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BEST OF CHILEAN PATAGONIA: FJORDS, GLACIERS, AND TORRES DEL PAINE

Optimize your Patagonia experience with a land and sea expedition. Savor the grandeur of Torres del Paine's sunrises and sunsets, its iconic landscapes, and its profusion of wildlife during a three-day stay at the Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa or the outstanding Explora Patagonia Hotel Salto Chico. Then explore the fjords, glaciers, and panoramic vistas of Patagonia's coast and waterways, which are only accessible by expedition ship. Venturing out on Zodiac forays, kayaking pristine fjords, or hiking virgin trails, you'll breathe the rarified air of a mythic region. Enjoy special access to Argentina's Isla de Los Estados (Staten Island)--a seldom-seen island covered in wind-sculpted flora with wildlife that includes South American fur seals and Magellanic penguins. Discover the vast parklands of Karukinka, and check viewing legendary Cape Horn off your life list as well.



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DAY 1: Santiago, Chile

Arrive in Santiago, Chile. We check in to the centrally located Mandarin Oriental Hotel and have the morning to relax. Santiago is nearly surrounded by the Andes, which form an inspiring backdrop to our afternoon guided overview of this vibrant city. We explore the Plaza de Armas, the main square, and nearby Presidential Palace, enjoying wonderful views from the many hills that dot the city.

DAY 2: Punta Arenas / Puerto Natales

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Fly to Punta Arenas, then drive to Puerto Natales, one of Patagonia's southern gateways, and check into The Singular Hotel Patagonia. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 3-5: Torres del Paine National Park

Drive into this UNESCO Biosphere reserve and spend three days at Explora Patagonia Lodge or Tierra Patagonia Hotel, discovering one of the most wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests, grasslands, rivers, and colorful lagoons. Choose among a variety of possibilities, including walks and hikes, horseback riding, sailing among icebergs to the foot of the immense Grey Glacier, visiting the Salto Grande waterfall, and seeing the towers of the central massif from the Blue Lagoon. Look out for guanacos, gray foxes, rheas and Andean condors. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Torres del Paine National Park / Puerto Natales / Embark

We have a final morning to explore Torres del Paine. We then drive to Puerto Natales, where we embark National Geographic Resolution. (B,L,D)

DAY 7-8: Kirke Narrows & Exploring the Chilean Fjords

Be on deck to look for condors and other wildlife on our way out of Puerto Natales as our ship transits the narrow sliver of water known as the Kirke Narrows--only accessible to small ships like National Geographic Resolution and always a challenge to navigate because of the powerful currents that flow through its pinch point. Today and during the following days you'll be treated to the spectacular features of an active glaciated landscape with hanging valleys and tributary glaciers. This region was navigated by Ferdinand Magellan's expedition and it took most of November 1520 for his ships to find a way through the channels that lie between the continental mainland and Tierra del Fuego to the south. We'll look to make a first stop in the extensive maze of channels and islands of the Chilean fjords, where we may go out by Zodiac and kayak. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: Exploring Tierra Del Fuego / Karukinka Natural Park

Tierra del Fuego is one of Patagonia's crown jewels. We visit its newest and largest protected area: Karukinka Natural Park. Established in 2004 through a gift from Goldman Sachs, Karukinka is one of the largest donations ever made for conservation. We're thrilled to have special permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit this private reserve, which spans 1,160 square miles and harbors endangered culpeo foxes, Andean condors, albatross, grebes, petrels, fulmars, shearwaters and many other kinds of wildlife. We may explore Jackson Bay, backed by a skyline of rugged mountains and look for wildlife including black-browed albatross that nest on one of the nearby small islands. We may walk a trail to a lovely waterfall and look for elephant seals resting on not only the beach but also high in the grass meadows and even in the small river draining the valley inland. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: Exploring Fjords and the Beagle Channel

We'll explore more stunning wilderness as we see the fjords and glaciers of the region by Zodiac, kayak and on foot. A vast area of soaring, snowcapped mountains, gigantic glaciers, thousands of verdant islands, serene lakes, and waterfalls--the archipelago is scarcely touched by man. Take Zodiacs out to explore these protected waters and rugged shores, the blue and white of ice contrasting with greens of the forest highlighted by splashes of flowering plants. Look for the Andean condors, albatrosses, grebes, petrels, fulmars, shearwaters and many other birds that inhabit this otherworldly realm. Then we sail the Beagle Channel and will look to hike and kayak one of the wild areas in this region of beech forests, mountains and wild rivers. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: Cape Horn

Today we visit Cape Horn, near the southernmost tip of the South American continent, named in 1616 for the Dutch town of Hoorn. These waters are famously difficult to navigate, and over the centuries have been the graveyard of many ships --which before the opening of the Panama Canal had to round the Cape to sail between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Of course, we'll use our modern equipment to explore safely. Weather permitting, we'll take our Zodiacs ashore and walk to the top of the hill for panoramic views and to see the memorial placed there in 1992, showing an albatross in silhouette. (B,L,D)

DAY 12-13: Isla de Los Estados (Staten Island), Argentina

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We have been given special permission to visit extraordinary Staten Island, and our ship will be one of the only expedition ships ever allowed here. It's a place of superlatives, barely touched in recent decades and visited primarily by a few scientists and those who man the tiny naval observatory. The island was named by Dutch explorers in 1615. Its mountainous, forested landscapes and rugged fjords are beautiful, and we'll find a great deal of interest here. Our exact schedule will remain flexible to take best advantage of conditions. We'll search for southern rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, many other water birds, and fur seals and sea lions. We'll also look for otters on our landings ashore, and we'll see the replica of the 1884 San Juan de Salvamento "lighthouse at the end of the world," which inspired Jules Verne's novel by the same name. There will be chances to walk in the southern beech forests. These days are bound to stand out as a unique chance to explore a very remote place. (B,L,D)

DAY 14-15: Ushuaia / Disembark / Santiago / U.S

Disembark in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Take a charter flight to Santiago and connect to your overnight flight home. (Day 14: B,L)

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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VESSEL TYPE:	Expedition Ship
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PASSENGER CAPACITY:	126
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2020

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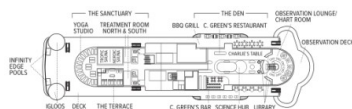
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