



## Patagonia, History & Adventure (5D/4N)

Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales



**Validity:** September to May

**Beginning:** Punta Arenas Airport (PUQ)

**End:** Punta Arenas Airport (PUQ)

**Day 1:** Punta Arenas Airport – Punta Arenas Hotel – HD City Tour with Nao Victoria

**Day 2:** Punta Arenas – Puerto Natales

**Day 3:** Puerto Natales – FD Torres del Paine

**Day 4:** Puerto Natales – FD Balmaceda & Serrano Navigation

**Day 5:** Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – Transfer out

### Include:

- ✓ Transfer Punta Arenas Airport / Punta Arenas Hotel
- ✓ HD City Tour with Nao Victoria
- ✓ Transfer Punta Arenas Hotel / Punta Arenas Bus Terminal
- ✓ Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales Bus Ticket
- ✓ Transfer Puerto Natales Bus Station / Hotel Puerto Natales
- ✓ FD Torres del Paine
- ✓ FD Balmaceda & Serrano Navigation
- ✓ Transfer Puerto Natales Hotel / Puerto Natales Bus Station
- ✓ Puerto Natales - Punta Arenas Bus Ticket
- ✓ Transfer Punta Arenas Bus Station / Punta Arenas Airport
- ✓ 01 night accommodation in Punta Arenas (breakfast included)
- ✓ 03 nights accommodation in Puerto Natales (breakfast included)

### Exclude:

- ✗ Air Tickets



- ✗ Meals and drink not specified in the program
- ✗ Voluntary tips

### Flight Recommendations:

- Santiago (SCL) / Punta Arenas (PUQ) → Arrival at Punta Arenas before 16:00 hrs.
- Punta Arenas (PUQ) / Santiago → Leaving Punta Arenas after 15:00 hrs.

### Day 1 / Punta Arenas Airport – HD Punta Arenas City Tour with Nao Victoria

Reception at Punta Arenas airport. Transfer to the hotel selected. In the afternoon, discover the charm of this far city founded on the coast of the Strait of Magellan by pioneers who left a valuable and cultural heritage with traditions that still remain these days. Most of its

descendants came from Croatia, Spain, Italy, Germany, England and Chiloé Island (Chile). Nowadays, Punta Arenas has a population of 125,000 inhabitants approximately.

Our tour will begin at Mirador hill which is a place where we can get a panoramic view Punta Arenas and the Strait of Magellan. From the top of it, we can also look around different architectural styles that surround the city.

Then, we will leave the city to go to Nao Victoria museum which offers visitors to learn about ship replicas and how they are built. There are

also ship collections such as the Nao Victoria, the James Caird and the Ancud schooner which were historical vessels that sailed along the Strait of Magellan.

We can also find weapon replicas, navigation tools as well as old copies of documents and books related to these ships (accommodation included).

### Day 2 / Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales

At the agreed time, transfer to Punta Arenas bus terminal to take a bus to Puerto Natales city (3 hours). Reception at Puerto Natales bus terminal and transfer to the selected hotel (accommodation included).

### Day 3 / Puerto Natales – FD Torres del Paine

The departure from your hotel in Puerto Natales will be at 8:30 am to make the first stop at Milodon Cave which is located 24 kilometers north of Puerto Natales. This natural monument is composed by three caverns and a rocky conglomerate called "Silla del Diablo".

Before getting to the cave, we will pass by La Silla del Diablo (Devil's chair), its name comes from the popular imagination that the rock has a chair shape.

The oldest men of Patagonia said that in this place the devil appeared to those who came to look for him on the dark nights.

Later on, we will continue our excursion to Torres del Paine National Park. On the way, we can see this stunning massif as well as Sofia Lagoon, Prat Range, Porteño Lake, Mesa Hill, Del Toro Lake, Del Toro and Ballena Hill. Here we can see the beautiful landscape that surrounds us from Grey Lake view point.



A couple of kilometers later, we will go over Serrano bridge to continue to Grey lake sector. In this area, we can walk along the shore of Grey lake. If the conditions are good, we can keep walking until Grey view point.

When we go back to the parking lot, we will continue our excursion until a restaurant to rest and have lunch (Lunch is not included in our service).

Once we are ready, we will begin the second part of our visit in Torres del Paine National Park, heading to Salto Grande sector. We will visit Nordenskjold lake view point and we will continue enjoying the spectacular views of this sinuous route which will approach us to Amarga Lagoon area. Before that, we will visit Paine waterfall which is a beautiful place where we can see the turquoise waters that come from Paine river.

After enjoying this pleasant show, we will return to Puerto Natales, but before we will stop at Sarmiento lake view point to take the last picture of Torres del Paine National Park (accommodation included).

#### **Day 4 / Puerto Natales – FD Balmaceda & Serrano Navigation**

Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers are located inside Bernardo O’Higgins National Park, at 31 miles northwest of Puerto Natales and it is part of Andes Chain Mountains. Visit the park significates admire a majestic place almost untouched by the humans. The only way to access the park is by boat, sailing through Última Esperanza fjord that takes his name from the “last hope” to find Magallanes Strait in 1557, during an expedition that searched it from the Pacific Ocean. The trip will start in Puerto Natales and on our way it will be possible to see the buildings that belongs to “Frigorífico Bories” which was one of the biggest meat industry in Patagonia. You could also observe an imperial cormorant colony, a small sea-lions colony and a huge variety of plants that form the flora such as coigüe, cinnamon tree, lenga, ñirre and the calafate. Balmaceda Glacier can be seen from the boat while for Serrano Glacier, a 20 minutes walk is necessary, through a path that borders a small lake that appears with the melting glacier. Lunch (included) in Estancia Turistica Perales (meat soup and vegetables, Magallanes lamb roasted barbecued, regular potatoes, salads, dessert, wine or juice), with an alternative vegetarian option. Return to the selected hotel (accommodation included).

#### **Day 5 / Puerto Natales – Punta Arenas – Out**

At the agreed time, transfer to Puerto Natales Bus Terminals to take a regular bus to Punta Arenas (3hrs.). Reception at Puerto Natales Bus Terminals and transfer to Punta Arenas Airport.

Passengers have the option to continue their journey with a regular bus to El Calafate from Puerto Natales bus terminal (in El Calafate, the arrival transfer is not included).

Bus to El Calafate sonly operates from October to March.

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