



Big Circuit, 7 Days / 6 Nights

Day 1. Base of the Towers.

In the morning we will pick you up with our private transfer at your accommodation in Puerto Natales around 7:30 am. We will be driving across the typical Magellanic Estancias (ranches) of endless land and abundant sheep, within the immensity of the Patagonian pampas, molded by ancient glaciers. Once in the park we will do the check in at the camp, then start our hike toward the viewpoint for the Torres del Paine by a trail up the Ascencio River valley. Along the hike through dense beech forests (*Nothofagus pumilio*), we will stop to observe several waterfalls and hanging glaciers.

After around three hours we will start to ascend a steep moraine towards the highest viewpoint for the Towers at 900 m.a.s.l. (2,950ft). There, we will be rewarded with a close-up view of the massive granite towers (2.850m/9,350ft) and the turquoise glacial lake at their base. We will have lunch and relax in one of the most unforgettable settings in the world. Then we will return along the same path to Camp Las Torres where we will have dinner and spend the night.

Hiking distance:	7-8 hours Rt, 19 km / 11.8 miles
Elevation*:	950 m/\ (3,040 feet)
Physical Difficulty:	Medium-High.

Day 2. Camp Serón.

After a good breakfast we will begin our excursion in direction to campsite Serón, along the east side of the Paine Massif. We will cross expansive pampas, beautiful forests and rivers. We will have ample opportunities for birdwatching and get to know some of the local species of trees, flowers and animals. We will walk into the valley of Paine River on a flat pampa fully covered by daisies in springtime and summer. We will spend the night in tents at Camp Serón after eating a nutritious dinner cooked by the guide.

Hiking distance:	5 hours, 12 km / 7.5 miles
Elevation*:	230 m/\ (740 feet)
Physical Difficulty:	Low



Day 3. Lake Dickson.

After breakfast in camp we will hike to Camp Dickson. We will walk on undulated terrain along the north-east side of the Massif. After the “Paso de los Vientos” (Windy pass) we will start to see a wide array of the Park’s mountains seen from north: Tridente, Escudo and Cabeza del Indio. We will walk along the Lake Paine and Paine River until reaching Lake Dickson. This lake is fed by Glacier Dickson, a very important one regarding the hydrologic system of the Park. We will have dinner and spend the night in Camp Dickson.

Hiking distance:	6-7 hours, 19 km / 11.8 miles
Elevation*:	150 m/\ (480 feet)
Physical Difficulty:	Medium

Day 4. Glacier Los Perros.

We will hike to the Valley Los Perros, through an old-growth beech forest (*Nothofagus pumilio* & *N. betuloides*). Throughout the day we will see amazing views of wild nature and be immersed in this especially tranquil area of the Park. We will be able to admire Glacier Dickson behind us, and mountains like Escudo and Trono Blanco in front of us. We will walk along the River Los Perros that leads to a blue hanging glacier with a milky green lake at its base.

From this spot it is possible make out the John Gardner high mountain pass, that will be our challenge for the following day. We will spend the night at Camp Los Perros just round the corner of the glacial moraine, and there we will enjoy a camp-cooked dinner.

Hiking distance:	5 hours, 9,5 km / 6 miles
Elevation*:	450 m/ (1,440 feet)
Physical Difficulty:	Medium-low

Day 5. Pass John Gardner and camp Grey.

Very early in the morning after a good breakfast, we will begin our hike through wind-stunted evergreen beech forests, ascending towards Pass John Gardner (1.300m/4,100ft), well above the tree line.

Once arrived there, we may be able to enjoy the most amazing views of Glacier Grey flowing down from the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and the many surrounding snowy peaks of the Andes. Hiking down from the Pass to the level of Lake Grey will be done through a trail within beautiful beech forests again.



In the afternoon after a well-deserved lunch stop, we will be hiking in open terrain that allows breathtaking views of Glacier Grey.

We will finally reach the Lake and Camp Grey where we will spend the night and enjoy dinner.

Hiking distance:	9-11 hours, 22 km / 14 miles
Elevation*:	650 m/ (2,100 feet) & 1.200 m\ (3,850 feet)
Physical Difficulty:	High

Day 6. Paine Grande.

On this day we will have the option to do the glacier hike on Glacier Grey or kayak in the lake, which we need to coordinate with the guides the night before.

This extra excursion are in the morning (ice hike from 8.00 am to 1:00 pm USD\$160 / kayak at 09:00 or 11:00 am USD\$100). If you choose not to do the hike you can wait for the rest of the group relaxing or hiking around Refugio Grey.

After lunch we will hike the trail along the eastern shore of Lake Grey heading south. We will have great views of the countless snowy peaks of the Andes which hold the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and the many glaciers that flow down from it, as well as views of the Olgúin Range and Mt. Paine Grande (3.500m/10,000ft) on the side of the Massif. The trail will lead us to open terrain that overlooks lake Grey, allowing us views of its greenish grey waters in contrast with deep blue, floating icebergs.

Once we see lake Pehoé of deep turquoise waters, we will be a half hour away from our final destination for the day. We will spend the night and have dinner at Lodge Paine Grande.

Hiking distance:	4 hours, 11.5 km / 7.2 miles
Elevation*:	250 m/\ (800 feet)
Physical Difficulty:	Medium-low

Day 7. Valley “Del Francés”.

