

PATAGONIA MULTISPORT

Southern Patagonia, Chile & Argentina

Duration 14 days / 13 nights

Difficulty Moderate ● ● ○ ○

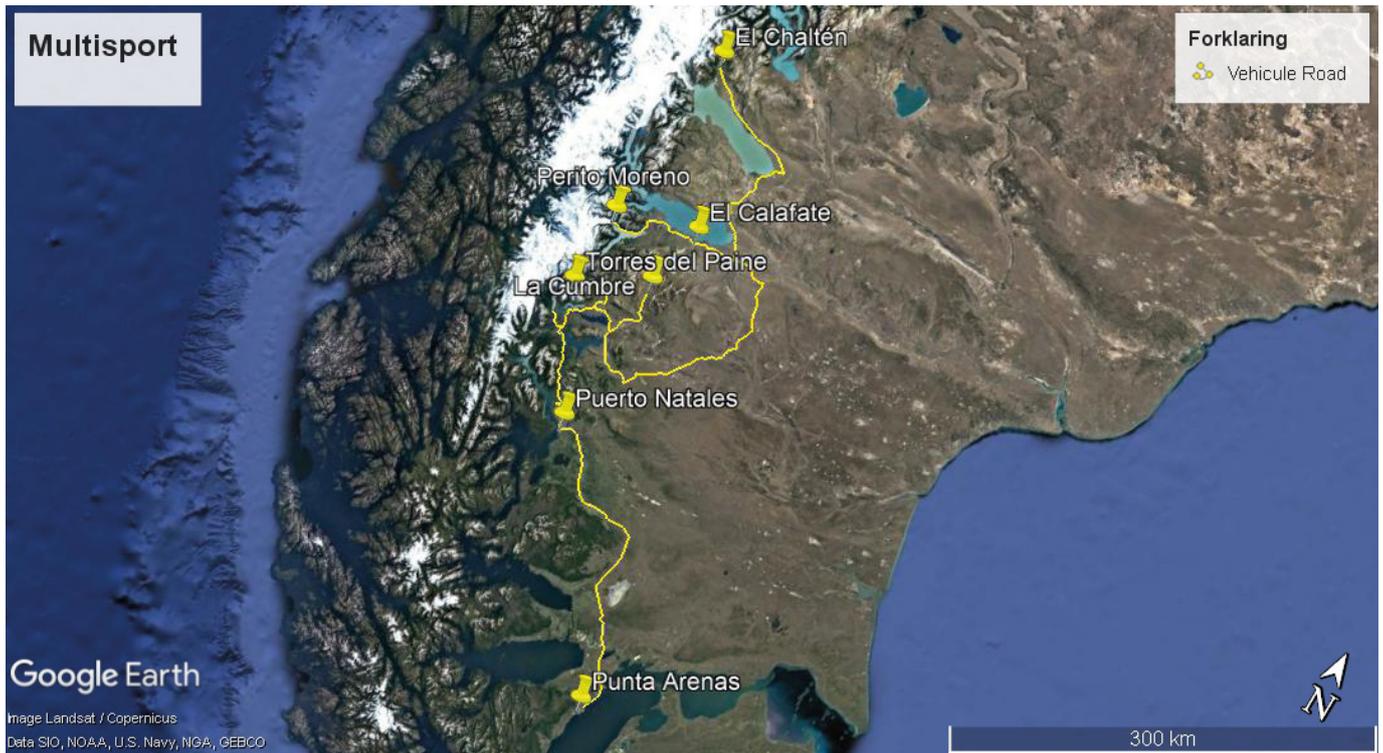
Departure September to April

OVERVIEW

A multisport adventure that allows for travel through Patagonia's most alluring national parks, Torres del Paine in Chile and Los Glaciers in Argentina, by foot, bike and kayak. Explore Torres del Paine on mountain e-bikes, kayak Lake Grey for close-up views of icebergs, and hike to Argentina's iconic Monte Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre. This tour will give you a taste of the best Patagonia has to offer, all experienced via a multisport itinerary for a totally different experience each day.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Bike on old ranching trails at Torres del Paine National Park.
- ★ Kayak to the Grey Glacier and marvel at up-close views of floating icebergs.
- ★ Hike and enjoy the stunning natural beauty of Fitzroy Massif and Cerro Torre.
- ★ Marvel at blocks of ice calving at famed Perito Moreno Glacier.



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1. Arrive in Punta Arenas

Arrive at the airport in Punta Arenas, Chile, on the Strait of Magellan, meet your trip leader and transfer to your hotel in this charming, windswept city. In the early evening, gather for a briefing on the adventures ahead.

Accommodation: Hotel in Punta Arenas

Meals: D

Day 2. Scenic Drive to Torres del Paine National Park

Early-morning drive through the monumental, wide-open plains that Patagonia is known for, arriving at the rambling town of Puerto Natales, spread across the shore of the Seno Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope Sound). Here we'll stretch our legs, have lunch, and continue to Torres del Paine National Park, which rises majestically from the plains. We'll stop for photos, spot a variety of animals, and view antique, picturesque sheep ranch "estancias" along the way.

Accommodation: Western side of Torres del Paine

Meals: B, L, D

Transport: 7 hours in private van

Day 3. Kayaking the Grey Lake & River

After breakfast, a short drive takes us to the shore of Lake Grey, where we'll suit up, pick up kayaks, listen to a safety briefing, and then paddle for about three hours. The chance to kayak alongside chunks of floating icebergs, with their range of blues from navy to teal to turquoise, will be one of the major highlights of your Patagonia experience. In the distance, the forbidding wall of ice of the Glacier Grey looms.

Accommodation: Western side of Torres del Paine

Meals: B, BL, D

Activity: 3 hours kayaking

Day 4. Hiking in the French Valley

We will board a catamaran for the ride across the turquoise waters of Lake Pehoé, dropping us off at the trailhead for the French Valley. Several hours of moderate hiking will bring us into the heart of the park's most stunning alpine valley, whose entrance is heralded by a hanging glacier that drops ice in thunderous crashes. Two hiking options are available: an 11-mile hike back to camp (skipping the return catamaran), or hiking to the Britannic Camp lookout point, with a return to the lodge via catamaran and van ride.

Accommodation: Western side of Torres del Paine

Meals: B, BL, D

Activity: 8 hours hike - 11 miles/ 18 km; 1,200ft/ 365m elevation gain or 10-12 hours hike - 15 miles/ 25 km; 2,000ft-600 m elevation gain.

Transport: ½ hour private van & ½ hour catamaran across Pehoé Lake and return

Day 5. Explore Majestic Torres Del Paine

Get an early start for the "classic" all-day hike up to the base of the three towers that give this national park its name. After a 45-minute climb, the trail undulates through lovely beech forest and alpine scenery along the Ascencio River, followed by a climb up a massive boulder-strewn moraine to the spectacular viewpoint of the towers rising majestically before an emerald glacial lake. Enjoy a picnic and hike back to hotel.

Accommodation: Eastern side of Torres del Paine

Meals: B, BL, D

Activity: 9 hours hike - 11.5 miles/ 18 km; 2,500ft/ 760m elevation gain

Transport: 1-hour private van from west to east in Torres del Paine

Day 6. Biking from Laguna Azul to Guanaco Macho Canyon

Begin the day driving to eastern side of park for a 5-hour single-track ride along the deep blue waters of Laguna Azul. The 15-mile (25km) ride is made more manageable with e-bikes, allowing for more time to soak in the distant views of the three towers in the distance, and sightings of condors and guanacos. The trail ends at Guanaco Macho Canyon, where our van will be waiting for the return trip to the lodge.

Accommodation: Eastern side of Torres del Paine

Meals: B, BL, D

Activity: 5 hours bike -15 miles/ 25km; 1,350ft/ 412m elevation

Transport: Private van to Laguna Azul and return from Guanaco Macho Canyon

Day 7. Biking in the wild Las Cumbres Estancia to Berlica Pass

This is a specially crafted journey to a region that sees few travelers, if any. Baguales, which means "feral animals," is a unique bike adventure through deep Patagonia, past the jagged peaks that divide Argentina and Chile. Navigating old trails once used by sheep ranching gauchos, we'll pass antique estancia farms until reaching Berlica Pass, where our van will drive us back to our hotel.

