

## **Ushuaia Theme Park Rides**

Ushuaia doesn't seem to have a Luna Park in town. So apart from the spectacular natural national parks and raging rafting rivers of Patagonia etc., the nearest theme park ride you can go is the local taxi. Most passengers (that includes drivers) have no physical restraint at all. So the first couple of times, it's kind of cool to jump in a car and NOT use a seat belt. After a while of experiencing the driving techniques of a few taxi drivers, you will decide it's time for the relative safety of wearing a seat belt.

That's when you discover that even in the case of finding a taxi that does have a seat belt loop to wrap around your shoulders, there is nothing to actually connect it to. So it's literally : where's the nearest Jesus Strap ?? That's when you notice that many of the overhead grab handles , are not included in the Ushuaia Taxi Option from the factory, or they have been removed by previous passengers. So it's back to arm rests and the backs of chairs or dash boards depending on the seating locations you decided to take. Most people seem to take the back seat because just about every time I've jumped in one, they've had to clean up the front seat for me.

With no lines down the middle of the road, the separation of traffic directions becomes some what blurred. This becomes very noticeable when it rains, when visibility out of a cracked windscreen is already hampered, and even more so by the spray from the road of oncoming traffic seemingly on your side of the road.

If you can avoid it, don't look at the tread on the tyres. What tread !?!?! I'm sure that question has been asked many times before too. If you do have a peek, you may be met with something that is better suited to putting make up, or brushing your hair in... They are smooth and shiny buggers. Even in the dry.

Taxi rides, for entertainment, are a pretty cheap option. It's about 4 pesos for about a 10 minute ride, and I'm way out of town (about an hours walk). The peso is pegged with \$US 1 = 2.98 peso. It's a pity you can't get some fairy floss, a hotdog and soft drink with the taxi ride. That'd just about cap off the Theme Park gig for me. I'm sure they'd do a roaring side trade on chuck bags too if they did...