

# Argentina & Chile Custom Adventure Exploring Tierra del Fuego and Torres del Paine

**Curated for MTS Clients** 

12 Days | January 01 - January 12, 2025



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#### **Overview**

Set off on a breathtaking custom adventure through wild Patagonia, a land where dramatic fjords, towering glaciers, and rugged forests create a stunning natural tapestry. Set sail through crystal-clear waters dotted with icebergs, heading towards the remote tip of Cape Horn and the legendary Strait of Magellan. Your journey then takes you overland to explore the awe-inspiring Torres del Paine National Park, one of Patagonia's most iconic treasures. This carefully curated adventure offers a perfect blend of rugged wilderness and vibrant culture, showcasing the very best of Patagonia and beyond.

#### What To Expect



#### ACTIVITIES

Personally tailored adventures, hand-picked with your desired activity level in mind. Each activity is designed and operated to our highest standards.



#### LODGING

A variety of comfortable and ideally located accommodations carefully selected with your travel style and budget in mind.



#### CLIMATE

Average daytime temperatures are between 40s - 80s F with night time temperatures as low as the mid-30s F. While you're traveling at one of the driest times of the year, be prepared for some light rain. We recommend dressing in layers.

#### **Details**

Arrive: Buenos Aires, Argentina Duration: 12 Days

Depart: Santiago, Chile Activity Level:











#### Day 1 - January 1

## Arrive Buenos Aires - Private City Tour

Upon arrival into Buenos Aires, meet your private driver and transfer to your overnight accommodations.

After settling into your hotel, meet your private local guide for a city tour of Buenos Aires. Visit important historical monuments on your way to Plaza de Mayo, where you will view the emblematic Casa Rosada. Next stroll through the eclectic neighborhoods of San Telmo, Boca, and Recoleta. Tour the winding aisles of Recoleta cemetery, containing graves of many of Argentina's most famous figures, such as Eva Peron. Your guide will impart expert knowledge of the history and culture of the city, which is one of the world's most interesting metropolises.

This evening enjoy a memorable night out in the city. Meet your private local guide at your hotel for a tango performance with musical accompaniment, followed by a delicious Argentine dinner. Experience the passion of the Argentine tango, which is the national dance of Argentina with important cultural and historic meaning. Relax and enjoy a glass of world famous Malbec wine before heading back to your hotel.

Accommodation: Palo Santo Hotel in four or five Premium Double Rooms

**Transportation:** Private transfers and touring, shared tango show

Meals:

#### Day 2 - January 2

#### Fly to Ushuaia

Today, after checking out of your hotel, meet your private driver for a transfer to Buenos Aires' AEP airport for your flight to Ushuaia. Upon arrival, meet your private driver and transfer to your overnight accommodations in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world and gateway to Patagonia's untamed beauty.

Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure, relaxing or exploring this charming town on your own. Depending on your arrival time, consider visiting one of its intriguing museums, such as the Thematic Gallery of Historia Fueguina, where over 120 life-size figures vividly bring the region's history to life. Don't miss the chance to savor Ushuaia's renowned local cuisine—this is the perfect place to indulge in fresh seafood. We recommend trying Blake Hake (Patagonian toothfish), a regional specialty and prized delicacy in Ushuaia.

**Accommodation:** Los Cauquenes Resort and Spa in four or five Premium Beagle View Rooms

**Transportation:** Private airport transfers

Meals:

## Day 3 - January 3

## Morning at Leisure - Disembark from Ushuaia

Enjoy your morning at leisure relaxing or exploring more of Ushuaia on your own.

This afternoon, after checking out of your hotel, head to downtown Ushuaia to check in for your expedition cruise through the fjords of Tierra del Fuego. Board the Stella Australis, where you'll be welcomed with a toast and introduced to the captain and crew. As the journey begins, prepare to explore one of the most remote corners of the planet. Overnight, traverse the Beagle Channel and cross from Argentine into Chilean territorial waters. Pass through the narrow Murray Channel, flanked by Navarino and Hoste Islands, as the city lights of Ushuaia fade into the distance.

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Accommodation: M/V Stella Australis in four or five Twin AA Cabins

**Transportation:** Private transfer, shared cruising

Meals: B, D

#### Day 4 - January 4

#### Cape Horn and Wulaia Bay

At dawn, the ship crosses Nassau Bay and enters the remote archipelago of Cape Horn National Park. Weather and sea conditions permitting, you'll go ashore on the windswept island that is home to the legendary Cape Horn (Cabo de Hornos), once the only navigation route between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and often called the "End of the Earth." Declared a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve in 2005, the island features a Chilean naval lighthouse, staffed year-round by a lightkeeper and their family, along with the small Stella Maris Chapel and the modern Cape Horn Monument, currently undergoing repair after damage from fierce winds.

