

Pre trip to Patagonia, Chile – December 5th, 2020



December 05th, 2020 – Patagonia

Arrival, reception and transfer from Punta Arenas airport to your hotel in Puerto Natales

[Hotel CostAustralis](#) 4* (Standard rooms with breakfast included).

December 06th, 2020 - Patagonia

Full day navigation from Puerto Natales to Torres del Paine National Park

Early this morning, we leave Puerto Natales on the boat 21 de Mayo, and set sail through Ultima Esperanza Fjord. During the voyage, we enjoy the beauty of the fjords and observe cormorants and sea lions' colonies as well, if we're lucky, condors. After three hours we arrive to Balmaceda Glacier, which pours from the summit of Mount Balmaceda into the sea. Here we have plenty of time to enjoy the view from the boat and snap some pictures. About 20 minutes later we arrive to Puerto Toro gateway to Bernardo O'Higgins National Park. Here we walk into the viewpoint of Glacier Serrano. If we are lucky, we'll be able to contemplate the blocks of ice calving and splashing into the lagoon below.

After lunch at Hosteria Monte Balmaceda (included), we will receive a warm waterproof outfit and life jackets to enjoy the next part of our adventure warm and dry. We board semi-rigid boats and head up the Serrano River for 1.40 hours approximately until we reach Salto Serrano, a geologic depression that makes originate water rapids. We then leave the boat and take a five-minute short walk, where we pass the rapids and board another boat to continue our trip for another 20 minutes. Then we reach Serrano River section of Torres del Paine National Park.

Transfer to Hotel Rio Serrano.

[Hotel Rio Serrano](#) 5* (Standard rooms with breakfast included)

December 07th, 2020 - Patagonia

Full day Torres del Paine National Park – 8 hrs. Excursion to the viewpoints and waterfalls of this park

We'll start our excursion at the Center of Visitors in the Administrative Area of the Park. There we will be able to receive general information looking at a great scale model of everything that constitutes this magnificent Worldwide Reserve of the Biosphere. After we will go to the viewpoint denominated Condor Hill, from which we will have a spectacular view of the area of the Pehoe Lake and the Horns. In this area there are a great number of Condor nests, making it not difficult to observe these birds in majestic flight.

Later the trip continues towards Great Waterfall of Paine River. After observing this imposing waterfall, we will continue by foot until the Viewpoint of the Nordenskjöld Lake, from which the Horns of the Paine are shown in all their magnitude, box lunch included. After lunch we will continue towards the area of Amarga Lagoon until arriving at the Waterfalls of Paine River. The trip continues by inner ways of the park in which great herds of Guanacos can be viewed. The return towards the hotel will take place by the sector of Sarmiento Lake.

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December 08th, 2020 - Patagonia Visit Milodon Cave

On our way to Punta Arenas, we will visit Milodon Cave. Cueva del Milodon Natural Monument is one of the most important paleontological sites in South America, also known as one of the oldest human settlements in Patagonia. Visit the magical place where the remains of the Milodon were discovered, a unique species in Patagonia. Also visit the cave paintings that go back hundreds of years. Once there we will visit the famous Milodon Cave, where Hermann Eberhard, the first settler of the province, discovered a piece of skin of a totally unknown animal, which some years later was identified as Milodon, an extinct species. Then we will visit the cave paintings of the sector Dos Herraduras sector, which date from 5 thousand years ago. From there we will visit the Silla del Diablo, a conglomerate of almost 40 meters high inserted in a beautiful natural environment, ideal location to enjoy our picnic. We will also take advantage of visiting the middle cave, used as a human settlement by the first Paleoindian, and Indian Primitive migration.

Continue to Punta Arenas. We'll visit the main streets and avenues of the austral city. Also, Cerro Mirador from where we will have a nice panoramic view of the city, the Port, the Strait of Magellan and Tierra del Fuego Island. We will continue our journey to Plaza de Armas, the Municipal Cemetery. Ultimately, we will end our day visiting the Chilean replica of Nao Victoria, a full-scale construction of the ship that Hernando de Magallanes used, a true reflection of the Naos of the XVI century.

[Hotel Diego de Almagro](#) 4* (Standard rooms with breakfast included)

December 09th, 2020 - Patagonia

Depending on flight schedule, transfer from Hotel Diego de Almagro to Punta Arenas airport, for your flight back to Santiago, to join the group, for the Eclipse 2020.



Program includes:

Local English-speaking guide.
Arrival and departure transfers in a private coach with local guide.
Private coach and guide for touring days.
Meals as mentioned (ABB = American breakfast buffet).
Entrance fees to museums and national reserves.
Mineral water and coffee during excursions.
Excursions and transfers as mentioned.
Transfers and excursions in bus Pullman or van, depending on the number of passengers.
Private services.
Accommodations as mentioned.

Program does NOT include:

International airfare to and from Santiago.
Domestic flights.
Passport fees
Travel insurance (highly recommended)
Airport transfers if passengers are NOT arriving or departing with the group
Beverages unless otherwise noted
Room outside of normal check-in/check-out times
Rooms for extra nights, before or after the dates of the group.
Optional excursions or pre and post trips
Tips and gratuities

Personal expenses and anything not listed in the included list

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