

Torres del Paine W-Hike 5 days

Hiking in Torres del Paine National Park

Explore the highlights of the famous Torres del Paine National Park on five distinct hiking days where you will come across a diverse fauna and flora while you watch the gliding flight of the condor.

Admire the enormous mountain ranges of the National Park and take a boat ride to the deep blue shining Grey Glacier. This tour will be an unforgettable experience for anyone who wants to discover the many-sided Patagonian beauty. Your hikes to the rising Torres granite needles and to the French Valley will stay in your minds forever as a dream of granite and ice.

Trip Highlights

- Hike in 5 days one of the most famous treks in Patagonia, the Torres del Paine W-Trek and immerse yourself in a world of granite and ice
- Torres del Paine granite towers, French valley and Grey Glacier lookout
- Boat ride along the Grey Glacier
- Meet Chilean Gauchos riding through the vast Patagonian Pampa and watch the gliding flight of the condor
- Enjoy in a cozy atmosphere the culinary delights and exquisite wines of Patagonia, or go for a pisco sour, the Chilean national drink

Insider Tip

- Paddle between huge icebergs on the Grey Lake and hear the creaking movements of the vast Grey Glacier

Trip Info

Trip length:	5 days
Start/End of the trip:	from / to Puerto Natales
Group Size:	min. 2 persons – max. 12 people
Departures:	see set departures on our website
Trip Style:	hiking, nature & photography
Best Season:	from November to March

What's included

- Accommodation in Torres del Paine National Park: 4 nights in 2-person-tents, fully equipped with sleeping bag and camping mat
- Meals: 4 x breakfast, 4 x box lunch, 4 x dinner
- Guide:
 - Local English / Spanish speaking certified trekking guide Torres del Paine (WFR)
 - from 7 participants: English/Spanish speaking certified assistant hiking guide
- Transport: all public and private transfers as per the detailed itinerary
- Boat ride / Catamaran Grey Lake
- Entry Fees/Admission: to the Torres del Paine National Park
- Emergency equipment: including a first-aid kit and VHF-equipment

What's excluded

- Meals and beverages not indicated on the itinerary
- International and domestic airfare and airport charges
- Tips, local payments
- Travel insurance is not included in this tour. Travel insurance is mandatory and must be purchased prior to the start of the trip.

Available Add-Ons

- Single tent supplement: 4 nights - surcharge p.p. 280 USD
- Local PORTER for the transportation of personal belongings, up to 15 kg per porter: bookable for an extra charge
- Optional trips on day 5: appr. 3 hours kayak tour on the Grey Lake (extra charge 230 USD p.p.) or appr. 4-5 hours ice hike on Glacier Grey (extra charge 310 USD p.p.). The age limit for these excursions is 65 years.
- Airport pick up & drop off: bookable for an extra charge
- Overnight stay in Puerto Natales: bookable for an extra charge

Itinerary

Important note: The itinerary described in the program is a planned itinerary or a guide. Changes or deviations of individual travel services from the contractually agreed content of the travel contract, which become necessary after conclusion of the contract and which were not brought about by MOSER Active against good faith, are permitted, provided that these are not significant and do not affect the overall design of the booked trip. MOSER Active will endeavor to offer an equivalent replacement. Additional costs that may arise due to changes to the tour itinerary are to be borne by the participant on site and will not be reimbursed by MOSER Active.

Day 0 – Meeting in Puerto Natales

In the late afternoon you meet your trekking guide for a detailed briefing about the next hiking days. Accommodation in Puerto Natales is not included in the trip price.

Day 1 – Torres del Paine National Park – Trek to Torres del Paine Granit Needles

In the morning you take a regular bus to the Torres del Paine National Park and will see some of the native wildlife of this fantastic region like Guanacos and Ñandus (departure at 07:00 a.m., driving time approx. 2 hours, distance approx. 130 km).