Returning across Nassau Bay, you'll anchor at the historic Wulaia Bay, celebrated for its dramatic landscapes and fascinating human history. Once the site of one of the region's largest Yámana settlements, the bay also boasts captivating natural beauty. Visit a small museum housed in a former radio station, showcasing exhibits on the Yámana people and early European missionaries.

Afterward, choose from three guided hikes of varying difficulty, each ascending the wooded mountain behind the bay. These trails take you through enchanting Magellanic forests filled with native trees like lengas, coigües, and canelos, as well as lush ferns. Each route leads to panoramic viewpoints offering breathtaking vistas of Wulaia Bay and its surroundings.

**Accommodation:** M/V Stella Australis in four or five Twin AA Cabins

**Transportation:** Shared cruising and excursions

B, L, D Meals:

## Day 5 - January 5

#### Pia Glacier

Overnight, the ship continues its journey around the western edge of Tierra del Fuego, navigating the narrow Gabriel, Magdalena, and Cockburn Channels. After rounding the remote Brecknock Peninsula, the ship turns eastward and reenters the Beagle Channel. By morning, you'll arrive at Pia Fjord and embark on a Zodiac excursion to the stunning Pia Glacier.

After disembarking, choose between a short hike to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the glacier, which descends majestically from mountaintops to the sea, or a more challenging trek along a lateral moraine of the former Pia Glacier for an up-close perspective.

As the ship continues west along the Beagle Channel, you'll enter another fjord and anchor near the impressive Garibaldi Glacier, one of the few glaciers in Patagonia that is gaining mass. Here, take a guided hike through pristine Magellanic forest to a glacial waterfall surrounded by lush ferns and moss, with breathtaking viewpoints overlooking the glacier and fjord. This hike is demanding, with steep terrain and uneven footing, making it best suited for adventurous travelers. For those who prefer to stay onboard, the captain will position the ship's bow toward the sky-blue Garibaldi Glacier, offering spectacular views from the comfort of the upper decks.

**Accommodation:** M/V Stella Australis in four or five Twin AA Cabins

**Transportation:** Shared crusing and excursions

Meals: B, L, D

## Day 6 - January 6

# Agostini Sound

Early this morning, the ship navigates through the Cockburn Channel and enters Agostini Sound, offering breathtaking views of glaciers cascading from the heart of the Darwin Mountain Range, with some reaching all the way to the water. Disembark for a leisurely walk around a serene lagoon formed by the melting Águila Glacier. The trail leads to a stunning viewpoint directly in front of the glacier, where you can fully appreciate its majestic beauty.

In the afternoon, board a Zodiac to approach the Condor Glacier, marveling at its impressive ice formations. With luck, you may spot some of the magnificent Andean condors that inhabit this remote and pristine area.

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**Accommodation:** M/V Stella Australis in four or five Twin AA Cabins

**Transportation:** Shared cruising and excursions

Meals: B , L , D

## Day 7 - January 7

# Magdalena Island - Disembark Punta Arenas -Transfer to Torres del Paine

After an overnight cruise through the Magdalena Channel and back into the Strait of Magellan, the ship anchors off Magdalena Island, located roughly halfway between Tierra del Fuego and the Chilean mainland. Dominated by a distinctive lighthouse, the island once served as a crucial stopover for explorers and navigators and is now home to a vast colony of Magellanic penguins.

At dawn, weather permitting, you'll disembark and hike a path that winds through thousands of penguins, leading to a small museum housed in the historic 1902 lighthouse. The island is also home to a variety of other bird species. In September and April, when the penguins are elsewhere, this excursion is replaced by a Zodiac ride to Marta Island, where you can observe South American sea lions.

After a brief cruise south along the strait, disembark in Punta Arenas, Chile. Upon your arrival, meet your private driver and transfer to your overnight accommodation ideally located inside of stunning Torres del Paine National Park. Enjoy the next three days choosing from a variety of guided activities provided by your lodge, or simply choose to relax and explore the surrounding area on your own.

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Accommodation: Hotel Lago Grey in four or five Double Superior Rooms

**Transportation:** Shared cruising and excursions, private transfers

Meals: B, D

#### Day 8 - January 8

# **Explore Torres del Paine National Park**

Today, select from a variety of guided activities at your hotel, including a scenic boat excursion to Grey Glacier (weather dependent), where you'll marvel at towering ice walls and floating icebergs. Hikes from the lodge include options that range from the moderate Pingo Valley trail, winding through tranquil forests and rivers, to the challenging Mirador Ferrier hike, offering breathtaking panoramic views of the park. Alternatively, join a nature-focused tour to spot local wildlife such as guanacos and condors, or take a leisurely walk along Grey Beach to soak in the dramatic Patagonian scenery.

