

Torres Del Paine Trek

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Chile draws adventurers to its spectacular Pacific coastline and Andean highlands. Chile's distinctive culture has survived the violence and repression of its recent history and is thriving once again thanks to a people noted for their warmth and resilience. Despite having the most European community in South America, indigenous traditions persist in the Andean foothills and in the southern plains, while some of South America's finest national parks draw trekkers and guanaco spotters alike.

Our five-day trek takes place in the southern part of Chile in the Patagonia Andes, which is truly one of the world's most magnificent wilderness areas. It is here that the Andes finally end at the Patagonia Ice Cap, glaciers pour out into icy coastal fjords and turquoise lakes, and sculpted pillars of black granite thrust skyward from the windswept pampas. It is a stunning environment of awesome dimensions, where wild mustang horses, guanacos, rheas (the Patagonian Ostrich) and condors roam unhindered.



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart London to Santiago

Day 2: Santiago to Puerto Arenas

Arrive Santiago and connect with our domestic flight south to Punta Arenas. Upon arrival we will be met by our guides and transferred to our overnight hotel in Punta Arenas. Once settled into the hotel we will have a full briefing about our challenge.

Day 3: Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales to Torres del Paine National Park

Morning transfer to Puerto Natales (3hrs). Lunch on arrival. This afternoon we will have a transfer to Torres del Paine National Park. The park, created in 1959, is a Unesco World Heritage Site and a truly spectacular wilderness of granite peaks, turquoise lakes and glaciers. It is also sanctuary to a unique variety of fauna including the guanaco, rhea, black-necked swan and the majestic condor. Overnight Camp in the administration centre area.

Day 4: Conaf Camp to Paine Grande Camp, 3-4hrs

After breakfast we start our trek to Pehoe. This morning is generally flat walking on open grassy plain, typical Chilean Pampa. We may see Guanaco and other indigenous wildlife. Our camp this evening is on the far shore of lake Pehoe.

Day 5: Paine Grande Camp to Grey to Paine Grande Camp, 7-8hrs

Today we start with a walk into a valley before climbing into the woods. The path is a bit rough and there are one or two steep climbs. Most of the walk is undulating until we reach the first view point with stunning views of the Patagonian icecap spilling into Lago Grey. The path continues on undulating terrain to the mirador from where we can watch huge chunks of the icecap tumble into the water. We retrace our steps back to Lago Pehoe camp.



Day 6: Pehoe Camp to French Valley to Camp Torres, 9-10hrs

We leave Pehoe camp and trek towards Valle del Frances, passing the spectacular hanging glacier from which the valley derives its names. There will be an opportunity to climb up to the breath taking mirador from where there are great views over the rocks forming the head of the valley. We see the back of Paine Grande standing at 3050m before continuing our trek along the Nordenskjold lake towards our overnight stop at Torres Camp. A long challenging day, but the views more than make up for our hard work.

Day 7: Camp Torres to Towers to Camp Torres, 6-8hrs

The final day of our trek! Today we have an early start as we trek up to the Torres del Paine. A very steep climb for the first hour or so up to Ref Chileno. The walk from there is mainly through the rolling woodland. The last 40mins up a moraine is steep, but rewarded by the spectacular sunrise over the Torres, a perfect finale for our Patagonian adventure. We trek back down to camp Torres where we spend our last night and enjoy a wonderful Chilean barbecue.

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Day 8: Camp Torres to Punta Arenas

This morning we return by road to Punta Natales.. There will be some time for a spot of shopping before lunch. This afternoon we will get a bus to Punta Arenas. This evening we enjoy a celebratory meal in a local restaurant.

Day 9: Santiago to London

Depart Santiago for our flight to London.

Day 10: Arrive London

Challenge grade

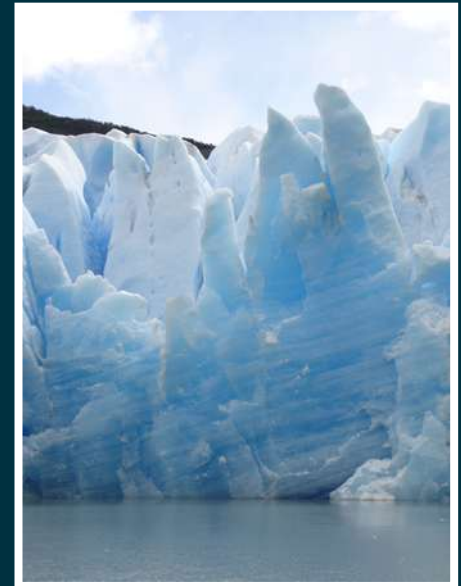
Moderate

Best time of year

October to April

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This itinerary is complex and subject to change



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