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Patagonia Puma Tracking

Escorted Small Group Set Departures

Led by a Local Professional Naturalist Guide assisted by Trackers

10th-15th October 2020
20th-25th November 2020
10th-15th January 2021
19th-24th April 2021

Patagonia Puma Tracking – Group Tour

8 DAYS – LED BY A LOCAL PROFESSIONAL NATURALIST GUIDE

TOUR IN BRIEF

- Day 01: Fly from SANTIAGO to PUNTA ARENAS. Met and transfer to hotel. O/n HOTEL CABO DE HORNOS.
- Day 02: Transfer to TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK. O/n ECOCAMP PATAGONIA (Suite Dome). B, L, D.
- Day 03: Full day wildlife exploration. O/n ECOCAMP PATAGONIA. B, L, D.
- Day 04: Full day wildlife exploration. O/n ECOCAMP PATAGONIA. B, L, D.
- Day 05: Full day wildlife exploration. O/n ECOCAMP PATAGONIA. B, L, D.
- Day 06: Full day wildlife exploration. O/n ECOCAMP PATAGONIA. B, L, D.
- Day 07: Morning activity. After lunch transfer to PUNTA ARENAS and fly to SANTIAGO. Met and transfer to hotel. O/n ORLY HOTEL. B, L.
- Day 08: Transfer to SANTIAGO AIRPORT. B.

<i>Departure Dates from Santiago</i>	<i>Adult Price (twin/double)</i>
10th-15th October 2020	£5579
20th-25th November 2020	£5579
10th-15th January 2021	£5579
19th-24th April 2021	£5579

NB: Further 2021 dates are expected to be added – please enquire.

NB: The above price is based on 4 participants (max group size 5). The tour can be operated with a minimum of 2 participants sharing accommodation with payment of a £1,395 GBP per person supplement.

NB: Prices include full board accommodation at EcoCamp, economy flights within Chile, transfers, guided activities and ATOL protection.

Not included are international flights, drinks, gratuities, items of a personal nature, other meals, travel insurance.

NB: Single Supplement: £497 for a single room when in a group of four minimum.



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PATAGONIA PUMA TRACKING

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 01 Depart SANTIAGO AIRPORT and fly to PUNTA ARENAS in the far south of mainland Chile. Met on arrival and transfer to hotel.

O/n HOTEL CABO DE HORNOS. B. This hotel is located right on the main square in Punta Arenas. The ensuite rooms have satellite TV and safety deposit box, and there is a restaurant, bar, small business centre (ie four computers!), room service, laundry service and WiFi throughout. The hotel does not change money, but there is a Casa de Cambio two blocks away.



Day 02 Transfer (shared) about five hours to your accommodation in TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK. En route stop for lunch in Puerto Natales, a small, lively town on the shores of Last Hope Sound, and then explore Cueva de Milodon, a large prehistoric cave where the remains of a giant ground sloth were discovered in the 1890's. After dinner your guide will give a briefing on the upcoming days and the wildlife that will be seen.

O/n ECOCAMP PATAGONIA (suite dome). B, L, D. Ecocamp Patagonia is located in the heart of Torres del Paine National Park, with a unique view of the majestic granite towers. The region's first fully sustainable accommodation south of the Amazon and the first of its kind in the Patagonian wilderness, EcoCamp offers upscale camping in geodesic domes inspired by the region's ancient nomadic inhabitants.



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The 10 suite domes have comfortable double or twin beds, a modern low-emission wood stove and a private bathroom with a state of the art composting toilet. Guests can gaze at the stars through the ceiling windows while falling asleep each night, after enjoying a spectacular sunset from their private terrace. There are also 13 basic standard domes, with shared facilities.

Walkways lead from the domes to a central core dome area which houses the dining room, main lounge and bar, gift shop, and outside terrace. Energy is provided by solar power and a micro-hydro turbine. There is no mobile phone signal at EcoCamp, nor WiFi. A laundry service is available on request.



Days 03 - 06 Start off each day early, photographing the sunrise from distinct locations while enjoying hot coffee and breakfast on the go. The puma tracking team, already hard at work, will be in radio contact to advise of any sightings. The wildlife exploration begins close to EcoCamp, in the park's eastern sector from the trails and roads,



making the most of the beautiful morning light and animal activity and will also explore a private ranch adjacent to the park's eastern boundary Each day there will usually be around six hours of wildlife observation in the morning, studying and photographing the park's native flora and fauna, before heading back to EcoCamp for lunch and a siesta.

