

Argentina & Chile Patagonia to the Sea Hiking & Cruising

Best of Patagonia from Cape Horn to Torres del Paine

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Unrivalled 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 has crafted the ultimate itinerary to include the very best of Patagonia, including stops in both Argentina and Chile.

REASON 2

We'll take you on the only cruise ship allowed to sail where the Atlantic and Pacific meet.

REASON 3

Reap the benefits of our 40+ years of experience in Patagonia with top-notch, expert guides leading the way.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Perfectly paced half-day hikes, plus an amazing cruise through Patagonian waterways.



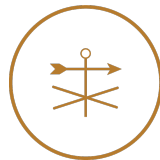
LODGING

Stay in well-located hotels ranging from comfortable to deluxe, as well as four nights aboard the *Ventus Australis* or *Stella Australis*.



CLIMATE

Expect extreme weather conditions that can change from one moment to the other. 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.



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Nature really outdoes herself in this corner of the world: golden pampas beneath a boundless sky, forests of gnarled trees, towering fjords and glaciers forgotten by the last ice age. Patagonia's beauty is staggering, and we've crafted the perfect itinerary to show you the very best of both land and sea. On this 11-day exploration, you'll see where the Pacific and Atlantic oceans merge on a cruise through remote fjords aboard the M/V *Ventus Australis* or M/V *Stella Australis*, and trek through Torres del Paine while staying at deluxe small hotels that are full of local character and charm. This is the ultimate sky-to-sea Patagonia experience and an exclusive Mountain Travel Sobek adventure!

11 Days

Start: Ushuaia, Argentina

End: Puerto Natales, Chile

Departing: January, February, November, December

Activities: Adventure Cruising, Hiking & Trekking,
Cultural Discovery

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Comfortable Small Ship

Group Size: 6-16 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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*"Fantastic trip! Third one with
MT Sobek and hoping for several
more!"*

- Henry G.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Ushuaia

Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina, a small but bustling town dramatically located at the base of snowcapped mountains. In the early evening, gather with the group for a briefing on the adventure ahead, followed by a welcome dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: Los Cauquenes Resort & Spa, Ushuaia

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 20-minute private van transfer

DAY
02

Hike Trails in Tierra del Fuego & Set Sail from Ushuaia

After breakfast, set out for nearby Tierra del Fuego National Park for a scenic half-day hike. The park is known for its rich plant species and abundant birdlife, including cormorants, grebes, steamer ducks, and kelp geese. You might even spot one of the less-common Andean condors or black-browed albatross. In the late afternoon, transfer to the port to board your boat, the 210-passenger *Ventus Australis* or *Stella Australis*. After enjoying a welcome cocktail, begin the cruise portion of your trip as you traverse the Beagle Channel and cross from Argentina into Chilean territorial waters. The lights of Ushuaia disappear as you turn into the narrow Murray Channel between Navarino and Hoste islands.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard *Ventus Australis* or *Stella Australis*

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/5 miles hiking with 100' elevation gain & loss

DAY
03

Cape Horn & Wulaia Bay

Cruise across Nassau Bay into the remote archipelago that includes Cape Horn National Park. Go ashore (conditions permitting) on the windswept island that harbors Cape Horn, a rocky promontory overlooking the Drake Passage and once the only navigation route between the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans. Sail back across to the fabled Wulaia Bay, an area renowned for its mesmerizing beauty and dramatic geography. Visit a museum in the old radio station, and stroll through an enchanted Magellan forest to reach a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the bay.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard *Ventus Australis* or *Stella Australis*

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: Cruising with AM and PM short hikes (1 hour/0.75 miles with 160 steps; 1.5 hours/1-3 miles options)



DAY 04

Pia Glacier & Porter Glacier

Sail to the Avenue of the Glaciers in Alberto de Agostini National Park. Enter a narrow fjord then board a Zodiac for Pia Glacier. Take a short hike for a panoramic view, or a longer, much more difficult walk up a lateral moraine. Later, board Zodiac boats and cruise between high rocky walls until you reach Porter Glacier. Stop to observe its colors, listen to its sounds and if you are lucky, even witness some calving. Stay here for a moment to discuss this incredible ice mass and take some photographs before returning to the ship.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard Ventus Australis or Stella Australis

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM 1-1.5 hours/0.3-0.75 miles easy or challenging hiking; PM Zodiac cruise

DAY 05

Agostini Sound to Aguila Glacier & Condor Glacier

Early in the morning, sail through the Cockburn Channel and enter Agostini Sound, taking in the glaciers that descend from the middle of the Darwin Mountain Range. Disembark and go for an easy walk around a lagoon to a prime viewing area right in front of the glacier and take in the stunning views. In the afternoon, approach the Condor Glacier via Zodiac and look for some of the abundant Andean Condors in the area.

