TORRES DEL PAINE WINTER TREK

Patagonia Hiking & Adventure Winter Tour

Explore on diversified WINTER hikes the highlights of the famous Torres del Paine National Park. This tour will be an unforgettable experience for everyone who wants to discover the many-sided Patagonian beauty. Your hikes to the rising Torres Towers and to the vast Grey Glacier will stay in your minds forever as a dream of granite and ice.

Trip Highlights

- Winter hikes in Torres del Paine National Park
- Torres Granite Needles - French Valley - Grey Glacier
- Patagonian Icefield
- Local wildlife: guanacos, condors and ñandus
- Patagonian pampa and gauchos

Trip Info

Length of the journey:	7 days
Season:	from May to Mid-September
Start/End of journey:	from / to Puerto Natales
Group Size:	min. 2 persons – max. 8 people
Departures:	individual on request (with the possibility to book other people on this trip)

What's included

- Accommodation: 2 nights in a hotel in double room with private bathroom and 4 nights in a lodge/refugio with shared bedroom and shared bathroom.
- Meals: 6 x breakfast, 4 x box lunch, 4 x dinner
- 5 guided hikes
- Local English and Spanish speaking certified trekking guide for Torres del Paine (Day 2-6) (WFR)
- Transport: all private transfers as per detailed itinerary
- Entry fee: to the Torres del Paine NP

What´s excluded

- Meals and beverages not indicated on the itinerary
- Airport pick up & drop off
- Optional trips, local payments
- Tips/gratuity
- International and domestic airfare and airport charges nor excess luggage fees
- Travel insurance is not included in this tour. Travel insurance is mandatory and must be purchased prior to the start of the trip.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Puerto Natales
Upon arrival in Puerto Natales you meet our trekking-guide for a short briefing about the next days. You spend the first night in a hotel in Puerto Natales in double room with private bathroom **(Hotel Lady Florence Dixie or similar)**. (-/-/-)

Day 2 – Torres del Paine National Park - Trek to Lodge Paine Grande
In the morning you take a private transfer to the Torres del Paine National Park and will see some of the native wildlife of this fantastic region like Guanacos and Ñandus. Upon arrival at the park, you will hike on „Las Carretas Sendero" to Lodge Paine Grande, which will be your "base camp" for the next days. You have more or less 6 hours to walk and an elevation of approx. 150m.Overnight: **Lodge Paine Grande** in shared bedrooms and shared bathrooms. (B/-/D)

Day 3 – Torres del Paine National Park – Hike to Viewpoint Grey Glacier
Today you walk along the Black Lagoon (Laguna Negra) and the Path of Winds (Camino del Viento) to the viewpoint on the Grey Glacier. Depending on weather and season you come across various birds and plants. You have more or less 4-5 hours to walk and an elevation of approx. 350m. Overnight: **Lodge Paine Grande** in shared bedrooms and shared bathrooms. (B/BL/D)

Day 4 – Torres del Paine National Park – Trek to French Valley
Today, you walk along the splendorous Lago Skottsberg to Campamento Italiano. Subsequently you move towards the French valley and its viewpoint "Mirador" where you gain deep insight into the mountains. With a bit of luck you witness ice cracking off the Paine Grande (3,050m) sounding like a roaring thunder. After 6-7 hours of walking you come back to Lago Pehoe. The elevation is about 600m ascent/descent. Overnight: in the **Lodge Paine Grande** in shared bedrooms and shared bathrooms. (B/BL/D)

Day 5 – Torres del Paine National Park - Hike along Rio Grey
Today you will walk from the Lodge Paine Grande in about 6 hours back to the "Administration", the seat of the park administration. The views during this walk along the Grey River give you a deep insight into the mountains of the Paine massif.
Afterwards our private transfer takes you to **Konkashken Lodge (Serrano Sector)**, where you spend the night in family bungalow in shared bedroom with private bathroom. (B/BL/D)

Day 6 – Trek to the Torres del Paine Granite Needles - Puerto Natales
In the morning, our private transfer takes you in a panoramic drive through the park to the Las Torres sector.
Today, you will hike to get an excellent view on the no. 1 highlight: The famous Torres Towers. At first it leads you up to the Ascencio Valley where you take a break at the Refugio Chileno next to the lovely 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. After this challenging hike you take our private bus back to Puerto Natales and say goodbye to our local trekking-guide. Appr. walking time: 8 hours, walking distance: 19 km (11,8 miles), elevation gain of approx. 950 m (3,120 ft) ascent and descent. Overnight: Hotel in Puerto Natales in double room with private bathroom **(Hotel Lady Florence Dixie or similar)**. (B/BL/-)

Day 7 – Puerto Natales – Drop off
After breakfast, a private transfer will take you to the Puerto Natales bus station (without a guide) (B/-/-)

Trip Notes
An excellent physical fitness is necessary requirement for this tour. Furthermore, you should be able to walk with your daypack (40l to 50l) up to 6-8 hours a day with some strenuous ascents and descents.
The low temperatures and possible snowfall will be the most challenging part.
We reserve the right to make changes to itinerary / program.

Gear Checklist Torres del Paine Winter Trek

Official Papers
- Valid passport
- Airline tickets
- Vaccination cards
- 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 hotel in Puerto Natales)
- Backpack (40 – 50 liter) for the trek
- Rain cover for the backpack
- Passport pouch, wallet or money belt

Clothing
Bring a few lightweight and mid-weight, easily washable items - for using as layer clothing system "onion principle", at least three layers of clothing.

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

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

Clothing Accessories
- Hat (warm) - Beanie
- Bandana – Scarf
- Gloves – Fleece
- Sunglasses and retainer strap

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

Important and highly recommended
- **Trekking poles**
- **Gaiters, knee-high**

There is accumulation of snow in the highest parts of the French Valley and the towers' base trail, so you may have to use crampons.

Travel Accessories
- Water bottle – 500 – 1000 ml
- Headlamp or Meg lite
- Sun blocker + 20 and lip balm
- Toiletry kit
- Trekking towel
- Hand sanitizer gel
- Personal prescription medication
- Insect repellent / Mosquito repellent
- Watch with alarm or travel clock

Optional equipment
- Camera / memory cards, smartphone
- Charger (recharging is possible almost every day)
- 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!

MOSER ACTIVE Trekking Team