

STUDY ABROAD PLAN - ARGENTINA AND CHILE (FALL 2026)

Student: U.S. passport holder

Program window (placeholder): Aug 15 to Nov 15, 2026. Update once official dates are confirmed.

Break week plan: 3 nights El Calafate + 3 nights El Chalten (Patagonia, glaciers + lakes mix)

Post-program extension: Rio de Janeiro, 5 days

1) TIMELINE AND STRUCTURE

- Feb to Mar 2026: Passport check, Brazil visa planning, travel clinic scheduling
- Apr to May 2026: Confirm program dates, track flights, shortlist Patagonia lodging
- Jun to Jul 2026: Book flights, reserve Patagonia lodging and ground transport
- Aug 15 to Aug 21, 2026: Buenos Aires arrival, orientation and intensive Spanish
- Aug 22 to Sep 18, 2026: Argentina session
- Sep 19 to Sep 25, 2026: Patagonia break week
- Sep 26 to Nov 15, 2026: Chile session
- Nov 16 to Nov 20, 2026: Rio extension (5 days)
- Nov 21, 2026: Return home

2) DETAILED ITINERARY

Argentina session (Buenos Aires)

- Week 1: Orientation and intensive Spanish
- Weeks 2 to 5: Classes and program activities on weekdays
- Weekends: Local city exploration or short day trips

Break week - Patagonia (7 days)

- Day 1: Fly to El Calafate, settle in
- Day 2: Los Glaciares National Park - Perito Moreno area
- Day 3: Buffer day or second park day
- Day 4: Transfer to El Chalten
- Day 5: Laguna de los Tres hike
- Day 6: Laguna Torre hike or a shorter trail
- Day 7: Return to Buenos Aires or connect to Santiago

Note: Los Glaciares entry for non-residents is ARS 45,000 per day or ARS 90,000 for a 3-day flexipass

Chile session (Santiago)

- Week 1: Santiago orientation
- Weeks 2 to 7: Classes and program activities on weekdays
- Weekends: Local city exploration or short day trips

Brazil extension (Rio de Janeiro, 5 days)

- Day 1: Fly Santiago to Rio, check in
- Day 2: Christ the Redeemer and beach time
- Day 3: Sugarloaf and sunset

- Day 4: Tijuca Forest or Botanical Garden
- Day 5: Santa Teresa and Lapa, then fly home

3) BUDGET

Baseline program budget (from your EAP estimate)

- UC Tuition: \$7,467
- UCEAP Fees: \$4,500
- Campus Fees: \$700
- Housing: \$3,300
- Total paid to UCEAP: \$15,967
- Meals: \$1,200
- Incidentals, Transportation, Books: \$900
- Predeparture Expenses: \$300
- Airfare (roundtrip): \$1,200
- Total not paid to UCEAP: \$3,600
- Total estimated cost of attendance: \$19,567

Financial aid snapshot

- Gift Aid: \$12,498
- Federal Direct Student Loans: \$4,166
- Private Loans: \$2,903

Add-on travel budget (daily cost estimates) - budget vs mid-range

- El Calafate (3 days): \$25/day budget or \$59/day mid-range = \$75 or \$177
- El Chalten (3 days): \$28/day budget or \$65/day mid-range = \$84 or \$195
- Rio (5 days): \$45/day budget or \$116/day mid-range = \$225 or \$580
- Add-on subtotal: \$384 budget or \$952 mid-range

Additional add-on costs to plan for

- Los Glaciares park fees (ARS 45,000 per day or ARS 90,000 for 3 days)
- Flights: Buenos Aires to El Calafate, El Calafate to Santiago, Santiago to Rio, Rio to home
- Brazil visa fee (required for U.S. citizens; apply in advance)
- Travel insurance (recommended)

Suggested add-on savings target

- Budget track: \$384 + park fees + flights + Brazil visa + 15 to 20 percent buffer
- Mid-range track: \$952 + park fees + flights + Brazil visa + 15 to 20 percent buffer

Note: Argentina peso volatility can affect local costs. Build buffer.

4) ENTRY AND HEALTH NOTES

- Argentina: U.S. tourists do not need a visa for stays up to 90 days
- Chile: U.S. tourists do not need a visa for stays up to 90 days; Tourist Card issued on entry
- Brazil: U.S. citizens must have a valid visa or e-visa before travel
- CDC recommends routine vaccines; Hepatitis A and B are recommended for Argentina and

Chile

- CDC recommends yellow fever vaccine for Rio de Janeiro; it is not required for entry
- Note: Always confirm entry rules and vaccine guidance close to departure.

5) BOOKING CHECKLIST (TARGET WINDOWS)

- Feb to Mar 2026: Confirm passport condition and start Brazil visa planning
- Mar to Apr 2026: Travel clinic appointment for vaccines
- Apr to May 2026: Confirm program dates, pick break week travel window
- Jun 2026: Book flights and Patagonia lodging
- Jul 2026: Reserve Patagonia ground transport and park tickets if needed
- Sep 2026: Apply for Brazil visa at least 8 to 10 weeks before Rio
- Oct 2026: Book Rio lodging and major attractions

6) PACKING LIST (CITY + PATAGONIA + RIO)

- Documents: Passport, copies, Brazil visa confirmation, Chile Tourist Card, vaccine record
- City wear: Light jacket, sweaters, long sleeves, jeans, comfortable shoes
- Patagonia: Thermal base layers, fleece, insulated jacket, waterproof shell, beanie, gloves, hiking boots
- Rio: Breathable tops, shorts, swimsuit, sandals, sunhat
- Tech: Laptop, chargers, power bank, universal adapter
- Health: Prescription meds, basic first aid, sunscreen, insect repellent

7) SOURCES (VERIFY CLOSE TO DEPARTURE)

- U.S. State Department: Argentina, Chile, Brazil entry requirements
- CDC Travelers Health: Argentina, Chile, Brazil vaccine recommendations
- Argentina National Parks: Los Glaciares entry fees
- BudgetYourTrip: Daily cost estimates for El Calafate, El Chalten, Rio de Janeiro