



Explorations Torres del Paine

Our treks and horseback rides include mountains, turquoise lakes, glaciers, lenga tree forests, viewpoints, prairies and rivers, in addition to the most iconic spans of the trekking circuit known as "W".

Our explorations provide travelers with an in depth experience of this austral territory, for which we have outlined six different exploration zones, each with its own set of unique geographic, cultural and biosphere characteristics.

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Encuentro

The intersection, the estuary, the frontier. Sometimes the collision of two worlds is a world in itself.

HIKES

Mirador Pehoé

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 3,9 km / 2,4 mi

We will leave the lodge by foot along the shore of Lake Pehoé, observing the lenga and ñirre trees that make up the local flora. We walk up to a viewpoint, from where we will be able to see the expanse of the lake and the Paine range. This walk is a great introduction to the park, as it will allow us to understand where we are and the place around us.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Mirador Cóndor

Duration: 2:30 hrs
Distance: 3,6 km / 2,2 mi

We leave the hotel, walking along the shore of Pehoé Lake. In the distance, we see a hill on the summit of which is the Condor lookout, our destination. On the way, we pass through lenga and ñirre forests. When we get to the top, we have a 360° view of the park. We descend down a rocky slope to the van.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Alto del Toro

Duration: 5 hrs
Distance: 12,6 km / 7,8 mi

We travel by van to a steep path facing the Paine River. We begin our trek towards the mountain range passing through an old forest. We continue ascending to an overlook with unparalleled views of the Paine massif and the lakes that surround it. Then, we begin the descent towards the van.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Nordenskjöld

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 6,3 km / 3,9 mi

We travel by van to Salto Grande and begin our trek with views of the Paine Grande and its hanging glaciers. Then, we reach the turquoise waters of Lake Nordenskjöld, at the foot of the massif where the sound of breaking ice can occasionally be heard. We return to the lodge by van.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Juncales

Duration: 6 hrs
Distance: 10 km / 6,2 mi

We travel by van to an area rich in wildlife and birds. We begin the walk bordering a lagoon with reed islets, where a natural habitat for different types of birds has been formed. We will continue walking with views of the Toro Lake and the hills of Castillo and Tenerife. We recommend this exploration to travelers interested in bird watching.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Mirador Sierra del Toro

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 4,8 km / 3 mi

We travel by van to the mouth of the Paine River, where we begin a steep and rocky ascent of the sierra, a place off the beaten track. The vegetation is low, allowing incredible views of Toro Lake, Paine River, the Pampa Serrano and the mountains of the area. We return by van.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Mirador Toro

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 2,1 km / 1,3 mi

We travel by van to the Weber bridge, from which we walk to Toro Lake. On the way we can observe evidence of the ice that once covered the park. We ascend to an overlook with panoramic views. On the descent we pass by a lagoon. We return by van.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Origenes

Duration: 6 hrs
Distance: 13,8 km / 8,6 mi

The hike starts at the lodge through a well-marked upward track, surrounded by low shrubs and ample views. Orchids follow along during the summertime. We get to see some hidden lagoons in the Torres del Paine National Park, condor nesting sites, and some forests. We get a front view of the Paine massif, until we get to the Sarmiento Chico Lake to examine rock formations of a protracted geological history. We return to the lodge by van.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Cornisas

Duration: 2:45 hrs
Distance: 6 km / 3,7 mi

We walk towards the Paine River until we reach the cliffs that give name to this exploration. As we gain altitude, we have panoramic views from different perspectives. We see the Paine River, Pehoé Lake and at the top, we can contemplate the Paine mountain range and the surrounding valleys.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Cuernos

Duration: 7 hrs
Distance: 18,8 km / 11,7 mi

We leave by van for the Cerro Paine estate, where we begin our walk along Lake Nordenskjöld until reaching the trail up the Bader Valley. We'll have amazing views of the Horns, the lakes Sarmiento and Nordensjöld and the Almirante Nieto glacier.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

