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# Patagonia



The southern reaches of Patagonia have become known to aficionados as one of the most beautiful, unspoiled and remote places in the world. It is the definition of wildness: massive mountain ranges, steppes, ice fields, glaciers, rivers, lakes and snow, with an abundance of unusual wildlife.

Chile's Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, occupies a special place in the hearts of Chileans, brimming with diverse areas that let you explore mountain glaciers, walk, take a ship on a glacier lake, or simply take in landscapes unlike any others on Earth.

Beneath the granite mountains of the Paine Massif there is a great deal of wildlife: guanacos (relatives of llamas), rheas, Andean condors, pumas, Patagonian foxes and a wide variety of birds.

This custom-crafted itinerary offers a rare opportunity for in-depth exploration of Patagonia — a land of spectacular landscapes and wildlife.

*"Thank you for an incredible journey. It was a privilege to travel in Chile, and the people there were wonderful."*

- Bill Lundgren of West Glacier, Montana

## Patagonia Highlights

**Our Journey:** IE's exclusive, custom-crafted itinerary includes the richest array of wildlife and inspiring scenery. Exploring on foot, by ship and by vehicle, you'll get to know Patagonia intimately.

**Wildlife:** In addition to pumas, guanacos, Magellanic penguins, foxes and more, Patagonia is home to intriguing birds, including Andean condors, Austral parakeets and torrent ducks.

**The People:** Meet some of the hardy people of Patagonia on a visit to a gaucho farm.

**Torres del Paine:** Declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1978, Chile's Torres del Paine National Park is internationally renowned as one of the most beautiful, unspoiled and remote places on the planet.



## 9-Day Expedition Itinerary

Days 1 & 2

### U.S. / Santiago / Punta Arenas

Depart the U.S. for Santiago. After arriving in Chile, connect with your flight to Punta Arenas, weather permitting, soaring over the Southern Patagonia Ice Field for great views of the mountains. Spend tonight at the Hotel Diego de Almagro. (Day 1: Meals Aloft; Day 2: D)

Day 3

### Punta Arenas / Eastern Torres Del Paine National Park

We depart for Torres del Paine National Park, stopping to watch Andean condors at the Rio Verde condor roosts and visit the Milodon Cave, learning about the prehistoric giant sloths which once roamed the area. Spend two nights at the Hotel Cabañas del Paine. (B,L,D)

Day 4

### Lago Grey / Grey Glacier

From the beaches of Nordenskjöld Lake, we enjoy a magnificent view of sunrise over the “Cuernos del Paine” (the Paine Horns). Take a ship along the 15-mile long Grey Lake, full of icebergs calved from the Grey Glacier. Explore the glacier on foot before enjoying drinks served with 20,000-year-old ice! (B,L,D)

Day 5

### Western Torres Del Paine National Park

Join our guide walking through the Nothofagus forest, where we scan for Magellanic woodpecker, Chilean flickers, Austral parakeets, foxes and unique flora. Continuing across the

park to Hostería Las Torres, we visit the impressive Salto Grande and Salto Chico waterfalls. Both this evening and tomorrow we search for pumas, in an area that boasts the world’s highest concentration. (B,L,D)

Day 6

### Torres Del Paine National Park

Sunrise paints the park’s renowned granite towers red — a great start to a day of nature hikes in this secluded area of Torres del Paine. We may find torrent ducks swimming in the rapids, or Chilean flamingos and grebes on the lakes. Spend the morning hiking around breathtaking Blue Lake for a spectacular view of the Towers. The afternoon is at leisure at Hostería Las Torres to hike the many trails or even treat yourself to the spa. (B,L,D)

Day 7

### Gaucha Farm / Otway Sound / Punta Arenas

Leave for Punta Arenas, stopping at a private gaucho farm to enjoy a classic barbecue and the opportunity to learn about Patagonian life. We continue to the Otway Magellanic penguin colony, arriving when penguins typically return to the colony after a day of fishing. Stay at the Hotel Diego de Almagro in Punta Arenas. (B,L,D)

Days 8 & 9

### Punta Arenas / Santiago / U.S.

After a short tour of Punta Arenas, fly back to Santiago and connect with flights home. (Day 8: B, Meals Aloft; Day 9: Meals Aloft)

## 2010 Departures

January 23; February 6, 20; March 13

Double Occupancy . . . . . \$3,498

All costs listed above are per person based on double occupancy.

Single Occupancy. . . . . \$4,226

Single accommodations are limited.

Fuel surcharges (if applicable) are not included.

*“It’s hard to choose a ‘best part’ of Patagonia — the magnificent scenery and upclose wildlife made it memorable.”*

- Andrea Placer of Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey