

CHILE - PONANT: IN THE HEART OF CHILEAN FJORDS



INTRODUCTION

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Discover some of South America's most stunning landscapes as you cruise for 11 days amongst the Chilean fjords with narrow winding channels that weave past snow-capped Andean peaks, volcanoes and majestic glaciers. Setting sail from the colonial city of Valparaiso, discover the picturesque fishing village of Tortel, Jorge Montt Glacier in the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and Glacier El Brujo. Sail into the coastal inlet of Ainsworth Bay before cruising the narrow Garibaldi Fjord to the towering Garibaldi Glacier that is part of Glacier Alley. Continue past the peaks of the Cordillera Darwin, before rounding Cape Horn and taking in the dramatic landscapes of the Beagle Channel en route to Puerto Williams and the picturesque city of Ushuaia.

Please note the 18 November 2020 voyage departs from Talcahuano, Chile and is onboard [L'Austral](#). Contact us for details.

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DEPARTURE

18/11/2020

DURATION

11 Days

LOCATIONS

Chile, Patagonia, Argentina



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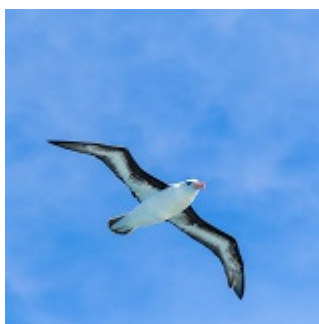
DAY 1: Valparaiso, Chile

Located about 100 kilometres south of Santiago, the legendary Valparaiso is the second largest city in Chile. It is also a splendid city, full of history: two qualities justifying its nickname “gem of the Pacific” and its status as a UNESCO World Heritage site. You can stroll along the steep streets, on foot or by cable car, and explore the many admirable sites like the delicate Iglesia de la Matriz, Sotomayor square, Bellavista hill, or Sebastiana house where the author Pablo Neruda lived. At every turning, you’ll get a refreshing view of the sea. Embarkation time is between 6.00pm and 7.00pm, at which time cabins and suites will be ready to check in to. The vessel will depart at 8.00pm.



DAY 2: At Sea

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship’s upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.



DAY 3: Chilean Channels Entry North - Day 3 to 7

On day 3 we enter into the Chilean Channels and over the next 5 days we will explore the following areas: Tortel Jorge Montt Glacier English Passage Glacier Pie XI Glacier El Brujo Canal Gabriel South Ainsworth Bay



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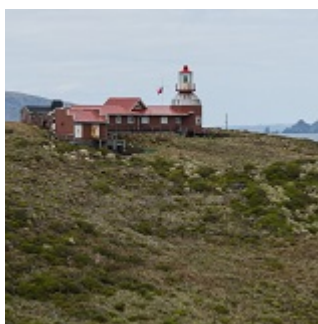
DAY 8: Garibaldi Glacier

Cruise along the narrow arm of Garibaldi Fjord and marvel at its stunning landscapes: thick green vegetation adorns steep mountains, rivalling the beauty of surrounding ice and snow. Further on, Garibaldi Glacier unveils itself: a towering ice titan looming at the end of the fjord that shares its name. Don't be surprised if sea lions and numerous birds accompany you on your enchanting journey into the heart of one of Chile's most beautiful glaciers.



DAY 9: Cape Horn & Puerto Williams

It's at the meeting point between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans that you enter Chilean Patagonia where you head for the Tierra del Fuego archipelago and its famous Cape Horn. From the top of its impressive 425-metre high cliff, South America's southernmost tip has, for many centuries, seen merchant ships from the world over passing by. Because of its legendary storms and rough seas, getting round this cape has gone down in history as a challenge for all seafarers. Located on Navarino Island a few kilometres from the Argentinian border, the city of Puerto Williams is, according to Chileans, the southernmost city in the world. It is first and foremost, a charming fishing port whose calm and isolation will delight you. You can stroll around a few little streets and admire the dark silhouette of the Patagonian Andes, surmounted by eternally white peaks. The Martin Gusinde museum of anthropology gives an aperçu of the living conditions of the ancient indigenous people, the Yámanas, while the surrounding areas propose hiking paths across wild, unspoiled nature.



DAY 10: Ushuaia, Argentina

Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia lies in a bay opening into the Beagle Channel at the country's southernmost tip. Its colourful houses are framed against towering mountains, snow-capped in winter and summer alike. Downtown, the End of the World Museum showcases Tierra del Fuego's natural and indigenous history. A ride on the heritage railway is an exciting excursion into the Tierra del Fuego National Park, while a cruise on Ushuaia Bay is the perfect way to spot sea lions and Magellanic penguins.



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DAY 11: Ushuaia, Argentina

Disembarkation is scheduled for 8.00am. You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Buenos Aires which is included in your cruise package



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Deluxe

Inclusions

Flight from Ushuaia to Buenos Aires on disembarkation day
 Shipboard accommodation
 Group transfer to/from pier
 All meals whilst on-board including snacks
 Open Bar (excluding premium brands)
 Room Service
 Free Wi-Fi internet access
 All shore excursions
 Guiding and lectures by expedition team
 Free use of rubber boots for shore excursions
 Polar jacket
 All port taxes
EXCLUSIONS
 Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city
 Visa fees (if applicable)
 Travel Insurance
 Personal expenses such as laundry, on-board communication (telephone calls, faxes)
 Gratuities for the crew (recommend US\$15 per person per day)
 Optional Activities whilst on-board

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

Available upon request

Notes

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Price Dependent upon

Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

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Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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