OVERLAND

Aves australes

Duration: 6 hrs
Distance: 7,8 km / 4,8 mi

Ideal for lovers of flora and fauna, this exploration takes place outside the park, in the surroundings of a lagoon inhabited by different bird species. We hike while contemplating the varied vegetation and the behavior and sound of the birds. Between September and April, sightings increase due to the favorable conditions offered by spring and summer.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

SELF GUIDED

Salto chico

Duration: 1 hrs
Distance: 1,1 km / 0,7 mi

This walk of the catwalks of the hotel is an invitation to contemplate the landscapes that surround us. We suggest walking towards the pier with views of the Paine massif, continuing towards the arrival road to the hotel and then connecting with the footbridges towards the Paine River, where the spa is. Continue towards the viewpoint of the Salto Chico waterfall and from there to the entrance.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Rivera Paine

Duration: 1:15 hrs
Distance: 1,6 km / 1 mi

Exit through the main door and walk to the spa by the walkway. Continue on a dirt road to a path by which you will ascend a couple of minutes and turn right following stakes with orange marks between small hills. Descend to the Paine River and continue along the riverbank to the spa. Return by the catwalk.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Lago Pehoé

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 3,9 km / 2,4 mi

This walk amongst orchids and ñirres offers incredible views of Pehoé Lake, the Paine mountain range and the Paine River in the distance. Exit the main road following the shore of Pehoé Lake and ascend to the triangular rock marked on the map.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

HORSEBACK RIDE

Laguna Negra

Duration: 1:30 hrs
Distance: 4 km / 2,5 mi

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Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Buena vista

Duration: 1:30 hrs
Distance: 4,6 km / 2,9 mi

We leave from the stables towards a plain with abundant flora and fauna. Then we ascend a hill, gaining altitude until we reach the Buena Vista viewpoint, from where we see the mouth of the Paine River and the massif in the background. We return to the stables by a steep path.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Laguna Linda

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 6,1 km / 3,8 mi

We leave from the stables and ride through an area of small hills, gaining altitude to reach the Linda Lagoon with views of the Paine massif. During this ride, we make different ascents and descents, during which we can Nothofagus forests and birds such as Fochas and Queltehues.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Donosito

Duration: 2:30 hrs
Distance: 15,3 km / 9,5 mi

We depart from the stables riding through the Serrano pampas, cross the Grey bridge and ride along the river bank. From there, we ascend a hill with dense vegetation. We pass through wetlands until we reach the Donosito viewpoint with views of the Serrano and Grey rivers, the plain and the Paine massif.

* For experienced and advanced riders only.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Donoso

Duration: 5 hrs
Distance: 25 km / 15,5 mi

We depart from the stables riding through the Pampa Serrano. We cross the Grey River and climb a hill crossing streams, lagoons, plains and wetlands to the Donosito overlook with views of rivers, the Pampas and the Paine massif. We ascend up a narrow and pronounced path between trees to the Choros Lagoon. After lunch in the forest, we return to the stables.

* For experienced and advanced riders only.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Témpanos

Duration: 6 hrs
Distance: 31,6 km / 19,6 mi

We depart from the stables, galloping through plains and rocky terrain until we reach the banks of the Grey River. We continue towards a hill, up a steep slope to the Témpanos viewpoint, from where we can see Grey Lake, its ice fields and the glacier in the distance.

* For experienced and advanced riders only.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Bosque

Forests disavow man made borders. Instead, drawing their own horizons – crossing mountains, skipping lakes and covering entire territories with patient vertical contemplation.

