

## Patagonia O Circuit Custom Hiking Adventure

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#### **Unrivaled Expertise**

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

#### **Unique Trip Design**

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail—the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

#### **Private Adventures**

Private MT Sobek adventures are perfect for travelers who enjoy the flexibility of traveling in their own group, but who want the peace of mind that comes with having all of the logistics handled by true experts. We offer an array of perfectly tailored custom adventures and scheduled dates that your group can easily take over.









## Patagonia O Circuit Custom Hiking Adventure

Hike the famous "O" Circuit, deep in the remote wilderness of southern Chile and experience the wondrous landscapes of Torres del Paine National Park. On this Custom Adventure, you'll explore the spectacular French Valley, see blue-hued icebergs of the majestic Glacier Grey, and be moved by mighty granite spires soaring 8,000 feet above the surrounding grasslands. The huge expanse of the Southern Patagonia Ice Field is an inspiring wonderland for adventure trekkers looking to enjoy one of the world's top bucket-list hiking routes.

#### 11 Days

**Start:** Puerto Natales, Chile **End:** Puerto Natales, Chile

**Activities:** Hiking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Rustic Lodging, Comfortable

Camping

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: 4** 



I highly recommend Mt Sobek for intrepid travelers who crave deep immersion in nature. Their local guides are highly trained, educated and professional and make the trip/hike/drive/walk so enjoyable and educational. My hiking trip to Patagonia was unforgettable, a trip of a lifetime!."

Cynthia B. | MT Sobek Guest

## **Your Custom Itinerary**



#### Arrive Puerto Natales, Chile

Upon your morning arrival in Puerto Natales, a quiet fishing town on the shores of Seno Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope Sound), your guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. In the evening gather at the hotel for a briefing on the adventure ahead.

ACCOMMODATION: Remota Patagonia Lodge or similar

**MEALS:** Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** Private airport transfer



#### Scenic Drive to Torres del Paine National Park

Departing Puerto Natales, stop at Cueva del Milodon for a short visit before continuing on for approximately three hours to Torres del Paine National Park, where you'll take in the first spectacular views of the Paine Massif (weather permitting). There is also a very good chance of seeing guanacos-small cousins to the camel and llama-on the way to the park. Because the sun sets late in Patagonia's summer, there's plenty of time to admire and photograph the amazing landscape. In the evening settle in at your hotel, ideally situated for your exploration of Torre del Paine National Park.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Las Torres or similar

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner **TRANSPORTATION:** Private transfer



#### **Explore Torres del Paine National Park**

Rise early today to start your all-day hike to the Torres del Paine lookout, first following the Ascensio River over a low pass into the Ascencio Valley. You'll pass through beech forests, talus-covered slopes, and boulders before arriving at a spectacular viewpoint, where the towers rise majestically before you, and the glacial lake is visible below. This is one of the most scenic spots in the world! Enjoy a packed lunch en route before hiking back toy our hotel.

Tonight you'll be given a waterproof bag (approx. 900 cubic inches). In this bag you must pack clothing and other essential items you'll need for the next five days. This bag will be carried by porters, and you'll carry your daypack with your camera, extra layers and raingear, personal papers, medication, lunch, etc. Meanwhile, your duffel, containing the rest of your belongings, will be stored and will meet up with you again at Lago Pehoé on Day 8. Be sure to pack light.

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## Itinerary continued

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Las Torres or similar

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Hiking 9 hours, 11.6 miles; Start: 400ft / End 400ft. Elevation gain: 2,500ft. Total

ascent: 3,900ft



#### **Hike to Campamento Seron**

Today set out for a leisurely day of hiking to your next camp. Enjoy the impressive views of the horns and the peaks of Almirante Nieto hovering above the terraces and delta of the Asencio River. Then pass through a tall deciduous beech forest, where you may spot the Magellanic Woodpecker before the path leads you through the foothills of Cerro Paine and grassland areas eventually arriving at the old outpost named after the gaucho Seron. This is the first night of six sleeping in tent.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Seron Camp **MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Hiking 5 hours, 8 miles; Start: 400ft/ End 500 ft. Elevation gain: 250ft



#### Hike to Lago Dickson

Today set out for a full day trek, and although the trail has elevation gain and loss, it's mostly flat. Continue hiking west over the Patagonian plains, skirting the Paine River and Lago Paine. Along the way you'll have incredible views of the northeast peaks of the Paine massif, including Cabeza del Indio (The Indian head) and Escudo, as well as the glaciers Dickson and Cubo (weather permitting). Finally, the Dickson Lake appears, and you can take in the panoramic view before descending towards camp for the evening.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Dixon Camp **MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Hiking 6-8 hours, 11 miles; Start: 500ft/ End 650 ft. Elevation gain: 670ft



#### Hike Towards Los Perros Glacier

Today you'll hike west through primeval beech forest, appreciating great views of the Dickson Glacier pouring into the Dickson Lake from the Ice Field above. Follow the roaring Los Perros River that leads to the Los Perros Hanging Glacier and Lake, beautifully set in an impressive moraine landscape. Your campsite is in a remote, peaceful old-growth forest. Please note as this is a remote location, no showers will be available at camp.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Los Perros Camp MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Hiking 4-5 hours. 6 miles. Start: 650ft/ End 1950 ft. Elevation gain:1300ft

## Itinerary continued



#### **Cross the John Gardner Mountain Pass**

Start today's hike early in the morning, ascending steadily towards the John Garner Mountain Pass (4,000 ft.). Once at the summit, take in fantastic, awe-inspiring views of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and the 17 mile long Grey glacier resting 2,600 feet below (weather permitting). Descend scree slopes to the tree line and enter the forest along the Grey Glacier. The first downhill part is strenuous, steep, and muddy but eventually levels out. Hike into the silent forest while walking along the cracking glacier. Cross a few high hanging bridges before arriving at your camp this evening.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Grey Camp **MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Hiking 10-12 hours. 14 miles. Start: 1950ft/ End 250ft. Elevation gain: 2050 ft.



