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Trip Name: Torres del Paine Trekking Circuit Torres del Paine Trekking

Last Name:
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in group:
Comments:

Overview:

Come trekking in Chile's famous Torres del Paine National Park, and experience one of the most spectacular trekking destinations in the world. The granite massif's of Torres del Paine will leave you breathless as you witness the spellbinding beauty of these peaks from the numerous trails and vantage points. The famous "W" circuit lets you experience the best of Torres del Paine trekking, all from the comforts of our Patagonia Eco Camp and mountain side inns.

[Overview Slide Shows and Video Gallery](#)

Day by Day:

Saturday: Depart your home town to Santiago Chile or ask for the alternative travel plan traveling through Buenos Aires Argentina.

Sunday: Connect on a flight to Punta Arenas Chile or if coming through Argentina to Calafate Argentina. Spend the night in a hotel.

Day 1 Monday: Arrival and Introductions

Option 1. Morning pick up at your Punta Arenas Chile hotel, we then drive to Puerto Natales (256km/160mi), the gateway to trekking in Torres del Paine National Park. If you are coming through Calafate Argentina we will meet you at the bus station in Puerto Natales on your arrival on a morning bus from Calafate Argentina. Our representative will be there to greet you. We then eat lunch as our group is together, we jump back on our transfer and continue the last leg (115km/72mi) of our trip to Torres del Paine National Park. Another short stopover at Milodón Cave will be available, with a tour of the area and an opportunity to stretch your legs in this fascinating cave system. Your arrival to the Paine Eco Camp is met with a hearty feast that will get you ready for this week Chile trekking activities.

Option 2. 5:30 am pick up at your Calafate Argentina hotel. A guided bus trip into Chile and direct to the Eco Camp before 2 pm and lunch. This route has you spending the afternoon in the Park before the rest of the trip participants arrive before dinner.

Day 2 Tuesday: Trekking - Los Cuernos Trail

Our first Patagonia trekking day includes a short trek from Estancia Las Torres, and the Eco Camp, to the undulated Los Cuernos Trail (12km/8mi). This trek is the introduction to the trekking in Torres del Paine National Park, with an explanation of the region, common sights and wildlife to keep a look out for. At the end of the day, we will be reaching the Refugio Los Cuernos for our overnight stay at this remote Bed & Breakfast.

Day 3 Wednesday: Trekking - Mirador del Frances

The day starts with a trek (1 hr) over flat terrain to our Campamento Italiano and the wild Río Francés. This will be our starting point for our round trip trek to Mirador del Francés (1-3 hrs), offering a magnificent broad view of the lakes and valley below. We later descend 8 Km/5 miles (2-4 hrs) down to Refugio Pehoe at the turquoise Pehoe Lake. Our lodging this night will be our small mountainside inn, with an incredible view of the Pehoe Lake below and the spectacular stars above.

Day 4 Thursday: Trekking - Grey Glacier

Grey Glacier is our Patagonia trekking destination today, with a trek (4 hrs) that will lead us to the northern shore of Grey Lake. Our boat will be waiting to cross the lake, an hour trip, giving us ample time to marvel at this calving glacier while sailing alongside. Our return is met by our transport vehicle that will return us to our Eco Camp, offering beautiful views of the park and the numerous guanaco herds that graze within this sanctuary. Our return is met by another great feast, and an explanation of the upcoming two days of trekking, which are dependent on weather.

Day 5 Friday: Trekking - El Paine Massif

The best weather conditions define our choice, but ideally the choice will be the demanding trek (10km/6.3mi) to the foot of the impressive El Paine granite massif. Admire the striking sight of the gigantic granite monoliths (2,900m/9,400ft) and the unspoiled land around. This day will define trekking in Patagonia. Return to our Eco Camp, light-footed and joy-filled at this magnificent day, to enjoy the comforts of our luxurious camp and all its amenities. This is trekking Chile at its best!