HIKES

Laguna Azul

Duration: 45 min
Distance: 1,1 km / 0,7 mi

Our walk begins at the park ranger's house, from which we will walk along the lagoon shore. We will see a wetland with diverse birds and the Torres del Paine along the way. We reach a viewpoint at the end and then return to the lodge by van.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Lago Grey

Duration: 2:30 hrs
Distance: 5,3 km / 3,3 mi

We leave by van for the Lake Grey sector. From there we begin our walk by crossing the Pingo River through a forest until reaching the lakeshore. We'll walk along the beach with views of the Grey glacier and the ice floes that break off of it.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Mirador Masle

Duration: 1 hrs
Distance: 3,5 km / 2,2 mi

We start by hiking around the Laguna Azul where guanacos and different species of birds commonly meander. Then we ascend by a path through which we arrive at an overlook with views of the Paine massif. Descending, a van waits for us to return to the lodge.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

La Loma

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 3,7 km / 2,3 mi

From a steppe area, we walk to a small hill overlooking the Torres del Paine. Then we cross native forests, observing the rich wild life of the park. At the end of our excursion, we make a descent through open terrain, allowing us to feel the Patagonian wind. We return to lodge by van.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Pingo Chorrillo

Duration: 3:30 hrs
Distance: 9 km / 5,6 mi

We travel by van to Grey Lake. From there, we walk along a path along the Pingo River through a forest of native trees. During this exploration, we can enjoy different views of the Paine massif and bird watching. The return is by the same path.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Valle río Pingo

Duración: 8 hrs
Distancia: 21,6 km / 13,4 mi

We travel by van to the Grey Lake refuge where we start walking along the Pingo River. We cross the river to reach forests through which the Paine Grande can be seen. We return on the same road to the refuge to get on the van and return to Explora.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ●

Ferrier

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 5,8 km / 3,6 mi

We travel by van to the Grey Lake where we begin a demanding ascent during which we get views of the Lake and the huge ice mass of the South Ice Fields. We cross a forest and continue to the top with panoramic views of the Grey and Pehoé lakes. We descend and return by van.

Half day | Expert ● ● ● ●

Glaciar

Glaciers are monuments of time. Patient titans of nature whose fragile presence is in great measure responsible for the geographic spectacle of Patagonia.

HIKES

Mirador Grey

Duration: 5:30 hrs
Distance: 12 km / 7,5 mi

We cross the Pehoé lake in the Explora catamaran towards the northwest bank. From there we will ascend to observe the Grey Glacier and the extraordinary extension of the Southern Ice Fields. Then, we will return along the trail with views of icebergs. We return by catamaran to Explora.

Full day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Plateau

Duration: 7 hrs
Distance: 21 km / 13 mi

We travel on our catamaran to the Francés Valley where we start our trek to the plateau. We arrive at the Italian Camp and then to an overlook from where we have privileged views of the towers and the Francés Glacier. This hike follows a rocky path through the moraine of the glacier.

Full day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Glaciar Grey

Duration: 5:30 hrs
Distance: 12,4 km / 7,7 mi

We cross the Pehoé Lake by catamaran to the Paine Grande refuge to cross one of the stretches of the W. Around the midpoint of the hike, we can see the Grey Glacier and the Southern Ice Fields. We continue walking to the beach of Grey Lake where we board a boat that brings us to the glacier and then leaves us on the other side of the lake. We walk along the beach and through a forest to the van.

*Browsing is subject to the availability of Explora's external operator.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Campamento Británico

Duration: 8 hrs
Distance: 29,6 km / 18,4 mi

This exploration takes us along one section of the W. circuit. We cross Lake Pehoé by catamaran to the Paine Grande shelter, where we will begin our hike to Valle del Francés. We cross lenga forests to the Mirador Británico, a place with 360° views of the natural amphitheater formed by the Horns and imposing rock formations such as the Shark's Fin and the Fortress.

Full day | Expert ● ● ● ●

Valle el francés

Duration: 6 hrs
Distance: 18,4 km / 11,4 mi

We cross the Pehoé Lake by catamaran to the Paine Grande refuge where we start the trek. We enter the Francés Valley through a forest, cross the suspension bridge over the Francés River and continue to the Italian Camp. From there, we see the glacier and the granite peaks that frame the area. We return by the same trail.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Guardas

Duration: 6 hrs
Distance: 18,5 km / 11,5 mi

We cross Pehoé Lake on a catamaran to the Paine Grande refuge where we begin our trek to the Grey refuge. From there, we walk towards the viewpoint at Guardas camp with panoramic views of the glacier. We return to the refuge. There we board a boat that will take us to the glacier and then leave us on the other side of Grey Lake. We walk back to the van.

