CHILE - 7 DAY W TREK | ECO CAMP



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INTRODUCTION

Take on the challenge of the W Trek, one of the world's great treks. A mind-blowing run of twisted volcanic peaks, tumbling glaciers and aquamarine lakes, it zigzags across the Cordillera del Paine resembling a giant 'W'. The trails in between the famous Torres del Paine mountains are among the world's classic trekking routes. Teeming with a plethora of unrivaled flora and fauna this is a truly magnificent experience. Undertake incredible hikes, walks and cycling experiences surrounded by some of natures most incredible vistas.

The EcoCamp Experience

Let yourself experience the first one of its kind in the world - EcoCamp Lodge. Located in the heart of Torres del Paine National Park, EcoCamp perfectly fits its pristine surroundings. Modelled on the ancient shelters of the region's Kaweskar people, the dome styled accommodation is made from renewable materials and offers big panoramic windows to catch as much daylight and reduce electricity usage. The camp is also powered by solar panels and battery banks help to reduce the negative tourism footprint in Patagonia and preserve its pristine and uniqueness. While still considering nature, you can enjoy cozy and spacious domes, socialize during yoga classes or in community domes with other visitors. In order to cherish the surrounding nature, activities like multi-sport adventures, wildlife watching and a variety of hiking and walking trails are provided for your comfort. Eco Camp has many itineraries to choose from, including Short W Trek

**Please note this itinerary includes 2 nights in a refuge stay, camping. Upgrade to dorm style bunk bed accommodation for an additional cost/subject to availability.*

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive Eco Camp

In the morning, you will be picked up by a local representative either from Punta Arenas or Puerto Natales and taken to EcoCamp Patagonia, located in the world-renowned Torres del Paine National Park. Upon arrival at the Eco Camp, you will be immediately greeted by the breathtaking beauty of our surroundings. The camp blends seamlessly with the natural environment, and the eco-friendly design of the lodging domes is inspired by the traditional huts built by the Kawesqar, the indigenous people of the region. Don't let their simple appearance fool you - these domes offer comfort and protection from the elements. After settling in, enjoy a delicious dinner and a warm welcome from our hosts. Throughout the evening, receive a comprehensive briefing on the exciting activities awaiting you in the days to come. *While most activities are included in your stay at our Eco-camp, a limited number of extra cost activities are available for you to choose from. These optional activities are at your discretion, and any fees associated with them will be paid locally.



DAY 2: Los Cuernos Trek

We'll dive into our Patagonian adventure with a pleasant walk along the Cuernos Trail which leads to the beautiful Lake Nordenskjold. During this warm-up walk, we will have the opportunity to admire the park's exquisite flora and fauna and take in the views of the horn-like peaks of slate that sit atop the gray granite of the Paine Massif. The trek may end at Refugio Los Cuernos, a small and cozy mountain guesthouse located on the shores of Lake Nordenskjold. Or it will end at Domo el Francés, located between Cuernos and Italiano camping sites, with an amazing view of Nordenskjöld Lake. The evening is at your leisure. Overnight at Camping Cuernos or Camping El Francés (depending on availability). *If you wish to upgrade from camping to a refuge stay for this night, please enquire at time of booking to check availability. An additional cost applies and is subject to availability.



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DAY 3: The Heart of the Paine Massif: French Valley

Get ready for today's challenging, yet rewarding, trek. We'll begin hiking along a steep trail leading into the heart of the Paine Massif - the French Valley. How far we'll go depends on our group's rhythm. A swifter walk will lead us to a hanging bridge, located at the foot of the south-eastern face of the Massif. We will continue to ascend towards the upper section of the valley to marvel at the extensive mass of the geological formations: Hoja (Blade), Máscara (Mask), Espada (Sword), among others. After our upward trek, we will pause for a picnic and relax for a while. The hike will end with a descent through a terrain of mixed grassland and light forest to Refugio Paine Grande. *If you wish to upgrade from camping to a refuge stay for this night, please enquire at time of booking to check availability. An additional cost applies and is subject to availability.



