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Patagonia Soft Expedition - 5 Days

Starting from 1,980 USD per person

Chilean Patagonia is the southernmost region of the country. Its capital is Punta Arenas and it is noted for its strong sense of tradition and rural customs, which are still observed today. It is home to a variety of ecosystems and mildly cold, rainy weather as well as interesting geomorphology that lends value to its landscapes. Its rich fauna includes the puma, southern Andean deer, *chilla* fox, guanaco, skunk, Patagonian ferret, and Geoffroy's cat. If you are lucky, you should be able to spot at least one of these creatures! In terms of vegetation, this is a region with many southern beech forests, xerophytic brush, and Andean desert.

Trip Summary

Day 1 - Santiago de Chile - Punta Arenas

LATAM Flight: from Santiago de Chile (SCL) to Punta Arenas (PUQ)

Private Transfer IN from the Airport of Punta Arenas to the Hotel in Punta Arenas

Meals

Overnight at La Yegua Loca Boutique Hotel - La Yegua Loca Boutique Hotel

Day 2 - Punta Arenas - Torres del Paine National Park

Half Day Penguin Watching Tour: Navigation to the Magdalena Island

Shared Transfer from the Hotel in Punta Arenas to the Hotel in Torres del Paine

Meals

Overnight at Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa - Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

Day 3 - Torres del Paine National Park

Choose an activity from the Excursion Chart of the Rio Serrano Hotel - Full Day Paine

Meals

Overnight at Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa - Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

Day 4 - Torres del Paine National Park

Choose an activity from the Excursion Chart of the Rio Serrano Hotel - Base of Towers Trek

Meals

Overnight at Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa - Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

Day 5 - Torres del Paine National Park - Punta Arenas - Santiago de Chile

Shared Transfer OUT from the Rio Serrano Hotel to the Airport of Punta Arenas

LATAM Flight: from Punta Arenas (PUQ) to Santiago de Chile (SCL)

Meals

8:00

Day 1 - Santiago de Chile - Punta Arenas



LATAM Flight: from Santiago de Chile (SCL) to Punta Arenas (PUQ)



Private Transfer IN from the Airport of Punta Arenas to the Hotel in Punta Arenas



Meals

- **Breakfast NOT included**
- **Lunch NOT included**
- **Dinner NOT included**



Overnight at La Yegua Loca Boutique Hotel
Double Room with Panoramic View

(Modality: Bed & Breakfast)



La Yegua Loca Boutique Hotel

Fagnano 310, Punta Arenas, Magallanes y de la Antártica Chilena, CL
+56 61 237 1734

Day 2 - Punta Arenas - Torres del Paine National Park



Half Day Penguin Watching Tour: Navigation to the Magdalena Island

Type: Shared Tour

Morning tour by boat from Punta Arenas. After cruising across the Strait of Magellan, land on this protected nature reserve and marvel at the thousands of Magellanic penguins milling about on the pebbly terrain that serves as their breeding grounds. Follow your guide along a cordoned-off path leading up to a lighthouse, where you'll learn about the island's eco-system and enjoy this wonder of nature.

Down here in Patagonia, the weather conditions change dramatically, therefore there are some days on which we won't be able to sail, so we offer as alternative a program to admire the Patagonian fauna.

Included:

- Transfer between hotel and dock
- Snacks on the boat



Shared Transfer from the Hotel in Punta Arenas to the Hotel in Torres del Paine



Meals

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch NOT included**
- **Dinner included**



Overnight at Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa Double Superior Room

(Modality: All Inclusive / Full Board)



Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

Torres del Paine, Región de Magallanes y de la Antártica Chilena, CL
(61) 222 0878

Day 3 - Torres del Paine National Park



Choose an activity from the Excursion Chart of the Rio Serrano Hotel - Full Day Paine

Hotel Rio Serrano offers its guests half-day and full day excursions. These are designed to experience in depth every corner of Torres del Paine National Park and its surroundings. The excursions range from levels easy through to difficult depending on the participants physical condition and experience.

We also operate using various modes of transportation that include travelling by vehicle, horseback, boat and on foot (trekking & climbing).