*Browsing is subject to the availability of Explora's external operator.

Full day | Expert ● ● ● ●

Conservation Reserve

In this area we can travel to the deepest part of history, coming across some of the most important paleontological discoveries in Chile and Latin America.

HIKE

Laguna Jara

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 5,6 km / 3,5 mi

We will walk through the Laguna Jara sector and see different landscapes, such as La Vega (wetland), steppes, forests, mountains and valleys. As we tour this territory, we will be able to observe different flora and fauna like coirón, matabarroza, ñirres, guanacos, pumas, chingues and flamingos, among others.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Bosque de la Reserva

Duration: 2:30 hrs
Distance: 4,2 km / 2,6 mi

We will walk through a lenga forest and observe different types of vegetation and panoramic views. The sound of woodpeckers will accompany us along the way.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ● ○

Mirador del Obelisco

Duration: 5 hrs
Distance: 7,3 km / 4,5 mi

We will walk through the Cerro Obelisco sector, crossing lenga forests before reaching a viewpoint where mountain ranges and valleys can be observed, in addition to the old 2 de Enero estate in what is currently the Torres del Paine Conservation Reserve.

Full day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

HORSEBACK RIDE

La Vega

Duration: 1:45 hrs
Distance: 6,4 km / 4 mi

We leave the stables on horseback and ride toward Laguna Jara, where we will have a view of steppes, La Vega (wetland), ñirre forests and regenerative grazing areas.

Half day | Easy ● ● ● ●

Mercado*

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 5,5 km / 3,4 mi

We leave the stables on horseback and ride across the steppe of the Torres del Paine Conservation Reserve, passing Laguna Jara before reaching the El Mercado outpost, an old shelter on the estate used by gauchos to protect the place and the cattle.

* Not recommended for travelers with fear of heights.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Santa Gemita*

Duration: 1:45 hrs
Distance: 6,1 km / 3,8 mi

We leave the stables on horseback to visit different sectors of the Torres del Paine Conservation Reserve. We will pass the Santa Gemita outpost, a cultural vestige of the Patagonian estates.

* Not recommended for travelers with fear of heights.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

2 de enero*

Duration: 2:30 hrs
Distance: 13,8 km / 8,6 mi

We leave the stables on horseback and ride toward the forest sector of the Torres del Paine Conservation Reserve. Different Patagonian landscapes can be seen, such as the steppe, forests, La Vega (wetland) and the Zamora Valley, in addition to diverse wildlife like guanacos, pumas, condors, caranchos and bandurrias.

Half day | Expert ● ● ● ●

*For experienced and advanced riders only.

Montañas

Mountains define local identity: a natural wall which only condors disregard, a presence which points to the stars above as the only vanishing point in the Patagonian landscape.

HIGH MOUNTAIN

Base Torres

Duration: 7 hrs
Distance: 23,6 km / 14,7 mi

This exploration goes through one of the most iconic sectors of the W. We travel by van to the Cerro Paine ranch where we begin our ascent to the base of the Torres del Paine. At the top, we can appreciate the magnitude of the granite towers and the lagoon at our feet. We return by the same road.

Full day | Expert



Cerro Castillo

Duration: 9 hrs
Distance: 15,8 km / 9,8 mi

We travel by van to El Bote Bay, a sector located outside the park. We start our walk in a cattle area and go up the slope of Castillo Hill until we reach the summit. From there, we have a 360 ° view of the park and its surroundings. We see hills, glaciers, pampas, lakes and mountains. We descend through a forested area to the van.

Full day | Expert



Cerro Tenerife

Duration: 9 hrs
Distance: 13,8 km / 8,6 mi

We travel by van to the base of the Tenerife Hill. We begin our ascent through a forest of ñirres, lengas and coigües, continue among humid scrub vegetation and finally through a high desert area. This is a remarkable exploration for the panoramic views it offers: to the Southern Ice Fields and the Chacabuco mountain range, among others.

