



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 of the South American Continent and it houses more than 120 species of birds. It is located at the confluence of the Río Gallegos and Chico rivers, in Santa Cruz Province, Argentina.

These rivers form a rich estuary where the tides condition biodiversity. Wide marshes are developed on its south coast covered with *Sarcocornia sp.* and *Suaeda spp.* Grassland and shrubs occupy the higher terrains.

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

Therefore, the entirety of Río Gallegos estuary is an **IBA** (BirdLife International) and it is also recognized as an **International Important Site** of 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

## **Itinerary<sup>1</sup>**

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

## **More information**

### **What's included?**

This tour includes:

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

It does not include:

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

Available Add-Ons:

- ✓ Snack

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<sup>1</sup> Itinerary can be changed due to force majeure. You can also customize this tour (If you have any special requirement, please let us know)

**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, warm and waterproof clothing, 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 send an email to:  
[info@southernpatagoniatours.com](mailto:info@southernpatagoniatours.com).

**Combined with**

This tour can be combined with any of the others. Check them out at our website: [www.southernpatagoniatours.com](http://www.southernpatagoniatours.com).

## Map

### Birding in Rio Gallegos

