

PATAGONIA: CHILEAN FJORDS AND ARGENTINA'S STATEN ISLAND

12 DAYS | ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC RESOLUTION*
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Remote and largely inaccessible, Patagonia is the essence of wildness—a maze of channels and islands. Venture deep into Chile's glorious fjords past incandescent icebergs and massive glaciers. From the "land of fire," Tierra del Fuego, to the jagged spires of Torres del Paine National Park, experience Patagonia at close range aboard *National Geographic Resolution*. And, thanks to our special access, we'll enjoy the privilege of visiting the far-off, stunningly beautiful natural parklands of Karukinka and Yendegaia.



DAY 1-2: U.S./Santiago, Chile

Depart on an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile. We check into the centrally located Mandarin Oriental Hotel (or similar) 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: L,D)

DAY 3: Punta Arenas/Puerto Natales/Embark

Today we fly from Santiago to Punta Arenas, Chile's southern gateway to Patagonia, drive to the outpost of Puerto Natales, and embark our ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 4-5: 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—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. Our Captain and local pilots guide us through Kirke Narrows, accessible only to a small ship as *National Geographic Resolution*. 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 6: 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

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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)

DAYS 7-8: Isla de Los Estados (Staten Island), Argentina

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 see 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. Read Eric Guth's account from our inaugural 2015 visit at www.expeditions.com/si_first. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: The Chilean Fjords, Beagle Channel & Exploring

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 10: Tierra del Fuego, Chile: 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 fox, 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 11-12: Punta Arenas/Disembark/Santiago/U.S.

Disembark in Punta Arenas, Chile's southern gateway. Take a charter flight to Santiago and connect to your overnight flight home. (Day 11: B,L)

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2022 Departure Date: Dec. 4

Important Flight Information

* Please confirm arrival and departure dates prior to booking flights.

Advance Payment: \$1,500

Economy: from \$900

Business: from \$4,100

Charter (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia and Punta Arenas/Santiago, or vice versa): from \$855

Airfares are subject to change

Cost Includes:

One hotel night in Santiago, accommodations; meals indicated; alcoholic beverages (except premium brands); excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, Naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; entrance fees; all port charges and service taxes; gratuities to ship's crew

Cost Not Included:

Immigration fees, air transportation; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, emails, laundry, voyage video, etc.

SPECIAL OFFERS

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