

ADVENTURE BOUND



Torres del Paine Adventure

7 Days from \$1709 AUD twin share

Torres del Paine, Chile's spectacular national park in southern Patagonia, is a wonderland of craggy, granite peaks, snow clad mountains, glacier-fed lakes, waterfalls and rivers, pampas and thick Magellanic forests, meadows, forests and no matter where you look, fantastic scenery.

Torres Del Paine National Park is on the southern edge of the Patagonia Ice Cap on the Paine Massif. This mountainous region dates to at least twelve million years. Sedimentary rock and magma met and was thrust high into the air. You'll see Monte Paine Grande (3.050 msnm), Los Cuernos del Paine (2.600, 2.400, 2.200 msnm), Torres del Paine (2250, 2460 and 2500 msnm), Fortaleza (2800), and Escudo (2700 msnm). Some of these are covered in permanent ice.

After the ice age, when the ice fields covering the base of the massif began to melt, water and wind carved the rock into huge towers of varying shapes. Crushed rock and sediment colors the lakes in the park. The intense colors range from a milky, almost gray color, to yellows and greens and the intense blue caused by blue algae. Some of the lakes are named for their color, i.e. Laguna Azul and Laguna Verde. There are numerous rivers and small waterfalls and lagoons in the park. The largest rivers are Pingo, Paine, Serrano and Grey.

The park, 181,000 hectares on the Seno de Ultima Esperanza, or Last Hope Inlet, was created in 1959 and declared a **Biosphere Reserve** by UNESCO in 1978. The name "Paine" comes from a Tehuelche indian word meaning "blue". The Paine Massif is almost completely encircled by the Rio Paine. The river begins at Lago Dickson at the northern edge of the park, then crosses through the Paine, Nordenskiöld and Pehoé lakes and empties into the Lago del Toro at the southern end of the park.

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