



WHALE WATCHING (3D-3N) (WW) (1112) (WW)
1N Hotel / 2N Eco – Camp
Start / End Punta Arenas

**DEPARTURES: DECEMBER 15, 2011 TO
APRIL 12 2012**

*We will visit the **San Isidro Lighthouse, Cape Froward and Francisco Coloane Park** , the first marine park of Chile, and a place that gathers the diversity of the wild nature, the dramatic view of the Patagonia fjords and the **Strait of Magellan** and the first known feeding ground for **humpback whales** along the Pacific coast of South America.*

San Isidro Cape is located in the Peninsula of Brunswick, Latitude 53°47'S, Longitude 70°58'W, at the shore of the Strait of Magellan, 75 KMS to the south of Punta Arenas and 25KMS north of Cape Froward..

San Isidro Cape was baptized by Pedro Sarmiento de Gamboa during the scouting expedition of the Straits in between 1579-1584.



In the Strait of Magellan on the foremost southern tip of South America, only six years ago, a group of scientists discovered the feeding water sites where humpback whales return every summer. This specific “call of nature” has probably been taking place for centuries in this adjacent channel surrounding the Carlos III Island. The ultimate

ecological policies and the safest of possible conditions have been devised and achieved to allow visitors to meet these marine giants as well as the rest of the incredibly diversified animal life in these remote and dramatic landscapes. Whale-watching, dolphin-watching, penguins and bird-watching and kayaking, are available from December 15 until the 15 of May. Experienced personnel, state of the art fleet and equipment, and the comfortable campsite at Carlos III, are devoted to the study of natural life in Patagonia, at its best conditions.

This is the country's first maritime zone ever established as a protected area in its history. Francisco Coloane Marine Park” is located in a sea and land extension of 67 thousand hectares surrounding the Carlos III Island, at the Strait of Magellan, in Chile's XII Region. The Park's principal assets to become under the Geronimo Channel, The Tortuous



Passage, Rupert Islet, Barbara Channel, Fortescue and Cordes Bays an the Santa Ines Island and it's Glacier. The totality of the protected area posses a vast biological diversity, as well as uniqueness, due in part, to the intermingling of the two adjacent ocean waters, Pacific and Atlantic, it's very strong winds, the massive presence of Glaciers and it's dismembered coastline.



One of subjects that conforms the Park's importance is the fact that it includes a biological corridor, habitat to the humpback whale (and occasionally to the minke whale) in its seasonal feeding patterns. The zone includes as well large sea lion's colonies and quite important nesting areas for the Magellan penguin. The Park's protected extension encompasses sea water portions, sea bottom, coastal rocks, beaches and terrains pertaining to State land.

Whale-watching in the Francisco Coloane Marine Park means scientific guidance, high conservancy politics and all the facilities of the Carlos III campsite: warm welcome, modern and comfortable, and delicious food and drinks, made from the best local products and international savoir-faire.

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Day 0 From Punta Arenas, we take a private transfer around 6 PM, following the shore of the Magellan Strait for 60KMS until we reach Bahía Voces (Bay Voices) close to the river Santa Maria.



The Lighthouse is located at the tip of South America, in the Peninsula of Brunswick; the hotel is located at the side of the lighthouse. We will take a rubber boat (zodiac) for about 25 minutes, into the Magellan Strait, with the chance to see local marine wildlife, including the Austral dolphin, Sea Lions and Albatross.

We spend the night in this warm hotel after a welcome dinner.

(1 hour by private transfer, 25 minutes by zodiac) (D) (Night at Hosteria San Isidro)

Day 1 We will board the vessel for navigation towards the Straits of Magellan. A good breakfast and lunch are served on board during the trip. After a few hours sailing you'll have your first observation of Humpback Whales and seabirds. In the afternoon you arrive at the campsite at Carlos III Island and go for a short botanical stroll at the campsite surroundings. You'll enjoy a good dinner with an amazing view of the Strait and maybe the sound of a whale



(8 hours navigation) (B-L-D)

Day 2 After an early breakfast you sail in the Whale Sound vessel looking for whales, and come back for lunch at the campsite. In the afternoon you'll depart for Santa Ines Island to visit the glacier and more navigation and exploration around Santa Ines Island.



(B-L-D)

Day 3 After breakfast you will sail around Rupert Island to observe Magellan Penguins, skuas, cormorant colonies, fur seals and sea lions rockeries. Lunch will be aboard the vessel as you return sailing to Punta Arenas. We arrive around 8 pm.
(B-L)

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 2 –10 passengers
Per person USD \$ 1.200

<p>INCLUDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All the private transportation indicated in the schedule -One night at Hosteria San Isidro (Double standard room) -2 nights at Whale Sound Eco Camp in Carlos III Island (double occupancy dome/tents) -sleeping bags, sheets, blankets and towels; as well as special thermal suits for all weather resistance. -All meals indicated in the schedule (B: breakfast, BL: box lunch, L: Lunch, D: dinner) -Guide (English-Spanish languages) 	<p>NOT INCLUDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any additional night -Medical expenses -Insurance of any kind -Personal expenses
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