

## CHILE - LAS TORRES HOTEL EXTENSION



### INTRODUCTION

Hotel Las Torres is located in the heart of the Torres Del Paine National Park at the foot of the main tourist attraction, Las Torres del Paine and the starting point of the main trails of the park. It is the only working cattle farm inside the park and their all inclusive programs are designed to offer the best of untamed Patagonia. Hotel Las Torres offers a number of activities that are designed to enjoy the national park around a variety of subjects, from the flora, fauna and geology of the park, to the heritage and culture of the gauchos and the indigenous peoples of the region. They also include several modes of transport: vehicle, trekking, horses, navigation and climbing. Last but not least, they vary from easy to difficult depending on your physical condition and experience. The lodge has a number of sustainability features including a herb and vegetable garden and a range of sustainable cocktails. They also take part in a number of conservation efforts in the national park.

#### Highlights Include:

**Base Torres Viewpoint-**Walk the park's main trail to a famous viewpoint situated on the shores of Lake Grey, from where you can observe the slender, granite peaks that give the national park its name. Hike through Ascencio Valley, crossing a beautiful forest of Lengas and later arriving to a rocky area (La Morrena), finishing at the spectacular Torres Base Viewpoint. After a snack and allotted time for photography, you will follow the same trail back to the hotel.

**Organic Garden-** Visit the world's southernmost, as well as one of the region's oldest organic kitchen gardens at Reserva Cerro Paine. Within less than half a hectare, it produces seasonal fruits and vegetables using bio-intensive, sustainable methods that produce favorable quantities. Visitors have one or two hours in the garden, during which they can stimulate their senses, sample fresh goods, and learn the history of the world's southernmost organic garden.

**Patagonian Ranch Culture-** Learn the Patagonian cowboy way by spending a morning with the baqueanos, who lead the Hotel Las Torres horseback ridings and look after the

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horses and stables of Estancia Cerro Paine. During your time with these local vaqueros – the descendants of horsemen who came to work ranches in this remote region more than a century ago – you will learn about their special clothing, their saddles and other horse tack, and get a chance to share a mate (an herbal tea made from yerba mate leaves).


**Puma Cave-** An area called the Puma Cave is located close to Hotel Las Torres. It is a large rock formation that has magnificent climbing walls with 3 levels of difficulty: basic (beginners), medium and expert. Starting with a complete instruction, this activity lasts for 2 or 3 hours where you will have the opportunity to climb different routes and enjoy this unique experience to the maximum.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Hotel Las Torres - Arrival

Today, you will be met at the arrival point and transferred to Hotel Las Torres, located inside Torres Del Paine National Park. This transfer is a shared service up to 5 hours in length on good paved and dirt roads, offering a great introduction in the wide open expanses of the Patagonian pampas - Pick ups are at 9:30am and 14:00pm from Punta Arenas City and 10:00am and 14:30pm from Punta Arenas Airport daily. In the evening you will be briefed by the guides on the excursion options for the next few days of your stay. \*Las Torres includes most activities but does have a limited number of “extra cost” activities, which will be at the client’s own cost and paid locally. Note that the sequence of the excursion as well as the logistics and/or duration might change depending on weather conditions.



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### DAY 2: Exploring Torres del Paine National Park

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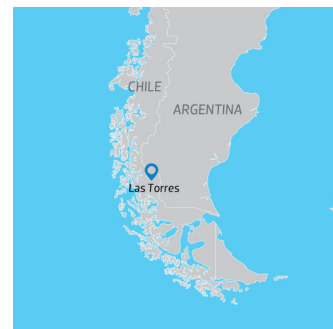
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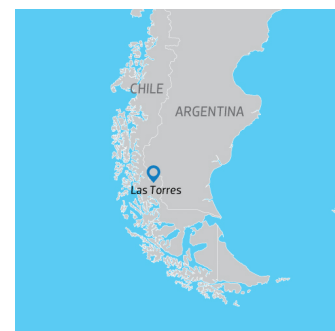
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## DAY 4: Hotel Las Torres - Departure

Today you will depart Las Torres Hotel aboard their shared shuttle service transfer. Departure times will be reconfirmed to you directly by the hotel the evening prior to your departure. Please note journey times are as follows however they are dependant on weather and road conditions: Departure to El Calafate via Cerro Castillo (border crossing) will be approximately five hours and 30 minutes. The transfer will depart the hotel at approximately 2:00pm and arrive to El Calafate at around 8:00pm.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Superior All Inclusive Lodge
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p><b>Inclusions</b></p> <p>Scheduled group transfers to/from Puerto Natales or Punta Arenas. Scheduled group transfers included to/from El Calafate (minimum stay of 4 nights required*) Superior Accommodation with all meals included All beverages including a wide selection of Chilean wines (premium wines and spirits excluded) Small group activities with local English-speaking guide (*some activities may have a local surcharge)</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b></p> <p>International and internal flights unless indicated          Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)          Travel Insurance          Personal expenses          Gratuities for tour guides/drivers and lodge staff          Any items not mentioned as included</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share.          Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.          All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p>
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.



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