
GEEO ITINERARY

THE W TREK - Winter

Day 1: Puerto Natales Arrive at any time.

Arrive in Puerto Natales at any time. Check into our hotel and enjoy the town. The day is free to spend at your leisure exploring the city until our welcome meeting this evening. Check the notice boards or ask at reception for the exact time and location of the group meeting, typically 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. After the meeting, you might want to head out for a meal in a nearby local restaurant to further get to know your tour leader and traveling companions. Please make every effort to arrive on time for this welcome meeting. If you are delayed and will arrive late, please inform us. Your tour leader will then leave you a message at the front desk informing you of where and when to meet up. This beautiful wind-swept town is the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. With terrific restaurants and well-stocked gear shops for renting or buying equipment, it is a great place to prepare for the trek. Tonight you will be loaned a dry bag (a bag that is watertight) to store your gear that you want taken to each campsite for you. Read more about this in the details section below. Your tour leader will also help you rent gear that you will need for the trek, such as rain pants and hiking poles. The airport in Puerto Natales is small with limited flight connections. Most onward flight connections will be through Punta Arenas in Chile or El Calafate in Argentina which would involve taking a public bus or transfer. GEEO recommends coming in a day early so you have time to check out Puerto Natales, or even spend a bit of time in Punta Arenas or El Calafate too. Just call us if you are having trouble with booking flights. You may also want to go to Santiago before or after the trek. We can give you tips for what to do in Santiago on your own.

Day 2: Puerto Natales/Serrano Camp (B, L, D) Embark on a 4-day excursion within Torres del Paine NP, hiking the famous W Trek. Start the 62 km (38.5 mi) route by trekking to the base of Las Torres to see the dramatic three towers and turquoise lagoon below.

Embark on a 4-day excursion within Torres del Paine National Park, hiking the famous W Trek. Start the 62km (38.5 mi) route by trekking to the base of Las Torres to see the dramatic three towers and turquoise lagoon below. Today we trek 16 km, 4-5 hours mostly uphill to the Towers then another 4-5 hours back, mostly downhill. Throughout the trek you will be carrying just your day pack with your lunch, snacks, a 1 to 1.5 liter water bottle (which can be refilled throughout the hike from pristine glacial streams) and layers of clothes to deal with the ever-changing weather conditions. Then, take a 1 hr and 30-min private vehicle transfer to the Serrano campsite where you can have a hot shower and delicious meal. This private campsite is away from the crowds so it is typically quiet at night. You will be reunited with your dry sack filled with up to 5 kg (11 pounds) of your changes of clothes, snack refills, pillow, and other personal items. Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by private vehicle to start of trek, 1.5 hours by private vehicle to the campsite, 8-10 hours of hiking

Day 3: Serrano Camp/Paine Grande Camp (B, L, D) Wake up surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, enjoy a scenic drive and a picturesque ferry ride on Lake Pehoé. Hike to Grey Lake and the lookout point for Grey Glacier.

Wake up surrounded by a breathtaking landscape, enjoy a scenic drive and a picturesque ferry ride on Lake Pehoé to the Paine Grande campsite. Hike from the campsite to Grey Lake and the lookout point for Grey Glacier. Admire the scale of this immense glacier. This is a much easier day than the last, with a total of roughly 5 hours of hiking covering 11km. The elevation goes up and down throughout, but doesn't have the long uphill climbs of the previous day. We camp at Paine Grande campsite, which has many more tents and hikers than the previous campsite. You will have a cafeteria-style meal at 7:00 PM. It can be a bit loud at night and it doesn't get dark until 11:15 at night, so we recommend bringing earplugs and an eyeshade mask. Approximate travel time: 1.5 hours by private vehicle to ferry, 45-minute ferry ride, 4-5 hours of hiking

Day 4: Paine Grande Camp/Cuernos Camp (B, L, D) Hike to the French Valley lookout and take in the awe-inspiring views of the mountain range spreading across the national park. Marvel at the dramatic, contrasting greens and greys of the landscape.

Today we will trek 14 km over the course of 6 to 7 hours. We first hike first to the Italian camp, then set out to the French Valley Mirador. Take in some amazing scenery on this stretch - light blue lakes contrast beautifully against the deep green forest. We end the day in the spectacularly located Cuernos campsite. Approximate travel time: 6-7 hours of hiking

Day 5: Cuernos Camp/Puerto Natales (B, L) Enjoy the final day of the W Trek.

Enjoy the final day of the W Trek. Wake up to the amazing views of the Cuernos del Paine (the Horns of Paine) and continue trekking to Las Torres Campsite. Finish by snapping a photo of the mountains reflecting in the Lake Nordenskjöld and enjoy the sense of accomplishment. This is a pretty easy day with relatively flat ground compared to the previous three days. You will cover roughly 9 km in roughly 4 to 5 hours.

Day 6: Puerto Natales Depart at any time.

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