

# Chile Patagonia Torres del Paine O Circuit Trek

## The Original Torres del Paine Adventure

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## **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 Travel Company by Newsweek 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

Few companies operate the full circuit, and we are proud to have pioneered the route, leading our first group of adventurers around the massif in the 1980s.

## REASON 2

Trek the O with reservations at the best lodging options on the route and porters to carry your gear, making this challenging trek one step easier.

## REASON 3

We work with expert local guides who are truly the best in Patagonia, keeping you safe and supported throughout your exhilarating wilderness adventure.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

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



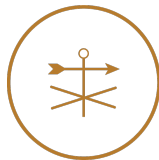
### LODGING

3 nights of remote tent camping, 4 nights at simple mountain dormitories, and one night at scenic cabins, bookended by 3 nights at comfortable hotels.



### CLIMATE

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



## KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

**Accommodations:** Three nights of this trip are spent camping in tents, four at simple mountain dormitories (refugios), and one at wilderness cabins. These accommodations have shared bathroom facilities, most with hot showers.



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Stunning, wild and deeply rewarding, the O Circuit is a must-do for serious hikers. Circle the massif with jaw-dropping views of the craggy peaks and snow-capped mountains from every angle. Venture into the untamed backside to summit John Garner Pass and stand above 17-mile long Grey Glacier. Trace the W Route to magnificent French Valley's glacial cirque. It all culminates in a spectacular fiery sunrise at the iconic Base of the Towers. Guided by experts and supported by porters, your space at the best camps and refugios is reserved on this MT Sobek signature adventure.

## 12 Days

**Start:** Puerto Natales, Chile

**End:** Puerto Natales, Chile

**Departing:** January, February, March, November, December

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels, Rustic Lodging, Comfortable Camping

**Group Size:** 4-12 Guests

### ACTIVITY:



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*The natural beauty of Patagonia was amazing. Sobek allowed me to hike to remote places that I couldn't have figured out on my own. They provided experienced guides which allowed me to experience the natural beauty and learn, without the burden of detailed planning on my part.*

- Dan L.

Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

# The Itinerary

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01

## Arrive in Puerto Natales

Arrive in Puerto Natales, where you will be met at Teniente Julio Gallardo Airport and transferred to your hotel. Depending on when you arrive, you may want to stroll along the waterfront, keeping an eye out for the cormorants that frequent the wooden dock posts on Seno Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope Sound). Meet up with the group and your guides for an early evening welcome dinner and discussion of your O Circuit adventure!

**ACCOMMODATION:** Remota Patagonia Lodge

**MEALS:** Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 20-minute private van transfer

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02

## Travel to Torres del Paine

Spot guanacos on golden plains under wide-open skies as you travel toward Torres del Paine National Park. Head out on your first hike, a hidden gem and an excellent introduction to the park. Begin at a classic estancia (cattle ranch) and wind along jewel-toned lagoons and through lenga and coigue forests, watching for wildlife and birds. Climb until the trail opens to gorgeous 360-degree views across glacial waterways with snow-dusted peaks in the distance. Back at the hotel, pack your daypack plus a provided 15L stuff sack for the trek—the rest of your luggage will be secured at the hotel until your return.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Las Torres

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 4-5 hours/up to 9 miles hiking with 1,312' elevation gain (may be shorter depending on weather)

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03

## Begin O Circuit & Hike to Seron Camp

Departing from Las Torres trailhead, begin your epic trek circumnavigating the Paine Massif, which towers above you as you hit the trail. Ascend gradually through grasslands and lenga forests, where sightings of guanacos and birdlife are common. As you travel further into “the backside” of the massif, the windswept landscape grows wilder, and the trail opens onto sweeping views of the Paine River zigzagging across the valley floor. Cross wooden footbridges and walk through rippling grasses and wildflowers as you descend. Reaching the riverbank, you can see its milky green glacier-fed water up close. Continue the last stretch to Seron Camp, the first leg of your O Circuit journey completed.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Seron Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4-5 hours/9 miles hiking with 1,083' elevation gain and 1,742' elevation loss

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## Enjoy Epic Patagonian Views on the Trail to Lake Dickson

Journey deeper into Torres del Paine, reaching the remote northern section of the park and some of its most beautiful scenery. Hike through wildflower meadows and rolling hills, hugging the course of the Paine River as the breathtaking Patagonian landscape unfolds. The view of Lake Paine's opal waters against distant peaks is sublime. Climb further and cross marshland boardwalks, catching your first view of Lake Dickson—another showstopper—your camp is visible on a peninsula as Mount Dickson and its glacier soar above.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Refugio Dickson

