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Unlock Your Academic Potential

**August
4th to 30th
2024**

**Marine and coastal fauna and
flora conservation**

Patagonia - Argentina



Study Abroad in Argentina Patagonia

Nestled at the southern tip of the American continent, Argentina's Patagonia stands as a haven for those seeking hands-on experience in **marine and coastal conservation**. The Valdes Peninsula area, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Biosphere Reserve, serves as our classroom, offering unparalleled access to rich biodiversity and breath-taking landscapes. From majestic orcas to playful sea lions, this unique ecosystem serves as a living laboratory for those driven by a passion for marine conservation.

Our program is designed to provide you with **immersive learning experiences**, collaborative research opportunities, and the chance to work alongside experts in the field. With a focus on ecological sustainability, you'll be at the forefront of conservation efforts while gaining insights into the intricate web of life in the Southern Atlantic Ocean.

In collaboration with Fundacion Patagonia Natural, Universidad del Chubut, and Mondify, our exclusive program offers a **unique blend of academic excellence and hands-on experience**. Participants will attend classes at Universidad del Chubut, receive Spanish instruction at Fundacion Patagonia Natural Headquarters in Puerto Madryn, and engage in vital research work at La Esperanza, a natural reserve that serves as an ecological treasure trove.

Join us in Valdes Peninsula, Argentina, and become part of a global network of dedicated individuals making a positive impact on our planet.



Objectives and Key Activities

Our program's primary objectives are:

- Foster a deeper understanding of marine and coastal ecosystems
- Promote sustainable conservation practices
- Empower the next generation of environmental stewards.

- **Whale Watching and Observation:** In August, Valdes Peninsula becomes a hub for Southern Right Whale sightings. Witness these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat while gaining insights into their conservation.

- **Bird Watching and Ecosystem Analysis:** Study the diverse avian species that inhabit this region and understand their roles in the ecosystem.

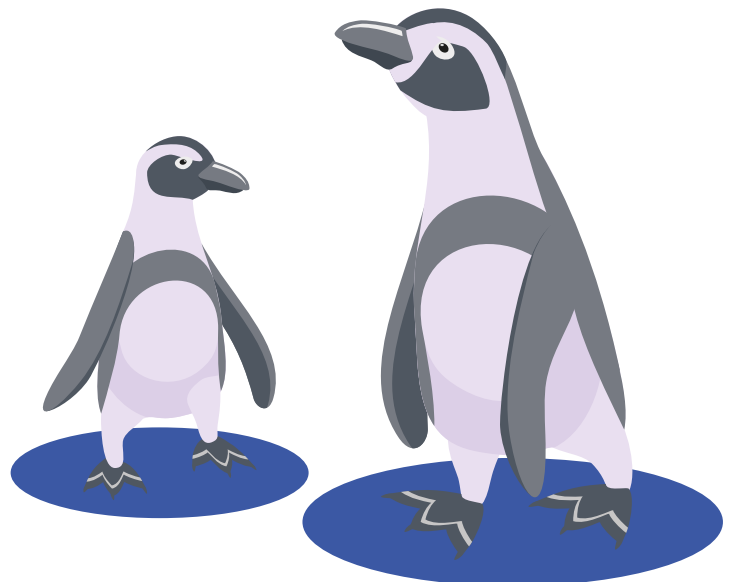
- **Terrestrial fauna:** learn about the local fauna, contributing to the conservation efforts of species such as the guanaco, the puma and the maras.

- **Marine Wildlife Photography:** Capture the beauty of Valdes Peninsula's marine life and share your conservation message with the world.

- **Environmental Research:** Work on impactful research projects, contributing to the protection and sustainability of the Valdes Peninsula's delicate ecosystems through wildlife surveys, monitoring techniques and management of protected areas.

Join us in Valdes Peninsula area in 2024 and become a part of a global network dedicated to preserving our planet's most precious resources.

**Enroll Today
and Make a
Difference!**





Program Overview

This 4-week program offers an unrivalled blend of academic excellence and hands-on experience, providing you with invaluable insights into the intricacies of marine and coastal conservation. You'll participate in 2 hours of university classes per day, focusing on ten critical topics, complemented by 20 hours of Spanish language courses, specifically tailored to the language of conservation.

Key Academic Aspects:

- 1. Nature and Society:** Gain a comprehensive understanding of the intricate relationships between the environment, technology, and society, with a special focus on the Patagonian region. Explore various ethical environmental perspectives.
- 2. Conservation:** Dive into the technical concepts applied in biodiversity conservation. Grasp the human impact on the environment and the urgent need for protection and conservation. Explore contemporary conservation challenges.
- 3. Natural Areas:** Explore the processes involved in researching, developing, and implementing management plans for Protected Natural Areas. Understand the role of natural areas as a conservation strategy, conservation categories, and examples along the Patagonian coast.
- 4. Biogeography:** Recognize the diverse ecoregions of Argentina, particularly within the Chubut Province.
- 5. Terrestrial Fauna:** Identify the characteristic terrestrial fauna of the Patagonian coastal region, its endemism, and its conservation status.
- 6. Marine Fauna:** Understand the distinctive marine fauna of the Patagonian coastal region and its conservation status.
- 7. Flora:** Recognize the characteristic flora of the Patagonian coastal region. Acquire fundamental knowledge to identify major botanical groups during field excursions. Explore plant diversity, botanical morphology, relevant Chubut and Patagonian species, natural grasslands, and introduced flora species in the Chubut Province.
- 8. Geology and Paleontology:** Discover the geological profile of Patagonia and the Valdes area, relating it to the fundamental knowledge of the past's origin and evolution of life. This understanding is key to comprehending current ecosystem dynamics.
- 9. Cultural Heritage and Archaeology:** Gain insight into the stages of archaeological work, basic theoretical-methodological tools, their scope, and limitations. Acquire a general conceptual framework to engage in cultural heritage care and management. Explore the peopling of America and Patagonia, as well as Holocene occupations in the Chubut Province.
- 10. Environmental Interpretation:** Understand the principles and foundations of environmental education, subsequently implementing them through interpretation in natural areas management. Develop the skill to conduct inquiry as an educational strategy.

By participating in this program, you'll acquire a deep and comprehensive understanding of marine and coastal conservation, setting you on a path to become a future leader in this critical field. Join us in Valdes Peninsula and become a part of a global network dedicated to preserving our planet's most precious resources.

Core Skills

- 1. Conservation Expertise:** Develop a deep understanding of the technical concepts and principles employed in biodiversity conservation. Gain the ability to analyze and address contemporary conservation challenges effectively.
- 2. Environmental Research and Analysis:** Acquire the skills required to investigate, design, and implement management plans for Protected Natural Areas. Learn how to conduct research on ecological systems and environmental issues.
- 3. Biodiversity Recognition:** Become proficient in identifying and understanding the unique terrestrial and marine fauna and flora of the Patagonian coastal region. Recognize endemic species and assess their conservation status.
- 4. Interdisciplinary Knowledge:** Acquire a comprehensive understanding of the interplay between nature, society, and culture, as well as the geological and paleontological history of the region. This interdisciplinary knowledge is essential for holistic conservation efforts.
- 5. Communication and Interpretation:** Master the art of effective environmental interpretation and education. Learn how to convey the importance of conservation to diverse audiences and engage in productive conversations about environmental issues.



Program Highlights

In-Depth Curriculum

Immerse yourself in a comprehensive curriculum focusing on marine and coastal conservation. Acquire the skills, knowledge, and practical experience to become a trailblazer in the field.

Expert Faculty

Learn from world-renowned experts and faculty members who are committed to guiding you through this transformative journey.

Research Opportunities

Engage in meaningful research work that contributes to the preservation of Valdes Peninsula's unique ecosystem.

Explore Our Field Sites:

Our program takes you on a captivating journey through the heart of Patagonia's natural wonders. Here's a glimpse of your field sites:

1. Puerto Madryn City (Weeks 1-2): Your adventure begins in the vibrant coastal city of Puerto Madryn. This bustling hub will serve as your initial base, where you'll engage in classroom sessions, connect with fellow participants, and delve into the program's core curriculum.

2. La Esperanza Natural Reserve (Weeks 3-4): Venture into the heart of conservation at La Esperanza Natural Reserve. This pristine, protected environment will be your research playground. Here, you'll conduct hands-on research and witness the astounding biodiversity of the Valdes Peninsula first-hand.

3. Final Presentation in Puerto Madryn: After weeks of immersion and research in the field, return to Puerto Madryn for your final presentation. Share your findings, insights, and experiences with peers, faculty, and local experts. Celebrate your achievements and wrap up your journey on a high note.

Unlock Your Conservation Potential: This program is your gateway to becoming a part of a global network of dedicated conservationists. Join us in Valdes Peninsula, Argentina, and discover the power to make a lasting impact on our planet.



Enroll Today and Be the Change for a Sustainable Future!



Program Costs: Your Investment in Excellence

Studying abroad is an investment in your future, a journey that promises invaluable experiences, newfound skills, lasting knowledge, and lifelong friendships. Our program costs are designed to cover an array of expenses, ensuring you have a seamless and enriching experience. These costs include:

- **Pre-program Advising and On-Site Orientation:** Guided support from the outset to prepare you for this transformative adventure.
- **Tuition and Research Fees:** Access to a world-class curriculum and the opportunity to contribute to vital conservation research.
- **Housing:** Comfortable accommodations in both Puerto Madryn and La Esperanza Natural Reserve for the duration of the program.
- **Culinary Delights:** Daily meals and snacks to fuel your learning and exploration.
- **Seamless Transfers:** Stress-free airport transfers upon your arrival and departure.
- **Field Excursions and Cultural Activities:** Engaging excursions to further enrich your understanding of the local culture and environment.
- **Official Transcript Processing:** Documenting your academic achievements and experiences for your future.
- **Local Support:** 24/7 support and backup from our dedicated local staff.
- **Emergency Assistance:** Rest easy knowing our international team is just a call away in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- **Research Tools:** Access to equipment and materials for your research projects.
- **Connectivity:** Wi-Fi access in the city for seamless communication.
- **Visa Assistance:** Guidance and support to navigate visa requirements.
- **Administrative Support:** Expert advice to assist you in completing any necessary registration or internship documentation.

Your investment in this program promises a rich return - an enriched perspective, global connections, and the knowledge and skills to become a leader in marine and coastal conservation.

Embark on a Life-Changing Journey - Enroll Today and Unlock Your Potential in Conservation Excellence!



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