

• PATAGONIA AND CHILEAN FJORDS •

DETAILED ITINERARY

Jan 15/24



In the Chilean Patagonia, one of the southernmost regions of the world, sail between massive blue-hued glaciers and the sharp peaks of the Andes mountains. This untamed terrain is home to fjords, channels, and islets with beaches teeming with marine wildlife, birds, and stunning natural landscapes best accessed by ship or Zodiac.

On this wilderness expedition, visit Puerto Cisnes, the San Rafael Bay and Glacier, the Gulf of Penas, the isolated village of Puerto Eden, the Strait of Magellan and Tierra del Fuego, and the Beagle Channel.

FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 9 Days • Start in Puerto Montt, finish in Ushuaia • All meals on board included • Travel aboard the Magellan Explorer
- Voyage the length of Sondre Stromfjord • Explore San Rafael Bay with its impressive glacier - a Biosphere Reserve • Learn about the Indigenous inhabitants, early Spanish colonizers, and famous explorers such as Charles Darwin, Fitz Roy, and Alberto de Agostini • Visit the famous fishing village of Puerto Eden, one of Chile's most isolated settlements • See the natural caves at Madre de Dios Island • Strait of Magellan and Tierra del Fuego • Sail along Glacier Alley in the Beagle Channel

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES FROM (Per person)

March 31 - April 8, 2025

Porthole	-	\$6495
Veranda	-	\$6995
Deluxe Veranda	-	\$7495
Suite	-	\$8595
Penthouse Suite	-	\$8995
Single Cabin	-	\$8995
Triple	-	\$5995

Kayaking (optional)	-	\$495
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Activity Level: 2

Comfort Level:

Some rough and uneven walking terrain. Zodiac landings required

ACCOMMODATIONS

Travel aboard the the Magellan Explorer.

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SMALL GROUP
EXOTIC ADVENTURES
FOR TRAVELERS 50 PLUS

DAY 1 PUERTO MONTT, EMBARKATION

Your journey begins in Puerto Montt, Chile, with boarding between 3 and 4 PM (15:00 – 16:00 hr.)

(Note itinerary may sail in reverse depending on departure date.)

DAYS 2 PUERTO CISNES

We head south to the village of Puerto Cisnes, in the remote region of Aysén, for an afternoon visit. We visit the seaport and explore the area, with its many fjords, islands, and channels. We hope to visit Magdalena Island, where we have a good chance of seeing penguins, cormorants, sea lions, and river otters.

DAY 3 SAN RAFAEL

The expedition continues with a full day of activities planned at San Rafael Bay. Declared a Biosphere Reserve, the park is the main entry point to Chile's Northern Icefields. San Rafael Glacier is the main attraction, but we will also enjoy exploring the surrounding fjords, channels, islands, and coves.



DAY 4 GULF OF PENAS

We cross the Gulf of Penas, enjoying beautiful views of the surrounding mountain ranges. As we continue to sail southward, the expedition team tells you about the Indigenous inhabitants of these southern lands, the early Spanish colonizers, and famous explorers such as Charles Darwin, Fitz Roy, and Alberto de Agostini. You also learn about the region's biodiversity with presentations on the local marine life and flora.

DAYS 5 PUERTO EDEN

We sail the dramatic, 18 mt-wide English Narrows on our way to the famous fishing village of Puerto Eden, one of Chile's most isolated settlements. The village sits on the eastern side of Wellington Island and is only accessible by sea. Puerto Eden has no roads. Instead, a network of wooden boardwalks connects the houses and establishments. Rich evergreens cover the landscape steeped in Indigenous traditions and culture, being home to the Kawéskar people.



DAY 6 MADRE DE DIOS ISLAND

We continue sailing south towards Madre de Dios Island, several natural caves that create a unique landscape evocatively named Marble Glaciers. In one of those caves, skeletons of whales 2600 to 3500 years old have been discovered. Many caves near the coast were used in the past as burial sites by the Kawéskar people. The whole region is an ideal place for exploration. part of an uninhabited archipelago west of the Trinidad Channel and Concepción Channel

DAYS 7 STRAIT OF MAGELLAN AN TIER-RA DEL FUEGO

While cruising along the Strait of Magellan, we explore the waters of the fiords that branch out from Tierra del Fuego, a region named after the fires that burned in local native settlements when the first European explorers arrived. We follow the remote coast around the Francisco Coloane Marine Park, a protected area in the southern hemisphere where whales feed. If you are lucky, you may be able to witness humpback or sei whales breaching in the distance. You may also see dolphins, sea lions, seals, penguins, albatrosses, and petrels.

DAY 8 BEAGLE CHANNEL

We continue along the Beagle Channel, a striking narrow passage, partly belonging to Chile and partly to Argentina. We sail along Glacier Alley, a 240 km (150 mi) stretch within the Channel in Southern Chile, home to a family of five glaciers: the Holanda, Italia, Francia, Alemania, and Romanche glaciers. We hope to explore the Garibaldi Fjord where we will be surrounded by hanging and tidewater glaciers; nearby waterfalls are so close they can almost be touched. Spectacular ice formations are sprawled along the sea, forming part of the

Southern Patagonian Ice Field and the snow-dusted Darwin Range. It is a perfect time to enjoy the graceful view and, if possible, get a glimpse of sea lions and steamer ducks. The Beagle Channel, with the Strait of Magellan to the north and the Drake Passage to the south, is one of the three navigable passages in South America connecting the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. On our way to Ushuaia, Argentina, the largest settlement on the channel, we will make a brief nighttime technical stop in Port Williams to comply with Chilean customs and immigration requirements.

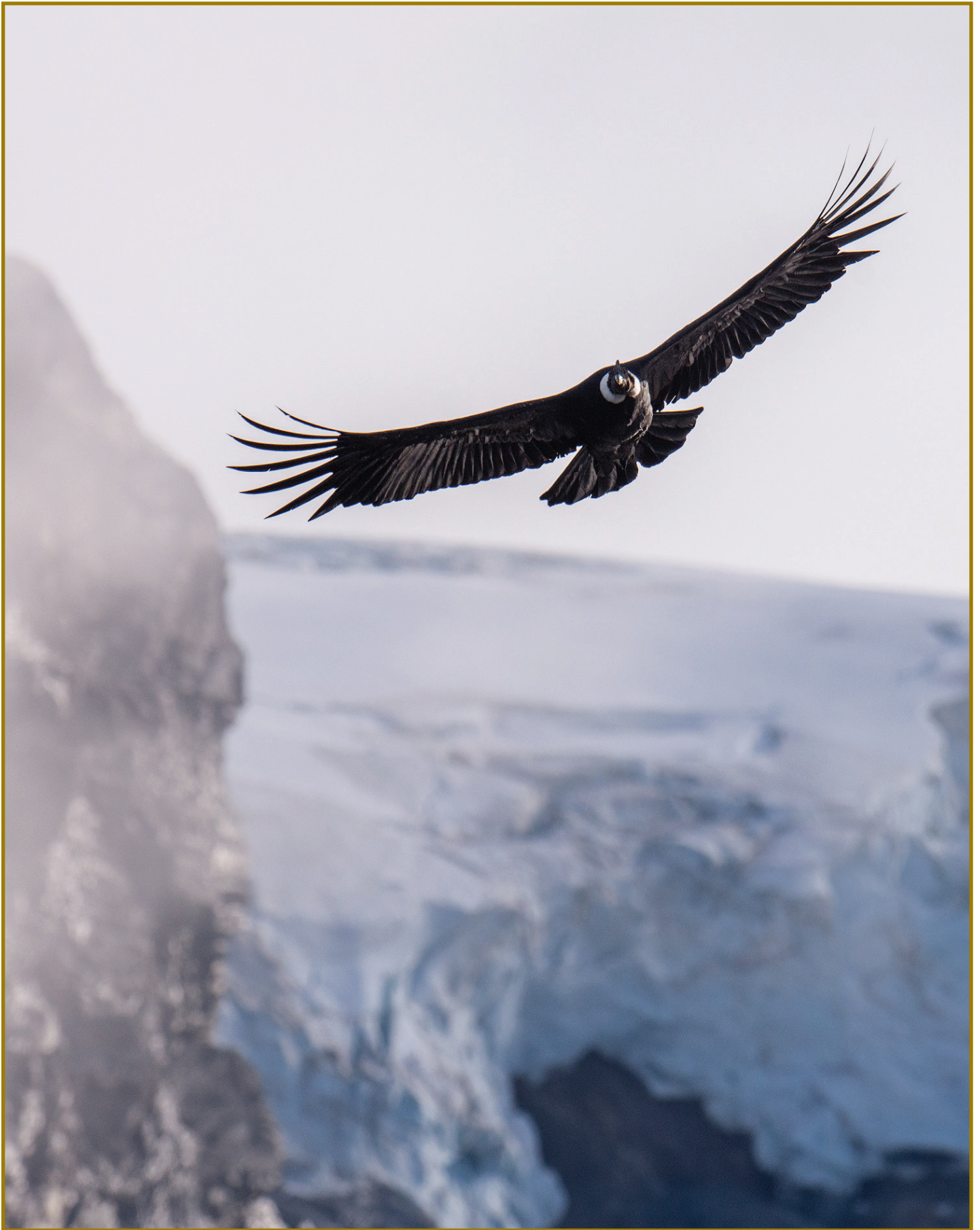
DAYS 9 MORNING ARRIVAL IN USHUAIA AND DISEMBARKATION.

Morning arrival in Ushuaia and disembarkation.

**This itinerary is also available in reverse beginning in Ushuaia and ending in Puerto Montt.

Note: the itinerary presented above is for reference. As for any expedition cruise, our route will be subject to weather conditions and the requirements of the Chilean authorities.





THE MAGELLAN EXPLORER DETAILS:



Magellan Explorer is a new and modern expedition vessel custom-built for our Antarctic air-cruises to the latest Polar Code specifications. For our air-cruises, Magellan Explorer has a capacity for 73 guests accommodated in seven categories of accommodation, including dedicated single cabins. All cabins except Porthole cabins feature private balconies. All double cabins except two have two twin beds that can be configured as one king-size bed. Most cabins have two twin beds that can be configured as one queen-size bed.

All cabins feature a wardrobe, individually controlled heating system, a sitting area, and a private bathroom with a shower and heated floors.

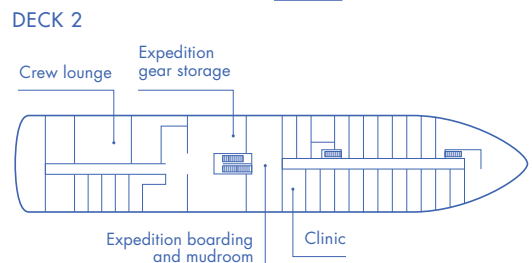
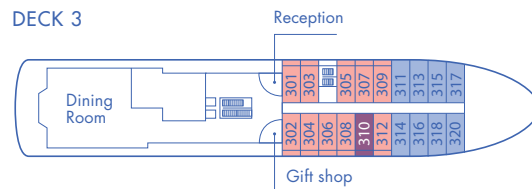
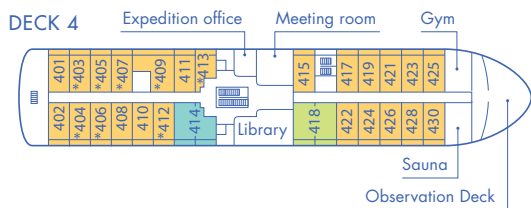
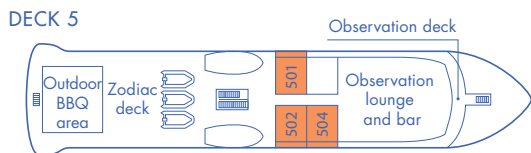
The ship features a glass-enclosed observation lounge and presentation room with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, a spacious and stylish dining room, a well-stocked bar, a library, a meeting room, a gym, a sauna, and a medical clinic. The forward-facing observation deck leads to the ship's bow, which is accessible to guests to offer proximity to marine wildlife. The ship has a fleet of 10 Zodiac boats that are well suited for disembarking and wildlife watching.