On the last day of the trip we will start the hike with 2 hours of easy rolling pampas to the mouth of the Valle del Francés (Frenchman’s Valley). Along the way we will enjoy wide views of the Cuernos (horn-like granite peaks), passing by deep blue Lake Skottsberg and surrounding the south face of the enormous Mount Paine Grande (3.050 mt/10,000 feet), the highest in the Park. We will arrive at Camp Italiano, from which we will start our one-hour ascent up the valley above Glaciar Del



Francés. On our way up the moraine, the lenga and coigüe (*Noyhofagus pumilio* & *N. betuloides*) forest around us is shaped by the wind to resemble a Japanese garden.

Once at the lookout the views are amazing with a range of 360 degrees: panoramic views of the lakes below, surrounding granite peaks, and the hanging glaciers of Paine Grande in front of us. There we will enjoy our lunch watching avalanches cascade and condors soar. We might have the chance to keep going up to the furthest viewpoint past Camp Británico, to arrive into the middle of a breathtaking amphitheatre of granite spires. After a brief stop we will return by the same trail to Lodge Paine Grande, where we have to take the Catamaran at 18:30 to return to the southern shore of Lake Pehoé. This is a beautiful cruise that allows you to contemplate the Massif from afar, recognizing valleys and trails you have just walked during the previous days. As we get off the boat, our private transport will be waiting to take us to Puerto Natales by a different route (2 hrs. gravel road) that offers the spectacular last views of the Park.

Hiking distance:(partly optional)	8-10 hours, 26 km / 16 miles
Elevation*:	500 m/eW (1,600 feet)
Physical Difficulty:	Medium-High

*References for elevation: m/ (elevation gain)

m\ (drop)

m/\ (up and down the elevation mentioned)

m/\ eW (each way up and down elevation mentioned)

Rates:

Group of	1 person	2 people	3-4 people	5-8 people
Price per person USD\$	USD\$ 3.690	USD\$ 2.490	USD\$ 2.150	USD\$ 1.790

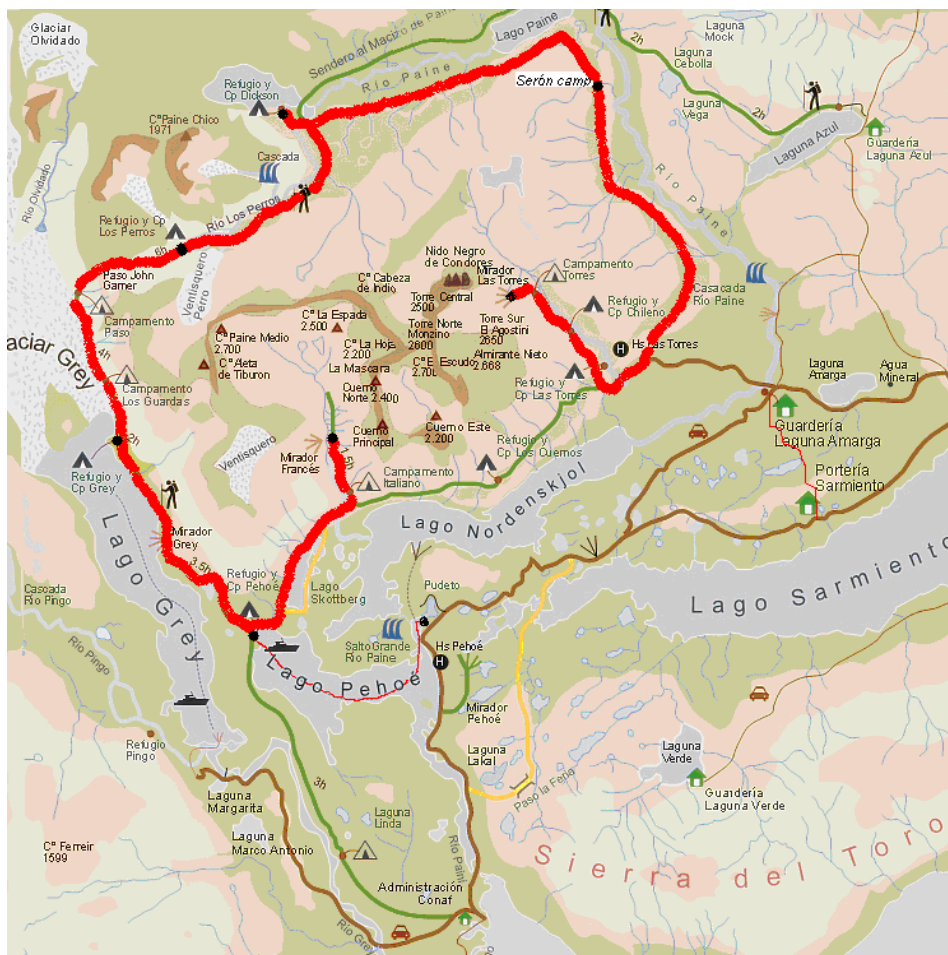
Includes:

- Private transport
- Professional Guide (English/Spanish)
- Park entrance fee
- 6 nights accommodation in camping with hot shower (high quality equipment, tent, sleeping bag and matt)
- All meals in the park (breakfast, box lunch and dinner)
- Catamaran Pehoe lake
- VHF Radio
- First aid kit

Not included:

- Air fare
- Extra nights
- Ice hike or Kayak
- Insurance of any kind
- Medical Expenses
- Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks
- Extra Meals (lunch day 1)
- Tips

Travel map:



Gallery:

