



W - TREK INDEPENDENT (5D/4N) (11-12)

Hut to Hut

Start/end Puerto Natales

*For those travelers ready to start **an adventure on their own** but don't want to worry about the details of reservation and logistics. We take care of all the details, including a briefing in our office before you head to the park, reservation of all the services and a secure place to store your extra luggage in our office in Puerto Natales.*

*This is a great option for those wanting to hike the **complete W trek**, starting at any time **without having to join a group or hire a guide**. The trip is designed so that you visit the three main valleys of the park that make up the W and include the following highlights: hiking to the lookout point to the famous Towers, the rushing French river and the hanging glacier of the French Valley and the magnificent Grey Glacier.*

Day 1

Starting from Puerto Natales at 2.30PM you will take a public bus all the way to Torres del Paine National Park. 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). The bus arrives to Laguna Amarga the main entrance to the park where you connect with a shuttle to the Refugio Torre central.



(3 hours by public bus, 30 minutes by shuttle) (D) (Night at Refugio Torres Central)

Day 2

After a good breakfast on the Refugio, you request you pack lunch and start the trek to the base of the Towers, following the Ascencio River to enter the Ascencio Valley. The walk will be uphill for one hour before stopping to observe the first glimpses of the valley surrounded by unbelievable beech forests, glaciers and waterfalls. You'll continue through the valley for another hour and a half before ascending a huge terminal moraine to a lookout (900 M), excellent for picture taking. At this point you will be surrounded by three giant granite towers (2850 M) and a lagoon with slurry waters due to erosion produced by glaciers. This amazing view will be accompanied by lunch to add to the enjoyment. After being awed by the towers you'll start the descent, following the same path back to the hut. Dinner will be serving in the Refugio.



(7-8 hours round-trip, 18 KM) (B-BL-D) (Night at Refugio Las Torres)

Day 3

After breakfast at the Refugio you request you pack lunch again and start the hike to Refugio Los Cuernos. As we leave the hut 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. You follow a well mark trail ascending around (200 mts.) from the base of Almirante Nieto Mountain (2750 mts.), crossing the Bader River to arrive at Refugio Los Cuernos where you will stay overnight, after enjoying a good meal.



(500 mts. difference of level, 6 hours, 17 kms.) (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 4

After a breakfast in the Refugio, and once you request you pack lunch from them; you will start the day with a 2-hour walk going to an undulating path until reaching the French River for your first glimpses of the hanging glacier. Then you will ascend (300 M) 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. Your way back will be the same until you reach the entrance of the valley where you 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 Pehoé Lake. Dinner will be serving in the Refugio



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

Day 5

You will begin early morning with the hike to the Grey Glacier. Initially ascending 200mts up a winding narrow path leading us to Laguna Negra, a place where you will observe the first glimpses of the South Patagonia Ice Field with its many unclimbed mountains. You will advance through forests and rivers, with possible sightings of spectacle and flying steamer ducks, up to the glacier viewpoint. You will have lunch at this place to see, if we are lucky enough, ice calving from the huge glacier wall. You return, following the same path, with views of Cordon Olguín and Paine Grande. You need to be on time to take the last Catamaran to cross the Pehoe Lake at 6.30PM, once you arrived to the other side, a public bus will be waiting to drive back to Puerto Natales.



(8 hours walking, 22 KM, 35 minutes by Catamaran, 3 hours by public bus) (B-BL)

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

PRICE 1 passenger
Per person USD \$ 895

<p>INCLUDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All the public transportation indicated in the schedule -Shuttle in between Laguna Amarga and Refugio Torres -Entrance fee to Torres del Paine National Park -Four nights lodging in mountain lodges (Refugios) (comfortable rooms with 6 beds and shared bathroom) -Sleeping bags and liners (when is possible we include a bed with sheets, blankets and a pillow) -Catamaran to cross the Pehoe Lake -All meals indicated in the schedule (B: breakfast, BL: picnic lunch, D: dinner) 	<p>NOT INCLUDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any additional nights -Medical expenses -Insurance of any kind -Personal expenses -Lunch on day 1 -Dinner on day 5 -Any alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks at the Refugios except for the drinks include in the menu -Guide
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