DAY 4: Grey Glacier

Today we will hike from the Paine Grande Refugio along the shores of Lake Pehoe to the northern side of Lake Grey. We will feast on a picnic lunch before boarding the boat that sails to the crystalline facade of Glacier Grey. From the southern end of the glacier, we will transfer to EcoCamp. Due to the weather of the region, boat trips across the lake may occasionally be canceled or if the required minimum of 15 passengers is not reached. If this is the case, we will trek up to a sightseeing point to enjoy wonderful views of Grey Glacier instead. Afterward, it is time to return on foot to Paine Grande and take a catamaran to the dock, where we will be picked up and driven to EcoCamp.



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DAY 5: Torres del Paine

Today is the big day, the walk to the base of the Paine Towers. We will hike towards Hostería Las Torres before ascending to Ascencio Valley on the Tower's eastern face, flanked by mountain ridges, beech forests, and small rivers. Our big challenge is the steep moraine, a huge mass of boulders that lead to the iconic Towers base, the three granite monoliths that are the remains of a great cirque sheared away by glacial ice. After a tough uphill climb, the Towers rise majestically before us with the glacial lake visible below. Is there any better place to have lunch? After enjoying the view, we will use the same trail to return to EcoCamp for a well-deserved dinner.



DAY 6: Eastern Lakes

On day six, we'll take it easy with a scenic drive to Sarmiento Lake's northern shore to start the less demanding Aonikenk Trail. Hiking north, we'll encounter diverse Patagonian wildlife and perhaps puma tracks, passing Goic Lagoon to reach Laguna Amarga ranger station after a leisurely 5 km walk. Post-lunch, we head to Laguna Azul, spotting wild guanacos and ñandús en route, and savoring various views of the Patagonian steppe and the Towers. At Laguna Azul, a short hike takes us to a lookout for stunning views of the lagoon and granite towers, finishing the day with a drive back to EcoCamp for a celebratory farewell dinner.



DAY 7: Depart Eco Camp

After your final breakfast at the lodge, you will depart Eco Camp aboard their shared shuttle service to be transferred to the airport for your onward travels. Eco camp includes transfers to either Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales or a bus to El Calafate depending on your itinerary. Please note: The shuttle to Punta Arenas departs between 8am and 9am and stops in Puerto Natales along the way. For flights departing earlier than 3pm, an early drop-off service must be booked for an additional cost.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Trekking Lodge with Tents and Eco Camp
Inclusions	**Inclusions** Scheduled group transfers to/from Puerto Natales or Punta Arenas or local bus transfers to/from El Calafate One expert English/Spanish speaking trekking guide who will accompany you and the group throughout the trip Torres del Paine National Park fee. 4 nights accommodation at EcoCamp (dome of your choice). 2-nights accommodation at Camping Paine Grande (dorm upgrade available at an additional cost/subject to availability) Boat crossing over Pehoe Lake and Grey Lake. Sleeping bag for the mountain hut if needed. Luggage transport (while trekking you will carry just your day pack). Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 5 Lunch/Box Lunches, 4 Dinners. **Exclusions** Flight tickets unless otherwise specified Visas or Reciprocity Fees if applicable Travel Insurance Voluntary tipping of guides and staff Soft drinks or snacks not served with the meals included at the EcoCamp. Bringing US$ in cash for buying extra drinks/snacks or souvenirs in Torres del Paine NP is recommended Items of a personal nature **During Shoulder and low season (October and April), some excursions are subject to the weather conditions and might be cancelled or modified for reasons of security, for example the Navigation on Grey Lake, the excursion to the French Valley and to the Tower base trek. In any case we will either modify the original itinerary or offer you a good alternative of excursion within the park.
Difficulty Rating	4 (Active Adventure - Reasonable Fitness Required)
Single Surcharge	Single supplement applies. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	Only superior, suite and suite loft domes have private bathrooms at Eco Camp. 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. You will require a moderate level of fitness to participate in this trip. You will walk a total of 77kms. While you are away from the Eco Camp base you will stay in more basic tents, but there is the ability to upgrade to guesthouse accommodation with bunks for these nights at an additional cost and subject to availability. Please speak to one of our Destination Specialists for more information.
Price Dependent upon	Availability, Seasonality, Accommodation Standard and Currency Fluctuations.

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