

PATAGONIA PUMA TRACKING TORRES DEL PAINE

August 2nd-9th 2025



Embark on a unique photographic experience in Torres del Paine National Park during the winter season. This time of year, offers optimal conditions for capturing spectacular images of pumas, thanks to the soft light and tranquility of the surroundings. With fewer visitors in the observation areas, the chances of sightings increase, allowing you to photograph these majestic felines without the interruption of crowds or vehicles constantly passing through the areas where more sightings are projected.

Although the days are shorter in winter, the quality of the light is unparalleled. The low sun and the higher probability of cloud presence create a diffused lighting that is perfect for obtaining well-balanced images. Unlike other times of the year, where intense light can make capturing good photographs difficult, winter provides an ideal environment for nature photography.

Additionally, during this season, the cold conditions generally cause pumas to exhibit a denser coat, making them stand out even more in images. They are also more active, as they follow the guanacos, their main food source, which move to lower areas of the park in search of food. This offers you more opportunities to document fascinating behaviors and action-packed scenes.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

AUGUST 2 : PUNTA ARENAS

On this day, we will welcome you to the city of Punta Arenas, located at the southernmost tip of the continent. We will greet you at Presidente Carlos Ibáñez International Airport and transfer you to your hotel for a well-deserved rest.

INCLUDES: Transfer in and accommodation in Punta Arenas at Hotel Almasur

DAY 2

AUGUST 3 : PUNTA ARENAS – PUERTO NATALES



On this day, after breakfast, we will head to Puerto Natales on a 240 km journey that will take approximately 3.5 hours. This beautiful city will be our base and home for the next few days of adventure. We will arrive at a good time to explore the coastal area and observe some species such as the Chilean Flamingo, Black-necked Swan, Coscoroba Swan, Crested Ducks, Imperial Cormorant, among other species, with a beautiful landscape in the background.

Once at the hotel, we will settle in and get to know the participants, and discuss the activities for the coming days.

INCLUDES: Transportation, guide, meals (B/L/-), accommodation in Puerto Natales at Hotel Martín Gusinde.

DAY 3-4-5

AUGUST 4-5-6: PUMA TRACKING

Get ready for an exciting expedition in Torres del Paine National Park. Over the next few days, we will begin our adventures before dawn, heading to the most suitable areas for puma observation with specialized trackers from the region.



Our main goal: to capture stunning photographs of pumas (*Puma concolor*).

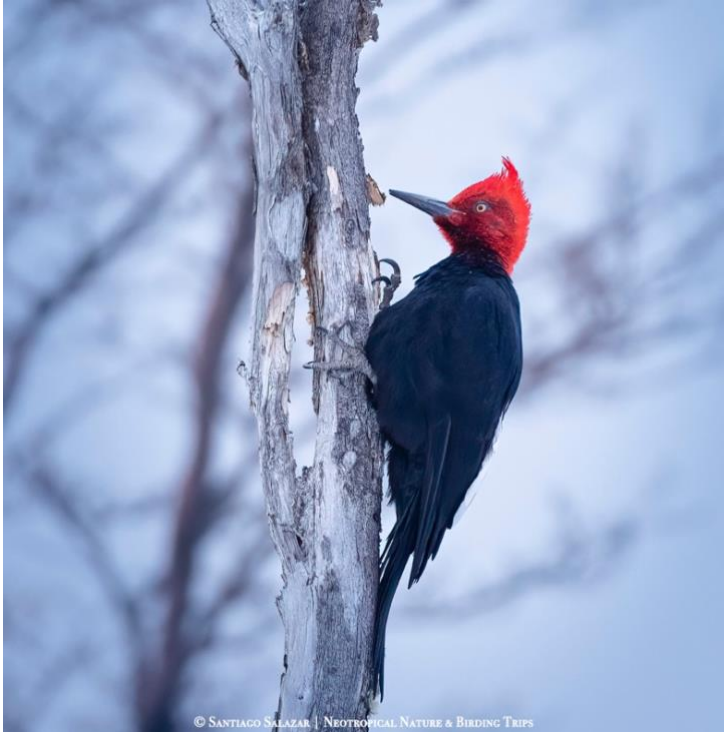
Each day, we will leave Puerto Natales to arrive at the observation area a few minutes earlier to enjoy the spectacular sunrises that paint the sky with vibrant colors. The perfect setting to begin our search for the majestic pumas!

When we find a puma, we will stay with it, immortalizing every moment with our cameras and enjoying the adrenaline of this incredible encounter. We will spend as much time as possible in the reserve, exploring and photographing every corner.

Since it's the winter season, we will spend the entire day in the field, optimizing our time in search of these magnificent felines and absorbing the beauty of this place. We will return to Puerto Natales with the last light of the afternoon to celebrate the sightings, enjoy a delicious dinner, and why not a glass of wine, before having a well-deserved and restful sleep, preparing ourselves for another day full of excitement.

Besides pumas, the reserve offers us the opportunity to photograph guanacos, birds of prey, and landscapes that seem straight out of a dream. Each day promises new and exciting surprises in this natural paradise.

INCLUDES: Puma trackers, 4x4 transport, entrance fees to Torres del Paine, meals (B/L/-), accommodation in Puerto Natales at Hotel Martín Gusinde.

DAY 6**AUGUST 7: LAGO GREY**

Today, we will embark on an unforgettable winter adventure from Puerto Natales to the spectacular Grey Lake in the heart of Torres del Paine National Park.

