El Calafate and Perito Moreno Glacier, **Argentina**

March 2017: On the Patagonian steppe, setting on the shore of Lake Argentina is the town of El Calafate. The town boast the Reserva Laguna Nimez, a serene park and nature preserve home to indigenous birds and plants.

Fifty miles away through barren flatlands, followed by mountainous forest are the southern Patagonian ice fields, with 48 glaciers including Perito Moreno. This glacier covers almost 100 square miles, is about 20 miles in length with a depth of 200 feet including 60 to 80 feet above the lake water. The glacier advances about 5 feet per day causing building size icebergs to break off and fall into the lake. About 20 times over the last 100 years these icebergs have formed a damn in the Rico arm of Lake Argentina. The water level on each side of this damn has varied by as much as 100 feet before making a spectacular collapse.





Flamingos



Flamingo



Swan



Goose



Bird in a Tree



South Face



North Face



Close Up



Glacier Trekking



Dividing The Lake



Glacier Vertex