

ADVENTURE NEXT PATAGONIA CHILE

September 6th - 11th, 2022

Start Location: Punta Arenas, Chile

Location: Strait of Magellan

Region: Magallanes

Activity: Kayaking, Hiking, Sailing

Level: High

Operator: Kayak Agua Fresca

PRE TRIP MAGELLAN STRAIT



Sitting on the edge of the *Strait of Magellan*, Punta Arenas contrasts old-world opulence with modern day urbanism. Punta Arenas now caters to the needs of the travelers who pass through on their way south or returning north and has a solid base of services and amenities. On this trip we head towards the southernmost point in the American continent, Cape Froward, where the American continent ends or starts here, depending on the point of view. In this trip we go further than any road that exists. We explore the coast line that only sailors and some brave do by foot until we reach the southernmost point of the continent.

Adventure Highlights:

- Kayak the Strait of Magellan
- Visit the southernmost point of the American Continent
- Hike to the Oceans Cross of the Seas Monument on Cape Froward
- Get up close to Marine Life & Avifauna
- Trek the Summit of Mont Tarn - first hiked by Charles Darwin himself!
- Enjoy a Patagonian lamb BBQ
- Participate in the Fjords Splash *Chapuzón!*

Day 1, September 6th: Arrival to Punta Arenas - Private Transfer to Hotel.

Welcome to Patagonia! Once you've touched down in Patagonia, your guides and private transfer will be waiting for you at the airport and will take you to your hotel in downtown

Dinner will be enjoyed at the [Yegua Loca restaurant](#) with panoramic views of Punta Arenas city and the Magellan Strait, followed by a good night's rest.

30 Minute Private Transfer, Night in Hotel Cabo de Hornos in Punta Arenas (D)



Day 2, September 7th: Full Day Sea Kayak Strait of Magellan

We depart early in the morning at 7:00 am from Punta Arenas and drive one hour up to the point where we will start our kayaking excursion. We prepare all our gear and a safety briefing before heading out. During our excursion we will use a support zodiac boat to watch over the security and transport our lunch and equipment to the place where we will stop for a break. After about 2 hours we reach San Isidro lighthouse where we pass by and continue to El Aguila Bay, where we will prepare lunch and visit the ruins in this place where it used to function as a whale station in the Magellan Strait, more than 100 years ago. After lunch we continue following the shore heading south west until we reach San Nicolas bay where we will make our campsite, and take time to relax, explore a bit in land and have a try at catching our dinner from the sea! If we are lucky we can share this and a great Chilean wine bottle for dinner.

1 Hour Private Transfer - 6 -7 Hours Kayaking, Night at San Nicolas Bay Campsite (Single Tents) (B-BL-D)



Day 3, September 8th: Full Day Sea Kayak Strait of Magellan

Our third day continues as we advance our kayaking skills and start confronting more unprotected shore. We will start seeing changes while we get closer to the end of the continent - a place where many sailors have had to give up and surrender to the roughness of these waters. We will make our campsite at Rosas Bay just a few kilometers from Cape Froward and if we have good luck with the weather, we will continue to Cape Froward this same day.

6-7 Hours Kayaking, Night at San Rosas Bay Campsite (Single Tents) (B-BL-D)



Day 4, September 9th: Hike to the tip of the American continent! Navigation back to Punta Arbol Campsite

As we reach Cape Froward, we will hike up the hill where the Oceans Cross marks the meeting of Atlantic and Pacific oceans. We walk up 340 meters high to the cross before starting our return to board the zodiac boat. On our way back we will stop at San Isidro lighthouse to visit the restored building and some small show of ancient pieces. At this same spot we will have lunch before continuing on to reach the same place where we camped for the first time. Here we will begin our trek for the following day.

4 Hour Round-Trip Hike, (3KM/1.9MI), 2 Hour Navigation, Night at Punta del Arbol campsite (B-BL-D) [Trail Map](#)



Day 5, September 10th: Hike Monte Tarn & Lamb BBQ!

Today's hike takes us to a historical place which has a landscape of evergreen forest, great mountains, and lots of flora and fauna. On a journey of exploration, Charles Darwin was the first person to climb this mountain now known as Monte Tarn. At our camp, we complete a short briefing on today's hike before preparing for our ascent.

Hiking about 6 miles to reach the top, we'll stay about 45 minutes, contemplating and enjoying a box lunch. We'll start our descent and enjoy the view of the Strait of Magellan and large islands below us. This trek will have a variety of flora, evergreen forest, wildlife and weather conditions which is part of the environment (wind, rain or snow)

After about 7 hours we arrive at the beach again, where we take a 45 minutes transfer to Estancia Agua Fresca, where we will have a lamb barbecue, patagonia style as a celebration of this amazing adventure, before we return to our hotel in Punta Arenas (.

7-8 Hour Hike /14KM/8.7MI, 1 Hour Private Transfer, Night in Hotel Cabo de hornos in Punta Arenas [Trail Map](#)



Day 6, September 11th: Full Day Estancia San Gregorio & Pali Aike National Park - Private Transfer to Puerto Natales Along Scenic Route of Traditional Estancias - Fjords Splash *Chapuzón*

Today's final excursion takes us to an abandoned estancia known as San Gregorio - the first sheep ranch founded in the Region of Magallanes in 1876. Until the 1950s San Gregorio was a prosperous ranch. Stranded on the beach nearby, we can see the rusty remains of ancient ships, one of them named "Amadeo" which was stranded ashore in 1932, belonging to the once powerful Menendez-Behety Society, of great importance in the development of the Chilean - Argentinian Patagonia.

