

Fantástico Sur – Refugios de Montaña

W Circuit program – short version

2011-2012

Highlights: Trekking Base Torres, Trekking French Valley.

ITINERARY 5 days, 4 nights

Day 1: Transport to Torres del Paine National Park (Regular Bus).

Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine (Laguna Amarga Main Entrance):

* Departure: 14:30 PM / Arrival: 16:30 PM

At the moment you arrive to the Laguna Amarga entrance you will have to acquire your entrance ticket and take the shuttles that will be waiting for you to take you to Las Torres sector where our Refugio is located.

Accommodation: Refugio Torre Central.

Day 2: Trekking to “BASE TORRES” (6 - 8 hours).

Recommended hour to start: 9.00 AM. The first hour and a half is up with fantastic views of lake Nordenskjöld and Almirante Nieto Mn (2.670 m.s.n.m), with its hanging glacier until you reach Refugio El Chileno to recover energies and leave your luggage. Then the trail continues through a millenary Lenga forest (1 hour) until the base of “the moraine” which challenging ascent (45 min), will take you to one of the most impressive places in the park: the lookout of the “Base of Torres del Paine” where you will enjoy the view of Torre Sur (2,850 m.s.n.m.), Torre Central (2.800 m.s.n.m), Torre Norte (2.600 m.s.n.m) and Cerro Nido de Cóndor.

Accommodation: Refugio El Chileno.

Difficulty Level: High

Day 3: Trekking from El Chileno to Los Cuernos Refugio (4 – 5 hours).

Recommended hour to start: 9.00 AM. About 30 minutes after leaving Refugio El Chileno you will notice the sign to take the “shortcut” that leads to Refugio Los Cuernos. The trail goes through the Base of Almirante Nieto Mn. – part of the Paine Massif-, with great views to Nordenskjöld lake; from December the flora presents different colours specially the “Ciruelillo or Fire Bush” which take its name from the red colour of its flowers. After about 4 – 5 hours you will get to the Base of Los Cuernos where our Refugio is located, considered by many, one of the most charming sites in the whole park, a perfect spot to rest and recover energies for the next day challenging trek: “The French Valley”.

Accommodation: Refugio Los Cuernos.

Difficulty Level: Medium.

Day 4: Trekking to French Valley (10 - 12 hours).

Recommended hour to start: 9.00 AM. The first 2 hours are with some up and downs and views to Nordenskjöld Lake, until “Campamento Italiano”. The ascent goes for about 1 hour and a half until Paine Grande lookout, where you’ll be able to observe its hanging glacier and opportunities to observe small avalanches. After that the trail continues until “Campamento Británico” and after about 20 minutes you will reach the lookout point considered by many as one of the most overwhelming spots in the Circuit: “Mirador Valle del Francés”, where you will admire: “Paine Grande”, “Cerro Hoja”, “Cerro Máscara”, “Cerro Catedral”, “Cerro Aleta de Tiburón”, “Cuerno Norte”, etc.

The return is the same way back to el “Campamento Italiano”, and then to Los Cuernos sector.

Accommodation: Refugio Los Cuernos.

Difficulty Level: High

Day 5: Trekking to Las Torres sector (4 – 5 hours).

Free morning, early lunch at Los Cuernos Refugio (12.00). Recommended hour to start: 13.00. Trekking to Las Torres sector, where you will take the shuttle from Las Torres (meeting point: Map outside Refugio Torre Central at 19.00 PM) to Laguna Amarga and then the Regular Bus from this place back to Puerto Natales (arrival to P. Natales: 21.00 Hrs app).

* Is important you consider Bus Schedule, so you arrive on time to return to Puerto Natales.

PROGRAMS

OPTION 1	OPTION 2
Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Nights of accommodation in Refugios (Mountain Lodges) with sleeping bag or made up bed (depending on availability). ** Made Up Bed: sheets+pillow+cover bed. • Transportation in Regular Buses from Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine – Puerto Natales. • Shuttle from Laguna Amarga main entrance to Las Torres sector – ROUNDTRIP. 	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Nights of accommodation in Refugios (Mountain Lodges) with sleeping bag or made up bed (depending on availability). ** Made Up Bed: sheets+pillow+cover bed. • Transportation in Regular Buses from Puerto Natales – Torres del Paine – Puerto Natales. • Shuttle from Laguna Amarga main entrance to Las Torres sector – ROUNDTRIP. • All meals at the Refugios (breakfast, lunch box, dinner). Day 1 just dinner, day 5 just breakfast and lunch box or lunch.
Not Included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals. • Services not indicated in Program. • Entrance ticket to Torres del Paine National Park. • Medical insurance of any kind. 	Not Included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services not indicated in program. • Entrance ticket to Torres del Paine National Park. • Medical Insurance of any kind.

PRICES US \$:

N° per.	1	2	3	4
PROGRAM without GUIDE				
Option 1 without meals	US \$ 315			
• Up grade Cabins Los Cuernos	US \$ 27 base dbl US \$ 54 base sgl			
Option 2 FULL BOARD	US \$ 570			
• Up grade Cabañas Los Cuernos	US \$ 27 base dbl US \$ 54 base sgl			
PROGRAMA WITH GUIDE				
Option 2 FULL BOARD	US \$ 1.300	US \$ 1.060	US \$ 895	US \$ 815
• Up grade Cabañas Los Cuernos	US \$ 27 base dbl US \$ 54 base sgl			

- Prices per person.
- Prices in US \$ are exclusive for foreign guests, without residency in Chile and paying in foreign currency.
- Full Board: Breakfast, lunch box, dinner –beverages not included).

USEFUL INFO:

- Regular Buses from Punta Arenas to Puerto Natales (around \$ 8.000 roundtrip):
Buses Fernandez www.busesfernandez.com
Buses Pacheco www.busespacheco.com
- MAP: We recommend you to travel with a Torres del Paine National Park, you may acquire one at Fantástico Sur's Natales commercial office.
- There are plenty B & B and hostels in Puerto Natales, the average rates goes from US \$ 20 – US \$ 40 per person.
- Streams in the park have one of the most pure and clear water, so you may drink it, but please consider just the ones located in heights and far away from buildings.
- If you want to book an extra service or more information for this program you may contact our booking executives.
- Please consider that we manage the following places: Refugios: Torre Central, Torre Norte, El Chileno, Los Cuernos, Cabañas Los Cuernos and Campings: Torres, El Chileno, Cuernos and Serón.

WHAT TO BRING

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waterproof jacket and trousers (GORE TEX). - Warm clothes (Polar Tec). - Comfortable trousers for trekking. - T – shirts. - Long Sleeved Shirts. - Trekking boots. - Sandals (for showering, resting and crossing streams). - Flash lamp. - Sunglasses. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warm Hat. - Hat for sun protection. - Gloves. - Sunscreen. - Camera. - Binoculars. - Bottle for water (Nalgene). - Ziploc bags (for taking your trash back). - Trekking Sticks. |
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