross the Queluat Pass, where if time and conditions permit, we can do another short hike through the enchanted forest. We continue through the Simpson Valley Reserve to the regional capital city of Coihaique, our last major town for a few days until we get to Argentina. B.

The southern section of the Carretera Austral is quite a contrast to the northern section as the forested and rugged scenery changes to more barren and dramatic landscapes further changing to the flatter Patagonian plains. The road heads over the Cerro Castillo Pass – part of the Andes – before following the edge of South America’s second largest lake, Lake General Carrera (Chilean half) or Lake Buenos Aires (Argentine half). Here we’ll do a boat trip to visit one of the region’s hidden treasures. B.

Day 9. Thu 9th Jan. Caleta Tortel
More spectacular scenery – you’ll be amazed. We have lunch in the small settlement of Cochrane, before continuing the drive to the fascinating little coastal village of Caleta Tortel, which has only had road access since 2003. Caleta Tortel consists mainly of stilt houses, typical of Chilota architecture, built along the coast for several kilometers. There are no conventional streets, instead there are wooden walkways linking the buildings, giving the village a very distinctive appearance. B.

Day 10. Fri 10th Jan. Villa O’Higgins
We spend the morning exploring the many boardwalks around Careta Tortel, as well as a boat excursion to the Isla de Muerte, site of a mysterious mass genocide after an industrial accident approximately one century ago. Back to Tortel for a delicious seafood lunch, we then drive to Villa O’Higgins, which is the last stop on the Carretera Austral and our lodgings for the night. Tonight we farewell our Chilean driver as we prepare for Argentina. B.L.

After a short drive we take a 2.5 hour boat ride on Lake O’Higgins affording breathtaking views of the Southern Ice Field, the second largest region of glaciers in the world outside of Antarctica. The boat calls in at Puerto Candelario Mancilla, an estancia and remote border stop. After checking out of Chile, we begin our 6-hour tramp into Argentina. The main luggage is carried by ute and horses and we hike with our daypacks over relatively easy terrain. If desired, horses can be hired for an additional cost. Initially we have a wonderful view of Mt Fitzroy and the surrounding peaks of the Southern Ice Field. After 15 kms walking over a dirt road we hit the continental divide (700m) and make our way down into Argentina on a bush trail. After 22 kms we come to the Argentine immigration post, situated on the shores of Laguna del Desierto. We then take another boat for about 45 mins to the other side of the lagoons, where our final mode of transport (minivan) awaits. From here its another 90 minutes drive to El Chalten, where we will welcome a hot shower, a glass of Malbec and a hearty steak dinner! Welcome to Argentina!! B.

Day 12. Sun 12th Jan. una Torre hike /El Chalten
A beautiful day hiking with about 6 hours round trip and equally impressive scenery. Today’s destination is the milky Laguna Torre with the Torre Glacier behind. From here you observe icebergs carve into the lagoon and the impressive
needles of Cerro Torre towering over the panorama at 3128m. In the afternoon we hike back to El Chalten, observing a waterfall and other scenery en route. Time for a well deserved ice cream at the local gelateria! B

Day 13. Mon 13th Jan. De Los Tres hike /El Chalten,  
Today’s tramp is recognized as a park highlight. We start with a van transfer to Estancia El Pilar, and begin our hike into Los Glaciares National Park. Initially we walk for a couple of hours until we get to Camp Rio Blanco, generally following the Rio Electrico. Depending on conditions we climb 400m steeply up to De Los Tres Lagoon with its zephyr blue colour and glaciers. The surrounding peaks of Fitzroy massif and other peaks rise vertically for 1500m in front of us. At 3405m, Fitzroy is considered the “King of Patagonia” and one of the three most beautiful mountains on earth (together with Alpamayo in Peru and K2 in the Karakorams). After some time, taking in the amazing vista, eating lunch, we begin our return to El Chalten. The scenery is impressive with a number of lakes, lagoons and forested sections en route. B

