

ADVENTURE NEXT PATAGONIA CHILE

September 6th - 11th, 2022

Start Location: Puerto Natales, Chile

Destination: Last Hope province

Region: Magallanes

Activity: Hiking, E-Biking, Kayaking, Horseback Riding

**Level: Medium**

Operator: Chile Nativo Travel

## DISCOVERING THE LAST HOPE PROVINCE



This fishing port town on the *Last Hope Sound* is the jumping off point for treks to Torres del Paine National Park and offers an abundance of outdoor activities and adventures. Experience the best that this colorful coastal town and its surroundings have to offer. Navigate the Señoret Canal to one of the best kept secrets - a quiet Estancia & Outdoor Park, explore the downtown by e-bike, walk through history at the Milodon Cave & Archeological Route, and kayak just as the native Kawesqar people did years ago. This trip explores tradition, pristine beauty, and adventure!

## Adventure Highlights:

- E-Bike Rupestre Patagonia & Hike to Ancient Cave Paintings
- Explore the quiet beauty of the Bahia Esperanza Nature & Outdoor Park
- Hike in Pristine Landscapes Inhabited by Wild Patagonian Fauna
- Enjoy an authentic Patagonian lamb BBQ
- Discover the high-end and diverse culinary scene of Puerto Natales
- Ride Horseback along Cerro -Dorotea & See Andean Condors
- Participate in the Fjords Splash *Chapuzón*



### Day 1, September 6th: Arrival to Puerto Natales, Transfer to Hotel in Town.

Welcome to Patagonia! Once you've touched down in Patagonia, your guides and private transfer will be waiting at the airport. We'll set off just a short distance (15 minutes ride) to [Hotel The Veat](#), the first vegan concept hotel in town!

Here we will enjoy a light lunch at the Vegan coffee place inside the hotel [Hablemos Coco](#)

For those of you who think you are going to miss some great asados & Lamb BBQ, be sure there will be plenty of opportunities!

Relax and rest from a long flight or you feel like, explore downtown Natales, ask to your guide to places to visit

We will walk to the next block (5 minutes) to the [Cormorán de Las Rocas restaurant](#) where we will enjoy a welcome dinner with the guides, before we return to the hotel to rest.

**20 Minute Transfer, Night in Hotel The Veat in Puerto Natales (L - D)**





## **Day 2, September 7th: Ebike Rupestre Patagonia + 3 Caves Hike**

From our hotel we'll start by traveling 20 minutes along the beautiful coast in a private transfer with our ebikes in tow. Just a short distance near the entrance of the Milodon Cave, we arrive at the Ernesto Helmer Archeological Route situated in the heart of the *Cerro Benítez* (Benítez Hill).

Due to the terrain and amount of bikes we will separate the group in two, (6 maximum per group). One group will start with the Hike to the Caves and the other one will do a loop in Ebikes in a single track ([Giant MTB Ebikes](#)), at lunchtime we will meet up for a delicious, traditional Parrillada (BBQ) in a rustic "quincho", before enjoying our afternoon options.

For those who want to skip the ride, we can do a trail by foot!

### **MTB**

Today's ride is along a private reserve not open to the public who frequent the Milodon Cave Natural Monument. Once we meet up with our guides at our starting point, we begin with a smooth, moderate ride bordering *Cerro Queso* (Cheese Hill) where we continue riding to a beautiful view of the Sofia Lagoon. On clear days we can see Paine Grande and other surrounding peaks set off among the far reaching fjords. Riding onward, we continue along a path closely bordering the Sofia Lagoon which connects us with *Cueva de la Ventana* (Window Cave). We continue through

eaves and cave paintings left by the ancestors of the Ultima Esperanza until arriving at *Dos Herraduras* (two horseshoes). We'll take time along our ride to stop and get up close to the history stored deep in these caves and trails.

Once we finish our 10km ride,. Groups who hike in the morning will then switch to the e-bike activity.

## Hike

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 both activities are completed, we return back to the hotel. Today we will enjoy dinner at [Bahia Mansa Restaurant](#), a 10 minutes walk from the hotel.

