

Tymbaryon travel & adventure

Program

Tierra del Fuego

#### **Details**

English speaking Tour leader specialist of Tierra del Fuego

Period: 15 days

Visit of all towns of the island

Price: 2250 \$

Participants: Min 10- Max 18

All meals (no drinks) included except days 11, 14 et

# The End of the World

### Travel to discovery of a dream land: <u>Tierra del Fuego</u>

#### Introduction

Argentineans love to call this extreme territory "where the world begins" and they are not wrong if we consider the South Pole as the upper side of the planet. Characterized by an untamed nature and fierce beauty, Tierra del Fuego is an island of vast prairies (Patagonian steppe) mainly inhabited by sheep and guanacos where the veritable signs of human presence are the estancias (ranches). Going Southward the rounded hills give way to the Andes' immense forests and majestic mountains, covered by snow most of time.

The European colonization began in 1843 with the founding of Fuerte Bulnes



Estancia Flamenco (Tierra del Fuego)

that will be left 5 years later for the actual site of Punta Arenas (Chile), more favorable to human settle-

The impact on the indigenous population was one of a systematic genocide. Now only a few hundreds descendants survive, mainly on Navarino island in Chile.

The gold rush of the beginning of the 20th century and the oil extraction in the 1950's, led to a regional diversification. Due to its recent tourist development ,Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, is the island most popular destination, However the tourist presence is so limited that Nature continues to reign as the only and indisputable sovereign. Discovering it by yourself is your duty.



St. Paul Cap (Tierra del Fuego)

### What we are proposing

Traveling is an art. Like artists try to master the necessary means to achieve their works, the traveler needs to have a certain control over distances and time



for a successful vacation.

Traveling through unconventional and "uncharted" territories like Tierra del Fuego, demands meticulous planning capacities and deep knowledge of the places in order to avoid unpleasant last minute surprises.

What we are proposing that you discover with us this

magnificent land, still belonging to collective unconsciousness. A journey that our experts, after long and careful local study, have organized to let those who wish to live an unconventional vacation, get to know Tierra del Fuego to the fullest.

#### **Points of interest:**

- ? Unconventional Tierra del Fuego
- ? Visit of all island towns
- ? Historical and landscape voyage of the island
- ? Visit of difficult access places
- ? Majestic Nature
- ? 2 breathtaking flights by local planes

# **Grand Tour Program**

#### .1° Day

#### **Punta Arenas**

Arrival at Punta Arenas, active commerce center and main town of Chilean Patagonia. Transfer to hotel Savoy with the bus that will accompany us for first 8 days. Time for resting and adjusting for jetlag and different climatic conditions of South-American continent's extreme south. Free evening. Dinner.

#### 2° Day

#### City tour and Fuerte Bulnes

Morning, city tour of Punta Arenas with visit to Magellan and Salesian. Punta Arenas with more than 110.000 inhabitants, is the oldest human settlement of Chilean Patagonia (1848). Magellan museum will introduce you to the XIX century colonial period, while at Salesian museum you will learn about the history of Tierra del Fuego first inhabitants long before the arrival of Europeans. Lunch.

Afternoon, excursion at Fuerte Bulnes, accurate reconstruction of the settlement that preceded Punta Arenas (1843); it was abandoned 5 years later because of its logistic difficulties and disadvantages. A few kms from there, there are the remains of Rey Don Felipe town, better known as Puerto Hambre, small town founded by Spanish at the end of XVI century. The English pirate Cavendish named it Port Famine (Puerto Hambre) because he found only one survivor over 200 settlers and eloquent traces of cannibalism. Not faraway, there is a small English cemetery where the remains of some Beagle's crew members rest. The Beagle was one of the boats of the famous Charles Darwin scientific expedition. Dinner.

#### 3° Day

#### Porvenír and surrounding area

Magellan strait crossing on Ferry Boat (2 h and 1/2) up to Porvenír, small town (4000 p.) in front of Punta Arenas. The existence of Porvenír is due to gold discovery in the nearby mountains of Sierra Boquerón and most of its inhabitants are of Croatian background. Lunch.



Panoramic view of Punta Arenas and Magellan strait









Afternoon, visit to Fernando Cordero museum and excursion to Cordon Baquedano where at 20 kms you will admire the best panorama of the island and the strait. At 40 kms along the road we will visit the remains of the golden mines. Return to Porvenír and check-in at local hotels. Diner.

#### 4° Day

#### En route for Argentina

In the morning we will continue the journey toward Rio Grande by going South. Nearby Onaisin, brief stop to visit the English cemetery and at Cameron, ancient estancia and Timaukel city council seat. We will cross Pampa Guanaco where tree vegetation replaces the prairie. Strong presence of guanacos and the mountains of Cordil-



Americas Avenue, Porvenír

lera become a common element of the landscape.

