



DISCOVERING TORRES DEL PAINE (7D/6N) (DTP)

6N Hotels
Start/end Punta Arenas
Special New Year's departure

You will have the chance to visit the main areas of interest in Torres Del Paine National Park with the added comfort of spending your nights in hotels and estancias of excellent quality. Some of the highlights include the freedom to enjoy the park through the lens of a camera or sitting by a mountain stream for a leisurely lunch and ending the day in a charming hotel that allows you to observe the deep blue icebergs while sipping a Pisco Sour.

Day 1, Dec 28 10, Tue Transfer Punta Arena – Puerto Natales – Visit the Penguin Colony

We recommend you take the early flight from Santiago to Punta Arenas (4 hours), flying over the Andes and observing incredible views of the Patagonian Ice Fields. Upon your arrival in Punta Arenas, the most southern city on the continent, a private transfer will be waiting to take you to Puerto Natales.

As we leave Punta Arenas we will be able to see the Strait of Magellan and the island Tierra del Fuego. Shortly after leaving the airport, we will stop at the Magellan penguin colony on Otway Sound. Our 3-hour drive will take us through open pampas and huge ranches (estancias) and chances are we will be able to observe one of the most typical animals in this area, the ñandu, (similar to ostrich). We arrive to Puerto Natales, located on the Sound of Last Hope, a typical fishing town surrounded by mountains and our lodging for the first night at the trendy Indigo Hotel, with an amazing view of the mountains and located in front of the ocean.



(4 hours by private transfer, 45 minutes walk at the penguin colony) (Night at Hotel Indigo)

Day 2, Dec 29 10, Wed Transfer to Torres Del Paine – Wildlife walk

After a good breakfast we head out driving along an unpaved road to the Torres Del Paine National Park. Upon entering the park we will have excellent photographic and



birding opportunities as we drive alongside lagoons frequented by Chilean flamencos and black-necked swans. Today's hike is on a gentle trail following the border of the park and offers opportunities to see guanacos (Llama family) and the Andean Condor. During the next two nights, you can take advantage of one of the services in the Spa Las Torres (the only full service spa in the park).

(2 hours by private transfer, 3 hours hike) (B-BL-D) (Night at Hotel Las Torres)

Day 3, Dec 30 10, Thus

Full day Hike to Torres Lookout Point

We begin our first full day trek, heading to the base of the Towers lookout point following the Ascencio River before entering the Ascencio Valley. Our walk will be uphill for one hour, stopping to observe the first glimpses of the valley and panoramic views of the Lake Nordenskjold. During the following 2 hours, we'll walk through unbelievable forests of tall deciduous beech (*Nothofagus Pumilio*) and waterfalls, and then continue ascending through a huge terminal moraine up to a photographic view point (900m). From here we will be surrounded by three giant granite towers (2850m) and a lagoon with slurry waters resulting from glacial erosion. We will stop here for lunch, taking our time to enjoy this astonishing scenery, before our descent returning along the same path back to our hotel.



(7-8 hours back and forth, 18KM) (B-BL-D) (Night at Hotel Las Torres)

Day 4, Dec 31 10, Fri

Full Day Hike to the French valley

We drive to the west side of the Park going around Almirante Nieto Mountain (2750 M) with Nordenskjold Lake at its base. We will take a catamaran across Lake Pehoe to commence our out and back trek to the French valley. We will start going around the southwest side of Paine Grande, the highest summit in the Park, through native forests of fire bush and evergreen beech (*Nothofagus Bethuloides*), up to the hanging bridge over the French River to observe the first glimpses of the hanging glacier. Then we will ascend (300m) for one hour amidst a surreal Japanese garden landscape, crossing beech forests, to reach a viewpoint, gifting us with magnificent panoramic views, where we enjoy a good lunch. Our way back will be the same, taking the catamaran and then the private transfer to our lodge at the shore of the Lake Grey.



