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PATAGONIA: CHILEAN FJORDS AND ARGENTINA'S STATEN ISLAND

Discover the fjords, glaciers, and panoramic vistas that make Chilean Patagonia one of the most lauded nature destinations on Earth. Venture by Zodiac and kayak to explore Chile's deeply indented coastline. Glide into fjords and inlets beneath walls of blue ice, hike on shore with naturalists, and watch for elephant seals, Magellanic penguins, and Andean condors. Explore the seldom-seen natural splendors of Karukinka Natural Park and Isla de los Estados (Staten Island) where we have special access to nature reserves filled with stunning landscapes.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: Santiago, Chile

Arrive in Santiago and transfer from the airport to the Ritz-Carlton, Santiago (or similar) before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. Discover sites like the Plaza de Armas and get a feel for the mix of old and new that makes this city so great. In the early evening, we gather for an informal welcome reception and a drink at the hotel.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 11:00 a.m. local time.

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Arrival City: Santiago, Chile

DAY 2 Punta Arenas / Puerto Natales / Embark Ship / Kirke or White Narrows

Today we fly from Santiago to Punta Arenas, Chile's southern gateway to Patagonia. From there, we will drive to the outpost of Puerto Natales, and embark our ship. Be on deck to look for wildlife as our Captain guides us through the Kirke or White Narrows--always a challenge to navigate because of the powerful currents that flow through its pinch points.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 3-4 Chilean Fjords

Today and during the following days our guests are 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 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.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 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 are thrilled to have special permission from the Wildlife Conservation Society to visit this private reserve, which spans 1,160 square miles and harbors the endangered culpeo fox, Andean condors, albatrosses, 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 albatrosses, which 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.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 6-7 Chilean Fjords / Beagle Channel

We experience more stunning wilderness as we explore the fjords and glaciers of the region by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot. We take Zodiacs out to explore these protected waters and rugged shores, keeping watch for the shearwaters, petrels, albatrosses, and many other birds that inhabit this otherworldly realm.

Sail the Beagle Channel and look to hike and kayak one of the wild areas in this region of beech forests, mountains, and rivers. This southernmost corner of the South American continent is also home to Cape Horn, the island at the convergence of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, famously difficult waters that, throughout the centuries, has been the graveyard of many ships from the time before the Panama Canal.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 8-9 Isla de Los Estados (Staten Island), Argentina

We have been given special permission to visit extraordinary Staten Island, and our ship is one of the only expedition ships ever allowed here. It is a place of superlatives, barely touched in recent decades and visited primarily by a few scientists and the staff of the tiny naval observatory. The island was named by Dutch explorers in 1615. Its mountainous, forested landscapes and rugged fjords are beautiful, and there is much to discover here. Our exact schedule remains flexible to take best advantage of conditions. We search for southern rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, other waterbirds, fur seals, and sea lions. We also look for otters on our landings ashore, and we 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 are 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.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10 Ushuaia, Argentina / Disembark Ship / Buenos Aires, Argentina or Santiago, Chile / Home Today we disembark in Ushuaia. Fly to Buenos Aires (National Geographic Explorer) or

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Santiago (National Geographic Resolution) and connect with
your flight home

Departure Time: Depart after 9:00 p.m. local time.

Departure City: Buenos Aires, Argentina, or Santiago, Chile

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change

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YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE

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VESSEL TYPE:	Expedition Ship
LENGTH:	124 m
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	126
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2020

National Geographic Endurance is a state-of-the-art expedition vessel purpose-built for year-round polar navigation. Named in honour of Sir Ernest Shackleton's legendary Endurance expedition, she is the first polar ship in Lindblad's history designed from the keel up for exploration. With an ice-class rating of PC5 (Category A) and a fully stabilised hull, she grants access to remote and often uncharted corners of the Arctic and Antarctica in exceptional comfort and safety.

Her revolutionary X-Bow®--a striking forward-leaning design--enables superior wave-cutting performance, ensuring a smoother, quieter ride and minimising spray on deck for better wildlife observation. On board, guests enjoy thoughtfully designed public spaces including a wraparound observation lounge, library, and an expedition base for gear and briefings. Dining is offered across three flexible venues, all serving sustainable, locally inspired cuisine. With a full suite of tools for exploration and a design deeply rooted in expedition heritage, Endurance is the ultimate platform for discovering Earth's most remote regions.



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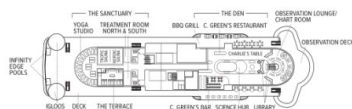
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INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Observation Deck



Bridge Deck

- Category 5
- Category 6
- Category 7



Lounge Deck

- Category 4
- Category B Solo



Main Deck

- Category 3
- Category 2 Solo



Fore Deck

- Category 1
- Category 2



Expedition Deck



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