The fitness center aboard Magellan Explorer has been designed and built by the professionals at Anytime Fitness, the world's only fitness company with boutique gyms on all seven continents.

Magellan Explorer

Deck Plan for Sea Voyages

2023-24 Season



- CABINS
- Grand Suite
 - Veranda Cabin
 - Triple Suite
 - Penthouse Suite
 - Porthole Cabin
 - Single Veranda Cabin
 - Deluxe Veranda Cabin
 - ✱ Only available with queen-size bed



Magellan lounge and bar.



Magellan cabins.





QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. HOW BIG ARE THE GROUPS?

The Magellan Explorer is a 73 passenger vessel.

2. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

Daily buffet breakfast, à la carte lunch and dinner, as well as wine, beer, juice, soft drinks, coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board the ship.

Special access to Explorers House for guests in Punta Arenas.

3. WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

International flights, tips and personal expenses like alcoholic beverages outside of meals, telephone calls, internet & laundry are not included. Although this is a personal choice, it is customary for passengers to leave a gratuity to the crew, service personnel, and expedition staff as a sign of appreciation. You can make a single contribution at the end of the voyage. As a general guideline, we suggest US\$15 per passenger per day. Gratuities can be added prior to settling your shipboard account, or put in an envelope and dropped in a box set out on the last days of the voyage.

4. ARE THESE “EDUCATIONAL” TOURS?

There will be a variety of guests, expedition leaders and staff onboard who are ready and willing to share their knowledge of the region, geology and wildlife.

5. HOW DO WE TRAVEL DURING THE TOUR?

We cruise on our vessel and often use zodiac's for our adventure excursions.

6. WHAT ARE OUR ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?

The ship offers interior and exterior cabins. All cabins have private washroom facilities, a phone for internal calls, radio, TV and air-conditioning. There are a variety of cabin categories available ranging from 9-30 m2 (100-320 sq ft). Please call for pricing and cabin availability.

7. WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER?

We travel during the northern summer season.

In general, we can experience temperatures around 0°C (32°F).

8. WHEN IS PAYMENT DUE?

A non-refundable deposit of \$3500 USD is due as soon as you decide to go and will reserve your place on the tour. The balance of the land payment is due 150 days before departure. Cancellation charges are applicable and these are outlined in the “Terms & Conditions” section of our brochure.

9. IS MEDICAL INSURANCE REQUIRED?

Insurance coverage is not included in the cost of your trip. Please note that medical insurance is required for this adventure and must cover emergency evacuation, We strongly recommend cancellation and interruption insurance as well. ElderTreks offers comprehensive travel insurance and we are happy to provide you with a quote if you call our office. If you are purchasing insurance elsewhere, please ensure you provide the details to ElderTreks as soon as possible.

10. WHAT MEALS ARE INCLUDED?

Daily buffet breakfast, à la carte lunch and dinner, as well as wine, beer, juice, soft drinks, coffee, tea, chocolate, cappuccino, water, and snacks on board the ship.

11. WHAT SHOULD I TAKE ON THE TOUR?

There is a detailed “What to Take” list in our Trip Kit, which we will send to you after you have booked the trip.

12. CAN YOU ARRANGE MY FLIGHTS?

We would be happy to take care of your air arrangements. ElderTreks offers personalized flight itineraries, not group flights. Stop over enroute, come in a few days early, or extend your stay. Call us for a customized itinerary.

13. WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any further questions about the adventure, please call our office for more details. A Trip Specialist will be happy to answer your questions. A Trip Kit containing further details on the destination will be sent to you once you have booked the trip.





