

PATAGONIA LODGE TO LODGE HIKER

Enjoy the incredible Patagonian landscape of Torres Del Paine National Park and stay in comfortable and culturally rich estancias and inns. Discover lesser-known trails as well as the world famous hikes to the base of the Towers Mountains and Grey Glacier.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike the 'Up and Over' route, a little-known and stunning trail
- Enjoy world-class trout fishing
- See guanacos, rheas, condors and other wildlife
- Visit the cute burrowing Magellanic Penguins at their colony in Otway Sound
- Enjoy a fireside pisco sour at the lovely converted Estancia Lazo and stay in charming accommodations throughout – no camping!
- Make the classic Torres hike to the base of these granite monoliths
- Boat to the face of the Grey Glacier for up-close views of the massive ice walls



SOUTHERN PATAGONIA REGION

TYPE Flexible Date Private Departures & Fixed Date Group Departures

MODERATE TRIP Activities include hiking, boating, wildlife viewing & cultural opportunities.

LENGTH 6 days

ACCOMMODATIONS 5 nights *estancias* and inns

DEPARTURES Flexible Date Private Trips: Oct - April

Fixed Date Group Trips: 2010 - Nov 16, Dec 7; 2011 - Jan 11, Feb 1, Mar 14

BEGIN | END Punta Arenas, Chile

NOTE Ask about our horseback riding extensions.

COST From \$2,935 [single supplement \$550]

95% of meals included

TRIP SUMMARY

The rugged natural beauty of the Patagonian landscape goes beyond words and expectations. Granite towers thrust some 6,000 feet from the expansive plains dotted with glacially formed turquoise lakes. Southern beech forests spread over the plains and enormous glaciers continue carving the landscape. This pristine beauty comes to its height in Chile's Torres (Towers) Del Paine National Park, which contains vast networks of trails to access thousands of acres of wilderness and wildlife. Some say it is like Yosemite and the Grand Tetons rolled into one.

This trip combines active days of hiking throughout the park with relaxing evenings in classic accommodations, affording comfort and relaxation as well as authentic access to Patagonian life and culture. You'll make the classic hike to the base of the Towers as well as discovering little-known trails taking you through the heart of the park. You'll also take a boat to the face of the massive Grey Glacier. Enjoy evenings with fireside pisco sours as well as local Chilean wines and delicious cuisine at both a traditional estancia (Patagonian ranch) and a cozy riverside inn.

This trip is ideal for those looking to spend their days with active days including a few hours of moderate hiking, (no backpacking required – you'll hike with only a light daypack) while spending their nights in a comfortable bed and accommodations that mix elegance and intimacy in breathtaking settings.

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 Punta Arenas – Lago Toro, Torres Del Paine

After being picked up from your hotel in Punta Arenas, you'll make the short drive to the Magellanic penguin colony where you'll get up close and personal with these playful animals. You'll continue across the Patagonian steppe towards the park on a spectacular drive alongside the turquoise waters of Sarmiento Lake and arrive to the beautifully situated Hosteria Mirador del Payne. This comfortable converted estancia has one of Torres Del Paine National Park's most beautiful settings, situated beside the Laguna Verde with inspirational mountain views. Take an evening stroll spotting wild Patagonian geese and ducks before enjoying a delicious dinner of fresh, locally grown ingredients.

(B,D...Mirador Del Paine)

DAY 2 Laguna Verde, Sierra Del Toro

After a hearty breakfast you'll hike along the shores of Laguna Verde through old-growth southern beech forests and grassy valleys towards the Sierra del Toro. After a few hours in the flat terrain you'll reach the Mirador del Toro lookout and have far-reaching views to snow-capped granite peaks and iceberg-choked glacial lakes. Descend to the pampas below for lunch in the valley before visiting the park headquarters to learn of its history and geography. Continue on a short ways to Hotel Rio Serrano where you can try your hand at fishing and unwind beside the fireplace.

(B,L,D...Hotel Rio Serrano)

DAY 3 Grey Glacier

After breakfast you'll be driven over the vast pampas before a light hike to Lago Grey, admiring turquoise icebergs and the massive Grey Glacier. Setting off on the new Grey 2 boat you'll traverse the lake to the face of the glacier to admire this incredible natural wonder. Those with energy can join their guide for a hike to a



viewpoint that brings the entire western side of the park into view, or choose to head back by van and take in the view from the comfort of Hotel Rio Serrano.

(B,L,D...Hotel Rio Serrano)

DAY 4 French Valley

Today we make the awesome 'up and over hike' across the heart of the park. This little-known moderate hike affords spectacular views of the peaks of Paine and meanders through verdant green valleys and forests and runs alongside turquoise lakes dotted with eerie windswept trees. Keep your eyes peeled for enormous condors hovering above the mountain peaks and guanacos scattering across the grasslands. Taking lunch in the valley, this incredible route brings us along the French Valley and Paine Massif peaks. After a full day's hike you'll transfer to Estancia Tercera. This authentic and comfortable estancia has one of the most privileged locations in all of Patagonia and will be your home for the next two nights.