ACCOMMODATION: Aboard Ventus Australis or Stella Australis

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: AM 1-1.5 hours/0.3-0.75 miles easy or challenging hiking; PM Zodiac cruise



Marvel at the Penguins of Magdalena Island & Transfer to Puerto Natales

After an overnight cruise, go ashore at Magdalena Island at the break of dawn (weather permitting) and see an immense colony of Magellanic penguins that makes their home there. Hike a path that leads through thousands of penguins to a small museum lodged inside a vintage 1902 lighthouse. After a short sail south, disembark late morning at Punta Arenas, Chile. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, then travel across the Patagonian plains to the quiet fishing town of Puerto Natales on the shores of Seno Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope Sound).

ACCOMMODATION: Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-3.5 hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 1 hour/1.25 miles walking on Magdalena Island



Scenic Drive to Torres del Paine National Park

After breakfast, set out on a scenic drive to Torres del Paine National Park, glimpsing your first spectacular views of the Paine Massif (weather permitting). En route, stop for a short visit to the Mylodon Cave, where the remains of a giant ground sloth were found in 1896. Arrive in the late afternoon at the southern shore of Lago Grey (Grey Lake), where your hotel for the next two nights is located. Over the next few days, enjoy half-day hikes with views of the ice-clad peaks and granite needles of the Torres del Paine (10,000') and see 3,000 feet of near-vertical granite rising from rolling grasslands and beautiful lakes. National Geographic named Torres del Paine one of the most beautiful places in the world, and you'll enjoy some of the best scenery in the park.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Lago Grey, Torres del Paine National Park

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 1 hour/1.25 miles walking during cave visit



Get a Close-up View of the Grey Glacier & Hike along the Pingo River

Explore the western side of the park today. Take a boat to get up close to the impressive Grey Glacier with its fantastic blue ice-spires in all kinds of different shapes, then keep an eye out for the rare Andean Deer as you hike along the Pingo River.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Lago Grey, Torres del Paine National Park

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer, 2 hours 45 minute catamaran cruise

ACTIVITY: 3 hours/5 miles hiking with 300' elevation gain & loss



Explore Majestic Torres del Paine

Combine a scenic drive to the east side of the park with two short but memorable hikes - one to see the Salto Grande waterfall, beautifully located in front of the Horns (Los Cuernos) of Paine; and the other to view cave paintings drawn by the region's original inhabitants, along the way looking out for llama-like guanacos. Late this afternoon, settle in to rooms at the charming Estancia Cerro Guido and observe the ever-changing massif from this exclusive vantage point. Tour the main sectors of the estancia, learning about the traditions and daily life at this authentic working ranch, including the work of the gauchos with their horses, sheepdogs, and shearing activities.

ACCOMMODATION: Estancia Cerro Guido, Torres del Paine National Park

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 5 hours/7 miles hiking with 200' elevation gain & loss



Last Day in Torres del Paine National Park

Your Torres del Paine hiking adventure continues, with a morning hike along the limit of the park. Enjoy panoramic views of the Paine Massif while looking for local fauna: guanacos, rheas, condors, or maybe even a puma. Towards the end of the hike, stop to appreciate some original cave paintings, and weather permitting, catch glimpses of the famous towers. Return to your private van, and transfer to the northern sector for a stroll along the shores of Laguna Azul. This is one of the park's most beautiful hikes, through open grass fields and up a gentle incline for a picture-perfect view over the lagoon, with the iconic three towers rising majestically above the steppe.

ACCOMMODATION: Estancia Cerro Guido, Torres del Paine National Park

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3 hours/4 miles hiking with 200' elevation gain & loss, plus 1-2 hour lakeshore walk



Depart from Puerto Natales

After 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.

Los Cauquenes Resort and Spa

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 guestrooms 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

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.



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M/V Ventus Australis

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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.

Estancia Cerro Guido

A working ranch in a beautiful setting, Estancia Cerro Guido has comfortable rooms in a ranch-style house, featuring tasteful decor and private bathrooms with bathtubs. Daily breakfast is included, and free Wi-Fi is available in public areas. Explore the garden and grounds, relax in front of the fireplace in the library, and enjoy authentic local delicacies at Kaw restaurant.

Departure Dates

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

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

November 19-29, 2024

January 14-24, 2025

February 11-21, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides while on land, and shipboard naturalist guides for the cruise portion
- 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 portorage

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, guide-drivers, and shipboard crew
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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