These excursions are led by our experienced and friendly qualified guides who will accompany you each step of the way and provide all the vital practical and safety information throughout the trip.

We aim to provide our guests enjoyment in every aspect of these amazing experiences, including the service quality and excellence of our staff and facilities.

IMPORTANT: All excursions are subject to availability and weather conditions.

Recommended Excursion: Full Day Paine

- Difficulty: Low
- Duration: 8 1/2 hrs.
- Estimated Departure time: 08:30 AM

Description:

This is an excellent option to discover most of the areas of the National Park. Lakes, rivers, colourful flowing cascades, and the majestic Paine Massif together with the surrounding flora and fauna will be the traveller's experience throughout this excursion.

On our way towards Grey Lake, we will stop to appreciate the views of the swaying Serrano River course together with the beauty of the same named local town. Guardería Grey will be the starting point of the trek following the imposing path the glacier once left. The lake is known for the striking huge ice blocks resting on its waters.

We will then connect with the main stream of this fluvial area called Paine River. This river will be our 'guide' through the lacustrine system of the Park. We will be amazed by the turquoise coloured waters of Lake Pehoé situated nearby Pudeto, and after a short hike we will be faced with the magnificent views of Lake Nordenskjold plummeting into the famous 'Salto Grande', where we will also encounter the famous Paine Horns.

Our journey will continue with the enjoyment of various aspects of the mountain range, as well as the exquisite views of Lake Sarmiento, the largest in the National Park. Here the Patagonian steppe invites herds of Guanacos to run freely through the clear forests.

By this stage we will have reached the north/east area, just outside the park to Laguna Amarga, where weather permitting, the lake will act as a mirror to the renowned Torres del Paine. Laguna Amarga shores feed the elegant flamingos on the algae and plankton that live beneath its waters.

Following our adventure we continue to be in awe by the spectacular Cascada Paine, as it's unique fall flows into Laguna Azul the last location of our trip, ending the day with an unforgettable view to the magic that is Torres del Paine.



Meals

- **Breakfast included**
- **Box Lunch included during the tour**
- **Dinner included at the Hotel**



Overnight at Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa Double Superior Room

(Modality: All Inclusive / Full Board)



Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

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Day 4 - Torres del Paine National Park



Choose an activity from the Excursion Chart of the Rio Serrano Hotel - Base of Towers Trek

Hotel Rio Serrano offers its guests half-day and full day excursions. These are designed to experience in depth every corner of Torres del Paine National Park and its surroundings. The excursions range from levels easy through to difficult depending on the participants physical condition and experience.

We also operate using various modes of transportation that include travelling by vehicle, horseback, boat and on foot (trekking & climbing).

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IMPORTANT: All excursions are subject to availability and weather conditions.

Recommended: Full Day Trekking to the Base of Towers

- Difficulty: High (steep)
- Duration: 11 ½ h rs.
- Distance Walked: 20.4 k m. (12.5 mi) - 9 hrs.
- Estimated Departure time: 07:30 AM

Description:

We will begin our day by moving to the eastern area of Torres del Paine National Park, in the direction of Estancia Cerro Paine. After a short walk we will cross the suspension bridge at the Ascencio River – water flow originating up the valley and named after the renowned bandit of Patagonia at the beginning of last century.

Our first next challenge begins with a slow pace uphill to reach the 500 meter mark base of Monte Almirante Nieto. During this trekking journey, we will see the Norgenskoj Id Lake surrounded by Notros or Ciruelillos.

At the end of this first ascent, Ascencio Valley will come into sight and show its full magnificence and splendour.

Further to our adventure and crossing the Chilean Refuge located on the banks of the Ascencio River, we will walk through a centenary forest of Lengas (Nothofagus Pumilio). As we depart this forest, we begin the last ascent stage up the valley, taking us to the base of the front moraine left by the old advance of the Torres Glacier.

From here, we will slowly trek a marked path by the moraine. And as this is the final stretch of our excursion, we will finally enjoy the belonged views of the majestic Torres del Paine, and Torres Lake. This location serves our well deserved lunch break and then we begin our descent and return.