*Technical equipment and mountain experience required. Subject to weather conditions.

Full day | Expert



Estepa

Only the Patagonian steppe is able to endure the relentless blow of the southern winds.

HIKES

Ribera Serrano

Duration: 1 hrs
Distance: 3 km / 1,9 mi

We travel by van to the Serrano entrance, where we start our walk. We hike through the Pampa of the same name, guided by the channel and some birds of the Serrano River. We will appreciate the contrast of the green meadows and the granite of the Paine massif. We return to the hotel by van.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Laguna Larga

Duration: 1:30 hrs
Distance: 4,8 km / 3 mi

We skirt the Larga Lagoon, walking among stromatolite rock formations, whose singular appearance contrasts with the colors of the lagoon and the overall landscape. We continue walking with views of the Paine Horns to a viewpoint overlooking Nordenskjöld Lake. We return to the hotel by van.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Sarmiento

Duration: 2:30 hrs
Distance: 4 km / 2,5 mi

We will walk along a trail with low vegetation and views of the Paine Horns and Almirante Nieto. We then go down to the beach on the shores of Lake Sarmiento, where we will have the chance to walk among incredible calcium carbonate rock formations.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

Aonikenk

Duration: 3 hrs
Distance: 7,6 km / 4,7 mi

We travel by van to the eastern sector of the park, where we hike, exploring the wildlife. During the walk, we visit a cave with paintings that are over 4,000 years old. We can observe the geese, ducks and swans in the lagoons that are on the way. The terrain has various ascents and descents without steep slopes. Return by van.

Note: Children under 15 years of age must be accompanied by their legal guardians at all times. If they are between 15 and 17 years old, they must have signed authorization from their legal guardians.

Half day | Moderate ● ● ○ ○

OVERLAND

Pampa

Duration: 4 hrs

We will visit the south-west area of the park, making various stops and short walks that will allow us to discover important landmarks in the history of Patagonia and the national park. We will cross various ecosystems associated with higher humidity, such as the banks of the Serrano River or the Lenga and Ñirre forests. We will have the opportunity to see various types of waterfowl, while we make stops to observe the lake and Gray Glacier, share a tea and enjoy one of the best views of the Paine massif.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Estepa Patagónica

Duration: 3 hrs

We travel through the eastern sector of the park combining stretches in van with short walks. This sector is mainly characterized by the presence of animals such as guanacos, pumas and diversity of birds, as well as its extensive pampas, typical of the Patagonian steppe. First we visit the Nordenskjöld Lake viewpoint and the Paine Grande waterfall, then we travel by van to the Los Cisnes Lagoon and finally to the Amarga Lagoon.

*Available only select months of the year according to the activity of the estancieros. Coordinated at the destination.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

HORSEBACK RIDE

Puntilla del Toro

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 5,6 km / 3,5 mi

We leave the stables on horseback, riding across the Serrano pampa and passing lagoons with the Paine massif behind us. We will ride along the banks of the Serrano River and Lake Toro, which we will cross at different points. We will return via the pampa with views of the Paine massif.

Half day | Easy ● ○ ○ ○

Puente Grey

Duration: 2:15 hrs
Distance: 9,7 km / 6 mi

We start riding from the Explora stables towards the Grey River on mostly flat and open terrains. We arrive at the river bank and continue riding along its channel. Finally, we return to the stables along the same road.

*For experienced and advanced riders only. This exploration is only available for advanced riders who have mastered rising trot and canter over uneven terrain in open spaces and on all types of horses. Advanced riders are physically fit and able to canter for long stretches without getting tired.

Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○

Serrano

Duration: 2 hrs
Distance: 12,9 km / 8 mi

We depart from the stables riding on a plain along the Serrano River. Then, we cross some paths to a viewpoint from where we see a village on the outskirts of the park and the immensity of the plain that surrounds us. On the way back, we cross a small forest.

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Half day | Advanced ● ● ● ○