**30 Minute Private Transfer - 3 Hour E-Bike (10KM/6.2MI) - 4 Hour Hike (11KM/6.8MI)- 30 Minute Private Transfer, Night in Hotel The Veat in Puerto Natales (B-BBQ-D)[Trail Map](#)**



### **Day 3, September 8th: Full Day at Bahía Esperanza Nature Park.**

After breakfast at the hotel at 8AM, we will take a transfer at 9AM for 15 minutes to the dock in Puerto Bories, where a guide of the Park will be waiting for us to start a Navigation crossing the Canal Señoret to the park in the Peninsula Antonio Varas.

Parque Bahía Esperanza is located 15 minutes from Puerto Bories, which is located 8 kms from the city of Puerto Natales.

Navigate Canal Señoret with privileged views of the Patagonian fjords. Get to know Parque Bahía Esperanza by reliving the history of its territory through a guided hike to the Ultima Esperanza Monument, and then immerse yourself in the magnificent guided trails that stand out for their wild nature and more than 30 species of birds.

We will be welcomed by our host and start the trekking along [Monumento Trail \(1 km\)](#) (0.6 mi) in direction to Monumento Ultima Esperanza ( be sure to stop at the facilities before you hit the trail because is the only place with restrooms), where we will be waiting for our visitors with a welcome breakfast.

In honor of the pioneers, and experienced navigators, Monumento Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope Monument) was born, represented by the bow of a 40 meters (36 ft.) long wooden boat that today stands on the fjords as the main viewpoint of the park.

Once inside the ship, you will appreciate a room with maps and photos from the time of the discovery.

From Monumento Ultima Esperanza we will head towards [Panorámico Trail \(3.2 km\)](#) (1.9 mi ), which stands out for being a walk-in height with a privileged view (360o) of the imposing mountains, such as the Cordon Montañoso Moore, Cerro Ballena, and



Puerto Natales. This path takes you to one of the highest places and with the best views of Parque Bahía Esperanza.

We will continue our journey along [Pasarela Trail \(2 km\)](#) (1.2 mi), made up of a continuous walkway. In the middle of the route, we will find a 4 meters high tower with 360° views in the middle of the valley of the park.

Finally, we will head back along [Carpinteros Trail \(3.4 km\)](#) (2.1 mi). This trail gets its name from the fauna present in the place. The *Campephilus Magellanicus*, or better known as the Black Woodpecker, accompanies us on a tour of leafy forests with very little unevenness and protected from the wind.

After a cheerful farewell, we return to the boat by 17:00hrs taking us to the port where we will take the transfer back to our hotel.

If you want to see a detailed map of all the trails click [HERE](#)

Today we will enjoy dinner at [La Guanaca Restaurant](#) great Pizzas & Pasta place only 5 minutes walk from the hotel

**15 minutes by transfer each way, 6-8 Hour Excursion, 10KM/6.2MI hike, Night in Hotel The Veat in Puerto Natales (B-BL-D)**



**Day 4, September 9th: Half Day Kayaking the Eberhard Fjord + Patagonian Lamb BBQ**

In the morning, our private transfer will pick us up from our accommodation in Puerto Natales.

This half day trip starts from the Puerto Prat Village at 9AM, kayaking in the direction to Estancia Puerto Consuelo. During the excursion, we can watch a wide variety of birds such as the black neck swan, coscoroba swan, taguas, ducks and flamingos.

Along the return, we stop for a small 15-minute hike to enjoy a wonderful view of Torres del Paine, La Ballena, and other surrounding mountains and ranges.

Upon arrival back to Puerto Prat we visit an original house of local settlers where we share together a Patagonian lamb BBQ with tasty homemade *sopapillas* (typical fried Patagonian bread), and wonderful company and history of the region.

Later, a private transfer will take us back to our hotel. If you still have energy you are welcome to explore downtown Puerto Natales by foot.

**20 Minute Private Transfer - 4 Hours Kayaking - 30 Minute Private Transfer, Night in Hotel The Veat in Puerto Natales (B-BBQ) [VIEW MAP](#)**



**Day 5, September 10th: Canal de Las Montañas.**

Early in the morning at 06:00AM we begin an exciting adventure at the Puerto Natales Pier. From here, we will set sail in the Almirante Montt Gulf towards the White or Kirke Passes. White Pass will take us through the Santa María Channel in front of Cordillera Riesco's jutting peaks. After three hours, we will observe the mythical Mount Burney (1.520 masl), an inactive volcano stratum covered in ice located in the Sarmiento Peninsula 90 kilometers from Puerto Natales. Five glaciers that detached from the Cordillera Sarmiento compose the Montaña Fjord's principal structure. From South to North are the Zamudio, Bernal, Herman, Alsina and Paredes



Glaciers. These ice giants' surroundings are mainly characterized by moraines, cliffs, evergreen forests and a variety of snow and ice covered peaks.