Day 14. Tue 14th Jan. El Chalten to El Calafate  
After breakfast we head to El Calafate about 3 hours away. We will enjoy this alpine town for the next 3 days, the jumping off point to El Perito Moreno NP. A good spot to pick up Patagonian souvenirs and do some café/bar hopping. Late afternoon we will visit a local estancia (sheep station) and learn about typical farming practices. You can go horse riding (optional) and walk around the property, or enjoy the ambience by the pot belly stove. We will also savour a delicious Patagonian roast dinner and cabaret. B, D

Day 15. Wed 15th Jan. El Calafate  
This morning we drive 80 kms out of El Calafate to visit the astounding Perito Moreno Glacier, now a World Heritage listed site, and possibly the world’s most photographed glacier. In the morning we will walk on the glacier (with crampons provided) and in the afternoon admire the immensity of it from the purpose built boardwalks near the visitor’s centre. Back in El Calafate, there is free time pack up for the upcoming tramp and enjoy dinner with our lovely hosts at the hotel. B, D.

Day 16. Thu 16th Jan. El Calafate to Torres del Paine National Park and Pehoe Lake navigation  
A long drive back into Chile to their most famous Patagonian national park. We only carry what we need for our time in the park – the rest of our luggage stays in El Calafate, which we will meet again on Day 20. Torres del Paine is legendary for the abundant wildlife and breathtaking views of turquoise lagoons, grey granite spires, glistening snow capped mountains and glaciers. If time permits, we will tramp for an hour to Lake Nordenskjold, which will be a recurring landmark over the next few days. In the late afternoon we take a 20 minute catamaran ride across Lake Pehoe to Pehoe Lodge, our base for the first two nights. We stay in 3 different lodges along “Circuit W” with shared facilities and all meals included while in Torres del Paine. B.D.

Day 17. Fri 17th Jan. Grey Glacier  
A full day tramp dedicated to the Grey Glacier, which has a surface area of 300 square kms and is 25 kms long. It also overflows from the Patagonia Icefield, falling into Lake Grey, where it is common to see masses of icebergs floating. The Lake Grey Trail heads across ridges to the Grey Valley, skirting the lake, going up and down the western slopes of Paine Grande to display awesome views of the whole lake, the glacier and the mountains that emerge from the west of the icefield. Other viewpoints are reached as we traverse beech forest, shrub lands and bogs. The lookout is 7 hours round trip and if desired you can carry on for another two hours until you reach the glacier and Grey Hut. We return at leisure to Pehoe Lodge for a second night. B.L.D.

Day 18. Sat 18th Del Frances Valley  
An early start as we have another big day ahead. We walk 2 hours skirting around Lake Skottberg to reach Italian Camp and the start of the Del Frances Valley. This beautiful valley descends from the middle of the massif towards Lake Nordenskjold. It is flanked by the Horns to the east and impressive Paine Grande (3050m) to the west. Leave the bulk of your gear at Italian Camp, then continue for another couple of hours up the valley to the hanging bridge across the French River. Ascend the valley until the upper viewpoints in a natural amphitheatre surrounded by some of the most wonderful walls and needles of the massif. The forest and suspended glaciers combine with the peaks for unforgettable scenery. We descend again to Lake Nordenskjold, pick up our gear, and continue for another 2 hours to the Refugio Cuernos, our base for tonight. Total tramping time is 4 - 8 hours, however you do not need to walk all of the Del Frances Valley, although the awe-inspiring vistas will encourage and reward you for your effort! B.L.D.
Day 19. Sun 19th Jan. Ascensio River and Torres Lookout
Today we complete the epic tramp to the Torres del Paine lookout, which completes the “W Circuit”. Initially we continue walking parallel to Lake Nordenskjold until we come to the Acensio Valley. We wind our way up the valley for a couple of hours passing the Chilean Refuge, where you can leave gear and get a hot drink if you wish. Continue through undulating beech forest for another 1.5 hours. Eventually we come to a rocky face with the lookout about half way up clearly marked by a beautiful glacier lake lying directly in front of the Towers. This stunning vista is the park’s poster image and definitely worth the effort! About 3 hours easy tramping back through the valley to our Refugio Torres Norte for our final night in the park. Although a total of about 10 hours tramping with stops, it is well worth the effort and there are many scenic spots to rest along the way. If you do not wish to walk all the way to the Torres Lookout, you can head back earlier to the Torres Norte Lodge. B.L.D.

