



Winter W-Trek Torres del Paine (5D/4N) (WWNAT) (10)

Winter Program (May until September 2010)

4N in Mountain hut

Start / end Puerto Natales

*If you're lucky enough to be in **Torres Del Paine in winter**, this is a great option to trek the three main valleys of the W trail, far away from the crowd!*

*We stay every night in comfortable mountain huts, visiting the three main valley of the park: hiking to the **lookout point of the towers** on a trail cover by a thin layer or snow, hanging glaciers at the **French Valley** and the impressive **Glacier Grey**.*

Weather Conditions:

Chilean Patagonia is famous for its unpredictable weather. Because of the possibility of experiencing all four seasons in one day, it is important to be prepared for anything. In winter the temperature is typically between -10°C and 10°C, but this is a dry cold. There is also a higher probability of stable weather between May and October. Also there is a chance for the trails to be covered in snow and/or ice, we recommend bringing appropriate gear to accommodate these conditions.

Day 1 Early morning we will start from Puerto Natales, taking a private transfer along an unpaved road heading to Torres Del Paine National Park and the administration area. From here we start a 6 hours hike to the shore of the Pehoe Lake where we are going to spend the night in the warmth and shelter of a modern Mountain Lodge (Refugio) on the Shore of Pehoe Lake. On the way we follow the Grey River and have a picnic lunch in this pristine area.



(2 hours by private transfer, 5 hours hike) (BL-D) (Night at Refugio Paine Grande)

Day 2 We will begin early morning with our hike to the Grey Glacier. Initially ascending 200mts up a winding narrow path leading us to Laguna Negra, a place where we will observe the first glimpses of the South Patagonia Ice Field with its many unclimbed mountains. We will advance through forests and rivers, with possible sightings of spectacle and flying steamer ducks, up to the glacier view point. We will have lunch at this place to see, if we are lucky enough, ice calving from the huge glacier wall. We will then return, following the same path, with views of Cordon Olguín and Paine Grande, to reach the same Refugio on the Shore of Pehoé Lake to spend our second overnight.



(8 hours hike, 22KM) (B-BL-D) (Night at Refugio Paine Grande)

Day 3 We will start our day with a 2-hour walk going around the southwest 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 hanging bridge over the French River for our first glimpses of the hanging glacier. Then we 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. We will lunch here with good possibilities of seeing avalanches from the hanging glacier or simply observe the west side of the Cuernos (2600 M), Espada (2400 M) and Fortaleza (2800 M).



Our way back will be the same until we reach the entrance of the valley where we will hike back to the Pehoe Lake to spend the last night in the Paine Lodge. **(6 hours hike, 17KM) (B-BL-D) (Night at Refugio Paine Grande)**

Day 4 Early in the morning, we start our hike back to the administration area. From the administration we take our transfer all the way to the Torres area, the road cross almost all the park, with excellent pictures opportunities of the Paine Mountain, waterfalls, lakes and wildlife. We spend the night in a comfortable lodge, at the foot of the trail to the famous towers.



(5 hours hike, 1.5 hour by transfer) (B-BL-D) (Night at

Refugio las Torres)

Day 5 From Refugio las Torres we begin hiking towards the base of the Towers lookout point following the Ascensio River before entering the Ascensio 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 and waterfalls, and then continue ascending through a huge terminal moraine up to a photographic viewpoint (900m); 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 hotel where we will take our private transfer and return to Puerto Natales.



(8 hours hike, 16 KM, 2 hours private transfer) (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

<i>PRICE</i>	<i>1 passenger</i>	<i>2 passengers</i>	<i>3 – 4 passengers</i>	<i>5 – 6 passengers</i>	<i>7 - 8 passengers</i>
<i>Per person</i>	USD \$ 1.995	USD \$ 1.395	USD \$ 1.195	USD \$ 1.095	USD \$ 995

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All the private transportation indicated in the schedule -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) -All meals indicated in the schedule (B: breakfast, BL: box lunch, D: dinner) -Guide/driver (English-Spanish languages) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any additional nights -Medical expenses -Insurance of any kind -Personal expenses -Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks besides the once include in the menus. -Gratuities for Guide/ driver