In the afternoons after the quieter peak sun hours head out again, this time to the park's western sector to enjoy the beautiful landscapes and flora and fauna to be found here. Visit landmark locations such as Grey Glacier and other striking natural monuments and listen for reports from the tracking team who will alert the group to any interesting fauna sightings in the area. After photographing the iconic Patagonian sunset over the Paine massif return to EcoCamp for dinner and a well-earned rest. O/n ECOCAMP PATAGONIA. B, L, D.



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Note: The exact itinerary is flexible and will depend on the weather, the reports from the puma tracking team, and the needs of the group.



Day 07 Enjoy a last morning activity, return to EcoCamp for lunch, then transfer by road to PUNTA ARENAS AIRPORT and fly back to SANTIAGO. Met on arrival and transfer to hotel.

O/n HOTEL ORLY (Queen Room). B, L. This comfortable 30-room hotel is located in the Providencia district of Santiago, close to a variety of cafés, restaurants and bars. The rooms have a safety deposit box, cable TV, minibar, central heating and air-conditioning. There is a small lounge area on the ground floor, and a lovely glass-domed breakfast room. Complimentary WiFi is available throughout the property, and there are also two computer workstations. A laundry service is available. The hotel provides breakfast only but there are numerous eating options literally on the doorstep!



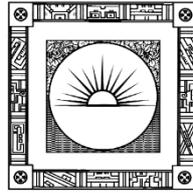
Day 08 Transfer to SANTIAGO AIRPORT. B.



EXTENSIONS

Pre- or post-tour tailor-made extensions can be arranged to visit the king penguin colony on Tierra del Fuego, Chile's Lake District, wine country, San Pedro de Atacama and/or Easter Island. A visit to Chile can also be combined with Argentina, crossing to Bariloche through the Lake District, to El Calafate and Los Glaciares National Park, or take a short scenic cruise from Punta Arenas to Ushuaia.

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IMPORTANT NOTES TO ACCOMPANY THE ABOVE ITINERARY

NB: Extensions can be taken to visit other areas of Chile such as the king penguins of Tierra del Fuego, the Lake District, Easter Island or San Pedro de Atacama.

NB: This tour can also be followed on a private basis, prices on request.

NB: All itineraries are subject to change without notice to take into account possible airline flight schedule changes which can take place before departure date or during the tour, and other operational factors.

NB: The quoted price for the above itinerary is based on current airline fares (both international and domestic), current exchange rates, fuel surcharges and flight taxes. These (and other tour costs) may be subject to unanticipated increases beyond our control at short notice, either before or after you have booked the tour, in which case the price would need to be revised accordingly.

NB: This tour involves some travel in remote areas. This adds to the adventure and increases the opportunity to enjoy a true wildlife experience. However, due to terrain, weather, road conditions, and other factors beyond our control, some elements of the tour may have to be altered. Times of some activities may need to be changed or even cancelled due to the conditions. If an activity is cancelled it will usually be replaced with an alternative activity that is more appropriate for the conditions. Advance notice will be given for any changes where possible, although at times changes may need to be made whilst the tour is in progress.

NB: Prices are based on a specific airline and specific economy seating classes. Flights are booked on an ad hoc basis and so early booking is recommended to take advantage of the cheapest fare availability. Prices may rise if a more expensive seat class needs to be booked. Please call for information on price variations for using alternative airlines or for seat upgrades.

NB: Adequate insurance cover is mandatory. Please supply us with details of your cover.

NB: A visa is not required for British passport holders entering Chile for up to 90 days. Your passport should be valid for the duration of your stay.

NB: Before and after booking, clients must familiarise themselves with current UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) travel advisories so as to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the destination(s) to be visited in this itinerary. All decisions relating to the tour will be based on UK FCO advisories, and not those of any other countries' governments. In the event of any emergency or other problem encountered in the destination, it is advisable if appropriate to contact the local UK Embassy, High Commission or Consulate for assistance. The FCO in London also has dedicated telephone call centres: Crisis Management Dept - 0207 008 5335 (during UK office hours), and Global Response Centre - 0207 008 1500 (out of UK office hours).

NB: Some service providers may require that guests sign an indemnity waiver form and may refuse services if these forms are not signed. Reef and Rainforest Tours cannot give refunds for services not provided due to a refusal to sign such forms.

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COUNTRY MAP