Day 20. Mon 20th Jan. To Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego
Leaving Torres del Paine and Chile behind, we drive back to El Calafate to reunite with our luggage and take a one-hour flight to Ushuaia. The southernmost city in the world is nestled in a breathtaking location on the banks of the Beagle Channel surrounded by snowy peaks, which seem to ‘fall’ into the sea; this is also the main departure point for Antarctic cruise expeditions. B.

Day 21. Tue 21st Jan. Ushuaia
This morning, a short drive up the mountain behind Ushuaia to tramp up to the Martial Glacier. There is a lovely teashop at the start of the walk for a nice warming brew after our hike! We then return to the city for lunch before enjoying a 3-hour cruise on the Beagle Channel. In the evening some free time to visit the intriguing museums and shops at leisure, and enjoy one last night out on the town, being sure to try the King Crab for which Ushuaia is well known. B.

Day 22. Wed 22nd Jan. Ushuaia to Puerto Iguazu (Arg), transfer to Foz do Iguaçu (Brazil)
Free morning to explore the southernmost city in the world before transferring late morning to the airport to fly 3 hours north to the capital. After a stopover we fly another 2 hours north to Puerto Iguazu, where we transfer to the nearby Brazilian city of Foz do Iguacu, our base for this tropical part of the journey. This will be a total contrast, yet it is complementary to our Patagonian adventure. Put your watch forward an hour, get your dancing shoes on and welcome to Brazil! B.

Day 23. Thu 23rd Jan. Foz do Iguacu
This morning we visit the exotic bird park on the outskirts of the Iguassu National Park. Optional helicopter rides are available depending on the weather. We enter the national park on the Brazilian side, walking 1.5 kms along the bank of the falls with the opportunity to step out onto a walkway and be surrounded on all sides by the power of these incredible cascades. Truly awesome! After lunch, we visit the Itaipu hydro dam, shared by Brazil and Paraguay. It’s one of the biggest in the world and also considered one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Return to the hotel, then tonight we enjoy the famous Rafain cabaret with a sumptuous buffet banquet and regional dances from across Latin America – the perfect way to celebrate our short stay in Brazil. B.D.

Day 24. Fri 24th Jan. Foz do Iguacu
This morning we check-out and head back into Argentina to visit the larger side of the falls, involving about 8kms walk through the various sections of cascades, including the low, high and Devil’s throat trails. After lunch we’ll take the jungle safari through the rainforest and then a speedboat ride up under the falls – lots of fun and get ready to be saturated! After doing the falls in-depth, we transfer to Puerto Iguazu airport and fly back to BA. Transfer to our downtown hotel in Buenos Aires, which is well known for its tango, fashion, football, European architecture and huge beef steaks! B.

Enjoy an informative city tour, including 5 de Mayo Plaza, La Casa Rosada, Boca’s colourful Caminito, the San Telmo district as well as the famous Recoleta Cemetery where Eva Peron is buried. We’ll have a local guide and do the tour mostly on foot to give a full panoramic understanding of this enthralling city. Tonight’s we go to a tango dinner and show – the prefect way to commemorate our final night! B.D.

In the morning check out the popular San Telmo market and pick up a few bargains. Time for packing, your last steak and other exploration of the city then about 4pm transfer to the airport and start our series of flights back to New Zealand via Santiago (Chile) to arrive in Auckland 2 days later! B.

Day 27. Mon 27th Jan. In flight
A relatively short connection in Santiago. Farewell to South America and a superb adventure.