Accommodation: Eastern side of Torres del Paine

Meals: B, BL, D

Activity: 6 hours bike - 17 miles/ 27 km; 1,800ft/ 550m elevation

Transport: 1 hour private van to Baguales and return

Day 8. El Chaltén and Los Glaciares National Park

A leisurely, scenic drive across the border takes us from Chile to El Chaltén, Argentina, the village at Los Glaciares National Park, and our base for the next few days. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Hotel at El Chaltén

Meals: B, L, D

Transport: 8-9 hours (due to border crossing)

Day 9. Laguna de Los Tres

Leave El Chaltén early and drive to Hostería El Pilar for today's hike, beginning with 4.3 miles up the Rio Blanco to Poincenot's basecamp. There we'll begin to hike the steepest slope to the Laguna de los Tres, and then to the highlight of the day, the viewpoint of Cerro Fitz Roy. From the Laguna de los Tres return to Poincenot camp and hike down towards El Chaltén, enjoying the views of Capri Lagoon along the way.

Accommodation: Hotel in El Chaltén

Meals: B, BL

Activity: 9 hours hike – 12 miles/ 19 km; 800ft/ 200m elevation gain

Transport: 1/2 hour in private van

Day 10. Laguna Torre

A classic trek you cannot miss. The trail begins in the valley of the Fitz Roy River and follows the stream to its source. The first viewpoint is located in the gorge of the Fitz Roy, affording dynamite panoramic views of the Cerro Solo, the Adela range, and the Cerro Torre and Mount Fitz Roy peaks. Finally, the trail crosses the De Agostini basecamp and continues to Laguna Torre, situated on a beautiful glacial lake set against the backdrop of Cerro Torre.

Accommodation: Hotel in El Chaltén

Meals: B, BL

Activity: 7-8 hours hike – 12 miles/ 19 km; 700ft/ 250 m elevation gain

Day 11. Pliegue Tumbado

From our hotel we'll walk to Los Glaciares National Park visitor center, and from here hike a 5-mile trail to the summit from where we'll be able to view the mountain peaks and ranges of Cerro Torre, Cerro Fitz Roy and River Fitz Roy Valley.

Accommodation: Hotel in El Chaltén

Meals: B, BL, D

Activity: 7 hours hike – 9.5 miles/ 15 km; 2,800 ft/ 850m elevation gain

Day 12. Visit remote badlands

On the return drive to El Calafate, we will stop at the historical La Leona Estancia, to visit the steppe in the turquoise waters of La Leona river. We will visit a part of the badlands of Patagonia where it is possible to see prehistoric fossils and view the southern ice field and Fitz Roy massif. We will then continue to El Calafate.

Accommodation: Hotel in El Calafate

Meals: B, L

Activity: 3 hours paddling/ 14 km

Transport: 4-hour drive

Day 13. Perito Moreno Glacier

From Calafate, we'll head to another side of the Los Glaciares National Park: the famous Perito Moreno Glacier, known as one of the few glaciers worldwide that maintains its equilibrium and is therefore very active. The glacier's 200-foot-high wall continually calves massive blocks of ice into the lake with a thunderous roar – an awesome spectacle of nature's power at work. Return to El Calafate at the end of the day to enjoy a farewell dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel in El Calafate

Meals: B, L, D

Activity: 2 to 3 hours -2 miles/ 3 km walking (optional glacier excursion)

Transport: 4-hour drive

Day 14. Depart

Transfer to El Calafate Airport, where we bid farewell to our guide. Catch a flight to Buenos Aires, the cosmopolitan capital of Argentina or to your next destination. End of services.

Meals: B

Transport: ½ hour in private van

INCLUDED

- Local knowledgeable English-speaking guide (1:6 clients)
- Additional expert guide(s) for kayak
- Park Entrances
- Private transfer throughout program
- Meals as stated 13 B(reakfast), 12 L/ BL (Lunch/ packed lunch), 10 D(inner)
- 1 night in Hostel/ Hotel in Punta Arenas
- 5 nights in Hotels in or around Torres del Paine
- 4 nights in Hostel/ Hotel in El Chaltén
- 2 nights in Hostel/ Hotel in El Calafate
- Kayak on Grey Lake (Chile) & Leona River (Argentina)
- E-MTBs on biking days
- Group bio security equipment (according to international standards)
- All necessary safety equipment for biking and kayaking
- Emergency kit: Wilderness First aid kit, VHF/ UHF radio and Satellite phone

NOT INCLUDED

- Beverage
- Tips to local guides & other personnel
- International and national airfare to Santiago de Chile and Punta Arenas/ Puerto Natales and from El Calafate
- Personal bio security kit (mask, gloves etc)
- Personal medical and evacuation insurance (obligatory)

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