



Patagonia Explorer

A Naturalist's Journey

RATES: Please inquire • Meet / Depart: Punta Arenas, Chile
Main Trip: 8 days / 7 nights; *Beagle Channel Extension*: 4 days / 3 nights



This is an in-depth and flexible program designed to discover the mythical Patagonia and its natural wonders. During this trip we shall visit a truly wonderful biosphere reserve: the Torres del Paine National Park. This park comprises a fascinating diversity of habitats and wildlife, from windswept steppes, shrubs and pristine sub-Antarctic *Nothofagus* forests, to lakes, glaciers and impressive granite mountains, such as the Torres del Paine pinnacles. Guanacos, condors, foxes and flamingoes are just a few examples of the quality of the wildlife of this national park. This land is also the domain of a solitary hunter, the Puma. We will also sail the freezing waters of the fjord of Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope) whilst enjoying exceptional views of the snouts of the impressive Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers. We will learn about the first Patagonians and about the different tribes who lived in this region of windy plains and icy fjords and channels. The *Beagle Channel Extension* is a comprehensive trip to Puerto Williams, the world's southernmost town, located on Navarino Island. On this journey we will follow Charles Darwin's footsteps, visiting Omora Ethno-Botanical Park, the impressive lookout of La Bandera Hill, and Ukika settlement, home of the last Yamana indigenous peoples, the sea hunters of the Cape Horn.

Join us on this comprehensive natural history program, here in Patagonia.

Photos: Guanaco and Southern Andes; Porcelain Orchid; Grey Glacier and Magellanic Penguin.

TRIP A: Sat Jan 5 – 12, 2008
TRIP B: Sat Jan 26 – Feb 2, 2008
TRIP C: Sat Feb 23 – Mar 1, 2008
TRIP D: Sat Oct 11 – 18, 2008
TRIP E: Sat Oct 25 – Nov 1, 2008
TRIP F: Sat Dec 8 – 15, 2008

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MAIN TRIP

Day 1 • Boat trip Magdalena Island
Day 2 • Patagonian steppes – Mylodon Cave
Day 3 • Boat trip Last Hope Fjord and Balmaceda Glacier
Day 4 • Torres del Paine National Park
Day 5 • Torres del Paine (western side) – Boat trip Grey Glacier
Day 6 • Torres del Paine (eastern side) – Laguna Azul
Day 7 • Torres del Paine – Patagonian sheep farm
Day 8 • Punta Arenas

BEAGLE CHANNEL EXTENSION

Day 1/8 • Flight to Navarino Island – Omora Ethno-Botanical Park
Day 2/9 • Cerro La Bandera – Mejillones (Yamana Indian Cemetery)
Day 3/10 • Ukika Village – Anthropological Museum
Day 4/11 • Punta Arenas