

GLACIARIUM. GENERAL INFORMATION October 2015 | April 2016

Glaciarium is a one-of-a-kind centre. It enables visitors to discover the wonderful world of glaciers and supplement their knowledge and enjoyment of any trip to Patagonia. It is a perfect introduction before visiting **Los Glaciares National Park**, or even answering questions after.

It is the first Interpretive Centre and Museum dedicated to Ice and Glaciers, a place to visit to understand this natural phenomena in depth. A modern space, designed to entertain and educate; full of audiovisual stimuli. The Glaciarium will not be forgotten easily as many thousands of travelers have already noted, finding answers to many of their questions.

Many years of exploration, research and knowledge about Patagonia and its glaciers are shown through the exhibits; accessible by all to explore and learn.

Once inside Glaciarium, we recommended about 2hrs to fully appreciate the films, and various exhibits which of course can also include a visit to the **GlacioBar**, the only Ice-Bar in Argentina.

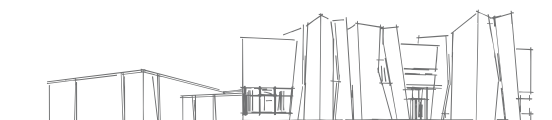
DISCOVER GLACIARIUM

From El Calafate our building is clearly visible on a hill just outside of town. The architecture is quite unique and the façade of the building is reminiscent of the face of a glacier, set in the vast Patagonian steppe. A landscape that witnessed the presence of glaciers over thousands of years, and where marks left by them are very conspicuous.

The attractions: models, dioramas, photographs, screens, and other interactive presentations are housed within two halls. As soon as the visitors set foot inside the exhibit area, natural sounds of ice caves, water droplets and breeze help create a special atmosphere and make people forget where they are. There's a surprise around every corner. Lots of information, How is Ice Formed? The history of early explorers and scientists. Fabulous photography from renowned photographers such as Florian Von der Fecht, Andres Bonetti and Daniel Wagner, to name just a few. The origin of the Universe and Earth and the various glaciations. Further inside a big 3D model of the Southern Patagonia Ice-Field and all the glaciers in the region. Interactive screens aid in explaining the different phenomena related to glaciers; for example the dramatic retreat of the Upsala glacier. There is also an area dedicated to Francisco Pascasio Moreno, one of Argentina's main explorers,... it seems he is there in person sharing his passion about his own country. Another exhibit explains in details the behavior of the Perito Moreno Glacier, and the world-famous unique dam-followed-by-rupture, huge chunks of ice calving from the glacier give the feeling of being right there by the snout of the glacier. The second hall ends with an impressive synchronized projection, a tunnel that makes the visitor think about the Earth's environmental problems, a reality that many do not want to see, an important message about the future of our planet.

Cultural Venue: there is a 10m by 9m foyer for art exhibitions and other cultural events, located just before entering the movie theatre. The space is aimed to house painting or photography exhibitions, and is also used for other special events.

Movie Theatre "Alberto M. Agostini Auditorium": with 90 fixed seats, can hold up to 130 people by adding more chairs. Every hour two documentaries are screened; a 3D documentary about the Glaciers National Park, a great movie showing many corners of the National Park and its glaciers, Mount Fitz Roy, and various excursions around the area. Flight over the glaciers: We also have a spectacular aerial movie produced with the latest Cineflex technology that shows the glaciers and the Ice-Field like nobody has seen them.



Eco-Shop: Many of the products on sale are made with recycled materials and sustainable design. One can also find a fine selection of souvenirs, maps, books, postcards, stationary, posters. Glaciarium encourages the use of eco-friendly products.

Cafe Glaciarium: the coffee shop has space for 40 people. Located in the main hall, with huge windows overlooking Lago Argentino, and the peaks of the National Park, the view is simply unique and breathtaking. The menu offers varied choice of hot and cold drinks, snacks, cakes and sandwiches. For groups we can cater for breakfast, lunch & tea with previous reservation.