We depart early, as the dawn light begins to paint the Patagonian sky. We head towards the heart of Torres del Paine National Park, where majestic landscapes are reflected in the calm waters of several lakes along the way, such as Lake Toro. This magical moment is postcard-worthy, creating a perfect start to our exciting day.

Here, we also begin our search for the iconic Magellanic Woodpecker (*Campephilus magellanicus*). With its striking colors and distinctive drumming, finding it will be an exciting experience. We will also be on the lookout for the Southern Pygmy Owl and

other fascinating bird species that inhabit this winter environment.

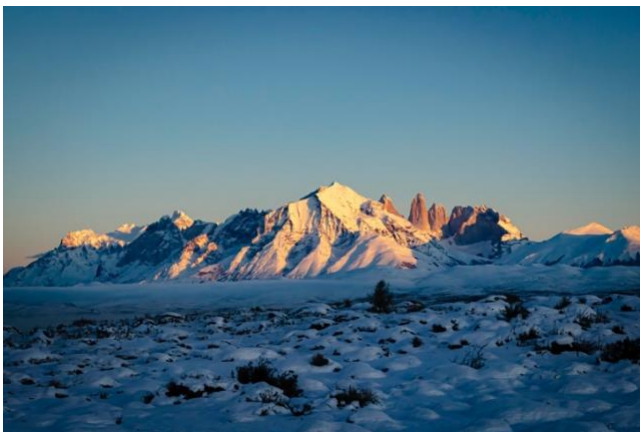
Every moment of this journey is designed to immerse you in the beauty and excitement of the Patagonian winter. From the dazzling landscapes to encounters with diverse wildlife, this adventure promises to be an unparalleled experience. Upon arrival at the Grey Hotel, you can enjoy the wonderful views of the lake and later savor a delicious dinner at the hotel.

INCLUDES: Guide, private van transportation, entrance fees to Torres del Paine NP, meals (B/L/-), accommodation in standard room at Hotel Lago Grey.

DAY 7**AUGUST 8: LAGO GREY – LAGUNA AMARGA – PUERTO NATALES**

Today, we will enjoy the morning around Grey Lake, and later in the morning, we will travel along the most scenic route in the entire Torres del Paine National Park. As we progress, each bend in the road reveals panoramic views of snow-covered mountains and frozen valleys. We will pass by several lakes, such as Pehoe Lake, Salto Grande Viewpoint, and Nordenskjold Lake Viewpoint, among others, marking our way back to where this adventure began: Laguna Amarga, perhaps bidding farewell with one last sighting of a puma and the impressive natural cathedral formed by the Towers against their backdrop. In the late afternoon, we will return to Puerto Natales to share and celebrate the final dinner of this adventure.

INCLUDES: Guide, private transportation, entrance fees to Torres del Paine NP, meals (B/L/-), accommodation in Puerto Natales at Hotel Martín Gusinde.

DAY 8**AUGUST 9: TRANSFER A PUNTA ARENAS - AEROPUERTO**

After several fascinating and fun-filled days captured in photographs and emotions, it's time to say see you soon, as we trust we'll share a new adventure together. After a comfortable rest in Puerto Natales and a delicious breakfast, we will head back to Punta Arenas towards the Presidente Carlos Ibáñez International Airport.

INCLUDES: Guide, private transportation to the airport in Punta Arenas, meals (B/-/-)

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPATION ROOM

USD \$4980

Single room supplement USD \$390

If you would like to upgrade to a superior room with a lake view at Lago Grey, there is an additional cost of USD \$95

INCLUDES:

- Shared double room.
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary.
- Naturalist guide.
- Specialized puma tracker guide.
- Private vehicles.
- National Park fees.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips for guide, driver and puma tracker (dollars or pesos chilenos)
- Domestic and international airfare.
- Dinners.
- Additional nights.
- Alcoholic beverages, snacks, and drinks not included with meals.
- Laundry service.
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance.
- Any other service not specified in the document.

OVERVIEW

- **Tour duration:** 8 days
- **Group size:** 4 participants + TL + Guide
- **Starting point:** Punta Arenas, Presidente Carlos Ibáñez International Airport
- **Ending point:** Punta Arenas, Presidente Carlos Ibáñez International Airport
- **Difficulty:** Moderate
- **Focus:** Photography

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To have a better experience, it's important to know some key factors that will make your experience more enjoyable:

- Bring extra money for tips, personal expenses, food, souvenirs, etc. (the local currency is the Chilean peso). We recommend exchanging around USD 300, or its equivalent in your local currency, at the airport or in Punta Arenas. Depending on your flight's arrival time, we can recommend an exchange office near the hotel in Punta Arenas. Most places accept credit card payments if you prefer. You can tip guides, driver and puma trackers in dollars as well.

Essential items:

- Sunscreen
- Warm hat or beanie
- Flashlight
- Reusable water bottle
- Trekking shoes that are highly water-resistant to prevent snow or water from seeping through.
- We recommend using gaiters for extra protection in case of heavy snow, to better insulate your feet and legs.
- Very warm, layered clothing: Patagonia is known for its variable climate, characterized by intense cold in winter. Temperatures can drop below freezing, so it's essential to be well-prepared with suitable clothing. Fortunately, during this season, the wind is not as strong as in other times of the year. The accommodations and vehicles will be equipped with heating at all times to ensure your comfort.

It is crucial to wear layered clothing: a thermal base layer, thermal socks, gloves, hat, warm jackets, and waterproof clothing, this way, you'll be able to enjoy the experience to the fullest.