



CHILEAN PATAGONIA AND TIERRA DEL FUEGO



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When you think in Patagonia, the first images in your mind are amazing landscapes, full of lakes, mountains with harsh climatic conditions, cold and windy. And you're right, but's much more than this. Is a place with a hard winter, but in spring and summer, is a place plenty of life, wildlife actually, just in front of you.

One of the most isolated places on earth, Patagonia offers unique landscapes and a diverse geography that allows the possibility of knowing a great variety of birds and local fauna. This program traverses world famous National Parks and Natural Reserves to visit the natural habitat of a rich biodiversity.



MAGELLANIC WOODPECKER

In only six days and more than a 1.500 kilometers traveled we will get a complete panorama of this wonderful southern destination and the birds who live in, in a journey difficult to forget. You'll be in a birdwatching program, but in incredible landscapes and a magnificent scenery.



MAGELLANIC PLOVER

PROGRAM

DAY 1

CHILEAN PATAGONIA

After breakfast in Punta Arenas, we will drive along the coast of the Magellan Straits, where we can find species like the Crested Duck, Flightless Steamer-Duck, Magellanic Oystercatcher, Two-banded Plover, Rufous-chested Dotterel, Chilean Skua, Dolphin Gull, South American Tern, Dark-bellied Cinclodes, Rufous-backed Negrito, Dark-Faced Ground Tyrant and Patagonian Sierra-finch. We will probably be able to spot the Kelp Goose on the road. After that, we will drive to Puerto Natales. Overnight stay in Puerto Natales.



CINNAMON-BELLIED GROUND-TYRANT

DAY 2

TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK (NP)

We will leave Punta Arenas and travel to the fantastic Torres de Paine National Park, one of the most wonderful places on Earth, and which has been nominated a Biosphere Reserve. In the National Park, we will try Coscoroba Swan, Torrent Duck, Flying Steamer-Duck, Spectacled Duck, Red Shoveler, Ruddy Duck, Andean Condor, Chilean Flamingo, Cinereous Harrier, Austral Rail, South American Snipe, Austral parakeet, and Correndera Pipit. This is also a reserve for many mammal species such as the Guanaco, Mountain Lion, Austral Grey Fox and Culpeo Fox. Overnight stay in Puerto Natales.

DAY 3

SIERRA BAGUALES

We start early north Puerto Natales to Sierra Baguales. We can find there birds linked to steppe environment, like Chocolate-vented Tyrant, Patagonian Yellow-Finch, Patagonian Mockingbird, Yellow-bridled Finch, Cinnamon-bellied ground tyrant; Scale-Throated Earthcreeper, Common Miner, Andean Condor, White-throated Caracara among others. Sometimes Lesser Rhea, Black-chested Buzzard Eagle and with luck mammals like Guanaco, Austral Grey Fox and Patagonian hog-nosed skunk. Overnight stay in Puerto Natales.



SPECTACLED DUCK

DAY 4

TIERRA DEL FUEGO (LAND OF FIRE)

We will have a long day going through different environments. We will be driving to Tierra del Fuego, and on the road we will be able to find Lesser Rhea, Chocolate-vented Tyrant, White-bridled Finch, Least Seedsnipe, Rufous-chested Dotterel, Tawny-throated Dotterel and other birds. When we will be crossing the Magellan Strait we should be able to see the Flightless Steamer-Duck, Crested Duck, Sooty Shearwater and South American Tern. Also are probably the Commerson's Dolphin or the Dusky Dolphin. Later on, we will go on a trip through Tierra del Fuego, crossing wetlands that contain an interesting collection of waterfowl, and where we will be able to look for the Upland Goose, Ruddy-headed Goose, Ashy-headed Goose, Rufous-chested Dotterel, South American Snipe and the Rufous-backed Negrito among others. Later - and depending on the time -we will visit a wetland in search of the Magellanic Plover, White-rumped Sandpiper, Two-banded Plover, Wilson's phalarope, Short-billed Miner. Overnight in Porvenir.

DAY 5

PENGUINS IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO (LAND OF FIRE)

After a good rest during the night, we will be going to a little colony, unique in America, of King Penguins, located south of Porvenir city, in a protected area. On the road we will see many coastal birds, like Black-necked Swans, Coscoroba Swan, Chiloe Wigeon, Imperial Cormorants, South American Terns and others. Here we will have the best chance for Short-billed Miner. Also it's possible find Dolphins, like the Dusky Dolphin. If the day before we were not able to look for the Magellanic Plover, this afternoon will be dedicated to this species. Overnight in Porvenir

DAY 6

PUNTA ARENAS AND FLIGHT TO SANTIAGO

In the last day, we will cross to Punta Arenas, spending about three hours on the Straits of Magellan. Right after leaving Porvenir bay, we will observe groups of Dolphins that will follow our boat. It is a very interesting trip and during the crossing we will observe various species of pelagic birds. We will be able to see the Black-browed Albatross, Giant Petrels (Southern and Northern), White-chinned Petrel, and the Magellan Diving-Petrel, among others. After landing, we will head for Punta Arenas Airport and from there to Santiago. Overnight in Santiago.

DAY 7

SANTIAGO. END OF THE TRIP

After breakfast the program comes to an end. If you leave Chile, the program includes your transfer to the Airport.



AUSTRAL PARAKEET

SUMMARY

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

Start / End: Punta Arenas / Santiago (or Santiago / Santiago)

Restrictions: No restrictions

Climate: Any kind of climate is possible during the trip. Very probably rain in some days. Exceptionally, you might even have a little snowfall. Mostly cold weather.

Dates: From October to January.

Potential # of species: 160

OUTSTANDING:

1. A journey to south and austral Chile, with visits to the cold rain forest and the typical Patagonian environments.
2. More than 60 Southern Cone endemic birds are possible. Those are birds living only in central and south Chile and Argentina.
3. Amazing birds like the Andean Condor, national bird of Chile and the Magellanic Woodpecker - biggest woodpecker in America-. Two species of dotterel, the Rufous-chested Dotterel and Tawny-throated Dotterel. The Green-backed Firecrown - southernmost hummingbird in the world - and Austral Parakeet, the most austral parakeet of the world. Also the one and only continental colony of King Penguin and one of the most unusual plovers, the Magellanic Plover.



WHITE-BRIDLED FINCH