

# DEEP PATAGONIA: TIERRA DEL FUEGO & THE CHILEAN FJORDS

15 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS ON BOARD

USHUAIA TO VALPARAÍSO

**Patagonia's wildest corners, all combined into one thrilling adventure!** From the bottom of the world to the heart of South America, this is a journey through the depths of earth's largest fjordlands, which can only be experienced by sea. Venture with us deep into the fjords and channels of southern Chile, one of South America's largest pristine wildernesses, and experience the majesty of Patagonia first-hand.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the wild fjords and channels of southern Chile, an unspoiled coastal wilderness
- Stand on legendary Cape Horn, the symbolic end of human civilisation
- Feel your breath catch at the granite spires of Torres del Paine National Park
- Watch for condors, guanacos, pumas, and rheas across Patagonia's rugged plains
- Step ashore at Puerto Edén, one of the last strongholds of the Kawésqar people
- Potential stops at UNESCO-listed sites, indigenous villages, and colonial-era towns

## EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD DISCOVERER

Arrive	Board	Disembark
Mar 14, 2027	Mar 15, 2027	Mar 28 2027

### Day 1: Arrive and Explore in Ushuaia

After a friendly welcome at the airport, we'll transfer you to one of our partnered premium hotel resorts nestled in breathtaking Patagonian nature, where you can take some time to unwind or go explore the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia, Argentina.

### Day 2: All aboard in Ushuaia

Our Expedition Team and ship's Crew will warmly welcome you on board and get you settled in, followed by a safety and orientation briefing and drill, after which we set sail into the Beagle Channel. We're on our way to explore Patagonia!



### Days 3: Cape Horn

Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of the Americas, and the symbolic end of human civilisation. Weather permitting, we will aim to explore this most remote of outposts, home to a small naval station, and a touching monument to the many sailors who failed to pass. During the afternoon and evening, we sail northwest towards the more sheltered waters of the fjords.

### Days 4: Western Beagle Channel & Strait of Magellan

Weather permitting, we will launch our Zodiacs to explore the flora, fauna and jawdropping scenery of the last gasp of the Andes. Crowded with rugged mountains clad with tortured trees, languid glaciers and icy fjords, these are easily some of the most beautiful waters on Earth!

### Day 5: Punta Arenas

Sitting on the Straits of Magellan, Punta Arenas is Chile's main gateway to Antarctica. Stroll the seafront to watch Magellanic penguins and cormorants frolic in the water while albatross wheel overhead, head into the surrounding countryside to discover Chilean ranching heritage, or visit the Mercado Municipal for fresh seafood, handmade souvenirs, and local delicacies in the upstairs eateries.

### Days 6: Smyth Channel and Montañas Fjord

The waters around Patagonia are infamous for their violent storms, high winds and heavy seas – not so for us however, as we transit to the Pacific side of the Magellan Straits and into the sheltered waters of the Smyth Channel. Highlights include the shipwreck of the Santa Leonor, the icecapped summit of Monte Burney, and the jawdropping glacier-lined peaks of Montañas Fjord.

**Day 7: Puerto Natales & Torres del Paine**

Puerto Natales is the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most famous sites in South America, and it is easy to see why! Spend the day exploring the park, including a delicious traditional Chilean lunch, and remember to watch out for rheas, guanacos, armadillos and even pumas, all of which can be found in this magnificent protected area.

**Day 8: Cruising the Chilean Fjords**

Join our Expedition team on deck and marvel at the wind-crippled trees and squabbling sealions beneath soaring albatross dotting the Chilean Fjords, a natural paradise, largely untouched by human activity.

**Day 9: Puerto Edén**

Puerto Edén is a small settlement on the shores of Wellington Island, accessible only by water, and one of the last strongholds of the Kawésqar people and language. Enjoy exploring the town with local guides, and remember to watch out for woven-grass baskets and sealskin boats for sale – traditional artworks of the Kawésqar.

**Day 10: Caleta Tortel**

Nestled deep within the channels, the village of Caleta Tortel occupies a truly enviable position, surrounded by sapphire fjords, steep mountains and plummeting waterfalls at the mouth of the vast Baker River. Explore through this delightful town, full of quaint houses and wooden pavillions, or take a hike into the surrounding mountains with your Expedition Team to enjoy some of the best views in Chile

**Day 11: At sea, en route to Castro**

Sailing up the Pacific Coast of Chile, we follow the chilly Humboldt Current which originates in Antarctica, and brings exceptional wildlife to this section of coast.

**Day 12: Castro, Chiloe Island**

Characterised by green rolling meadows (more similar to Ireland or Wales than much of Patagonia), Chiloe is a unique island steeped in a mixture of Indigenous and European myths, legends and tradition. Take your time to explore the town of Castro and soak in this unique blend of cultures.

**Day 13: Niebla**

A world away from the wilderness of the fjords, Niebla is a picturesque former fortress at the mouth of the Valdivia River, and gateway to the city of the same name. Take a stroll along the Feria Fluvial and feast your senses on local produce, enjoy a coffee at a laid-back cafe, and soak up the atmosphere as you watch black-necked swans, sealions and rowers compete for space along the river.

**Day 14: At sea, en route to Valparaíso**

Now the cold of Patagonia is left behind, relax on the outer decks and watch as Antarctic terns give way to Inca terns, and other ships become more and more common.

**Day 15: Valparaíso, disembarkation**

After a fond farewell to Expedition Team and Crew of the Discoverer, alight in this dynamic city – ready to explore, or just a stone's throw away from the Chilean capital of Santiago.