Upon arrival in the park, your first guided hike leads you to the famous 'Torres' granite needles. At first you hike up to the Ascencio Valley where you take a break at the Refugio Chileno next to the Ascencio River. After 2+ hours and a tough ascent, you are rewarded for your efforts: You will stand in front of the impressive Needles with a green lagoon lying at your feet. Altitude Las Torres Lookout: 900m.

Appr. walking time: 8 hours, walking distance: 21 km (13 miles), elevation gain of approx. 950 m (3,116 ft) ascent and approx. 950 m (3,116 ft) descent.

You spend the night on campsite Central (o Campsite Chileno) in fully equipped 2-person-tents with unobstructed views of the starry sky. The campsite is equipped with toilets, hot showers and a refugio. Dinner and breakfast are served in the Refugio, which is located near the campsite.

Meals included: dinner.

Day 2 – Hike along Nordenskjöld Lake

Today, you hike along Lago Nordenskjöld and the gigantic Monte Almirante Nieto to the wonderful campsite Cuernos, close to the lake and the “Cuernos” or “the Horns”. Near the camp you will have a picturesque view on the Paine Grande massif. There will be enough time to enjoy this inviting campsite while sitting together and sharing your one-time impressions. Appr. walking time: 4-5 hours, walking distance: 11,5 km (7,1 miles), elevation gain of approx. 350 m (1,150 ft) ascent and 350 m (1,150 ft) descent.

Overnight: in fully equipped 2-person-tents on campsite Cuernos or Frances. The campsite is equipped with toilets, hot showers and a refugio. Dinner and breakfast are served in the Refugio, which is located near the campsite. **Meals included: breakfast / box lunch / dinner.**

Alternative itinerary (if the campsites Cuernos and Frances are fully booked):

Today you go on a half day hike along Nordenskjöld Lake with its colorful waters. Passing Monte Almirante Nieto (2,640 m), you can probably watch condors circling in the sky. Appr. walking time: 4 hours, walking distance: 10 km (6 miles).

In the afternoon you continue your journey in a public transfer to “Pudeto sector” (approx. one hour panoramic trip). Afterwards, you cross the beautiful Pehoe Lake with a catamaran (approx. 30 min). The Lodge / Camp Paine Grande will be your "base camp" for the next two days.

Overnight: on “Campsite Paine Grande” in fully equipped 2-person-tents. Meals included: breakfast / box lunch / dinner.

Day 3 – Trek to the French Valley

Today you will hike up to the camp Italiano. From there you walk further up until you reach a superb viewpoint of the Valley Frances. You will see the impressive “Circuito de Granito” which looks like a colosseum. Afterwards you descent to the next campsite near the emerald green Lago Pehoe. Appr. walking time: 6-7 hours, walking distance: 17 km (10,5 miles), elevation gain of approx. 600 m (1,970 ft) ascent and 600 m (1,970 ft) descent.

Overnight: in fully equipped 2-person-tents on campsite Paine Grande. The campsite is equipped with toilets, hot showers and a refugio. Dinner and breakfast are served in the Refugio, which is located near the campsite. **Meals included: breakfast / box lunch / dinner.**

Day 4 – Trek to the Grey Glacier - Optional Kayak-tour or Ice hike

In the morning you continue on your own to the “Camino de los Vientos” until you reach a nice viewpoint from where you can admire a striking view over the Glacier Grey. Afterwards, you scale down along the impressive Grey Lake to your next camp. Appr. walking time: 5 hours, walking distance: 12 km (7,5 miles), elevation gain of approx. 350 m (1,150 ft) ascent and 350 m (1,150 ft) descent.

The afternoon is free to relax, for example to hike to a bay of Lake Grey, which is often framed by blocks of ice that thunder from the front of the Grey Glacier into the lake. If you would like to go on a longer afternoon hike, you can hike up to the suspension bridge at the “Los Guardas” viewpoint, from where you have a fantastic view of the Grey Glacier.