Day 6 Saturday: Trekking - Paso Las Cornizas Trek - Eastern Lakes Trail

The best weather conditions define our choice, but ideally the choice will be the trek to the Mirador Laguna Azul (40 min) and then to the eastern side of Sarmiento Lake, a good spot to observe renowned guanaco. Later we trek (3 hrs) to the Paso Las Cornizas with an unmatched view of the Paine River, Pehoe Lake, and the Paine massif (2-3 hrs). Our last dinner at the Eco Camp is celebrated with a the cultural Patagonian lamb barbecue, wine glasses raised to celebrate this fabulous Patagonia trekking week.

Day 7 Sunday: Departure

Wake up for an early breakfast and drive back to Punta Arenas, Chile and your flight to Santiago, or relax at the quaint port town of Puerto Natales. People going FitzRoy trekking with us will head to El Calafate in Argentina. As you catch a final view of the Paine massif, surrounded by snow capped mountains and glacier-fed lakes, take a moment to reflect upon all of the amazing sights and experiences of this past week. After all these years we are still stunned that views like these exist. For those looking for more, think about adding an extra week of trekking FitzRoy and Los Glaciares National Park or the Futaleufu River Valley.

Day 8 Monday: Return home

Accommodations:

[Torres Eco Camp](#)

Price per Person: \$2,295.00 USD

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Pick up Punta Arenas drop off Punta Arenas

Pick up Calafate Argentina drop off Punta

Special Flexibilities: Exchile will be flexible to make your trip a total success. The actual program for your custom trip will vary according to the desires and skill level of your group, weather, or other factors. Patagonia has constantly changing weather patterns that might affect what day is best for a certain activity. If a certain part of your trip is not possible due to danger risks and weather extremes, our experienced guide staff will work with you to figure out the best possible option to substitute for the weather complications. If you have any concerns, please feel free to ask us more about the situations and what is guaranteed on the trip.

Included: All ground transport private and domestic as indicated in the itinerary, boat crossing over Lake Grey, 4 nights accom. at EcoCamp standard domes (shared basis), 1 night accom. at Refugio Paine Grande and 1 night in Refugio Los Cuernos, park fees for Cueva del Milodon and Torres del Paine National Park, one expert English speaking trekking guide, sleeping bag for the refugios if needed, transportation for your luggage within the Park: while trekking you will carry just your daypack

- Meals:

day 1: L, D

day 2: B, BL, D

day 3: B, BL, D

day 4: B, BL, D

day 5: B, BL, D

day 6: B, BL, D

day 7: B, BL

B: breakfast, BL: box lunch, L: Lunch, D: dinner.

Not Included: Flight tickets, insurance (it is mandatory you purchase appropriate insurance for this trip), voluntary tipping to guides and staff, items of personal nature, optional finish in Punta Arenas, optional ice trekking in Glacier Torre.

Further Details:

- **Shoulder season: October 5th to October 26th and March 15th to April 10th**
 - **Dec. 21st and 28th have Christmas surcharge of 50 USD**
- **Lodging in shared domes**
- **No single room supplements**
- **Start every Monday in Punta Arenas airport before 12:30 pm**
- **Finishes on Sunday at Punta Arenas airport at 4:00 pm or later**
- **Transfers back to Calafate after the trip are extra. We recommend departing from Punta Arenas.**

Trip Summary:

Season: October 5th, to April 5th,

Experience Needed: Physically Fit

Physical Challenge: Moderate

Cultural Experience: Moderate

Nature Experience: Maximum

Comfort Rating: High - Moderate

Max Trip Size: 14

Min Trip Size: 2

Regions visited: Southern Patagonia, Chile

Lakes, rivers and sites: Torres del Paine

Travel Summary:

Days away from home: 10

In:

Final Flight Destination airport: Punta Arenas Chile Airport or Calafate Argentina Airport.

Trip pick up point: Punta Arenas Airport or Puerto Natales Bus station.

Trip pick up date and time: Monday before 12:30 pm

Out:

Trip drop off point: Punta Arenas Airport

Trip drop off date and time: Sunday 4:00 pm

Return Flight Departure airport: Punta Arenas Airport

Lets GO!

[Trip Reservation steps!](#)

Thank you,

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