

Torres del Paine & Punta Arenas, Patagonia



Extension Option - Chile



Pre-tour extension to Easter Island walking holiday

The Torres del Paine National Park provides Chile's most instantly recognisable landscape. Dominated by stark granite towers soaring above shimmering turquoise lakes and sprawling ice-white glaciers the spectacular scenery is known from a thousand photos, and yet never disappoints when viewed first-hand. This week long extension gives you a choice of walks and activities in the park to take in the key sights and viewpoints plus there's time to enjoy the attractions of Punta Arenas and Santiago. Accommodation is a mix of good quality hotels and the unique EcoCamp situated in the heart of the Torres del Paine.

Day 1 - Fly to Santiago.

You will depart London on an overnight flight to Santiago.
Overnight: In flight

Day 2 - Arrive Santiago. Transfer to hotel. Afternoon city tour.

On arrival in Santiago you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the Providencia area of the city. In the afternoon you will have a guided tour of Santiago's key sights including the central market, the Plaza de Armas, the Presidential Palace and the bohemian Lastarria neighbourhood. You will also walk up to the viewpoint of Cerro Santa Lucia for panoramic city vistas.
Overnight: Hotel Torre Mayor, Santiago



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Day 3 - Fly to Punta Arenas - 3½ hours. Drive to Puerto Natales - 3 hours. Free time.

You will transfer to the airport for your flight to Punta Arenas before the journey to Puerto Natales. The drive takes you through the scenic Patagonian landscape before arriving in Puerto Natales, a town located on the edge of Last Hope Sound. The rest of the day is free to explore this picturesque town. The town is now the main base for excursions to the Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most popular parks in Chile. Catering well for its many visitors there are plenty of excellent cafes and restaurants to try, seafood being a speciality.

Overnight: Hotel Weskar or Hotel Indigo, Puerto Natales

Meals: (B L)

Day 4 - Drive to the National Park - 2½ hours. Trek on the 'fauna trail'.

Your drive to the Torres del Paine National Park takes you through amazing scenery with wild and wonderful landscapes to enjoy. Arriving in the park you will hike along the so called Fauna Trail, named because it provides an excellent opportunity to see the park's most common fauna such as guanacos and nandus. Your walk ends at Laguna Amarga Ranger Station where your transport will meet you and transfer you to the EcoCamp, nestled in the heart of the park with views of the Torres. This will be your first night in this award winning sustainable lodge where you can enjoy being in close proximity to nature.

Overnight: Eco Camp (Standard Domes), Las Torres

(Meals: B L D)

Day 5 - Choice of activities from EcoCamp.

While you are at the EcoCamp there will be a daily choice of excursions organised for their guests which you may join. Each day there are several options available which will include a selection of walks to the key sights of the park such as the Towers of Paine or Glacier Grey. There may also be the option to do an organised bike ride or boat trip. The walks and excursions change daily.

Overnight: Eco Camp (Standard Domes), Las Torres

(Meals: B L D)

Day 6 - Choice of activities from EcoCamp.

As yesterday there will be a selection of walks and activities at the EcoCamp for you to choose from today.

Overnight: Eco Camp (Standard Domes), Las Torres

(Meals: B L D)

Day 7 - Drive back to Punta Arenas - 6-7 hours. Free time.

After an early breakfast return to Punta Arenas. After arriving in the town you will have the rest of the day free to relax and explore the city.

Overnight: Hotel Rey Don Felipe, Punta Arenas

(Meals: B, L)

Day 8 - Morning city tour and visit to Nao Victoria Museum. Afternoon fly to Santiago.

In the morning you will be driven the short distance to the Nao Victoria museum created as a life-size replica of the vessel, Nao Victoria, built for and commanded by Ferdinand Magellan when he set sail to conquer the world back in 1519. You then fly back to Santiago and have the rest of the day free, before joining your Easter Island group tour in the morning.

Overnight: Hotel Torre Mayor, Santiago

(Meals: B)

Prices

Price: £2,630 per person based on a minimum of 2 persons travelling on a twin share basis.
Single room supplement: £190 per person. (Prices valid until 31 December 2019)

Price includes: Services of an English-speaking guide; internal flights and airport transfers; sightseeing as per the itinerary; meals at stated; 4 nights good standard hotel accommodation and 3 nights EcoCamp in Standard Domes on a twin share basis.

Price does not include: International flights, tips; drinks; meals not indicated; airport departure taxes if applicable.