We will enjoy a special New Year's Dinner and Party!

(1 hour and a half by private transfer, 6 hours walk, 35 minutes by catamaran each way, 17KM) (B-BL-D) (Night at Hotel Lago Grey)

Day 5, Jan 01 10, Sat

Half day hike to the Pingo valley – Half day navigation to Glacier Grey

Early in the morning we start our day by going to the Pingo Valley for a walk to the “Cascada los Salmones” where we'll stop to take in the view before returning back along the same trail, with a chance to find the elusive Huemul (Andean Deer). We enjoy a picnic lunch at the shore of the Pingo River and in the afternoon we start our adventure to the Glacier Grey by boat.. In order to get to the boat we will walk through a mature beech forest where we might observe woodpeckers. We will navigate about one hour through icebergs of different tones of blue up to the Grey glacier, where we will stay for a while in front of the glacier in the hope of seeing icebergs calve. Our return journey offers views of Paine Grande with its impressive ice mushrooms.



(In the morning: 3 hours hike. In the afternoon: 30 minutes walk, 3 hours by ship, 30 minutes by private transfer) (B-BL-D) (Night at Hotel Lago Grey)

Day 6, Jan 02 10, Sun

Full day hike off the beaten path – Lamb BB at the Hotel/Ranch

We will start a hike on a one-way path with panoramic glimpses of the park. According to the season we should be able to see specific flowers such as orchids, calceolarias, and neneos or maybe even experience the flight of the condor. Once we are at the highest point of the trail we connect to the rarely visited trail heading to Estancia Lazo and its Hosteria Mirador del Payne which are located outside the park. The Estancia Lazo, it is a huge cattle center dating from the last century, with magnificent views of the Paine Massive and Laguna Verde. The rooms are very comfortable; the main Estancia's house has been remodeled as a dining room-bar, keeping it cozy and country style. A typical Patagonian style lamb barbecue will be waiting for us at the Estancia-Hosteria where we will spend the night.



(20 minutes by private transfer, 5 hours hike) (B-BL-BBQ) (Night at Estancia-Hosteria Mirador Del Payne)

Day 7, Jan 03 10, Mon

Transfer to Punta Arena’s airport

We will take a private transfer to Punta Arenas. (Clients should take the flight later than 2 PM), if you decide to stay the night in Punta Arenas; we will drop you at your hotel.

(5 hours by private transfer) (B)

REGARDING THE SCHEDULE
 The schedules indicated above are subject to change due to weather conditions or unexpected circumstances beyond our control, but we will try our best to keep them unaltered

<i>PRICE</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 - 5</i>	<i>6 – 8</i>	<i>Single</i>
	<i>passengers</i>	<i>passengers</i>	<i>passengers</i>	<i>passengers</i>	<i>Supplement</i>
<i>Per person</i>	USD \$ 3.395	USD \$ 3.195	USD \$ 2.995	USD \$ 2.795	USD \$ 1.295*

**forced singles do not apply*

<p>INCLUDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All the private transportation indicated in the schedule -Entrance fee to Seno Otway Penguin colony -One night at Hotel Indigo (Twin/double Dorotea/Esperanza Room) -Entrance fee to Torres del Paine National Park -Two nights at Hotel Las Torres (Superior Twin room) -Catamaran to cross Pehoe Lake -Two nights at Hotel Lago Grey (Twin/double Superior room) -Boat to Grey Glacier -One night at Estancia Mirador del Payne (Twin standard room) -All meals indicated in the schedule (B: breakfast, BL: picnic lunch, L: Lunch, D: dinner, BBQ: barbecue) -Professional Guide (English-Spanish languages) 	<p>NOT INCLUDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Flight to Santiago, Chile -Internal Flight Santiago - Punta Arenas -Any additional nights -Medical expenses -Insurance of any kind -Personal expenses -Lunch on Day 1 & 7 -Dinner on Day 1 -Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks -Gratuities for Guide & Driver
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