

Estancia Cerro Guido - Torres del Paine Program (5 Days, 4 Nights)

Day 1: Punta Arenas/Puerto Natales/Cerro Castillo – Estancia Cerro Guido (L, D)

- From Punta Arenas (5- 5 ½ hours transfer)

11:00 – 14:00 hrs. Reception at Punta Arenas airport or your hotel. Then we drive northwards to Puerto Natales stopping at the traditional Hotel Río Rubens to enjoy our lunch. After 3 ½ hours we will arrive at Puerto Natales where we take the road to Torres del Paine National Park (TPNP) to reach Estancia Cerro Guido.

- From Puerto Natales (1 – 1 ½ hours transfer)

Reception in Puerto Natales, then we head north on the road that connects the town with TPNP stopping to visit the Milodón Cave Natural Monument on the way.

Day 2: Estancia Cerro Guido - full-day (B, BL, D)

8:30 am Guided tour of the Estancia Cerro Guido, visiting the kitchen, dining room, shearing shed and other buildings of the estancia.

10:00 am – 11:00 am Choose from 3 options.

1. Horseback Ride to the Estancia Las Flores (full-day)

Level of difficulty: Intermediate

Terrain: Open pampas, rolling hills and meadows

Duration (round trip): 7 hours

Description: This lovely, gentle horse-ride across flat terrain and open fields is ideal for galloping. The ride passes Vega Nash and after 3 hours reaches the Puesto Las Flores, an old shepherd hut, where there is one of the only adobe (mud clay) houses in the region. Beautiful view of the Sierra Baguales. Involves crossing the River Baguales.

2. Horseback Ride + lunch in the country - half-day (fishing possible when in season)

Level of difficulty: Easy to intermediate

Terrain: Grassy fields, open pampas

Duration (round trip): 5 hours

Description: Easy to intermediate ride which allows the rider to observe the land use and to appreciate the size of the grazing land belonging to the estancia. Rest at Puesto Vega Nash. Involves crossing the River Baguales. Great views of the stunning Sierra Baguales.

3. Trek to the Estancia Las Chinas

Level of difficulty: Intermediate to advanced

Duration: 6 hour trek + 1 hour transfer.

Description: Vehicle transfer to the Puesto Las Chinas in the Sierra Baguales sector where we start our trek bordering the Las Chinas River heading northwards. After about 10 minutes we will start to ascend gentle hills to the west of the river, after reaching a pronounced ridge we will head into the valley of a side tributary of the Las Chinas River. After passing the tree line we will climb to the peak which offers great views of Torres del Paine, Laguna Azul and Sierra Baguales.

Day 3: Mini full-day trip to Torres del Paine National Park– Navigation on Lake Grey (B, BL, D)

8:00 am After breakfast we will set off for Torres del Paine NP visiting the main points of interest such as the Nordenskjöld Lookout, Salto Grande (the waterfall that connects the Nordenskjöld and Pehoe lakes) and the visitor's center (the administrative center of the TPNP) before continuing on to Hosteria Lago Grey. We will enjoy our picnic in the area around the Grey sector before check in for the navigation. We set sail around 15.00 and sail up Lake Grey to get close to the glacier. The boat trip lasts about 3 hours and we return to the beach to drive back to the Estancia Cerro Guido.

Day 4: Trekking in Torres del Paine National Park - full-day / Horse ride around the Estancia Cerro Guido - full-day (B, BL, D)

- Option 1: Trek to the Base of Las Torres

7:30 am. After breakfast we will drive to Torres del Paine National Park to the Estancia Cerro Paine sector, where we will start our trek to the base of the towers. We follow the Ascencio River before entering the Ascencio Valley. The walk will be uphill for about an hour, until we reach Campamento El Chileno (an excellent place to recover our energies). Afterwards we will walk through century-old forests of beech ("lenga" *Nothofagus pumilio*), and then continue ascending through a terminal moraine up to the Torres del Paine viewpoint. The descent follows the same path back to Estancia Cerro Paine.

Level of difficulty: Intermediate to advanced

Duration: 7-8 hours

Please note that firstly our Ea. Cerro Guido transfer will take us to the Laguna Amarga sector and then another transfer will take us to the Estancia Cerro Paine where our trek begins. Our Ea. Cerro Guido transfer will be waiting for us at Laguna Amarga on our return.

- Option 2: Trek from Laguna Verde to Weber Bridge.

10:00 am After breakfast we will head towards Estancia Lazo, where we start our 5-hour trek (approx.). For the first 45 minutes we follow the western shore of Laguna Verde, and then continue through a Magellanic deciduous forest of Lenga (*Nothofagus pumilio*) and Ñirre (*Nothofagus antarctica*) beech trees. This is a good place to have lunch. Finally we will arrive at the highlight of the excursion: an amazing view of the Paine Massif, Paine River, Lake Toro and Serrano River. Then we will enter the park and walk to Weber Bridge where our transfer will be waiting for us.

Length of trek: 4 – 5 hours.

Level: Easy

- Option 3: Horse Ride to the Aónikenk Tombs (full-day for experienced riders only)

Level of difficulty: Advanced

Terrain: Ridges, ravines, steep terrain

Duration (round trip): 6 hours

Description: This wonderful, advanced ride goes up Cerro Guido to the highest point of the Estancia. From here the beautiful River Las Chinas Valley and the Sierra Baguales can be observed as well as the immensity of the Patagonian pampas. The ride reaches the peak of Cerro Guido where tombs from Pre-Hispanic cultures have been found. These tombs are believed to be religious and sacred offerings.

Day 5: Estancia Cerro Guido – Punta Arenas Airport/Puerto Natales/Cerro Castillo (B)

After breakfast and our farewells we will head back to either Punta Arenas or Puerto Natales, ending the Estancia Cerro Guido experience.

	Price per person based on 2 sharing a Superior double room (2 people minimum)
SGL	2682
DBL	1950
Child sharing parent's room	708

Prices not including VAT

Child bed: Children up to 12 years old may share their parent's room-only one extra bed allowed per room.

Prices until April 2009.

Please note: the itinerary may be changed due to weather conditions.

Not Included:

Air Ticket

Excursions and services not indicated in the program

Tips

Wines & Spirits