Continuing on, we'll drive to Pali Aike National park. A park which comprises an area of Volcanic Fields formed during the Pleistocene and early Holocene periods. The park's beautiful yet bizarre landscape is characterized by sparse vegetation, volcanic cones and valleys surrounded by ancient lava formations that dominate the landscape. For this reason, the native *Tehuelches*, or *Aonikenk* as they called themselves, called this area "Desolate Place of the Evil Spirits", because of the fear they felt for the strange surroundings.

Apart from being normally visited by scientists for research and study, Pali Aike, is a wonderful place for individuals interested in archeology, volcanology, and for those who like to enjoy trekking. Today we'll enjoy the wonderful easy - moderate trails of the park and the abundant bird watching that this area is known for.

Once we finish today's activities, our private transfer will take us to Puerto Natales along backroads passing traditional estancias of the region. Arriving to Natales, we will end today's adventure with a splash! We'll meet at the coast to participate in the **Chapuzón** (Fjords Splash). Commemorating the start of the 2022/2023 season, this

event comes to remind us that Puerto Natales is a tourist town which needs to reactivate to make the destination of Puerto Natales & Torres del Paine shine. What better way to do it than with the 2nd version of the Splash in the Fjords on the Puerto Natales waterfront, in front of the Costa Australis Hotel. For those who prefer to return to the hotel after the horseback ride or hiking excursion, they will be given that option.

2 Hour Private Transfer - 3 Hour Hike / 8.24KM/5.1MI - 30 Minute Transfer - 2 Hour Private Transfer (B-BL) [Trail Map](#)

INCLUDED

- All Private Transportation Indicated in the Schedule
- All Meals Indicated in the Schedule (B: Breakfast, BL: Box Lunch, D: Dinner, BBQ: Lamb Barbecue)
- Support of two zodiac for the whole expedition
- Kayak, neoprene suit, waterproof jacket and boots, poogies (kayak gloves), skirt, and life-jacket,
- 4 Season Tent (single tent)
- Camping Mattress
- Entrance fee to Pali Aike National Park
- Guide (English-Spanish languages), Guided Ratio 1:6 Guests
- Travel Insurance

NOT INCLUDED

- Any Additional Nights
- Sleeping bag
- Medical Expenses
- Personal Expenses
- Alcoholic & Non-Alcoholic Drinks Except the Ones Included in the Menus
- Gratuities for Guide & Porters

AdventureNEXT Patagonia Pack List

PT3 - Punta Arenas

*The weather is famous in Patagonia. You might experience 4-seasons in one day, including high winds to extreme sun down to chilling cold. The secret in Patagonia is to dress in layers; obtain the maximum comfort with minimum weight. It is important to use wind resistant clothing made from materials which also dry fast which is why we recommend **not** using cotton since it does not dry as quickly as synthetic materials made for active outdoor adventures. If you are thinking of buying new shoes, make sure to wear them beforehand.*

Documentation & Required Items

- ☐ KN95 Mask or Trifold Disposable Masks
- ☐ Mobility Pass showing proof of COVID-19 vaccination
- ☐ Passport with Entry Documents: Affidavit for Travelers
- ☐ Copy of Health and Travel Insurance

For Active Days

- ☐ 5 -15 Liter Day Pack (for personal belongings)
- ☐ Hiking Boots (waterproof & broken-in)
- ☐ Hiking Pants or Zip-Off Convertible Pants (preferably synthetic materials)
- ☐ Waterproof Jacket & Pants (ex: Gore-Tex®)
- ☐ Thermal, Synthetic Quick Drying Undershirts (ex.: Capilene)
- ☐ Fleece Jacket or similar
- ☐ Fleece or Wool Buff or Scarf
- ☐ Fleece or Wool Hat with Ear-Cover
- ☐ Wool Blend, Waterproof Hiking Socks (ex: Smartwool®)
- ☐ Small Flashlight or Headlamp (and extra batteries if using a headlamp which requires batteries)
- ☐ Waterproof / Fleece / Woolen Gloves & Trekking
- ☐ midweight to heavy weight hiking socks (synthetic moisture wicking)
- ☐ Gaiters
- ☐ Sunglasses with Neck Strap
- ☐ UV Sun Protection Including for Face & Lips (minimum 30 SPF)
- ☐ Refillable Water Bottle or Hydration System ***Water is refilled from reliable sources, however, you may bring your own filter or purification tablets.**

Post-Excursion & Personal Items

- ☐ Comfortable clothes for relaxing after excursions
- ☐ Sandals or other water shoes for river crossings and for Chapuzón (ex: Crocs®, Chacos®)
- ☐ Sleepwear
- ☐ Change of socks/underwear
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Alcohol Gel
- ☐ Personal Medical Kit (prescription medications, cold medicine, blister treatment such as moleskin or second skin)
- ☐ Shower Towel (quick drying recommended)
- ☐ Swimming suit (for Chapuzón in Natales!)

Optional

- ☐ Reading Materials
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Camera, chargers, & extra batteries (Chile uses 220V and plugs with 2 pins)
- ☐ Alarm Clock