

ADVENTURE NEXT PATAGONIA CHILE

September 6th - 11th, 2022

Start Location: Puerto Natales, Chile

Region: Magallanes

Location: Torres del Paine national Park

Activity: Hiking, Kayaking, Wildlife Watching, E-Bike

Level: Medium High

Operator: Chile Nativo Travel

MULTISPORT IN TORRES DEL PAINE



Trek, kayak, and wonder in awe at Patagonia's native wildlife! This multisport adventure explores the best of Torres del Paine. Kayak pristine rivers and lakes, trek in the French Valley & the Towers lookout, and search for Pumas in their natural habitat while staying each night in our comfortable and secluded Riverside Camp. This is an unforgettable multi sport adventure to entice all outdoorsy types!

Adventure Highlights:

- Unique Camping Experience at [Chile Nativo Riverside Camp!](#)
- Trek the Iconic French Valley
- Enjoy a Full Day of Puma Tracking
- Kayak Between Icebergs & on Grey Lake

- **Sunrise Hike to the Three Towers Lookout**
- **Participate in the Fjords Splash *Chapuzón***



Day 1, September 6th: Private Transfer from Natales - Welcome Reception and Dinner at Chile Nativo Riverside Camp

Welcome to Patagonia! Once you've touched down in Patagonia, your guides and private transfer will be waiting at the airport with a tasty box lunch. We'll drive along the coast and through the Chilean Pampas over a gravel road to Torres del Paine National Park, arriving at Chile Nativo's Riverside Camp nestled on the shores of the Serrano River. The Riverside Camp is an ideal base for those setting off to the park or for those looking for an alternative and unique outdoor experience. We will be welcomed by the hosts at camp where we will enjoy a welcome dinner as a group and a gentle night's rest. For those who have an arriving flight to Punta Arenas, your transfer will be waiting for you and will take you 5 hours to Chile Nativo Riverside Camp.

1.5 Hour Private Transfer, Night at Chile Nativo Riverside Camp (BL-D)



Day 2, September 7th: Full Day Grey Lake & River Kayak Excursion

Our second day's adventure begins with a plentiful breakfast before we head off in a private 35 minute transfer to our meeting point with our professional kayaking guides who will be waiting on the shores of the Grey Lake. Enjoying the view of Paine Grande and Glacier Grey, our guides will give a brief explanation of safety and instructions for paddling efficiently.

We will navigate the lake and river for approximately 1.5 hours, all the while paddling through floes of ice that have descended from Glacier Grey.

These icebergs are scattered throughout the lake and have been sculpted into incredible shapes by the wind and sun, before being pushed to the shores of the lake.

During our excursion today, we will have an amazing view of the magnificent Paine Massif; including Paine Grande, the Cordillera Olguin, and Los Cuernos (The Horns of Paine).

After paddling in Grey Lake, we will begin the descent of Grey River. The river serpents through deep canyons with steep rock faces, creating sections of rapids that are exciting and entertaining.

We will continue to paddle next to the Paine Massif for 25 km, the length of Grey River until it joins with the turquoise water of the Serrano River.

After 4-5 hours of paddling we'll arrive back at our campsite ready to stretch our muscles and prepare for dinner and rest.

30 Minute Private Transfer, 6 Hours Paddling/29 KM/18MI, Night at Chile Native Riverside Camp (B-BL-D) [Kayak Excursion Map](#)



Day 3, September 8th: Round-Trip Hike in the French Valley

At 9AM we will depart from our camp, taking a 45 minute transfer on a gravel road all the way to Pudeto pier at lake pehoe. Here we will take a 35 minutes catamaran to the Paine Grande area. Our destination today, the French Valley, is a spectacular natural basin surrounded by peaks and hanging glaciers. At the entrance to the French Valley - a glacial moraine - we'll scramble over huge boulders and catch the first sight of the hanging glacier atop the valley. From this point, we ascend for an hour through a dreamlike Japanese garden landscape before arriving at the French Valley viewpoint (the "Plateau"). Our reward is a heart-stirring bird's eye view of granite peaks and hanging glaciers. To one side, the French Glacier and Paine Grande (3050 m); while to the other, La Espada, La Hoja, La Máscara and the main and north "horns" of Los Cuernos arch upwards. In the upper section of the Valley, Cerro Catedral and Cerro Fortaleza loom like turrets above the landscape.

We'll take time to have our specially prepared organic box lunch at the viewpoint, surrounded by these imposing peaks and open skies. Depending on weather conditions and hiking time, we will continue to the Britanico Lookout which offers impressive 360 degree views.

Our return hike is along the same path as we cross Lake Pehoe again via catamaran to our private vehicle which will take us back to our accommodations at the Riverside Camp.

45 minutes Private Transfer - 35 Minute Catamaran (each way) - 8-9 hours hiking/18KM/11MI - 45 minutes Private Transfer (B-BL-D) [Trail Map](#)



Day 4, September 9th: Full Day Puma Searching & Photo Safari

Early in the morning after a hearty breakfast, we head out to meet up with a local puma tracking guide. Our destination today will depend on where the pumas were last spotted, but generally they are found near a nature trail along the border of Lago Sarmiento & Juncos Lagoon, about 45 minutes from the Riverside Camp.

