

# MAGELLANIA

BESPOKE TRAVELS & EXPEDITIONS

## ULTIMATE PATAGONIA EXPERIENCE

An Immersive Wildlife Expedition From Fjords to Mountains

Explore every corner of Patagonia's wilderness.

# PATAGONIAN DEPTHS

Experience the breathtaking spectrum of Patagonia's wildlife through stunning glacial straits, sweeping island landscapes and awe-inspiring mountain parks. Our bespoke, comprehensive 10-day expedition will put you face-to-face with tremendous Humpback Whale, the only colony of King Penguins outside of the Antarctic Circle, and alongside Patagonia's most elusive wildlife across a rich, diverse landscape. At the end of this unforgettable experience, we will take you on a 3-day expedition where you will walk next to Patagonia's largest predator: the Patagonian Puma.

You'll spend the 10 days\* of this expedition exploring some of nature's most remote locations: navigating the waters of the Magellan Strait and its glacial channels, exploring the wilderness of Tierra del Fuego, trekking through the mountains and steppes of Torres del Paine and tracking pumas alongside our expert guides. And of course, each phase will be punctuated by numerous photo opportunities with local wildlife, landscape, and historical landmarks.

At night you'll return to your carefully selected campsite, exchanging cameras and boots for wine and slippers in a comfortable eco-dome, or mountain ranch hotel.

\*Our default package is 10 days, however all our packages are fully customizable to add more experiences to your expedition.

## GETTING HERE

Our expedition begins in Punta Arenas (Chile), which is easily accessible from every major city in South America. Please note that this is a suggested route as our packages **do not** include air fares. Alternatively, private transfers can be arranged from either Puerto Natales or El Calafate for an additional fee.





## Overview

# MAGELLAN'S STRAIT

## Days 1 - 4: In the Shadow of Pioneers

Our first four days will have you arriving in Punta Arenas and heading to explore the Strait of Magellan. Many centuries after its discovery, the famed passage that shaped the modern world shelters an abundance of marine wildlife and dramatic landscapes.

You'll be taken through some of the world's most remote waterways, into glacier-formed inlets, and past historical landmarks - all in search of the perfect photography opportunities. With our vessel's low gunwale, you'll always have the best angle for capturing these moments.

We work together with local wildlife experts to track and observe humpback whales, who forage and live in these waters from November - April. These majestic creatures are widely known for their breaching, cresting and other arresting surface behavior, so your chances of capturing an astonishing moment are very high.





## Overview

# TIERRA DEL FUEGO

## Day 5: Into the Land of Fire

Our expedition continues across the Strait, into Tierra del Fuego. South America's largest island is home to the world's northernmost colony of King Penguins and a host of other wildlife.

This day will not only mark the midpoint of our adventures, but will also be one filled with shifting landscapes and scenic journeys. From a last glimpse of the glacial channels of the Magellan Strait, we'll drive to Bahía Inútil, home to the only colony of King Penguins outside the Antarctic Polar Circle, where we'll spot around 100 individuals including adults, juveniles and chicks.

After taking in the spectacle of this exclusive and elusive waddle, we head north for a brief ferry ride across to the mainland, spotting some Commerson's dolphins if we're in luck. We then drive towards Puerto Natales, embracing the vastness of the pampa and pausing to stand in the remnants of one of the first and most important Patagonian ranches: estancia San Gregorio, now a national historic monument.

The arrival in your hotel at Puerto Natales marks the end of your long day, and a chance to relax and reflect on all you've experienced so far.





## Overview

# FULL-DAY TORRES DEL PAINE

## Day 6: Untamed Patagonia

This entire day takes in the glorious landscape of the Torres del Paine National Park, widely considered to be one of South America's most beautiful and important national parks.

We'll head towards the Park through the Serrano River area, getting views of the Park's breathtaking mountain range, the Paine Massif, and enter through the western sector. On the way, we'll head past Lake Toro, the largest body of water in the region, giving way to spectacular views, such as the Grey Glacier and Cuernos de Paine.

