

Chile - Patagonian Explorer | Stella Australis

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Introduction

Discover breathtaking scenery of the fjords and Patagonia and discover the extraordinary nature with this luxurious 5-day Patagonian cruise.

Enjoy the spectacular fjords and stunning natural beauty of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, as you cruise from Ushuaia to Punta Arenas aboard the Stella Australis. Go offshore in Cape Horn and explore the national park which has been declared a world biosphere reserve by UNESCO. Continue your journey to the PÃa fjords. Step in one of the zodiacs, to the most remote areas that are too hard to reach on foot, and be amazed by the beauty of the PÃa Glacier. Hike to the Garibaldi Glacier and enjoy the spectacular viewpoint of this region. On the last day, you will hike the paths of Magdalena Island while being surrounded by thousands of adorable penguins.

During this entire trip you will be accompanied by an expert crew and guides, this adventure takes you to the 'End of the World'.

[* Please note, this itinerary also operates in reverse, from Punta Arenas to Ushuaia ***](#)**

On this all-encompassing cruise, you will be provided with travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Your all-inclusive cruise in will take place on in the upmarket comfort of the Stella Australis.

Itinerary

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Check in and luggage drop off is at the

Chimu Australis office, between 10:00hrs

and 17:00hrs (10am-5pm) at 409 San

Martin Street, in downtown Ushuaia.

Boarding commences at 18:00hrs (6pm)

with departure scheduled at 20:00hrs

(8pm). All passengers must be on board the

vessel at least one hour before departure.

Please note your luggage will be taken to

your cabin. After a welcoming toast and

introduction of captain and crew, the ship

departs for one of the most remote corners

of planet Earth. During the night we

traverse the Beagle Channel and cross from

Argentina into Chilean territorial waters.

The lights of Ushuaia disappear as we turn

into the narrow Murray Channel between

Navarino and Hoste islands.



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Around the break of dawn, Stella Australis

crosses Nassau Bay and enters the remote

archipelago that comprises Cape Horn

National Park. Weather and sea conditions

permitting, we shall go ashore on the

windswept island that harbors legendary

Cape Horn (Cabo de Hornos). Discovered in

1616 by a Dutch maritime expedition -- and

named after the town of Hoorn in West

Friesland -- Cape Horn is a sheer 425-meter

(1,394-foot) high rocky promontory

overlooking the turbulent waters of the

Drake Passage. For many years it was the

only navigation route between the Pacific

and Atlantic, and was often referred to as

the "End of the Earth." The park was

declared a World Biosphere Reserve by

UNESCO in 2005. The Chilean navy

maintains a permanent lighthouse on the

island, staffed by a lightkeeper and his

family, as well as the tiny Stella Maris

Chapel and modern Cape Horn Monument

(currently awaiting repair after being

damaged by fierce winds). Sailing back

across Nassau Bay, we anchor at fabled

Wulaia Bay, one of the few places in the

archipelago where the human history is just

as compelling as the natural environment.

Originally the site of one of the region's

largest Yámana aboriginal settlements, the

bay was described by Charles Darwin and

sketched by Captain FitzRoy in the 1830s

during their voyages on HMS Beagle. This

area is also renowned for its mesmerizing

beauty and dramatic geography. After a

visit to the Australis-sponsored museum in

the old radio station -- which is especially

strong on the Yámana people and European

missionaries in the area -- passengers have

a choice of three hikes (of increasing

degrees of difficulty) that ascend the heavily

wooded mountain behind the bay. On all of

these you stroll through an enchanted

Magellanic forest of lengas, coigües,

canelos and ferns to reach panoramic

viewpoints overlooking the bay.