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6-8 hours/11.5 miles hiking with 1,175' elevation gain and 978' elevation loss

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## Hike to Spectacular Los Perros Glacier

Enter dense beech forest, climbing through its emerald light, colonnaded by mossy trunks, and immersed in fern-covered boulders and berry bushes. The trail rises steadily, revealing glimpses of distant glaciers spilling down toward the valley below. Follow the roaring Los Perros River, its icy waters carving a path through the forest, crisscrossing wooden bridges deep into the wilderness. Emerging onto the moraine, magnificent Los Perros Glacier hangs dramatically from a cliff, its waters surging down to the lake below. Cross the moraine and follow the river to your camp, tucked into an old-growth forest.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Los Perros Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/8 miles hiking with 1,680' elevation gain and 528' elevation loss

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## Summit John Garner Pass & Marvel at Grey Glacier

Get ready for the most challenging climb of the Circuit through some of the most awe-inspiring scenery in Torres del Paine—including a bird's-eye view of phenomenal Grey Glacier and the Southern Patagonia Ice Field! Ascend through the forest over rocky terrain. Above the tree line, traverse loose moraine in the deep saddle of a U-shaped glacial valley with serrated peaks swooping toward the sky on all sides. Follow the undulating contours of the John Garner pass until you reach its summit (4,000') where you are rewarded with an astonishing view over a vast expanse—17 miles long—of luminous blue rippled ice, Grey Glacier. Descend alongside the glacier into the forest, crossing a series of suspension bridges over dramatic river gorges as the opaque aqua-gray surface of Lago Grey and the terminus of the massive glacier come into view. An incredible day on the trail!

**ACCOMMODATION:** Refugio Grey

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 8-10 hours/11 miles hiking with 1,970' elevation gain & 3,940' elevation loss

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07

## Explore Enchanting Grey Glacier & Lago Grey

After the big effort yesterday, enjoy a low-key rest day or set out for more adventures. Grey Glacier is Torres del Paine's largest, its miles of blue ice abruptly stopping at three sheer faces, each calving otherworldly icebergs into the lake. Stretch your legs on an easy hike with excellent views of Grey Glacier and Lago Grey. The afternoon is free to relax and explore the black pebble shores of the lake on your own. You can choose to kayak amid the floating ice as the glacier's faces tower, or hike on top of its craggy surface. Both options are at extra cost.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Refugio Grey

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 2 hours/4 miles hiking with minimal elevation gain & loss; optional kayaking or glacier hike at additional cost

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08

## Begin the W Trek with a Hike to Paine Grande

The O Circuit transitions into the W Trek today, beginning with an ascent along the length of stately Lago Grey through a ghostly forest of weathered trunks left by fires a decade ago, then passing under leafy trees that escaped the blaze. Pause to take your last sweeping views of the lake and the magnificent Grey Glacier. Turning inland closer to the flanks of Cerro Paine Grande, wind through rolling terrain studded with large blocks of natural granite and striated rocky cliffs. Descend into the valley with gorgeous views of cerulean Lago Pehoe and the jagged peaks of the massif reaching into the clouds. Your refugio sits on the shores of this stunning lake.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Refugio Paine Grande

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 1,200' elevation gain & 1,200' elevation loss

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09

## Experience the Astounding French Valley

Hike into the heart of the Paine Massif for one of the most iconic views in the park—the magnificent French Valley. Begin with spectacular views of turquoise Lago Skottsberg, then start to climb. The trail twists through forest and scrambles over rocks, passing the impressive French Glacier with its thunderous calving, and below the jagged peaks called Cuernos del Paine (horns of Paine), a geological wonder of pale towers capped with dark spires. The view widens expansively with peaks towering all around you in a jaw-dropping cirque at the Mirador Británico. The 360-degree views are absolutely astonishing here. Return to the base of the valley and hike to remote cabins below the Cuernos, a great spot to see the sunset light up the horn-shaped peaks.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Cabanas de los Cuernos

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 9-10 hours/12 miles hiking with 2,800' elevation gain & 2,800' elevation loss

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## Behold the Cuernos del Paine

Set out along the shores of Lago Nordenskjold, where turquoise waters lap against pebbled shoreline and the cuernos rise in dramatic formation above. The trail rolls gently through forest and open terrain, offering ever-changing perspectives of the massif and its incredible spires. Savor your last look at the cuernos before turning inland to the Ascencio Valley. The landscape shifts into a steeply sloped V-shaped valley with a silvery glacial river barreling along its base. The trail hugs the mountainside with dazzling alpine views as you climb toward your destination, Chileno—a strategic stopping point for tomorrow’s early ascent to the iconic Towers!