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**Accommodation:** Hotel Lago Grey in four or five Double Superior Rooms

**Transportation:** Shared lodge activities

Meals: B, L, D

## Day 9 - January 9

# Explore Torres del Paine National Park

Today enjoy a second day of guided activities from your hotel, or relax and explore the surrounding area on your own.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Lago Grey in four or five Double Superior Rooms

**Transportation:** Shared lodge activities

B, L, D Meals:

#### Day 10 - January 10

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

Enjoy your final day of guided activities from your hotel, or relax and explore more of the area on your own.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Lago Grey in four or five Double Superior Rooms

**Transportation:** Shared lodge activities

Meals: B, L, D

## Day 11 - January 11

## Transfer to Punta Arenas - Fly to Santiago

This morning after breakfast, meet your private driver and transfer to Punta Arenas for your flight bound for Santiago, Chile. Upon your arrival into Santiago, meet your private driver and transfer to your overnight accommodations.

**Accommodation:** 

The Singular Hotel in four or five Double Classic Rooms

**Transportation:** Private transfers

Meals:

## Day 12 - January 12

## Santiago City Tour - Depart Santiago

Meet your guide this morning for a private city tour of charming Santiago. Nestled in a valley surrounded by the beautiful Andes mountains, the capital city is known for its colorful neighborhoods, vibrant culture and neo classical architecture. Discover the city's rich history as you visit famous sites like the Moneda Presidential Palace, the fascinating Pre-Columbian Museum, and San Cristobal Hill.

This evening transfer to the Santiago airport and board your home bound flight. Most flights departing Santiago for the U.S. are in the evening.

**Transportation:** 

Private transfers and touring



#### Palo Santo Hotel

January 1, 2025 - January 2, 2025

The boutique Palo Santo hotel, located in the heart of Buenos Aires, seamlessly blends contemporary design with the rich cultural tapestry of Argentina. Each room is a sanctuary of style and comfort, adorned with locally sourced materials and artisanal touches. Guests can enjoy the on-site restaurant and rooftop terrace with panoramic views of the city skyline.

#### Los Cauquenes Resort and Spa

January 2, 2025 - January 3, 2025

Los Cauquenes is Ushuaia's only high-end resort & spa located on the Beagle Channel beach, with wide windows and a stunning communal glass room affording spectacular views of this picturesque waterway. It's also conveniently located just a 15-20 minute drive from the town center and airport. The 45 questrooms feature luxury amenities and memorable views of the channel and the snowy peaks of the Andes. Relax in the spa, dine at the hotel's prestigious gourmet restaurant, and enjoy direct access to a private beach for shore walks at dawn and dusk, taking in the extraordinary variety of birdlife.

#### M/V Stella Australis

January 3, 2025 - January 7, 2025

The Stella Australis is a 210-passenger expedition vessel, tailor-made for exploring the remote southern tip of South America. All aspects of the ship are designed for the extreme maneuverability needed to navigate narrow fjords and channels where no other cruise ships can venture. Like her sister ship, Ventus Australis, she features gourmet dining with an all-inclusive bar, three lounges, an open top deck, and spacious light-filled cabins.

## Hotel Lago Grey

January 7, 2025 - January 11, 2025

Hotel Lago Grey is the perfect base for discovering the western side of Torres del Paine National Park, and features a privileged view of Grey Lake. The hotel has 60 spacious rooms, including 36 Superior rooms that have lake, mountain, and glacier views. All rooms are warm and comfortable, with Wi-Fi (in common areas), safe, and a phone.

# The Singular Hotel

January 11, 2025 - January 12, 2025

The Singular combines the style of early 20th-century buildings with neoclassical French architectural influences. The neighborhood is at the epicenter of the arts, with some of the finest visual and performance art in Chile just a short walk from the hotel. Dine in the onsite restaurant or have a drink at Bar Merced or the Rooftop Bar.



Total Trip Price \$12,995.00 per person based on double occupancy for 8 or 10 travelers. Non-refundable payment in full is due upon acceptance of services.

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#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- All tours, transfers and activities as detailed in the itinerary
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary, including all taxes and resort fees
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary by B, L,
   D with taxes and gratuities
- All special equipment required for activities
- Final electronic documentation package
- Trip logistics, operations and monitoring during travel

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Additional meals not noted in the daily itinerary
- Entry fees to National Parks, museums and other attractions, unless listed on inclusions
- Airfare, airport taxes or baggage fees for all flights
- Optional activities, spa services, dinner reservations
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, laundry or souvenirs
- Discretionary tips for guides, drivers and resort staff
- Optional travel protection
- Rental car
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)





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