However, you also have the option of taking an optional 3 hours kayak excursion on the Grey Lake along the icebergs of the Grey Glacier or an optional 4-5 hours ice hike on Glacier Grey (extra costs; advance booking recommended; excursion may be canceled due to weather conditions). Please note: The age limit for these optional excursions is 65 years.

Overnight: Campsite Grey in 2-person-tent, fully equipped with sleeping bags and camping mats. The campsite is equipped with toilets, hot showers and a refugio. Dinner and breakfast are served in the Refugio, which is located near the campsite. **Meals included: breakfast / box lunch / dinner.**

Day 5 – Boat Ride Lago Grey – Puerto Natales

In the morning you take a boat ride on the splendid Lago Grey passing along the icy glacier and crossing the beautiful lake. Appr. walking time: 0,5 hours. Subsequently you take a private transfer back to Puerto Natales.

Meals included: breakfast / box lunch.

Accommodation in Puerto Natales is not included in the trip price.

Trip Notes:

- A very good physical fitness is a necessary requirement for this tour.
- Furthermore, you should be able to walk with your daypack (40 to 50 liter) up to 6-8 hours a day with some strenuous ascents and descents.
- Your personal items must be carried by you (rain gear, fleece or light down jacket, trekking poles, gloves, cap, camera, lunch and water for the day; in addition: vanity bag, trekking towel, extra-set of clothes).
- You will spend the 4 nights in Torres del Paine National Park in roomy, high quality 2-person-expedition-tents, fully equipped with sleeping bags and sleeping mats, which you will find all set up when you arrive at each camp.
- All campsites are equipped with toilets, showers and refugios (Mountain huts/Lodges). Breakfast and dinner are served in the dining rooms of the Refugios/mountain huts which are always close to the campsites.
- All the rest of your luggage, which you do not need on the Torres del Paine trek, will stay locked at your accommodation in Puerto Natales.

Gear Checklist Torres del Paine W-Hike:

Official Papers

- Valid passport
- Airline tickets
- (Vaccination cards - No special vaccinations are currently required for Patagonia)
- Cash (USD) / credit card and/or debit card

Luggage

- Duffel bag or travel bag or suitcase, big enough for the remaining luggage, which you do not need on the Torres del Paine trek (to be stored / locked at your accommodation in Puerto Natales)
- Backpack (40 – 50 liter) for the trek
- Rain cover for your backpack
- Luggage tags
- Passport pouch, wallet or money belt

Clothing

Bring a few lightweight, easily washable items - for using as layer clothing system "onion principle"

- Hiking pants, lightweight, synthetic and loose-fitting – quick dry
- Hiking shorts, lightweight and synthetic
- Shirts (long sleeve)
- T-Shirts, synthetic
- Polypropylen Underwear or similar
- Hiking socks, blister-free

- Windstopper-Fleecejacket - Sweater
- Light Down or synthetic Jacket
- Rain jacket, waterproof and breathable (Goretex, Sympatex etc.)
- Rain pants, waterproof and breathable, side-zip pants are highly recommended

Clothing Accessories

- Sun hat
- Hat (warm) - Beanie
- Bandana – Scarf
- Gloves – Fleece

Footwear

- Sturdy hiking boots, waterproof, lightweight, broken in, aggressive tread - over ankle
- Sandals or flip-flop (thongs)

Travel Accessories

- Water bottle – 500ml-750ml (throughout the treks you can refill water appr every two hours in the little creeks)
- Headlamp or Meg lite
- Sunglasses and retainer strap
- Sun blocker + 20 and lip balm
- Toiletry kit
- Towel
- Hand sanitizer gel
- Personal prescription medication
- Insect repellent / Mosquito repellent
- Watch with alarm or travel clock
- **Trekking poles**
- **Liner for the provided sleeping bag**

Optional equipment

- Camera, memory cards and batteries
- Small binoculars for bird watching
- Thermos
- Spare contact lenses or glasses
- Ear plugs
- Several Ziploc plastic bags

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

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