**ACCOMMODATION:** Chileno Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5 hours/8.5 miles hiking with 1,148' elevation gain & 2,352' elevation loss

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## Catch the Sunrise at the Base of the Torres del Paine

Before dawn, set out with headlamps glowing for your final ascent to the Base of the Towers and the grand finale of the O Circuit. Pass through the forest and over rocky moraine, then push upward over switchbacks and boulders, scrambling toward the summit as first light begins to break. Arrive at the edge of a glacial lake just as sunrise ignites the three iconic towers in brilliant color. After soaking in the views, descend back through the valley to the Las Torres trailhead, closing the circle of your circumnavigation of the Paine Massif. Transfer to Puerto Natales, where a celebratory dinner marks the end of your Patagonian adventure.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Remota Patagonia Lodge

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 7 hours/10 miles hiking with 2,300' elevation gain & 3,200' elevation loss

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## Depart from Puerto Natales

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Puerto Natales for your onward journey, carrying with you the memories of Patagonia’s wild beauty and rewarding days spent on the trail, having now completed the O Circuit.

**MEALS:** Breakfast



# 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 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.



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## Camp Seron

Camp Seron is the first campsite reached on the O Circuit Trek, reached by hiking through an ancient forest of lenga trees and across rivers, with classic Patagonian landscapes along the way. Premium camping features large 2-person tents set up on a raised platform 5.2 feet off the ground, accessed by a sturdy metal ladder. Sleeping bag, high-density foam mat, and pillow are provided. There is a dining room, bar, Wi-Fi, and shared bathrooms with hot showers.

## Refugio Dickson

Refugio Dickson is the gateway to the northern sector of Torres del Paine National Park, with an exceptional location on the edge of Lake Dickson. Enjoy views of the Dickson Glacier, along with the Tridente, Escudo, Cabeza del Indio, and Los Gemelos mountains, among others. The dormitory rooms have comfortable bunks sleeping 4-6 guests each (sharing only with fellow MT Sobek group members), with linens, pillow, and blanket. Alternately, guests can choose to sleep in a basic tent with sleeping bag and sleeping pad. There are shared bathrooms (separate for men and women), hot showers, and a bar and restaurant. The dormitories do not have heating; however, slow-burning wood is available in the common areas.

## Camp Los Perros

Located deep within Torres del Paine National Park, amid a forest of lenga and coigüe trees, Camp Los Perros is one of the most remote spots on the Paine Massif Circuit, a rest stop before tackling the famous and challenging John Gardner Pass. Sleep in a basic tent with sleeping bag and sleeping pad provided. There are shared bathrooms (separate for men and women) and cold water showers. MT Sobek porter staff prepare hearty meals to fuel you for the continuing trek. A minimarket has a limited assortment of general supplies, drinks, chocolate, energy bars, and cookies available to purchase. There is no WiFi or cell service available at this remote camp.

## Refugio Grey

Refugio Grey is the closest accommodations to Grey Glacier and a launch point for hiking excursions on the glacier, kayaking and hiking to the suspension bridges with panoramic views of Campos de Hielo Sur. The dormitory rooms have comfortable bunks sleeping 4-6 guests each (sharing only with fellow MT Sobek group members), with linens, pillow, and blanket. Alternately, guests can choose to sleep in a basic tent with sleeping bag and sleeping pad. There are shared bathrooms (separate for men and women), hot showers, and a bar and restaurant. The rooms are not heated. The corridors and common areas are heated with slow combustion firewood. WiFi is available for a fee.

## 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.

## **Camp Chileno**

Camp Chileno is the closest campsite to the Base of the Towers, perfect for those who want to wake up before sunrise to hike to this iconic viewpoint in time to see the sunrise hit the towers. Premium camping features large 2-person tents set up on a raised platform 5.2 feet off the ground, accessed by a sturdy metal ladder. Sleeping bag, high-density foam mat, and pillow are provided. There is a dining room, bar, and shared bathrooms with hot showers.

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# Departure Dates

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

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

January 14-25, 2027

February 18-March 1, 2027

March 6-17, 2027

# 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 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 and guide-drivers
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- Personal expenses



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