



# INTRODUCTION

Discover the beautiful sights of one of natures greatest wonders. This 14 day Patagonian fjord adventure will expose you to breath taking sights that will offer a profound sense of appreciation for the beauty of this incredible region. Be humbled as you discover some of the most remote fishing villages in Chile, break new ground as you circumnavigate the notorious waters of Cape Horn, embark on a journey of personal enrichment as you cruise through a labyrinth of fjords carved by immense glaciers offering a spectacle of incredible natural sights.

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27/03/2023

#### DURATION

14 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Chile, Argentina, Patagonia





#### DAY 1: Ushuaia Embarkation

Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina - the world's southernmost town. Explore the quaint city or local countryside. Alternatively, consider a day trip off the beaten path to the raw, natural archipelago of Tierra del Fuego. It's a hiker's paradise with rugged snow-capped mountains, glaciers, flower-filled meadows and boggy guagmires. In the afternoon, we board our modern ship. We sail towards Puerto Williams on Chilean side of the Beagle Channel. The channel has rich wildlife with cormorants, penguins and sea lions on virtually every rocky outcrop, and dense temperate rainforest reaches from shore to tree line and the eternal snow. In this harsh climate, the hardy people of the now extinct Yagan tribe resided, as described by Charles Darwin in his journals.



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## DAY 2: Through Murray & Beagle Channels To Cape Horn

Today we are going to see the famous "horn", Cabo de Hornos. It is difficult to predict the day's program, as the waters south of the horn are unpredictable at best. Should weather be fair, we will use our landing Zodiacs to go ashore on Isla Hornos at the memorial for sailors who have lost their lives here. Although the ship is very stable, we will hopefully get a brief impression of what the old sailing ships were going through in Magellan's and Darwin's time, and rejoice that ships are no longer what they have been. The first "modern" sailor to navigate the race was the Dutch captain Willem Schouten in 1616, who opened the dangerous route. But haven't the locals been here long before?



## DAY 3: Garibaldi Fjord Overlooking Calving Glaciers & Mou

Today's highlight is sailing into the narrow and unbelievably beautiful Garibaldi fjord in Alberto de Agostini National Park - a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve due to its spectacular soaring glaciers and rich plant and wildlife. It is not uncommon to see a group of killer whales in these waters feasting on the seafood.





## DAY 5: Through the Chilean Archipelago

The day is set for cruising on the legendary Strait of Magellan, which divides "Land of Fire" from the South American continent as well as the Atlantic from the Pacific Ocean, Ferdinand Magellan, whom the strait was named from, was a Portuguese explorer on commission of Spain's Charles d. 1st and the first to navigate the strait in 1520. Chile annexed the Strait under President Bulnes in May 1843, emphasizing Chile's supremacy through the construction of the previously visited fort. The climate is subantarctic and the coast is rugged and vegetationpoor. Yet these coasts have been home to a highly developed and populous Native American culture, consisting primarily of maritime, nomadic huntergatherers and others who contented themselves with staying on land from which they fished and collected seafood. The tribes lived isolated and unaffected by Western civilization until about 1800, after which they quickly became extinct as a result of new diseases and radical eradication campaigns initiated by the governments of Chile and Argentina. Today, our overall knowledge of these many different peoples is extremely sparse.



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## DAY 7: Sailing On Through The Archipelago

By now, we are in the deep archipelago and the ship navigates through the many narrow waterways, almost all of which are called canals. The route follows the canals Sarmiento, Esteban, Angostura, Inocentes and then into the long narrow Canal Messier. It is incredibly beautiful no matter what direction the eyes are turned. Pointed rugged, often snow-capped mountain peaks, glaciers, lots of life above and below the water. The canals have all been shaped and extended during the recent ice ages, when they were filled with glaciers from the Andes to the east. As we enter the 250km-long Messier, we begin to see small fishing villages. We will plan for Zodiac landings along the way where appropriate.





### DAY 11: Castro, Chiloe Island

In the outskirts of the Chilean Lake District and we visit yet another city on stilts, Castro. It is the county's third oldest city, founded in 1567. The area has been hit by earthquakes and tsunamis several times, and in 1837 the city was effectively leveled with the ground. Castro is an exciting city to stroll around. The famous wooden churches on Chiloé, of which four are in Castro, are one of Chile's largest cultural treasures and were added to UNESCO's list of cultural heritage. Many of the churches are built entirely of wood without as much as a single nail.



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#### DAY 12: Isla Mocha

Today's landing is on the small island of Mocha, of which half is designated as a national park. Originally the island was inhabited by the socalled Lafkenches people. Francis Drake visited the island during his world circumnavigation, but had to leave after being seriously injured by the island's residents. In 1685, the governor forced the entire island population to what is today the city of Conception. There are several stories from the 19th century about a giant white casket whale that belonged to the island of Mocha, called Mocha Dich, which should have inspired Herman Melville to write Moby Dick. In 2007, skulls from the original Mocha people were compared to skulls from the Easter Island and was found to have astonishing similarities, supporting the theory, originally put forward by Thor Heyerdahl, about the connection between South America and the remote islands of the Pacific Ocean.



#### DAY 14: Disembarkation in Valparaiso

After breakfast, it's time to leave our ship and get ready for the homebound journey. Valparaíso, one of Chile's oldest cities. The city is constructed on a number of ridges around the bay and is known for its old cable cars, 15 of which are still functional. They lead from the harbor up to the old UNESCO-protected residential neighborhoods. Here colonial-era German and English traders lived in the colorful houses that illuminate the cityscape.





INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Cabin on board ship
Inclusions	Inclusions Cabin accommodation on board ship All meals whilst on board All scheduled landings & excursions English speaking expedition leader and team Complimentary use of rubber boots for duration of voyage 24 hr tea and coffee station Port taxes  Exclusions International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages (other than tea & coffee) Personal expenses such as laundry, on board communication Gratuities for the crew Pre or post cruise travel expenses
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated for triple/quad cabins) Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, fuel surcharges, cabin category, currency fluctuations, seasonality and availability.

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