As the expedition travels east, the landscape gradually transitions from Magellanic deciduous forest to Patagonian steppes, passing by waterfalls, lakes, mountains and valleys. The main focus of this journey is the incredible scenery, but there's plenty of wildlife to be spotted as well.

We'll end the day near the famous Laguna Amarga, arriving at the estancia that we'll call home for the next four days.

Mirador Cóndor, Torres del Paine.



Mirador Cóndor, Torres del Paine.

Salto Grande, Torres del Paine.







Overview

## 3-DAY PUMA TRACKING

### Days 7-9: Steppe Into the Wild

For the latter half of your expedition, you'll be walking alongside one of South America's most elusive hunters, the Patagonian Puma.

These remarkable and powerful creatures hunt and travel all across the Patagonian Steppes. We work with expert puma trackers to find these magnificent creatures in their natural environment. More than any other phase, this part of the tour must adapt constantly to the geography and seasonal challenges of this wild and untamed region.

Our traditional tracking methods and local expertise mean that we can bring you close to these majestic creatures in their own habitat. We work with experienced puma tracking experts to find these magnificent creatures in their natural environment. New photo opportunities will arise constantly, as we'll move shortly after we've captured a moment with each animal.

At night you will return to the comfort of the ranch, which will provide everything you need to rest and relax.



# DAY-BY-DAY SCHEDULE

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## DAY 1

Arrival in the city of Punta Arenas, located on the shores of the Strait of Magellan and one of the main gateways to Antarctic expeditions. Our local guide will meet you at the airport and assist with your luggage and accommodation at your hotel.

## DAY 2

Early departure to sail the Strait of Magellan, past Fort Bulnes, the first Chilean settlement in Patagonia, and Cape Froward, the Southernmost point of the American continental landmass. Around 5:00pm, weather permitting, we'll arrive at our camp on Carlos III Island, where we will spend the next two nights.

## DAY 3

Exploring the channels near the island, focusing on the search, identification, observation and photography of humpback whales. We will reach Santa Inés Island and its glaciers by lunchtime, then continue exploring the channels, watching for whales, before returning to the camp in the afternoon.

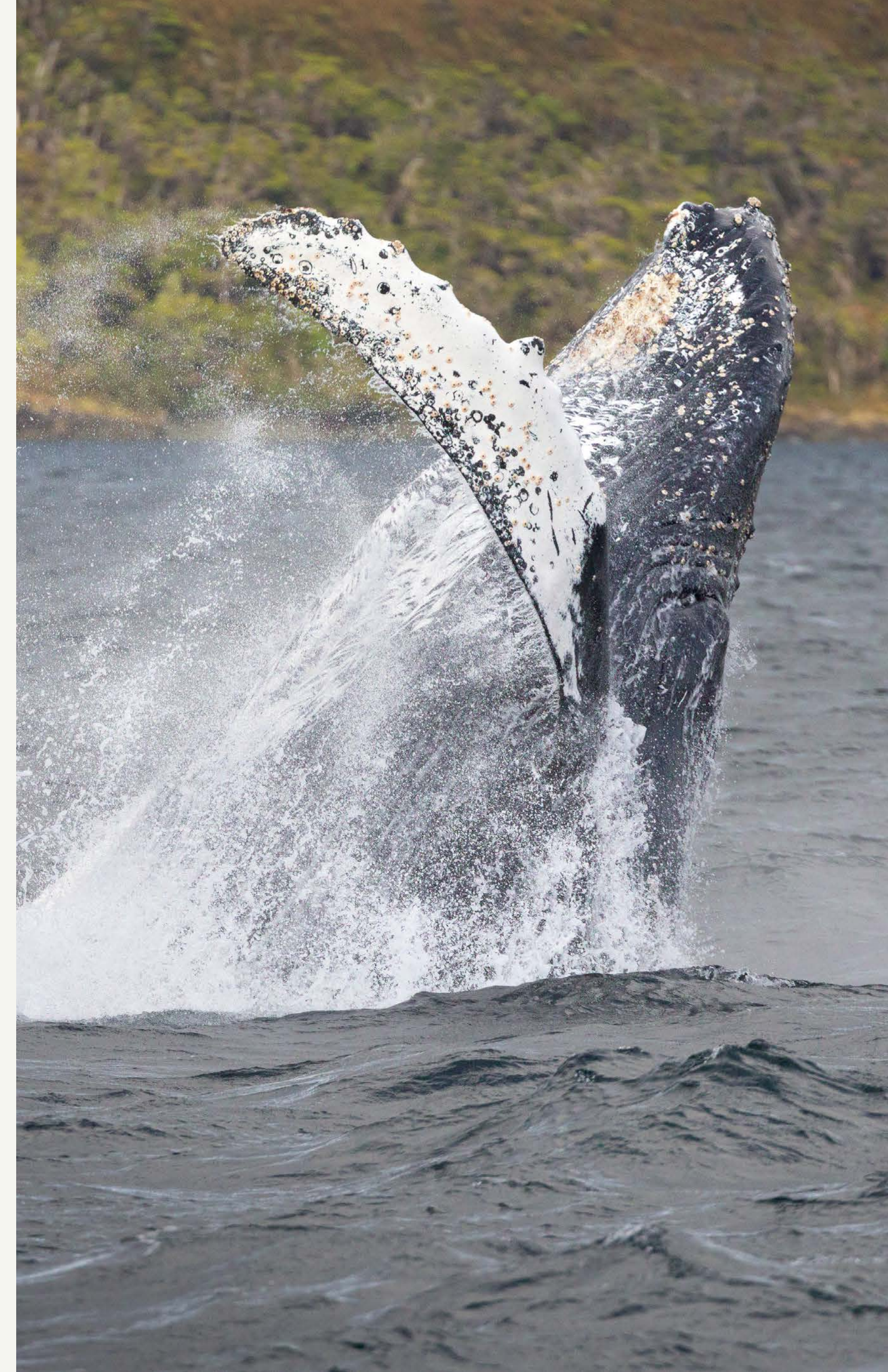
## DAY 4

Returning, leisurely, to Punta Arenas. We'll have time for one last search for whales and other species before heading towards Cape Froward and returning to the mainland, where our private transportation will be waiting to take us back to the hotel. Dinner will be at a city restaurant.

## DAY 5

The longest day of the expedition so far. We will head to the city dock at 7:30am to catch the ferry to Tierra del Fuego, crossing the Strait of Magellan at its widest point and arriving in the city of Porvenir on the western shore of the Strait. After a 1.5-hour drive to Bahía Inútil, we will reach the King Penguin colony, where we'll have roughly an hour to photograph and observe this wonderful waddle before heading towards our next stop. We will return via a different route, crossing back to the mainland at the Strait's narrowest point.

After disembarking, we'll continue our journey to Puerto Natales. After a 3.5-hour drive, we'll arrive at our hotel around 9:00pm.



## Day-by-day schedule

### DAY 6

Dedicated to exploring Torres del Paine National Park. We will cross the park West to East, discovering various landscape photo opportunities along the way. At the end of the day, we'll pass by Laguna Amarga and arrive in Cerro Castillo around 5:00pm to settle in at what will be our base camp for the next four days. Here, we'll meet our tracker and have a brief talk on sighting and safety protocols, as well as the puma.

### DAYS 7, 8, 9

Our 3-day puma expedition starts before dawn each day, following a hearty breakfast. Each day we'll spend 3-4 hours viewing pumas at sunrise and another 3-4 hours at sunset. The time between sightings varies depending on the time of the year, meaning that we could venture back into Torres del Paine or experience the landscape and local fauna before our second sighting at sundown at the Estancia.

### DAY 10

If you've opted for the default package laid out here, this will be your final day with us. We'll spend it packing up and getting you to your hotel and/or the airport. However, this package is fully customizable, meaning you could extend your stay for more days of puma tracking, experience the Andean Condor (*Vultur gryphus*) in their natural habitat, or venture even deeper into the awe-inspiring Patagonian landscape.



# ACCOMMODATION

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Your accommodation across this expedition will be as varied as the landscape it nestles in, but each locale has been carefully chosen as a base camp for your adventures.

For your stay on the shores of the **Magellan Strait**, you'll be staying at the Eco-Camp on Carlos III Island. This remote accommodation will put you close to all the best whale-spotting zones, while still being comfortable and relaxed. The entire camp is raised from the ground, conserving local vegetation and offering great views of the waters. You might even spot humpback whales from your balcony.

During your hunt to photograph pumas in the **Patagonian Steppes**, you'll find a home in one of a number of local estancias (ranches), enjoying a fusion of traditional architecture and modern amenities.

In between these two base camps there will be single-night stops - before departing for Carlos III Island, on your return from there, and in Puerto Natales after our drive north. For these days, you'll have the option of different hotels to stay in overnight. These options vary from the winter to the summer months, but we constantly work with our hospitality partners to ensure that, no matter the time of year, you always get a top quality stay.



# PACKAGES & PRICES

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Each of our packages include the price of accommodation, your meals, transportation, snacks and hot drinks throughout the expedition days, the park entrance fee, and guide services. Also included is the services of an experienced puma tracker, as well as a tour leader throughout the entire trip.

We take great care when creating the best possible experience for you and your group no matter the time of the year. Since all of our programs are fully customisable, prices will vary depending on the time of your visit.

[Visit our website](#) or [contact](#) our Expedition Assistants for a detailed cost breakdown.

## **WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED**

Please note that this package **do not** include:

- Domestic or International flights
- Travel insurance
- Entrance tax to Chile
- Any additional baggage charges
- Private additional excursions
- Tips and gratuities
- À la carte dishes
- Additional snacks and drinks
- Laundry
- Domestic or International telephone calls
- Transactional fees from US or EU banks.
- Any other personal expenses



# TERMS & CONDITIONS

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## PAYMENTS & DEPOSIT

We accept **PayPal**, and usually recommend this method as it offers a high level of protection. We also accept bank transfer from all major US and EU banks. For bank transfer, your bank may add an extra charge for an administration fee, usually 4%.

In order to secure your place, a **50% downpayment of the total cost of the package** will be requested. The **remaining 50% needs to be paid 90 days** before the travel date.

## PRICE

Our prices (detailed in the previous page) are **per person**. Please contact us for a full breakdown and to discuss payment methods.

## GROUP SIZE

Because our tour is tailored to be exclusive, customisable and bespoke, we have a minimum group size of 2 and a maximum group size of 6. This is so we can accommodate everyone in our terrain-ready vehicles and make sure there is time for everyone to see all they want to see. If your party is outside this size (solo traveler or more than 6) we're able to customize our expeditions accordingly.

Get in touch and we can put together a custom program.





## CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Our tours take a lot of preparation, including liaising with local hotels and suppliers. We have built our cancellation policy to protect ourselves and our trusted partners. Cancellations must be made in writing by the individual who signed the booking form, and will take effect on the day the cancellation notice is received.

Depending on the time of the cancellation, you will be entitled to a full or a partial refund:

- **Up to 121 days** before the tour date, a full refund (excluding any transaction fees) will be issued for the deposit.
- **Between 120 and 91 days** before the tour date, a full refund (minus a \$200 administration fee plus transaction fees) will be issued for the deposit.
- **Between 90 and 61 days** before the departure date, a 30% (of the total cost of the package cost) refund will be issued.
- **Within 60 days** of the departure date, no refund will be provided.

### PLEASE NOTE

This policy and fee schedule also applies to any pre-trip or post-trip extensions, as well as transfers to another tour. We highly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance to protect yourself and your experience.





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