

2021 IMG Patagonia Trek Itinerary

| Day | Dates | Details |
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| | Sun, Dec 26, 2021 | Depart Home |
| Day 01 | Mon, Dec 27, 2021 | Puerto Natales: Our guide will meet you at Puerto Natales. Transfer to your hotel, accommodation at Kau Lodge or Natalino hotel. Welcome dinner and meeting to discuss trip program. (D) |
| Day 02 | Tues, Dec 28, 2021 | Torres del Paine: Transfer by van to Torres del Paine National Park. This is a two-hour journey crossing the pampa Patagonica. Arrival at Torres del Paine. We will begin trekking to the Ascencio Valley where from above you see the river (of the same name) running wildly past refugio Chileno. After a quick stop here we will continue through a forest of the native Lenga (Beech) trees until reaching the glacial moraine. From here it's a 1-hour trek to the top where the towers appear from nowhere! This trek is spectacular where you get to view the 3 pink granite towers with its glacial lake below that made the park famous. (8hours round trip, 19 KM). Night at Laguna Azul. (B/L/D) |
| Day 03 | Weds, Dec 29, 2021 | Los Cuernos: Today we will trek along Lake Nordenskjold (named after the Swedish geologist whose studies formed an important contribution to world glacial geology) and below the hanging glaciers of Mount Almirante Nieto, where we will reach the base of Los Cuernos (5 hours, 11 km). Lodging and dinner at refugio Los Cuernos or French domes. (B/L/D) |
| Day 04 | Thurs, Dec 30, 2021 | French Valley: Trek to the French Valley. This valley, the most beautiful in the park and one of the most unique in the world. It is surrounded by hanging glaciers (where you can see & hear the ice calving off at various intervals) and an amphitheater of granite walls and spires. There are amazing views throughout this trek and the further you trek into the valley the better they become! For this day we have two hiking options: A consists in getting to further end of the trail, to the British Camp, this is all the way to the end of this natural congregation of mountains. If we reach this point, we will have completed 24km and 7-8 hours hiking. B consists of reaching to the French Valley Main Lookout, from this point you can appreciate the whole natural amphitheater created by glaciers millions of years ago, it is breathtaking. If you take Plan B, you will have hiked for 5-6 hours and completed 16km. The options will depend on fitness level, timing, and weather conditions. Dinner and night at Paine Grande Lodge. (B/L/D) |

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| Day 05 | Fri, Dec 31, 2021 | <p>Grey Glacier, Kayaking: Trek along enchanting Lake Grey (3-4 hours, 11 KM) with magnificent views of Glacier Grey and floating icebergs. Visit to the glacier lookout point and to the lakeshore for up close views of vibrant-blue icebergs (Paine is a Tehuelche Indian word for "blue"). Kayaking: Short walk to Bigfoot Patagonia basecamp, located on the northeast coast of Lake Grey. Here our guides introduce us to the equipment needed for the tour and we will have a safety briefing. After this, we will carry the kayaks approximately 20 meters to the lakes' edge. Now the tour really begins! We will be paddling around icebergs that are floating in the lake and afterwards we paddle towards the eastern side of the Grey Glacier to wonder at the spectacular scenery in this special place. If conditions permit, we can paddle closer to the glacier to get a really good view. After this, we will paddle back to the start point. Dinner at Grey lodge, accommodation in lodge or camping. (B/L/D)</p> |
| Day 06 | Sat, Jan 1, 2022 | <p>Grey Glacier, Ice Hiking: Ice Hiking: Early in the morning we navigate in a zodiac boat for 15 minutes until we reach the west side of the Grey Glacier. On arrival, we will disembark on the island at the glacier (nunatak) and we will walk on it for about an hour until we reach the ice. Before walking onto the glacier, the guide will talk to us about the safety aspects, and they will explain the techniques of displacement in the ice and the correct use of the equipment. Once the safety briefing is complete, we will begin our exploration of the Grey Glacier which will last approximately 3 hours crossing the glacier from West to East. During this time, we will be able to observe cracks, rivers, lagoons, and tunnels with their different tones of blue. Our adventure continues with another 3 hours hiking from Los Guardas to Grey lodge. In the afternoon navigate in Grey III catamaran. Two hours navigation in this magic lake surrounded by ice bergs where the boat does a circuit right up to the front of the glacier whilst you stand on deck sipping your pisco sour served with glacial ice! Transfer from Grey lake to Kau Rio Serrano lodge. Farewell dinner and night at. (B/L/D)</p> |
| Day 07 | Sun, Jan 2, 2022 | <p>Puerto Natales: Breakfast and transfer to Puerto Natales airport. End of our services. (B)</p> |