Arrival at White Lake (Lago Blanco) and outdoor picnic (depending on the weather). We will propose you to climb a low mountain overlooking the lake to enjoy a magnificent view or you can stay on the lake-side to rest or to walk.

In the late afternoon, after the border formalities we will enter Argentina by Paso Bella Vista and after passing by some ranches (estancias) we will arrive at Rio Grande. Check-in at hotel Posada de los Sauces. Diner.

#### 5° Day

#### Rio Grande and Salesian Mission

Free Morning for a town visit. Lunch.

Afternoon, excursion to Salesian Mission with visit of the local museum of the mission. Merienda (country meal). Possibility of horse riding (optional). Return to hotel. Diner.

#### 6° Day

#### Estancia Rolito and St Paul Cap

Morning, visit of Estancia Rolito and its shearing hangar. Lunch (drinks included).

Afternoon, excursion on the ocean side, St Paul Cap (Cabo San Pablo).

Lodging at Estancia Rolito (\*) and Parador Yawen (\*) located on the first foothills of the Cordillera. Dinner. (\*) The group will divide due to the limitation of available beds.



#### 7° Day

#### Parador Yawen

Morning, climbing by jeep on the Cerro Shenolah (last 50 m walking) where you will enjoy the unique and extraordinary view of three lakes (Chepelmuth, Yehuin and Fagnano) with possible condor sightseeing. Lunch.

Afternoon, boat excursion in Yehuin lake (depending on the weather). Dinner. (\*) The group will be divided due to the limitation of available beds.

#### 8° Day

#### Tolhuin, Fagnano & Escondido lakes, Garibaldi Pass and Ushuaia

Morning, brief stop at Tolhuin bread maker, locally famous for his bread making qualities, stop on Fagnano lake shores and we will arrive at Hosteria Petrel (or Laguna Verde restaurant ) along Escondido lake shores. Lunch.

Afternoon, stop at Garibaldi Pass to take some pictures and we will arrive at Ushuaia where will lodge at the Posada Fueghina after a tour of the Southernmost city of the planet. Dinner.

#### 9° Day

#### National Park of Tierra del Fuego

Full day dedicated to the N.P. of Tierra del Fuego with a local guide. Lunch box. Coffee-shop in the Parco (excellent hot chocolate) and optional individual return to Ushuaia by local transportation (after the scheduled time). Dinner.

#### 10° Day

#### Estancia Harberton

Day dedicated to Beagle Channel cruising and visit of the oldest island estancia, Estancia Harberton. During the cruise we will stop to watch Antarctic fauna common to the region. In the

estancia we will visit the small museum of Natural History. Lunch Box. In the estancia there is also a tea house to taste local dishes. Return to Ushuaia (around 8 p.m.). Dinner.

#### 11° Day

#### Free time

Ushuaia main road, San Martin avenue, it's the

right place for shopping and where you can buy presents and souvenirs. Presence of many cyber cafés.

Lunch and Dinner on your own.

#### 12° Day

of favorite local trek-

king destinations

#### Flight to Puerto Williams

Morning, by local plane (6 seats max.) we will go to Puerto Williams by flying over the Beagle Channel. Spectacular view. Transfer to town. Puerto Williams is the true end of the world. Visitors come here basically for a 4-5 day trekking and despite lack of classic tourist facilities we will lodge in two guesthouses with shared rooms and bathrooms .Lunch.

Afternoon, guided visit of Puerto Williams. Dinner.

# Afternoon, return to Punta Arenas by DAP airlines by flying over the Andes. Spectacular view. Transfer to hotel Savoy of Punta Arenas. Dinner.

#### 15° Day

# Last shopping in Punta Arenas and trip back home

Free morning to discover by yourself Punta Arenas and very last shopping in Patagonia. Not far from the town center there is a duty-free zone which along the two main Punta Arenas streets are an excellent shopping opportunity. Lunch on your own.

Afternoon, transfer to the airport and flight to Santiago and then to your country. If previously arranged you might extend your vacation in Santiago.

# Ushuaia harbor and Fagnano lake sights





#### 13° Day

#### Trekking

Morning and afternoon, walk (trekking) up to the top of Cerro Bandera with picnic near a water fall.

Outdoor dinner depending to the weather

#### 14° Day

#### **Return to Punta Arenas**

Free morning . Lunch on your own



Ushuaia is popular trekker and winter sport destination. The territory is characterized by spectacular mountains and by a still intact Nature.