(B,L,D...Estancia Tercera)

DAY 5 Ascencio Valley – Towers of Paine

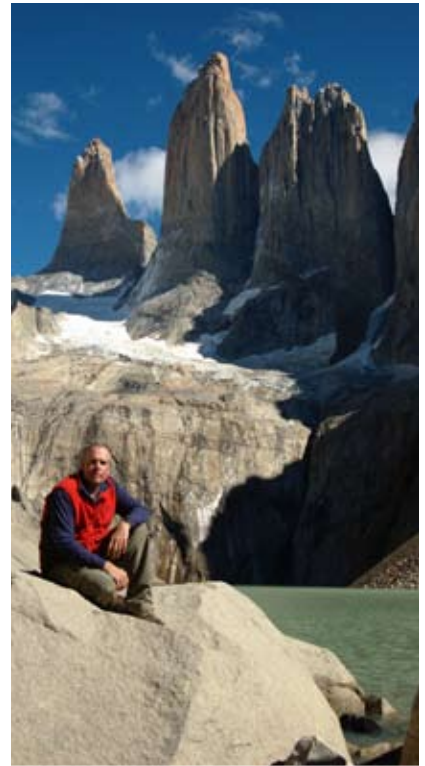
After an early breakfast you'll begin the climb to the base of the famed Towers that the park gets its name from. This challenging hike will take you across mountain trails, rivers, valleys, and a final clamber up to the top. Enjoy a delicious picnic with one of the world's most spectacular mountain vistas towards the enormous granite peaks standing tall above an iceberg-dotted glacial lake. Toast your feat with a pisco sour after descending and returning to Estancia Tercera.

(B,L,D...Estancia Tercera)

DAY 6 Punta Arenas

After another delicious breakfast you'll depart from the park with a brief stop in the town of Puerto Natales before heading to Punta Arenas for your flight.

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EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE



WINE COUNTRY Bike from vineyard to vineyard on gentle country roads, tour the cellars, taste fine wines, eat gourmet cuisine and stay in charming boutique hotels. With premier wine growing valleys just an hour from Santiago, a few days in wine country is an ideal extension to your adventure and a good example of the diversity of landscapes and lifestyles within Chile. From 1 day and up, ask about custom trips and prices.



ATACAMA DESERT Looking for unique? Earth's closest thing to Mars, Atacama will not disappoint. Your trip to this surreal landscape offers countless cultural and adventure excursions to choose from during the day, while spending nights in a true oasis, the Tierra Atacama boutique hotel and spa. Return for a dip in the pool and enjoy a local cabernet with gourmet cuisine. Don't forget to take advantage of the world's best moonscape and stargazing. From 3 days and up, land cost from \$970 (per person, based on double occupancy) + internal airfare.

EASTER ISLAND A tropical paradise with history, culture and mystery at every beautiful turn, a visit to Easter Island – the world's most isolated speck of land - will captivate any traveler. Meander through the picturesque countryside dotted with volcanoes, and learn about the mysterious Moai statues erected by the original Polynesian tribes who inhabited the island. Still today little is known about the statues or their creators. While circumnavigating the island on visits to the diverse Moai sites, you'll have opportunities to relax on deserted, white-sand beaches, explore volcanic caves with petroglyphs and walk the rim of a seaside volcano. From 4 days and up, land cost from \$910 (per person, based on double occupancy) + internal airfare.



Please call us for detailed itineraries for these extensions or visit our website (www.KnowmadAdventures.com).

2010-2011 SEASON COSTS

\$2,935 per person (4 or more travelers)

\$3,125 per person (3 travelers)

\$3,250 per person (2 travelers)

Rates quoted are per person, based on sharing double accommodations.

\$550 single supplement – if you request single accommodations you are required to pay the single supplement. If you are a single traveler and would like to be paired with a traveler of the same gender, Knowmad Adventures will try to accommodate this and, if we are able, will refund the single supplement following the trip.

WHAT YOUR TRIP COST INCLUDES:

- Pre-trip services
- Expert leadership and guiding
- Accommodations as indicated and based on double occupancy
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated
- Backcountry field arrangements as necessary
- All necessary equipment for adventure excursions
- Ground transportation and support vehicles
- Additional guides and porters as needed
- Entrance fees and permits
- All meals as indicated (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)

WHAT YOUR TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International and domestic airfare
- Visa, passport, departure/arrival and excess baggage fees
- Trip insurance (we strongly recommend you obtain trip insurance offered by Knowmad Adventures, including trip cancellation insurance)
- Activities denoted by an asterik and listed as optional
- Meals not noted in itinerary
- Optional tipping to local guides and staff
- Personal items

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

Airfare is not included in the land cost of our trips. For reservations we recommend you contact the airlines directly. Also, web search databases such as www.kayak.com and www.priceline.com can be helpful to do preliminary searches in order to identify which carriers may have the best fares, however we strongly recommend then calling and booking directly with the airline.

DOMESTIC AIR TRAVEL

If booked by Knowmad Adventures, internal airfare for this trip (Santiago/Punta Arenas, Punta Arenas/Santiago) averages \$350 USD, however this is an approximation and the airfare is subject to change upon booking. **If arranging domestic airfare independently, please consult us prior** so we can verify the departure and arrival times.

WEATHER

Please also note that some of the activities are weather dependent. Patagonian weather is unpredictable. Expect sunshine as well as some rainy, windy South Atlantic weather.

PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

Elevation: 121 feet **Latitude:** 53° 00'S **Longitude:** 070° 51'W

Monthly Average Temperature (high & low) and Rainfall (inches)

Jan 51°F 57°F 45°F 1.4	May 39°F 44°F 35°F 1.7	Sep 41°F 46°F 35°F 1.1
Feb 51°F 57°F 45°F 1.1	Jun 36°F 39°F 32°F 1.3	Oct 44°F 50°F 38°F 0.9
Mar 48°F 54°F 42°F 1.6	Jul 35°F 38°F 31°F 1.3	Nov 47°F 53°F 40°F 1.1
Apr 44°F 49°F 38°F 1.6	Aug 37°F 41°F 32°F 1.3	Dec 50°F 56°F 43°F 1.2

Source: www.weatherbase.com

WHAT'S NEXT?

Ready for the trip of a lifetime? Signing up is easy. Call us at 1-877-616-8747 and reserve your spot. Or simply fill out the Registration Form, Payment Form, as well as the Terms and Conditions and send it back to us along with your trip deposit.

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