

**BEST OF W CIRCUIT, TORRES DEL PAINE 3 DAYS**



**Details:**

- 3 days / 2 nights
- Sleep in tent and refuges into the park
- Transfer From / to Puerto Natales

SEASON 2013-2014	
TRIP	Paine Tour (3d)
1	October 25 - 27 (2013)
2	November 6 - 8 (2013)
3	November 18 - 20 (2013)
4	December 2 - 4 (2013)
5	December 9 - 11 (2013)
6	December 21 - 23 (2013)
7	January 6 - 8 (2014)
8	January 28 - 30 (2014)
9	February 17 - 19 (2014)
10	February 24 - 26 (2014)
11	March 3 - 15 (2014)

**About Patagonia.**

The Andes are a relatively young mountain chain, created over the last 70 million years as the Nazca plate was slowly pushed under the continental South American plate. Over the last two million years the Cordillera has undergone several periods of intense glaciation during which much of its present topography was formed. The South Patagonian Andes are largely composed of granitic rocks. In Paine area the black caps on the peaks like Cuernos and Fortress are remnants of a huge sedimentary roof.

Fifty million years from now, ice erosion may have completely wiped out the magnificent granite spires and crustal plates. Approximately 14,000 years ago the last ice age began to end, and the glaciers that had intermittently covered most of the Andes retreated into the Cordillera. This natural global warming allowed the plants and animals to recolonise large areas previously under ice.

Paine mountain range and Fitz Roy contains so many mountains spread along these areas, where have concentrated on the most spectacular peaks, Fitz Roy (Native name "Chalten"), Cerro Torre, Towers of Paine, Paine Grande, Cuernos del Paine and many more.

Southern Patagonian Ice cap that is primarily responsible for the climate along Paine and Los Galciares region. This is the largest ice cap in the world outside north Pole and Antarctica´s area. The westerly sea air carries moisture that cools down as it moves across the ice cap. Waves and vortices create a meeting of winds from different directions, forming a convergence zone. Areas of low pressure and convergence zones result in thick clouds and precipitation. The ice cap may be responsible for katabatic winds in the Fitz Roy and Paine mountains.

Here trekkers are lured by colourful sunsets, sheer mountains wrapped in gleaming ice, wild animals, tidewater glaciers and we invite you to join Patagonia with us.

# Andes Mountain Expediciones

## Your trip.

Our expedition start in Puerto Natales (Chile).

You can arrive to Puerto Natales from Punta Arenas or Calafate (Argentina). Regular public buses are available every day.

**Bus:** Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas:

Buses Fernandez [www.busesfernandez.com](http://www.busesfernandez.com)

Buses Pacheco [www.busespacheco.com](http://www.busespacheco.com)

**Bus:** Calafate – Puerto Natales – Calafate:

Bus Zahaj [http://www.turismozaahj.co.cl/el\\_calafate\\_eng.htm](http://www.turismozaahj.co.cl/el_calafate_eng.htm)

Bus Cootra

**Airline:** Also Sky airlines fly in summer time straight to Puerto Natales, check availability at [www.skyairline.com](http://www.skyairline.com)

In Puerto Natales we can assist you booking a Hotel or Hostal (cheaper option) for you. Let us know in advance when you book this trip.

A day before of our Day 1 trip, at 18:00, we will have a meeting with our guide to discuss our program.

Our guide also will talk about your personal trekking equipment and also can check it if this is necessary.

In Puerto Natales, you can leave all not necessary gear for the trekking. Leave a bag and we will storage safely.



## Trek.

This trek has three day length. This trip is designed to use a small backpack, to carry box lunch, water and extra warm clothes.

In the park, we will lodge in refuges, so sleeping bag is required for this trip.

We will walk average of 6 hours a day, and we expect several up and down hills along the trek.

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Patagonia do not have a determined climate, are rather unstable, mainly in the proximity to the South Ice Field, places that registers the lowest temperatures and the main precipitation, that even can be in snow type. However the Pampa sector (dry zone) we will be able to appreciate the zone of more heat and minor humidity index, arriving in some days at temperatures near the 20°C.

MONTH	Oct-Dic	Ene-Marzo	Abril-Junio	Julio-Sep
Season	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Temp. Max.	18°C	21°C	11°C	7°C
Temp. Min.	1°C	4°C	0°C	-3°C

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### PROGRAM

#### Day 1: Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine.

Our guide will pick you up at 8:00am at your hotel or Hostel in Puerto Natales. Private transfer towards Torres del Paine Park (2 hours drive). At our arrival at the park, we will leave our things in the refuge. With a small pack, we start our trek to Torres del Paine lookout (7 hours round trip). Back to refuge. Dinner included.



#### Day 2: Sail Pehoe lake and trek to French Valley.

Breakfast. Private transfer to Pudeto (45 min). Here we board a boat that for 20 minutes transfer us through Pehoe lake to the refugio. Here we leave our things and start our trek to French Valley (3,5 hours) where we find a impressive view of Paine Grande, the highest summit in the Park. By the afternoon, trek back to Pehoe refuge. Include: Breakfast, trail food, Dinner.

#### Day 3: Grey Glacier lookout – Puerto Natales.

Breakfast. In the morning we will initiate our trek to Grey Glacier (3,5 hours) Here we visit the glacier lookout. After a cup of coffee at the refuge, we will return to Pehoe Lake to sail by boat the entire lake, where we find our vehicle will transfer us to Puerto Natales. End of services.

#### Service includes:

- Trekking Guide.
- One night in Refuge Las Torres, Torres del Paine park, with breakfast dinner.
- One night in Refuge Pehoe, Torres del Paine park, with breakfast and dinner.
- Trail food in trekking days.
- Transfer from airport P. Natales and Torres del Paine, return. And internal transfer from Las Torres to Pudeto (Pehoe Lake)

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- Torres del Paine entrance fee.
- Sailing at Pehoe Lake.

### Service does not include:

- Flight to Santiago and Punta Arenas, Chile.
- Drinks and beverages.
- Sleeping bag (Necessary for refuge)
- Dinners in Puerto Natales



### PATAGONIA TREKKING PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST

#### Upper body:

- Wind proof and water proof Jacket, such as Gore-Tex or similar layer
- Fleece or pile coat
- 1 polypropylene "T" shirt long sleeve
- 1 polypropylene or cotton "T" shirt short sleeve
- Cap of wool or fleece
- Light Gloves

#### Lower body:

- 2 pairs of socks
- Lightweight polypropylene or capilene (Patagonia brand) long underwear bottoms

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- One quick dry lightweight pants
- Light trekking boots and sneakers

### **Personal equipment:**

- Clothes for sleep
- Sleeping bag (-0°C) ; (available for rent in Puerto Natales)
- Articles of personal cleanliness
- Plastic bottle to fill up with water (1.000cc)
- Sun glasses
- Sun screen lotion
- Sun screen lip protector
- Insects repellent
- Small backpack at least 30 liters of capacity, (available for rent)
- Head lamp
- Camera
- Towel and sandals
- Gaitors
- Trekking poles (available for rent in Puerto Natales)
- Duffel bag (for storage your extra things and leave it in our hotel in Puerto Natales)



**Prices:** USD\$ 1,250.- per person (reserve for 1 or 2 persons)  
USD\$ 1,150.- per person (reserve for 3 or more persons)