

## Chile Patagonia Private W Trek

### Spectacular Wilderness Trails in Torres del Paine

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# Feel the difference

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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!

#### **Small Groups**

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.













### Leading the Way

#### **World-Class Local Guides**

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.







## Why take this trip with us?

#### **REASON 1**

MT Sobek pioneered commercial trekking in Patagonia in the 1970s, and this expertly crafted itinerary is the perfect way to experience the iconic W route.

#### **REASON 2**

This well-paced 7-day adventure follows the classic route without needing to camp, instead staying in a mix of perfectly located hotels and simple mountain cabins and lodges.

#### **REASON 3**

Your trip is fully guided by a seasoned MT Sobek Patagonia guide who knows every inch of this region and ensures the logistics of this multi-faceted trip run seamlessly.

### At A Glance

#### ACTIVITIES

Moderate to strenuous hiking covering up to 12 miles a day in varied, mountainous terrain.

#### LODGING

A range of lodging, from scenic mountain cabins and one dormitory to comfortable hotels with modern amenities.

#### **CLIMATE**

Expect extreme weather conditions that can change from one moment to the next. Be prepared for everything, especially strong winds and sun.





#### **KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK**

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



### Chile Patagonia Private W Trek

#### Spectacular Wilderness Trails in Torres del Paine

Hike the famous W route, deep in the remote wilderness of southern Chile and experience the wondrous landscapes of Torres del Paine National Park. On this fully guided private adventure, you'll see blue-hued icebergs of majestic Glacier Grey, explore the spectacular French Valley, 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 routes.

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### 7 Days

Start: Puerto Natales, Chile
End: Puerto Natales, Chile
Departing: January, February, March, April, October,
November, December
Activities: Hiking & Trekking
Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Rustic Lodging
Group Size: 2-8 Guests
ACTIVITY:
Activities: A Activities

Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

"MT Sobek has created a marvelous experience into the heart of Patagonia, exposing the hiker to all the wonderful scenery, people and history this incredibly beautiful place has to offer."

- Coleen S.

# The Itinerary



#### **Arrive in Puerto Natales**

Arrive at the airport in Puerto Natales, Chile, a quiet fishing town on the shores of Seno Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope Sound), and transfer to the hotel. In the early evening, meet up with your guide for a briefing on the adventure ahead, followed by a welcome dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales MEALS: Dinner TRANSPORTATION: 20-minute private van transfer



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

After breakfast, travel across the Patagonian plains to Torres del Paine National Park and take in your 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. Arrive this afternoon at your hotel near the southern shore of Lago Grey (Grey Lake). Enjoy an easygoing hike just west of the hotel, following a trail that runs parallel to the Pingo River and through the Pingo Valley. Pass impressive waterfalls and landscapes rich in native vegetation such as Ñirres, Calafates, Notros, Lengas, and Coigues. There are also excellent views of the Paine Grande peak.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Lago Grey MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch | Dinner TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer ACTIVITY: 2.5 hours/5.3 miles hiking with 565' elevation gain & loss



#### Take a Boat to Grey Glacier & Begin W-Route Trek

Arise early and board a catamaran that takes you close to the front of the stunning Grey Glacier, at the southern end of the Southern Patagonia Ice Field. Disembark at the nearby trailhead and begin the classic "W" route trek, heading away from the glacier and along Grey Lake and the Paine Grande Mountain. Overnight at a remote mountain refuge on the shore of Lake Pehoe, with simple dormitory-style rooms and beautiful views - an excellent staging area for tomorrow's hike into the French Valley.

ACCOMMODATION: Refugio Paine Grande, Torres del Paine MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch | Dinner TRANSPORTATION: 45-minute catamaran cruise ACTIVITY: 4 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 1200' elevation gain & loss



#### **Hike into the French Valley**

Begin your trek deep into the park, continuing to circle beneath Paine Grande Mountain to the entrance of the French Valley, one of the most spectacular cirques in the Paine Range and the middle leg of the "W" route. You'll gain elevation as you hike into the valley, walking below the glaciers that descend from the massif's highest summit and marveling at the gray granite peaks of the Cuernos del Paine, topped with fantastical black slate "horns." After reaching the French Valley lookout with its awe-inspiring views, head to your cabins beneath the jagged Cuernos ("horns") del Paine. Stay in cozy cabins right next to a waterfall on the most isolated spot of your journey, with a prime position to view sunset hitting the horns, followed by dark night sky filled with stars.

ACCOMMODATION: Cabañas de los Cuernos, Torres del Paine MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch | Dinner ACTIVITY: 8 hours/11 miles hiking with 1,350' elevation gain & loss



#### Hike below Cuernos del Paine

Hike at a relaxed pace along gently rolling terrain from Los Cuernos, taking the Paso Los Cuernos trail as it follows the north shore of Lago Nordenskjold. The views are magnificent - from forested paths to the gravel lakeshore, and occasional glimpses of the horns and towers of the Paine massif, weather permitting.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Las Torres, Torres del Paine MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch | Dinner ACTIVITY: 5 hours/8 miles hiking with 1,400' elevation gain & loss



#### Hike to the Base of the Majestic Torres del Paine

Get an early start for an all-day hike to the base of the Torres del Paine. Follow the Asencio River over a low pass into the Asencio Valley, passing through beautiful beech forests and talus-covered slopes. After a final steep climb up a boulder field, arrive at a spectacular viewpoint that is one of the most scenic spots in the world, where the towers rise majestically before you and a glacial lake is visible below. Enjoy a packed lunch en route before returning to the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Las Torres, Torres del Paine MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner ACTIVITY: 9 hours/11.5 miles hiking with 3,400' elevation gain & loss



#### **Depart from Puerto Natales**

After an early breakfast, return to Puerto Natales by private van to meet with your afternoon flight to Santiago and continue to your next destination.

**MEALS:** Breakfast **TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer



# Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

#### **Remota Patagonia Lodge**

Remota Patagonia Lodge is located on the Last Hope Sound, just a short walk from the charming town of Puerto Natales in southern Chile. Designed by award-winning architect German del Sol, the innovative structure was inspired by the old Patagonian shearing sheds tilted by the wind and prioritizes spectacular views throughout. The comfortable, modern guest rooms all feature views of the mountains, the sound, and the glaciers and are decorated with local wood accents and the finest Peruvian textiles. The hotel also features a heated pool, sauna, souvenir shop, bar, and an onsite restaurant featuring local seafood, exotic meats, local organic vegetables, and Chilean wines.

#### **Hotel Lago Grey**

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.

#### **Refugio Paine Grande**

Located on the banks of Pehoe 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. The on-site restaurant offers American cuisine, and the bar is a great place to exchange stories with fellow travelers.

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#### Cabanas de los Cuernos

These eight charming cabins, located at the base of the "horns" (Cuernos del Paine) at the heart of the W Route, offer spectacular views of Los Cuernos - especially at sunset, when the sun hits the horns. After trekking through Torres del Paine, you'll undoubtedly be ready to recharge your battery with a warm meal and a good night's sleep in a real bed, while all others nearby have to camp to enjoy this privileged location.

#### **Hotel Las Torres**

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 onsite activities with expert guides, a welcome center, excursion center, outdoor store, sustainable bar, horse stables, modern restaurant, wellness center & spa, and a Chilean BBQ area.

## **Departure Dates**

This trip is available to run in: January, February, March, April, October, November, December

## What's Included

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- 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
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- 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

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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