



MULTISPORT IN TORRES DEL PAINE (11D-10N) (MTDP) (2011- 2012)
2N Estancia – 5N Mountain huts – 2NCamping – 1NHotel
Start/end Punta Arenas

*Enjoy an ultimate adventure; riding, hiking and paddling in and around **Torres Del Paine National Park!***

*We begin **riding on strong Criollo horses**, experiencing the Gaucho culture of Patagonia. Next, strap on your hiking boots as we enter into Torres Del Paine National Park and **hike the famous “W”**. Finally we start paddling our sea kayaks to follow the Serrano River, floating by un-touched forests and snow capped mountains, **visiting two hanging glaciers in the remote Bernardo O'Higgins National Park.***

Day 1

We suggest you take the early flight Santiago - Punta Arenas (4 hours), flying over Los Andes and observing incredible views of the Patagonian Ice Fields. Upon your arrival to Punta Arenas, considered the most southern city on the continent, a private transfer will be waiting to drive you to Torres del Paine National Park.

As we leave the airport we will be able to see the Straights of Magellan and the mystic Tierra del Fuego. During a 2-hour trip we will drive 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, (rare South American ostrich). Then we will head north, arriving in Puerto Natales, located on the Sound of Last Hope, a typical fishing town surrounded by mountains. During late afternoon we will arrive to a working ranch. We spend the night in a cozy farm house.

(5 hours by private transfer, 400 kms) (D) (Night at Estancia Tercera Barranca)

Day 2

Today we will ride to the east of Torres del Paine National park.



The first couple of hours will be across the Patagonian steppe, which is found on flatlands and plateaus with semi-arid, cold climates and an annual precipitation of up to 400 mm. After 3 hours riding will reach a water fall “Salto Las Chinas”, where we have lunch before we start our ride back to our cozy ranch-house. In the evening we will gather in front of the fireplace, with a Pisco sour in hand (Chilean brandy made from Muscatel grapes) to enjoy a Lamb barbecue Patagonian style.



(5 hours slow riding, trotting and cantering) (B-BL-BBQ) (Night at Estancia Tercera Barranca)

Day 3

We will start early in the morning, going down through a trail all the way to the border of Torres del Paine National park. We get to a look at point of the famous Torres, and the Laguna Amarga Lake. This is the entrance of the park. From here we take a private transfer all the way to Estancia Cerro Paine, located at the bottom of the path leading to the viewing point of Torres del Paine and Valle del Silencio. After an amazing day riding, you may want to visit the hotel spa for a massage, sauna or Jacuzzi.



(4 hours slow riding, trotting and cantering, 25 minutes by private transfer) (B-BL-D) (Night at Refugio Las Torres)

Day 4

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 the hut.



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

Day 5

We will start early morning to enjoy, weather permitting, a magnificent dawn filled with orange-pink colors. As we leave the campground we will arrive at Inge lagoon. Chances are, on this path, we may see the flight of an Andean condor or eagles hunting hares or small rodents. We follow a well mark trail ascending around (200m from the base of Almirante Nieto Mountain (2750m), crossing the Bader River to arrive at Refugio Los Cuernos where we will stay overnight.



(500m difference of level, 6 hours, 11km) (B-BL-D) (Night at Refugio Los Cuernos)

(You can update to private cabins with two beds and sharing bathrooms in between the cabins only and a free Hot tub access for USD \$ 80 per single occupancy or USD \$ 40 per double occupancy)

Day 6

We will start our day with a 2-hour walk going to an undulating path until reaching the French River for our first glimpses of the hanging glacier. Then we will ascend (300m) for one hour through a surreal Japanese garden landscape, crossing beech forests, to reach the French valley viewpoint gifting us with a magnificent view of both mountains and lakes. We will lunch here with good possibilities of seeing avalanches from the hanging glacier or simply observe the west side of the Cuernos (2600m), Espada (2400m) and Fortaleza (2800m). Our way back will be the same until we reach the entrance of the



valley where we will continue on a different path around the South-West side of Paine Grande, the highest peak in the Park, through native forests of Chilean fire bush and evergreen beech (*Nothofagus Bethuloides*), up to the shore of the Pehoe Lake.

