



Magellanic Snipe | Becasina Patagónica | *Gallinago magellanica*

Visit our home patch (2.5-hour tour)

📍 Río Gallegos, Santa Cruz, Argentina



 Available anytime from October to March

 Group size: 2-6

 Tour category: birdwatching



Trip overview

Río Gallegos is one of the southernmost cities on the South American Continent and it is home to more than 120 species of birds. It is located at the confluence of the Gallegos and Chico Rivers, in Santa Cruz Province, Argentina.

Together, these rivers form a rich estuary where the tides shape biodiversity. Wide marshes are developed on its southern coast, covered with *Sarcocornia sp.* and *Suaeda spp.* Grasslands and shrubs occupy the higher terrain.

Patagonian, Nearctic, and Antarctic birds can be found in this mosaic of environments, and many of them are of particular interest for both conservation and birding, such as **Ruddy-headed Goose, Hooded Grebe, Magellanic Plover, Red Knot and Austral Canastero.**

Therefore, the Río Gallegos Estuary in its entirety is an IBA (BirdLife International) and it is also recognized as an International Important Site by the WHSRN.

Tour details

Target birds for the area

Ruddy-headed Goose, Chiloe Wigeon, Chilean Flamingo, Tawny-throated Dotterel, Two-banded Plover, Magellanic Oystercatcher, Baird's Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Magellanic Snipe, Least Seedsnipe, Cinereous Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Peregrine Falcon (South American, included "pallid" form), Austral Canastero, Chocolate-vented Tyrant, Chilean Swallow.

Number of expected species

20-25

Itinerary¹

To be agreed. This tour can be done at the time you prefer. Hotel pick-up. Transfer to the Municipal Reserve. Two and half hour birding in search of the Ruddy-headed Goose, Magellanic Snipe, Austral Canastero, Chocolate-vented Tyrant and more. Drop-off.

Inclusions

- ✓ Private ground transportations
- ✓ Guided services
- ✓ Spotting scope: Vortex Diamondback HD 65mm
- ✓ Snack
- ✓ Drinking water for refill private bottles (in order to avoid plastic and waste)
- ✓ Personal insurances
- ✓ Communication support in remote areas

Exclusions

- ✗ Flight tickets
- ✗ Alcoholic drinks
- ✗ Tips
- ✗ Extra services or anything not mentioned in this brochure

¹ Itinerary may be changed due to force majeure, accommodation availability, or unforeseen circumstances.

More information

Category

Birdwatching, with good opportunities to take photographs

Habitats

Sea coast, marshes, lagoons, shrublands and grasslands
(Magellanic Steppe and Argentine Sea)

Climate

Cold, semi-arid

Max group size

6 + 1 local guide (ask for larger groups)

Physical requirements

The physical difficulty of this tour is low (easy to moderate terrain).

Recommended equipment

Woolly hat, cap, sunscreen (+30), polarized sunglasses, layered clothing, waterproof jacket, trekking shoes.

Departures

This tour is available anytime from October to March. It requires prior reservation.

Price

If you want a quote for this tour, please *contact us*.

Combined with

This tour can be combined with any of the others. Check them out at our website: www.caticuraecotours.com.

Map

Birding in Rio Gallegos