Meals

- **Breakfast included**
- **Box Lunch included during the tour**
- **Dinner included at the Hotel**



Overnight at Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa Double Superior Room

(Modality: All Inclusive / Full Board)



Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa

Torres del Paine, Región de Magallanes y de la Antártica Chilena, CL
(61) 222 0878

Day 5 - Torres del Paine National Park - Punta Arenas - Santiago de Chile



8:00 - 5 hr

Shared Transfer OUT from the Rio Serrano Hotel to the Airport of Punta Arenas



LATAM Flight: from Punta Arenas (PUQ) to Santiago de Chile (SCL)



Meals

- **Breakfast included**
- **Lunch NOT included**
- **Dinner NOT included**

Information & Documents



LOW SEASON RATES: / April 1 – 30, 2020

- Price based on Double Occupancy – From USD\$ 1,980 per person

HIGH SEASON RATES: 1 November – 22 December 2019 / Jan 4 – March 31, 2020

- Price based on Double Occupancy – From USD\$ 2,550 per person

PEAK SEASON RATES: 23 December 2019 – Jan 3, 2020

- Price based on Double Occupancy – From USD\$ 3,440 per person

**This listed price is based on two people sharing a double room. The price may vary due to the time of year you travel, the size of your group, accommodation availability and not counting special dates.*

*** Solo travelers or guests staying in single rooms must pay the Solo Traveler or Single Supplement price.*

**** The single supplement is based on Regular tours, availability of which must be confirmed prior to reservation of the trip.*

IMPORTANT: The above rates do NOT include airfare.

Airfare is Quotes separately below in the section of Air Portion.



Air Portion Pricing Patagonia FLIGHTS

- Inbound: LATAM Flight **LA 293**

Departing at **11:12 hrs** from Santiago de Chile (SCL)

Arriving at **15:34 hrs** at Punta Arenas (PUQ)

- Outbound: LATAM Flight **LA 894**

Departing at **17:09 hrs** from Punta Arenas (PUQ)

Arriving at **20:29 hrs** at Santiago de Chile (SCL)

Price per Patagonia RoundTrip (Airport Taxes): **USD 248**

*EcoChile Handling Fee per person Included: **USD 20***

TOTAL AIR PORTION PER PAX (Payment Fee Included)>> USD 278

TOTAL AIR PORTION PER GROUP of 2 Passengers >> USD 556

IMPORTANT:

Please note that if you can purchase the flights at your own, but in this case you must be sure it goes along with the transfer schedules of the Hotel selected for the trip.

In case the flight departure is scheduled before 15:00 hrs - additional costs may apply for a private transfer from the Hotel in Torres del Paine National Park to the Airport of Punta Arenas.



GENERAL INFORMATION BOOKING CONDITIONS & PAYMENT

Payments can be made by bank transaction or by credit card.

Flights must be paid with credit card and upon confirmation to secure the air tickets.

As a general rule, 30% of the total price of the tour package must be paid prior to the beginning of the tour. In some occasions (which will depend on the internal supplier and case in which Ecochile will let the Customer know in advance) such sum could be higher.

Consequently, a tailor-made package will be considered booked only once 30% (or more) of the payment is made. Kindly note that the remaining 70% of the price (or less) must be paid at least 6 weeks prior to the beginning of the trip, the exact date will be informed to you by your travel consultant.

In case a booking is done within 6 weeks prior to the beginning of the tour, the Customer must pay 100% of the price.

Upon receiving the final payment, Ecochile will send the Customer all the hotel information and other relevant travel documents required for the trip.

FLIGHTS: Please note that Ecochile also provides a flight booking service in exchange for a handling fee per person applied on their Air-portion corresponding on its packages. 100% of the total price of the Air-portion and the handling fee shall be paid upon reservation of the said package.