(6 hours hiking, 18km). (B-BL-D) (Night at Refugio Paine Grande)

Day 7

We will begin early morning with our hike to the Grey Glacier. Initially we will ascend 200mts up a winding narrow path leading us to Laguna Negra, and our first glimpses of the Southern Patagonia Ice Field with its many unclimbed mountains. We will advance through forests and crossing rivers, with possible sightings of spectacle and flying steamer ducks, up to the glacier view point. We will enjoy lunch at this place and if we are lucky, witness ice calving from the huge glacier wall into Lake Grey. We return, following the same path, with views of Cordon Olguin and Paine Grande, to reach the same hut at the Shore of Pehoe Lake to spend our second overnight.



(7-8 hours walking, 22km) (B-BL-D) (Night at Refugio Paine Grande)

Day 8

We take the first catamaran to cross the Pehoe Lake and then we drive to the Serrano River, where we will prepare & distribute the kayaks so that we can then begin with the safety & paddling instructions. Our guides will help to recommend the appropriate equipment you'll need to take during the trip, so that the rest of your luggage will be taken directly to Puerto Natales by a private transfer (to store in our office). This day we will paddle approximately 2 hrs across the first section of the Serrano River, this is a calm zone that is good for us to see the level & comfort of the kayakers paddling. After, we'll arrive at a small waterfall in the river where we will have a teamwork experience in carrying the kayaks 100m approx. Depending on the weather conditions and the hours of light left in the day, we will continue for 1 or 2 hrs more to arrive at the camp.



(35 minutes by catamaran, 30 minutes by private transfer, 3 hours paddling) (B-BL-D) (Night at the shore of the Serrano River by tent)

Day 9

We will start to paddle once we've packed away the camp. In this section of the river there are National Park lands & privately owned lands and in these we will see the typical cold forest vegetation of Magallanes & the associated fauna. We will also be able to observe from a distance, the glaciers of the Southern Patagonian ice field. Finally we'll arrive at Puerto Toro (Bernardo O'Higgins National Park), our camp base here is near the Serrano glacier and this is where we'll spend the second night



(6-7 hours paddling) (B-BL-D) (Night by tent)

Day 10

With an early start; depending on the weather conditions, we will carry the kayaks 100m to the lagoon of the Serrano glacier so that we can paddle in & amongst the icebergs until 11:00am, so we'll have enough time to pack away the camp, before

boarding the boat, which departs at 13:00 (either the 21 de Mayo or Agostini). We'll stop off at the tourist complex "Estancia Perales" to enjoy a farewell BBQ of our experience. We spend the night in Puerto Natales

**(2 hours paddling in the lagoon, 3 hours by boat) (B-BBQ-D)
(Night at Hotel Weskar Lodge or similar)**



Day 11 We will take a private transfer to Punta Arenas.
(3 hours by 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 passengers</i>	<i>3 passengers</i>	<i>4 – 5 passengers</i>	<i>Single Supplement</i>
<i>Per person</i>	USD \$ 4.895	USD \$ 4.395	USD \$ 3.995	USD \$ 270

<p>INCLUDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All the private transportation indicated in the schedule -All the horses, saddles and pack horses on the excursion -Helmets, leather chaps, leather gloves, saddle bags, dry bags -All meals indicated in the schedule (B: breakfast, BL: box lunch, D: dinner, BBQ: barbecue) -Two nights at Estancia Tercera Barranca (Cozy farm house with twin/double beds and private bathroom) -Entrance fee to Torres del Paine National Park -Five nights lodging in mountain lodges (Refugios) (comfortable rooms with 6 beds and shared bathroom) (No singles available), sleeping bags and liners (when is possible we include a bed with sheets, blankets and a pillow) -Catamaran to cross Pehoe Lake -Two nights Camping in Torres del Paine & Bernardo O'Higgins National Parks. (North Face VE 25 tents) (Based on double occupancy) -Kayaks double or singles - All paddling equipment (neoprene gloves, paddling jackets, life jackets, skirts, and neoprene boots). -Entrance fee to Bernardo O'Higgins National Park -Navigation from Monte Balmaceda to Puerto Natales -One night at Weskar Lodge or similar in Puerto Natales (Double standard rooms) -Guide (English-Spanish languages) -Baqueano (Local Cowboy) for the rides 	<p>NOT INCLUDED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Flight to Santiago, Chile - Flight Santiago - Punta Arenas -Any additional night -Medical expenses -Insurance of any kind -Personal expenses -Lunch on days 1 & 11 -Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks -Gratuities for guide, baqueano and driver.
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