

Torres del Paine:

Explora Patagonia

5 Days/4 Nights
Departs Daily from Punta Arenas

4 Nights Includes

• Roundtrip Ground

Transfers

• 4 Nights

Accommodations

• Guided Tours

• All Meals

Each morning you will awaken to an unforgettable view (from many of the rooms) of the glacial blue Lake Pehoe with the soaring Paine Massif in the background. This small unique hotel, called Hotel Salto Chico, is situated within Torres del Paine National Park, Patagonia, surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. To reach Explora Salto Chico, you will fly into Punta Arenas, and transfer by minivan 5 hours to the hotel. The hotel has 50 rooms and suites, with views of the Salto Chico waterfall, or the magnificent Towers of Paine. The lovely interior design of the hotel takes advantage of the local wood, the lenga and cypress handcrafted by local artisans. The emphasis at the hotel is on service, and making sure that guests feel the beauty of their surroundings. The activities offered are extensive. Each day guests select from the following list of excursions. The hotel also has a Casa de Banos with an indoor heated pool, exercise rooms, sauna, massage, and jacuzzi.



Explora Patagonia operates on a 4 night cycle, year-round.

EXCURSIONS

OFFERED AT EXPLORA PATAGONIA:

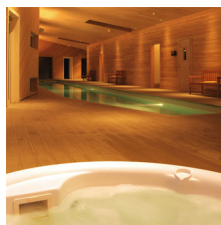
1 ~ Lago Grey Peninsula Walk:

Length: Half day

Level: Easy

Itinerary: Depart hotel by vehicle: Río Paine, Guardería Lago Grey. By foot: Río Pingo hanging bridge. Lago Grey peninsula. Return. Attractions: Mature lenga forest. View of Glaciar Grey. Icebergs along the beach.

2 ~ Glacier Grey Walk: **Length:** Full day with Picnic Lunch



Level: Difficult

Itinerary: Depart hotel. By boat: Lago Pehoe, Refugio Pehoe. By foot: Refugio Pehoe, lookout point over Glacier Grey and Southern Ice Field.

Return. Attractions: Views of Glacier Grey and the Macizo Paine. Icebergs. Rivers, gorges and forests, with lookout points.

Note: The boat crossing is dependent on weather conditions.

3 ~ Alturas del Toro Walk:

Length: Full day with Picnic Lunch

Level: Medium

Itinerary: Depart hotel. By vehicle: Quebrada La Feria, Alturas del Lago del Toro, Puente Weber. Return. Attractions: Mature beech, forests, lakes, views of the enormous, deep blue Lago Toro, the emerald waters of Río Paine and the golden prairie of the Valle Río Serrano.



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4 ~ Journey North of the Park (Laguna Azul and a Traditional Quincho Barbecue:

Length: Full day with Lunch (Traditional lamb

and vegetable barbecue.)

Level: Easy

Itinerary: Depart hotel. By vehicle: Cascada Río Paine. Guardería Laguna Amarga ranger station, Laguna Azul, Río de Las Chinas, Quincho Explora. Short walks around the area. Attractions: Easy exploration, followed by a festive barbecue.

5 ~ Mirador Nordenskjöld Walk:

Length: Half day with Trail snacks

Level: Easy

Itinerary: Depart hotel. By vehicle: Refugio Pudeto. By foot: Shore of Lago Pehoe, Salto Grande, Lago Nordenskjöld, Mirador Nordenskjöld. Return. Attractions: The cascade and roar of Salto Grande waterfall. Views of Valle Francés, Macizo Paine Grande, Cuernos del Paine.

Note: Strong wind.

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6 ~ Mirador del Toro Walk:

Length: Half day with Trail snacks

Level: *Easy*

Itinerary: Depart hotel. By vehicle: Río Paine Shore. By foot: Climb to Mirador del Toro, descending to the Posada Río Serrano and Park Administration. Scientific presentation by Conaf park rangers on the area's geography, geology, fauna and flora. Observe birds, local fauna and learn characteristics of regional flora.

7 ~ Las Cornisas Walk:

Length: Half day with Trail snacks.

Level: *Medium*

Itinerary: Depart hotel by foot: Cerros del Sureste, Mirador de los Cóndores, Cornisas, Mirador Alto Conaf, Quebrada La Feria. Return. Attractions: Winter -- groups of guanacos are usually seen along the trail. Views of the park's southeast side, including Lago Pehoé, Lago Nordenskjöld, Cuernos del Paine, Valle del Francés and several other lakes.

8 ~ Las Cornisas Walk:

Length: Half day with Trail snacks.

Level: *Medium*

Itinerary: Depart hotel by foot: Cerros del Sureste, Mirador de los Cóndores, Cornisas, Mirador Alto Conaf, Quebrada La Feria. Return. Attractions: Winter -- groups of guanacos are usually seen along the trail. Views of the park's southeast side, including Lago Pehoé, Lago Nordenskjöld, Cuernos del Paine, Valle del Francés and several other lakes.

8 ~ Las Cornisas Walk:

Length: Half day with Trail snacks.

Level: *Medium*

Itinerary: Depart hotel by foot: Cerros del Sureste, Mirador de los Cóndores, Cornisas, Mirador Alto Conaf, Quebrada La Feria. Return. Attractions: Winter -- groups of guanacos are usually seen along the trail.

NOTE: The boat crossing always depends on weather conditions.

9 ~ Base of the Torres del Paine Walk:

Length: Full day with Picnic Lunch

Level: *Difficult*

Itinerary: Depart hotel. By vehicle: Río Paine, Guardería Laguna Amarga, Estancia Cerro Paine, Cerro Almirante Nieto. By foot: Valle del Río Ascencio, Campamento Chileno, lenga forests, Campamento Torres, lookout point with views of the Torres del Paine and the lake below them. Return. Attractions: This is one of the most challenging explorations in the park. Habitat for numerous birds. Multiple-colored lakes. View of the imposing Almirante Nieto (2,640m/ 8,661ft). View of Lago Nordenskjöld, Laguna Amarga and Río Paine. Forests of century-old beech and impressive views of the Torres del Paine.

NOTE: This exploration requires that guests be in good physical shape.

10 ~ Archeological Walk:

Length: Half day

Level: *Easy*

Itinerary: Depart hotel. By vehicle: Guardería Lago Sarmiento. By foot: Head north along the park's perimeter. Petroglyphs. Guardería Laguna Amarga. Return. Attractions: Walk through open land with panoramic views. Rock outcroppings with ancient paintings by Tehuelche Indians, the first inhabitants of the region. Abundant guanacos and possibility of viewing a puma. **NOTE:** This walk is generally taken before the barbecue at the Quincho.

11 ~ Lago Sarmiento Walk:

Length: Half day with Trail Snacks

Level: *Easy*

Itinerary: Depart hotel. By vehicle: Lago Pehoé, Lago Nordenskjöld. By foot: Shore of Lago Sarmiento. Return. Attractions: Calcium carbonate formations along the lakeshore and, during the winter, groups of guanacos along the trail.

Note: More tours offered

For information and reservations, please see your professional travel agent

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