GlacioBar: Groups of 30 people, can enjoy a 20 minute session in the first Ice-bar in Argentina. Everything inside is made from ice. The walls and glasses made specially, and small icebergs picked out of the lake for the bar, the stools, and decoration. The temperature is kept at a chilly -10 Celsius. Entry is for a 20 minute period and includes both spirits as well as soft drinks. Good music & lighting help create a pleasant atmosphere. Special warm clothing and gloves are provided, however it is recommended to wear warm clothes and proper shoes. Sessions start every half hour one hour after the opening of the interpretive center and the last session is one hour before closing time.

Why should GLACIARIUM be included in every trip to El Calafate?

Because it is the ideal place to visit before or after going to the National Park. It helps people to understand how glaciers behave as well as many other details seen in the various trips or excursions that travelers go on.

Because it shows the places that the regular tourist will never be able to visit. Because through modern exhibits, it encourages people to think and value this great wilderness.

Glaciarium and the way the information is exhibited are unique. The 2500 square meter building is a place for discovery and entertainment.

We are proud of the quality of information we offer to every visitor.

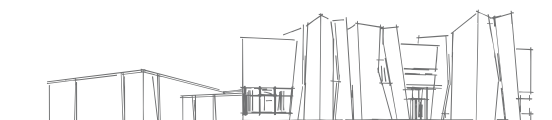
What is the best way to arrange a visit?

Coming to Glaciarium is more than a simple visit to an interpretive center. We recommend that one reserves about 2 hours for a visit. Having a coffee and or a session in the GlacioBar would add about another hour. The total roundtrip between the hotel and Glaciarium can be anything between 2 to 4 hours, especially if one wishes to have lunch at Glaciarium.

The arrival day in El Calafate often offers several free hours, since most excursions begin early the following day.

En route to the Perito Moreno Glacier as an introduction to the first views of the National Park and the Glaciers. An option is a morning visit to Glaciarium plus a light lunch before going to the Perito Moreno Glacier in order to avoid the most crowded moment at the viewpoints.

Late afternoon or evening is also great after any other excursion. Glaciarium and a drink at the GlacioBar, just before exploring one of the many good restaurants in town.



In the morning before catching a flight as a great finale for a few days spent in El Calafate.

GLACIARIUM AND SOME NUMBERS

Opening: January 17th 2011. Building surface: 2500 square meters. More than 20000 photos, 9000 school children, 200.000 visitors, 5000 hours of projections. More than 12.000 Facebook likes. Hundreds of pages spanning two visitors books. Many comments in Trip Advisor. This is just the beginning.

GLACIARIUM IN MOTION

Just like a glacier, Glaciarium is always in constant movement. Our Scientific Director remains busy and doing research, we keep adding footage and photography to our collections and banks. We try to keep an interesting program with talks, conferences, art exhibits and movie screenings. A cultural venue that welcomes new ideas and activities. We advise to follow our Facebook page and website to catch up on new events and the latest news.

HOW TO GET THERE

GLACIARIUM is located only 7 km from the centre of El Calafate, just outside town en route to the Perito Moreno Glacier. Leaving El Calafate towards the National Park, and Puerto Banderas, there is a clearly marked sign post directing vehicles to turn left to the museum. Entering the gates, there is a one kilometer road that leads directly to the building, which is clearly visible on top of the hill.

GLACIARIUM has a continuous FREE shuttle that leaves every hour on the hour from the parking lot of the Santa Cruz Province Touristic Bureau, a very well located point in el Calafate. (Street: 1ro de Mayo between Libertador and J.A. Roca). The shuttle runs from 09 AM and the last return trip is at closing time.

GLACIARIUM is very close to El Calafate and very easy to reach, with the hourly shuttle bus, by taxi, or any other transportation. Visitors can be dropped on the way back from the National Park and then return to town later via the shuttle. Any hotel front desk or travel agent can help arrange a taxi to get to Glaciarium. It is recommended to make reservations through a travel agent in high season to guarantee hassle-free access to GLACIARIUM.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Opening days: every day
- Opening time from September through april: 9AM to 8PM
- Opening time from May through august: 11Am to 7PM
- Last Admission: one hour before closing time.
- Free lockers available.
- Parking lot.
- Toilets
- Wheel-chair acces to all the building except the GlacioBar.