- Handling Fee for the Air Portion of the Trip:

Total Flight Rate from 1 USD to 299 USD per person - a handling fee of 20 USD per person will be applied

Total Flight Rate from 300 USD to 699 USD per person - a handling fee of 40 USD per person will be applied

Total Flight Rate from 700 USD to 1499 USD per person - a handling fee of 60 USD per person will be applied

Total Flight Rate from 1500 USD and more - a handling fee of 50 USD per person will be applied.

Addition Issue Charge of 12 USD will be applied for each ticket sale.

Upon cancellation of the flight, no reimbursement of the handling fee nor of the flight ticket is done unless the flexibility of your class ticket and category allows it.

Ecochile will not be responsible for additional expenses incurred by the Customer in preparing for the trip (i.e. non-refundable air tickets, insurance, visa fees, extra luggage weight, necessary equipment, medical expenses, etc.).

Ecochile takes the liberty to be able to change your departure flight and /or airline included in the program in order to avoid any issues with other services and to ensure a better experience.

Ecochile will not be responsible for additional flights and-or occurrences when the customer decided to book flights on his own.

Quotes and payment are made in US dollars, if the customer requires to pay in a different currency, the exchange rate and final price will be informed by the travel agent at moment of the booking.

CANCELATION POLICIES - INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS (Between 1 and 6 participants)

Cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers covering costs and fees incurred by cancelling confirmed bookings. Therefore, the fees listed below will apply:

- 61 days or more prior to departure day: Cancellation charge of 30% of total price
- 60 to 45 days prior to departure day: Cancellation charge of 50% of total price
- Less than 44 days prior to departure day: Cancellation charge of 100% of total price

If it becomes necessary for the client to cancel the trip, the money, minus the cancellation fees charged by EcoChile, will be refunded depending on the cancellation date. Any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already paid in advanced to airlines, hotels and other local suppliers will be forfeited.

CANCELATION POLICIES - GROUP BOOKINGS (Groups of 7 participants or more)

Cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers covering costs and fees incurred by cancelling confirmed bookings. Therefore, the fees listed below will apply:

- 91 days or more prior to departure day: Cancellation charge of 30% of total price

- 90 to 61 days prior to departure day: Cancellation charge of 50% of total price
- 60 to 45 days prior to departure day: Cancellation charge of 70% of total price
- Less than 44 days prior to departure day: Cancellation charge of 100% of total price

If it becomes necessary for the client to cancel the trip, the money, minus the cancellation fees charged by EcoChile, will be refunded depending on the cancellation date. Any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already paid in advanced to airlines, hotels and other local suppliers will be forfeited.

Abandonment: No refund will be provided if you voluntarily abandon your itinerary for any reason after the itinerary has begun.

Note: If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges and Ecochile will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

BOOKING CHANGES

Itinerary changes are possible as long as they are available and do not generate extra costs for Ecochile. Otherwise the cost of the itinerary changes shall be assumed by the Customer.

Unused services: We regret that no credit or refund is possible for any unused services provided in the cost of your holiday. If you decide to alter your travel arrangements whilst abroad, this is your own responsibility and we are not responsible for any extras or difficulties that may arise with onward travel and as a result of such alterations. No credit or refund is possible for any lost, mislaid, stolen or destroyed documents which could be the subject of a claim on your insurance.

After our confirmation email has been issued to you for a package holiday provided by Ecochile, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, for example your chosen departure date or accommodation, We will do our utmost to make these changes but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be in writing from the person who made the booking. You will be asked to pay a reasonable administration charge, and any further cost we incur in making this alteration. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made, and you should contact us as soon as possible.

Note: Certain travel arrangements may not be changeable after a reservation has been made and any alteration request could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of the arrangements.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS (Passport, Visa and Immigration):

Passport and visa requirements, and other immigration requirements are your responsibility and you should confirm these with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates. It is your responsibility to ensure that you and all members of your party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents, and in compliance with any other immigration requirements, before you travel.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend passengers take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances that may arise. Your insurance should provide cover against personal accident, medical expenses, emergency repatriation and personal liability as well as any adventure activities not covered under a standard insurance policy. Ecochile are not liable for any lack of insurance on your behalf.

You can get a travel insurance quote here: <http://ecochile.travel/travel-insurance/>