#### **Hike to Grey Glacier**

Today you'll visit the front of Grey Glacier, a 10-minute walk from the Camp. There you'll have the opportunity to observe vibrant blue icebergs in the Grey water, or even calving into the Grey Lake—a truly spectacular experience! Then take a leisurely hike to your next accommodations at Lago Pehoé, while having fantastic views of the glacier behind you, the Ice Field to the west, and the Paine Massif rearing up above us to the east. Upon arrival you'll be reunited with our duffel bags.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Refugio Paine Grande

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Hiking 4 hours. 7.5 miles. Start: 250ft/ End 200ft



#### Hike Through the French Valley

The magnificent French Valley is the setting for today's hike. In this natural basin ringed by the black slate "horns" of the Cuernos del Paine, hike beneath the glacier-covered slopes of Cerro Paine Grande, the highest summit in the range, and take in panoramic vistas of this extraordinary sweep of mountains. Two different hiking options are available today: you can hike to the first plateau and enjoy spectacular views of the Paine Grande west face with its glacier, or up to the mirador (viewpoint) above Camp Británico—another 3hour roundtrip hike—for one of the most impressive views in the park (weather permitting)!

**ACCOMMODATION:** Cuernos Camp **MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Hiking 10 miles, 8 hours, 1,200 feet elevation gain; Option 2: 15 miles, 10-12

hours, 2,000 feet elevation gain

## Itinerary continued



#### **Drive to Puerto Natales**

Today begin your trek following the Paso Los Cuernos trail at a relaxed pace along the north shore of Lago Nordenskjöld, between the jagged Cuernos del Paine massif and the sapphire-blue lake. The views throughout this hike are magnificent. Once below, transfer to your hotel for overnight and a well-deserved farewell dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: Remota Patagonia Lodge or similar

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner **ACTIVITY:** Hiking 7-8 miles, 5 hours



#### **Depart Puerto Natales**

This morning after breakfast, meet your guide and transfer to the airport in Puerto Natales for your flight to Santiago and connect with your international homebound flight.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** Private airport transfer



## Where You'll Stay

#### Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales

Remota Patagonia Lodge is located near the charming town Puerto Natales in southern Chile. All the comfortable, modern guest rooms are designed with the Patagonian environment in mind and all feature views of the mountains, fjords, and glaciers. The hotel also features a temperate pool, sauna, Jacuzzis, souvenir shop, bar, and an onsite restaurant featuring local seafood, local organic vegetables, and Chilean wines.

#### Hotel Las Torres, Torres del Paine

Located near the base of Torres del Paine's most famous hiking trail (Base of the Towers), the comfortable and relaxed hotel is the perfect base for exploring the National Park. The cozy nature-inspired rooms overlook Torres del Paine, ensuring that you are immersed in the serenity of this magical place. The hotel features a microbrewery, outdoor store, modern restaurant, wellness center & spa, and a Chilean BBQ area.

#### O Route Camps, Torres del Paine

These campsites are strategically located to make the most of your days hiking in the magnificent Torres del Paine National Park. Each has a stunning location where you can sleep in a comfortable tent under the southern hemisphere stars. Some have limited backcountry facilities such as a public shelter from the weather, a basic shop, bathrooms, or a restaurant, and all are surrounded by spectacular wilderness.

#### Refugio Paine Grande, Torres del Paine

Located on the banks of Pehoé Lake, this remote mountain lodge is an ideal launch point for hiking trails to Torres del Paine's French Valley and Grey Glacier. The dormitory rooms have comfortable bunks, as well as drawers to put away gear and a safety box if required. Camping is also available. The onsite restaurant offers American cuisine, and the bar is a great place to exchange stories with fellow travelers.

## **Pricing**

- Rates depend on many factors, like time of travel and number of travelers. Please contact our Custom Trip Consultants for more information. A 25% non-refundable deposit is due upon acceptance of services. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure.
- Pricing is subject to change until receipt of deposit. To view our full Terms and Conditions, please visit www.mtsobek.com/terms.

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary with taxes and gratuities
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless) otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- · Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and porterage as noted in the itinerary

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Additional meals not noted in the daily itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages
- Entry fees to National Parks, museums and other attractions when not accompanied by a guide, unless listed on inclusions
- · Airfare, airport taxes or baggage fees for all flights
- Optional activities and spa services
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, laundry or souvenirs
- · Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel protection program

## **Payments & Cancellations**

#### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

- A 25% deposit is due upon acceptance of services.
- Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure.

#### **CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**

At the time we receive written notice that you must cancel your trip, the following fees will apply (all dates are from departure date):

- From time of reservation until 95 days prior to trip departure: 25% of land cost
- 94 to 61 days prior to trip departure: 50% of land cost
- 60 days or less prior to trip departure: 100% of land cost
- No refunds will be given for unused hotel rooms, meals, activities, or trek arrangements for any reason whatsoever. Land Cost is quoted as a package and credits are not given for services not used. Extra hotel nights cancelled within 60 days of departure are subject to up to 100% of the hotel cost. Internal Air, once purchased, is non-refundable.
- Cancellation and refund policy applies to the entire Land Cost of trip, including trip cost, internal airfare, park fees, permits, and taxes. We recommend you purchase the Optional Travel Protection Plan to protect your investment.

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