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Overnight we sail around the western end of

Tierra del Fuego via the very narrow

5 Days Canal Channel, Magdalena Channel and

Locations Channel. After rounding the

remote Brecknock Peninsula, Ventus

Australis tacks eastward and enters the

Beagle Channel again. By morning we are

entering Pia Fjord and boarding the Zodiacs

for a shore excursion to Pia Glacier. After

disembarking we take a short hike to gain a

panoramic view of the spectacular glacier,

which extends from the mountaintops down

to the sea or a longer much more difficult

walk up a lateral moraine of the old Pia

Glacier. No one knows for certain how the

hulking mass of snow and ice got its

feminine moniker, but one theory says it

was named for Princess Maria Pia of Savoy

(1847-1911), daughter of the Italian king.

Making our way further west along the

Beagle Channel, we enter another long fjord

and drop anchor near Garibaldi Glacier for

another shore excursion. Garibaldi is one of

only three glaciers in Patagonia gaining

mass rather than staying the same or slowly

shrinking. This time we hike through virgin

Magellanic forest to a glacial waterfall, a

towering wall of ferns and moss, and

spectacular viewpoints looking down on the

glacier and fjord. The walk is demanding --

very steep, negligible trail, rough footing --

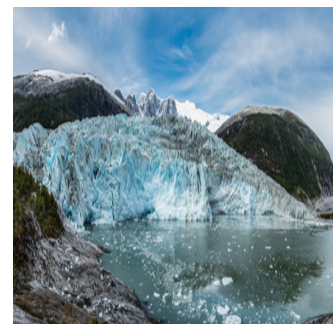
and not for everyone. For those who choose

to stay onboard, our captain will point the

bow towards the beautiful sky blue

Garibaldi Glacier so everyone can enjoy the

panoramic view from the upper decks.



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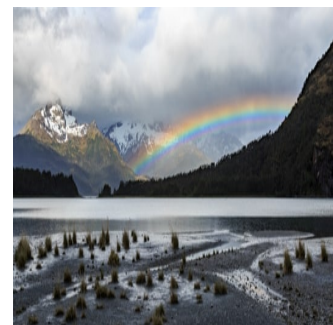
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DAY 4: Agostini Sound, Águila Glacier
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Duration In the morning, we will sail through the Cockburn Channel and enter Agostini Sound. From there it is possible to see the glaciers that descend from the middle of the Darwin Mountain Range -- some of them reaching the water. This morning, we will disembark and go for an easy walk around a lagoon, which was formed by the melting of the Águila Glacier. We will reach a spot right in front of that glacier with stunning views. In the afternoon, we will approach the Condor Glacier via Zodiac -- and hopefully see some of the abundant Andean Condors in the area.



DAY 5: Magdalena Island - Punta Arenas

After an overnight cruise through Magdalena Channel and back into the Strait of Magellan, we anchor off Magdalena Island, which lies about halfway between Tierra del Fuego and the Chilean mainland. Crowned by a distinctive lighthouse, the island used to be an essential source of supplies for navigators and explorers and is inhabited by an immense colony of Magellanic penguins. At the break of dawn, weather permitting, we go ashore and hike a path that leads through thousands of penguins to a small museum lodged inside the vintage 1902 lighthouse. Many other bird species are also found on the island. In September and April -- when the penguins dwell elsewhere -- this excursion is replaced by a ride aboard Zodiacs to Marta Island to observe South American sea lions. After a short cruise south along the strait, disembarkation at Punta Arenas is scheduled for around 11:30 AM. *Camera extension poles are prohibited on Magdalena Island



Inclusions & Details

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	Cabin on board ship
	Inclusions
	Cabin accommodation on board Stella Australis
Duration	All meals whilst on board
5 Days	Port taxes (subject to change*)
Locations	All scheduled landings and excursions (subject to weather conditions)
Chile, Patagonia, Argentina	Open bar (when bartender on duty)
Inclusions	All on board entertainment & lectures
	Exclusions
	Airfares to/from embarkation and disembarkation city
	Visa fees (if applicable)
	Any additional activities not mentioned in itinerary
	Gratuities for staff/crew
	*Transfers to/from pier
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement applies. Please contact us for more information and pricing.
Notes	Transfers to/from the port in both cities are not included and can be added by your Booking agent
	Prices per person are based on twin share unless otherwise specified
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, season and availability.
Sustainability	