

# MAGELLANIA

BESPOKE TRAVELS & EXPEDITIONS



## STEPPE INTO THE WILD

3-day Puma Tracking | Full-day Torres del Paine

*Discover your next great adventure.*

## STEPPE INTO THE WILD

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Leave the beaten track and explore Patagonia's wilderness with our bespoke 4-day Puma & Torres Del Paine Expedition.

Taking you through wild and stunning terrain in the hands of expert puma trackers, this tour will put you close to one of South America's most elusive hunters, before leading you to experience the truly breathtaking mountains and glacial valleys of **Torres Del Paine**.

At night you will return to the comfort of Patagonia's best hotels, each carefully selected to provide everything you need to rest and relax - ready to embark upon another day of adventure.

### GETTING HERE

You can easily arrive to Punta Arenas (PUQ), Puerto Natales (PNT) or El Calafate (FTE) from every major city in South America. Please note that these are suggested routes: our packages do not include travel fares.

Santiago

Buenos Aires

El Calafate

Puerto Natales

Punta Arenas

Ushuaia





Overview

## 3-DAY PUMA TRACKING

The Patagonia Puma (*Puma concolor*) is the second largest cat in the Americas. These remarkable and powerful creatures hunt and travel all across the Patagonian Steppes. Their vast hunting grounds and elusive nature make consistently finding them a challenge.

**We work with experienced puma tracking experts** to find these magnificent creatures in their natural environment. Our tour adapts 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.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

Our puma expedition follows a rough guideline. Each day is spent with a dedicated puma tracker who works with the expedition guide to locate pumas in a variety of behaviours and terrains. As you photograph a puma, the tracker will move on to find another puma, and new photo opportunities for you to experience.

### A day on our expedition usually looks like this:

- 3-4 hours of puma sightings twice a day (at dawn and at sunset, when the cats are the most active), depending on location, weather and time of year.
- **During Spring and Summer (October - March)** the longer days allow for various activities such as sightseeing, birdwatching, or heading back to our hotel before our second 3 to 4-hour period until sunset (around 11pm).
- **During Autumn and Winter (May - September)** we will stay within the estancia or venture into Torres del Paine before heading back for our second sighting of the day.

The time in between sightings is fully customisable to your interests, especially in the longer Spring and Summer days. We can search for other local species to complete your portfolio, or discover new experiences. If you have no specific preference, we will create an itinerary of local natural highlights.







## Overview

# FULL-DAY TORRES DEL PAINE

From the dazzling “Cleopatra’s Needles” which give the National Park its name, to the crashing thunder of the Salto Grande waterfall, the **Torres del Paine National Park** is a truly breathtaking vista of natural beauty.

By this point in the tour you’ll have travelled extensively through the North East area of the park, photographing and observing pumas. So, for the last day of this expedition we will take you through the rest of the park; past sweeping steppes, rugged mountains, and azure-blue lakes.

We drive around the central region of the National Park; it’s widely considered to have the most impressive and spectacular landscape. Here you’ll find viewpoints of landmarks like Lake Pehóé, Nordenskjold, and the Torres del Paine themselves - to name but a few.

However, we always enjoy tailoring this part of the tour to your interests - if you’re looking for a particular species of animal, or a certain viewpoint, we can accommodate all sorts of requests.

Mirador Cóndor, Torres del Paine.



Mirador Cóndor, Torres del Paine.

Cascada Paine, Torres del Paine.



# DAY-BY-DAY SCHEDULE

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## DAY 1

After arriving in **Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales** or **El Calafate** airports (or a nearby hotel), we will collect you and take you to the hotel; stopping along the way for photographs. Once we get to the hotel, we'll take you through the expedition in greater detail. We'll also go over any bespoke requests you've made, and make them happen.

## DAYS 2 - 4

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 into Torres del Paine or experience the landscape and local fauna before our second sighting at sundown.

## DAY 5

Day 4 is our full-day tour through the beauty of **Torres Del Paine National Park**, finishing off this unforgettable trip with photo opportunities of wilderness and wildlife.

## DAY 6

We will deliver you back to your airport. Time permitting, we can make some additional stops for more photographs - if you still have room on your memory card.



# ACCOMMODATION

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While your days will be spent out in the wild hunting grounds of the puma, your nights deserve comfort.

We know that a day of adventure is best followed by an evening of relaxation, and so we collaborate with several local high-end hotels to deliver you the best accommodation on your tour. Like our ever-adapting tour schedule, we have selected different hotels to complement each season - each chosen for their quality and location.

During **Spring, Summer and Fall months**, we partner with the following hotels:

Tierra Patagonia

Hotel Las Torres

El Ovejero Patagónico

From **Winter months**, we partner with the following hotels:

Explora Lodge

El Ovejero Patagónico



# 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\*, the prices below are meant as a reference only, and final prices will depend on the time of your visit. Both programs include a 5-night stay with any of our partner hotels.

## WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED

Please note that these packages **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

\* Want to add extra days for puma tracking, wander around Torres Del Paine a little longer, or even add another activity altogether? Contact us to build your perfect expedition.



# TERMS & CONDITIONS

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## PAYMENTS & DEPOSIT

We accept **WeTravel**, 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 vary depending on the season and the number of guests. Please inquiry about availability. Prices are always displayed **per person**, with accommodation in a double room. Upgrading to a single room is available for additional cost.

## 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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