If we are lucky and we find one (or a family), we will take advantage to capture photos – but not for too long! – in order to respect the puma and to not alter too much their daily life and routine. We'll continue to track these spectacular felines while hiking in particular sectors of the park, making our way to Laguna Azul, taking some pictures along our way.

Once we arrive at Laguna Azul, we will enjoy this special place walking along the wetlands and beach where we will see a number of different water fowl and bird species who inhabit this area.

We will be treated by exceptional views of the iconic towers in the distance, the changing Patagonia sky and surrounding mountain peaks that make this area picturesque.

After an exceptional picnic lunch and our final photos, we make our way back to the Serrano sector to our camp. Dinner in the dining lodge is served before another night's rest in our lotus belle tents.

1 Hour Private Transfer - 4-5 Hours Puma Tracking (By Van) / 4-5 Hours Photo Safari (By Van) - 1 Hour Private Transfer (B-BL-D)



Day 5, September 10th: Sunrise Hike of Las Torres

Waking up early, around 3:30AM, we'll begin our 1.5 hour transfer to the Las Torres sector of the park where we will begin our trek to the iconic Base of Las Torres. Our initial trek begins with an ascent, following the Ascencio River into the Ascencio Valley. After about an hour, we'll stop to observe how the valley's beauty unfolds with rich beech forests, glaciers and waterfalls. Past this lookout point, we continue uphill and through lush beech forests before ascending a gigantic terminal moraine (the ridge formed at a glacier's end point) where we'll be rewarded by the arresting sight of the three Towers themselves as the sun begins to touch their granite peaks.

At this lookout point 900 m above sea level, we'll rest, take photos and have a snack. Our descent is along the same path, taking us back to our private transfer which will take us 1.5 hours back to our Riverside Camp where we will enjoy a hearty and traditional farewell dinner in the evening before turning in for the night!

1.5 Hour Private Transfer - 8-10 Hour Round-Trip Hike/ 22KM/13.6MI - 1.5 Hour Private Transfer, Night at Chile Nativo Riverside Camp (B-BL-D) [TRAIL MAP](#)



Day 6, September 11th: Hike Rupestre Patagonia, Fjords Splash *Chapuzón* in Puerto Natales

From the Riverside Camp we'll start by traveling 1 hour to Ernesto Helmer Archeological Route, situated in the heart of the *Cerro Benitez* (Benitez Hill).

Our guide will take us to visit a viewpoint over the *Cueva Grande* (Large Cave), ascending 600 meters where we'll be introduced to the local fauna and flora of Patagonia.

With sweeping views of the surrounding landscapes, this is a great spot for some first photos and for watching condors soar above us. We'll pass by natural condor colonies and through native *lenga* forests, later arriving at the Sofia Lagoon viewpoint.

After enjoying the spectacular views of the far reaching fjords below, we'll continue alongside mountainous walls to see our first cave paintings of the day. Our guide will tell us about their significant value and history.

Moving along, we'll enter another cave equipped with headlamps to discover the millenary stalactite minerals which have taken millions of years to form above.

Later we continue alongside mountainous walls to see cave paintings where we learn their significant value to the region and their history.

We continue along the south-east side, where a mysterious cave of approximately 70 square meters is located.

Here we must enter with headlamps to discover the millenary stalactite minerals which have taken millions of years to form! After carefully inspecting these incredible formations, we leave the cave and head towards the eaves of *Dos Herraduras* "Two Horseshoes" where we live an experience in the forest and later discover more cave paintings on the rocky walls – historical footprints and archaeological remains left by the indigenous natives of the region, who used these caves and walls to protect themselves, live and eat.

Following our hike we will enjoy a delicious, traditional *Parrillada* (BBQ) in a rustic *quincho*.

After our BBQ, a private transfer awaits to bring us 30 minutes back to Puerto Natales 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.

30 Minute Private Transfer - 2 Hour Hike (11KM/6.8MI) - 30 Minute Private Transfer (B-BBQ) [Trail Map](#)

INCLUDED

- All Private Transportation Indicated in the Schedule
- All Meals Indicated in the Schedule (B: Breakfast, BL: Box Lunch, D: Dinner, BBQ: barbecue)
- All Lodging Indicated in the Schedule (Chile Nativo Riverside Camp)
- All Bedding in Riverside Camp (Comforters, Linens & Sheets, Pillows)
- Round-trip Catamaran Navigation
- Professional Puma tracker
- Entrance Fees to Torres del Paine NP & Rupestre private ranch
- Kayak, neoprene suit, waterproof jacket and boots, poogies (kayak gloves), skirt, and life-jacket
- Guide (English-Spanish languages), Guided Ratio 1:6 Guests
- Travel Insurance

NOT INCLUDED

- Any Additional Nights
- Medical Expenses
- Personal Expenses
- Alcoholic & Non-Alcoholic Drinks Except the Ones Included in the Menus
- Gratuities for Guides

AdventureNEXT Patagonia Pack List

PT4 - MULTISPORT

*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