



Sacred Earth Travel

Sustainable Nature and Adventure Travel

Itinerary: Self-Drive Chilean Patagonia Torres del Paine Adventure

This 'whirlwind'-itinerary is a very short introduction to one of the world's most impressive National Parks, and favourite hiking destinations.

Torres del Paine National Park is situated at the very tip of mainland Chile, bordering on the southern ice field. Its wilderness still retains a wild, untamed beauty and its mountain massif is iconic. With your own wheels, you are free to explore the park's most scenic spots at your leisure, take strolls or longer hikes, or enjoy a boat ride on Lago Grey to admire Grey Glacier close up.



DAY 1: PUNTA ARENAS – PUERTO NATALES (250 KM / 155 MI)

After flying to the end of the world, pick up your rental car at Punta Arenas Airport. Located on the western side of the Strait of Magellan, Punta Arenas is the gateway to Tierra del Fuego, as well as to Torres del Paine. The inhabitants are a colourful mixture from different cultural backgrounds including English sheep ranchers and Portuguese sailors. Before heading out of town and starting on your adventure, you might like to take a stroll along the shore and visit the historic town centre. Punta Arenas is a good place to stock up on any supplies you might need – once you get to Torres del Paine there are practically no shops and at the convenience store everything costs twice the price. The drive to Puerto Natales takes about 3 hours.

Overnight in Puerto Natales. (B)



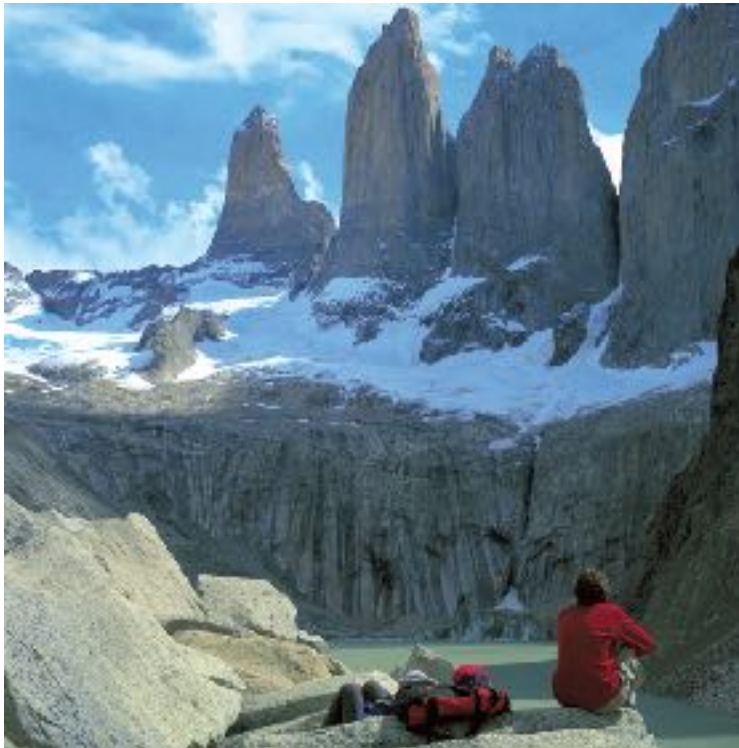
DAY 2: DAY 9: PUERTO NATALES- TORRES DEL PAINE (150 KM / 94 MI)

Chile is full of highlights, but Torres del Paine is doubtless one of its most impressive gems. After driving through the flat wastelands of the Patagonian Pampas, all of a sudden the characteristic mountain massive of Los Torres with its dramatic scenery of glaciers, lakes, and rivers appears like a mirage. The National Park protects a fascinating eco-system with many unique species of plants and animals.

But the main attractions of the park are the dramatic Los Torres peaks of the Cerro Paine mountain range. They reach 3,050 meters above sea level, which is all the more impressive because lower regions of the park are close to sea level. Las Torres and the Cuernos del Paine peaks make for dramatic and breathtaking scenery. Torres del Paine National Park is a hiker's paradise, with many trails of varying length and difficulty throughout the park.

Overnight in Torres del Paine National Park. (B)

DAY 3: TORRES DEL PAINE



You have a full day to explore the many fabulous sites and facets of this amazing National Park with its unique wildlife and awesome scenery. There are several hiking trails that vary in length and difficulty you can explore the park on horseback, mountain bike, or, by boat. If you love the great outdoors, you might want to add a few more days to your trip!

Overnight in Torres Del Paine

National Park. (B)

DAY 4: BYE BYE, PATAGONIA

Your Patagonian adventure has come to an end, and it is time to return to Punta Arenas. It takes about 5 – 6 hours to make your way back to Punta Arenas Airport. Allow plenty of time for returning the car and check-in. (B)

OPTION: Extend your adventure by adding a few more days to explore Tierra del Fuego, or El Calafate, in Argentinian Patagonia.

Notes

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy. Single supplement applies.

Hotels we use in this program:

Standard	Superior
Hotel IF Patagonia (Standard room)	Costaustralis (Standard City View room)
Hotel del Paine (Standard room)	Pampa Lodge (Double room)

Program includes:

- 1 night including breakfast.
- 2 nights including half board.
- 4 days car rental including unlimited free mileage.
- Local tax.
- Full CDW coverage with deductible (for details see rental contract).
- Roadmap and descriptions.

Not included:

Chile car rental companies charge an additional airport service fee when vehicle will be picked up from airport. This service charge is not included in the published rates. This extra fee has to be paid upon returning the car.