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Option to extend your vacation in Santiago.

Horse riding booking has to be done preferentially 1 month prior to departure.

Airline ticket not included in the listed prices.

Last date, in April, might be not available due to seasonal climatic conditions

### Dates of beginning and end

31 October - 14 November

21 November - 5 December

22 December - 5 January

9 January - 23 January

30 January - 13 February

20 February - 6 Mars

13 Mars - 27 Mars

10 April - 24 April

http://www.tymbaryon.com

### Sale General Conditions

#### RESERVATION & PAYMENT

The reservations for the program must be done by filling in the tour form and leaving a deposit.

Deposit: 10% of the set price

Balance due one month before departure

The payment can be done by paying cash or bank transfer

#### TRAVEL

The tour is dependant on to the minimum number of 10 people and can be canceled 21 days before the departure if there is not the sufficient number of participants. The affected participants will be refunded.

#### CANCELLATION REFUND

Except in exceptional cases, in case of cancellation by the participant, the refund of the paid sum will be done with the provision of the deduction listed below, according to the number of days between the cancellation day and the departure day

- Between 30 and 21 days: 25% of the set price
- Between 20 and 7 days: 50% of the set price
- Between 6 days and 48 hours: 80% of the set price
- Less than 48 hours: 100% of the set price

However in case of illness, accident, death, important material damages, Tymbaryon t. & a. will refund the paid sum upon receiving a document proving the declaration of inability to participate to the program.

#### It is not included

Accident or illness happening to the participant that was medically stated prior to the reservation of the tour.

Pregnancy, abortion, childbirth and its consequences.

Default, impossibility or after vaccination

Foreign or civil war, riots, revolutions, strikes, law enforc ements, official prohibitions, piracy, engine explosions, radioæ tive or nuclear effects, hurricanes, earthquakes, delays or schedule changes by transportation companies.

If the participant breaks voluntarily the laws of the visiting countries

SET PRICE

The set price of the tour is established according to its duration and not on the a specific number of full days. If because of time schedules imposed by airline companies, sea and land carriers, the first and/or the last day happened to be shortened or lengthened, neither refund nor indemnity will be granted. Moreover, Tymbaryon t. & a. reserves the right to modify or to invert the schedule of the visits and the excursions of the program.

#### The price includes:

Full pension except for the days indicated in the program

The transfers and transportation by bus, ferry-boat and airplane for the transferring during the tour

The visits and excursions included in the program

The entry rights for the monuments and places included in the program

The assistance and guiding in English during the all circuit

#### It does not include

Drinks and personal expenses (telephone calls, dress cleaning, tips, baggage transportation...)

The single room supplement

Optional visits and excursions

The transportation up to Punta Arenas

The price is set in US dollars and will not be affected by fluctuating exchange rates.

#### FORMALITIES

In order to travel to Chili and Argentina, a valid passport is obligatory .

This formality concerns American, Canadian and English nationals. For other nationalities, also residents in the above countries, it is their duty to get informed at the Chilean and Argentinean consulates. Tymbaryon t. & a. decline any responsibility in case of no respect of this clause and it cannot be held responsible in case of visa refusal.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

For all practical information regarding your travel: custom duties, money and exchange rates, weather, health, local electric voltage, food habits, clothing advise, Tymbaryon t. & a. will send to you 15 days before departure, along with your letter of notification, a travel guide that will provide you with

all the needed information in order to prepare efficiently

The local assistant co-ordinates will be sent with the notification letter.

N.B. = It is recommended all participants take out personal travel insurance to cover eventual expenses that might incur which causes don't depend on the tour organization and then Tymbaryon t. & a. cannot be held responsible.

#### VACCINATION

At the moment, there is no need for vaccination in Chile and Argentina. Nonetheless it is advisable to update your usual vaccinations. Moreover, specific health precautions (indispensable physical condition, vaccination or treatment to undertake before the departure) will figure on the travel description that will be sent 15 days before the departure.

#### PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES

The price amount of an activity will not be refunded if the participant will not arrive on time at the meeting place as indicated by the assistant.

The same penalty will be applied if the participant does not have the travel documents as specified in the FORMALITIES chapter, if he or she interrupts or shortens its travel or his stay without an imperative and serious reason.

Tymbaryon t. & a. reserves the right to refuse the participation to their activities to the participants whose behavior might have a negative impact to their carrying out

Our assistants are mainly responsible for group priorities as a whole and cannot always be helping participants with disabili-

It is recommended that participants with disabilities come along with a travel companion who can help them in case of

Participants are advised to request to Tymbaryon t. & a. all information regarding possible difficulties they could be confronted during the activities which require a good physical condition.