Day 28. Tue 28th Jan. Auckland
Early morning arrival into Auckland at approximately 5am. Welcome home!

**Booking Conditions : FMC Travel Club and Travel Smart Napier**

1. The FMC Travel Club (FMC) offers this small group trip in conjunction with Travel Smart Napier (TSN). All travel arrangements for the operation of the core trip are made with TSN. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.

2. FMC and TSN are not responsible or liable in any way for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of this trip.

3. FMC and TSN reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don’t eventuate. In such an event, any monies already paid will be fully refunded. We also reserve the right to make any modifications that may be essential, or to offer a modified trip to a smaller number of people.

4. The trip price includes a payment to FMC.

5. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first come, first served basis on receipt of the Registration Form. The deposit of $6000 per person will be invoiced after we have confirmed viability. Registrations close by 30th April 2019 (or earlier if the trip fills earlier). Don’t leave it until the last minute – your earliest commitment is always appreciated. The final balance is due by 31st August 2019. All payments are preferred by internet banking to our office account at ANZ Napier: 010685 0151601 46 with a brief covering email. We will also accept cheques and for anyone able to come into our office, cash and EFTPOS. All or any payments by visa or mastercard will add $350 per person to the final trip price.

6. Events beyond our control such as adverse currency movements or any unforeseen additional costs may affect the final trip price. We cannot guarantee the final price until final payment has been received. Upon full payment, we will guarantee the trip price.

7. Cancellations. If you need to cancel your registration for ANY reason, you must advise TSN in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not sufficient. Travel insurance will cover you for unforeseen circumstances but will not cover you for simply changing your mind after committing to the trip. Cancellation fees apply as follows:

- Cancellations received from 1st May to 31st August 2019 incur a fee of $6000 per person (the deposit)
- Cancellations received from 1st September 2019 onwards incur a fee of 100% of trip costs

8. Travel insurance is mandatory and evidence must be provided before travel documents can be released. We recommend Kiwi Holiday Insurance and will provide an individualised quote at any time. For your own protection, travel insurance should be effective from 30th April 2019, the date that trip deposits become non-refundable.
Registration Form : Patagonia 2020

Complete and send to John Dobbs at TSN with a passport copy (both ideally scanned). Registrations ideally close by 30th April 2019 (or earlier of the trip fills earlier – don’t leave it until the last minute!) Your earliest commitment is always appreciated. All or any payments by visa or mastercard adds $350 to the trip price. Our preferred payment method is internet banking to our office account at ANZ Napier : 010685 0151601 46 (with brief covering email please). Do not send the deposit initially, this will be requested by invoice once a core minimum number of participants have registered and we have confirmed viability.

Full name(s) as per passport(s) and please underline or circle your preferred first name(s) and include your date(s) of birth

Snail mail address(s)

Email address(s)  mobile(s)
landline(s)

What are your regular and more recent tramping experiences? How often etc? Are you fit and comfortably able to undertake this trip without difficulty or concern?

Be specific about any essential dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions. If nothing applies, please say NIL to these

Nominate ONE person back in NZ as your contact for any emergencies. Please give details of the nature of this relationship e.g. son/daughter/neighbour etc. Provide their email and phone contacts

I/We have read and understood the full trip dossier and I/We agree to pay all trip costs by due dates, as advised by invoice. I/We understand that the final trip price is subject to minimum numbers, exchange rate impacts etc as detailed under the Booking Conditions section; therefore the final price cannot be guaranteed until full payment has been made.

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Send this form along with your passport (together and ideally scanned) to John Dobbs, FMC Travel Club Convenor at
Travel Smart Napier
Civic Court, Dickens Street, Napier 4110. Office P: 06 8352222 Direct Dial P: 06 8340669 E: john@travelsmart.co.nz
NB – initially it does NOT matter if your passport has expired or will do so soon, send it through anyway – your
replacement passport details must be sent in later on