The contrast is notorious in the front mountain range, where greater verticality, less forest, and cracked walls rise 1,500 meters above sea level in the Roca Peninsula. The first stop is in front of Zamudio Glacier. From the boat, observe the ice colossus, its structure forming a small bay with a rocky bottom, evergreen forest on the south face and rocky slopes on the opposite face. Next, visit Bernal Glacier Landmark. The access is more exposed and has a lagoon formed by melting ice on its front face, transferring water through small and colorful tributaries with rocks and low-lying vegetation towards the fjord.

Today we will enjoy our last dinner together at [Santolla Restaurant](#), next to our hotel we will enjoy a delicious example of the tradicional seafood (king crab, Scallops, local white fish, and of course Lamb, hare and Guanaco!

**5 minutes transfer to the pier, 10 Hour Navigation, Night in Hotel The Veat in Puerto Natales (B-BL-D)**



**Day 6, September 10th: Horseback Ride/ Hike to Cerro Dorotea, Chapuzon.**

Today's adventure is the perfect mix between tradition and adventure! We begin today from our hotel, traveling in a private transfer to the outskirts of Puerto Natales to Cerro Dorotea (Dorotea Hill). Once we've arrived, we will have the option to enjoy a horseback ride or hike. Once everyone is ready and brief instructions have been shared, we will begin our easy - moderate 3 hour horseback ride or 4 hour hike where we will reach the top of the Dorotea Hill which marks the border between Chile and Argentina.



From the top, we will have an incredible panoramic view of Puerto Natales, the Almirante Montt Gulf, and the Última Esperanza Fjord below us. During the ride or hike, we slowly pass through native woods and grasslands to reach the top where we can find a nice spot and enjoy our freshly prepared box lunch. After enjoying the views and making our way back down, we'll meet our private transfer which will take us just a few short minutes to Puerto Natales where 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.

**15 minutes transfer, 3 Hour Horseback Riding or 4 hours hike (7KM/ 4.3MI) - 15 Minute Transfer (B-BL) [VIEW MAP](#)**

#### **INCLUDED**

- All Private Transportation Indicated in the Schedule
- All Meals Indicated in the Schedule (B: Breakfast, BL: Box Lunch, BBQ: Lamb Barbecue, D: Dinner)
- Entrance fee to Milodon Natural monument
- entrance fee to Rupestre private ranch
- Entrance to Bahia Esperanza Outdoor Park
- **Lodging as Indicated in the Schedule (Only 10 single, or 4 twin + 4 single)**
- Kayak equipment: (Necky Amaruk double kayaks, Aqua Bound kayak paddles, NRS PFD life jacket, PALM kayak spray skirt, KOKATAT dry tempest pant, KOKATAT semi-dry tempest jacket, GUL Power boot 5mm neoprene, ENFUN kayak glove pogues.
- [Giant MTB Ebikes](#) and helmets
- Horses, saddle, helmet, chaps
- Boat Navigation
- 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

## PT2 - Natales - Discovering The Last Hope Province

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

- ☐ Day pack (ex: 25 Liters) to carry water, personal items such as clothing layers, camera, etc.)
- ☐ 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 Hiking Socks (ex: Smartwool®)
- ☐ Small Flashlight or Headlamp (and extra batteries if using a headlamp which requires batteries)
- ☐ Waterproof / Fleece / Woolen Gloves & Trekking Gaiters
- ☐ Sunglasses with Neck Strap
- ☐ UV Sun Protection Including for Face & Lips (minimum 30 SPF)
- ☐ Hat for blocking the sun
- ☐ Refillable Water Bottle or Hydration System **\*Water is refilled from reliable sources, however, you may bring your own filter or purification tablets.**

### Post-Excursion & Evenings at Hotel Estancia

- ☐ One change of clothes for post-hike around hotel
- ☐ Down jacket for around hotel and outside
- ☐ Sandals or other similar footwear (ex: Crocs®)
- ☐ 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 Chapuzon in Natales!)

### Optional

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