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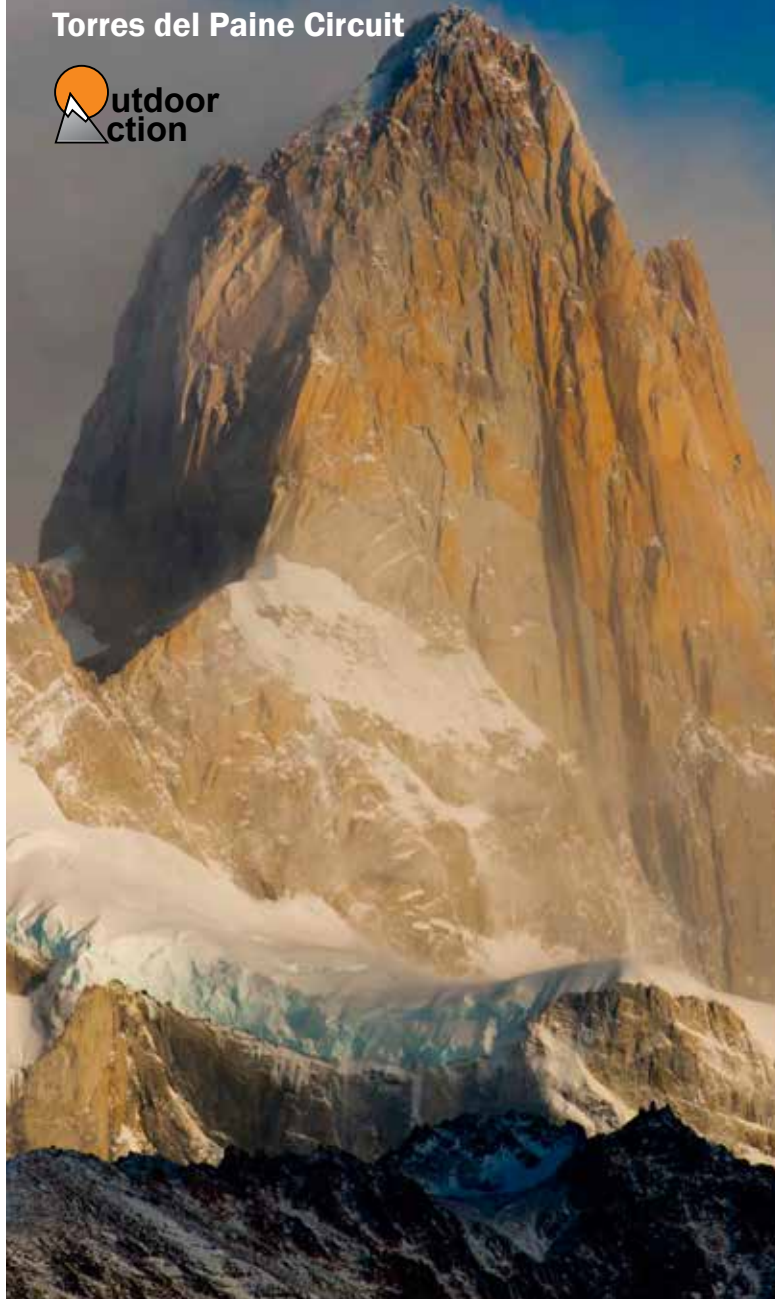
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**CHILEAN PATAGONIA:**  
Torres del Paine Circuit



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# Chilean Patagonia

## Torres del Paine Circuit

On this trek we will follow remote trails through undulating grasslands and woodlands to the least visited part of the national park. Hiking above the forests we enter a world of granite peaks, hanging glaciers and glacial lakes as we forge a route over the John Garner Pass. From the pass we are rewarded with magnificent views of the Grey Glacier and as far as the Patagonian Ice Cap before completing a rugged descent to the shores of Lago Grey. We enjoy forays up the French Valley and the Ascensio Valley before we finally ascend to the base of Torres del Paine for one of the most unforgettable mountain views in the world.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

Enjoy a scenic drive to Torres del Paine National Park, then take a catamaran across Lake Pehoe.

See the stunning, glacially carved spires of the famous Paine Towers.

Camp amid the varied landscapes of old-growth beech forest, vast mountains, steppes, rivers, and glaciers.

Visit a Black-Faced Ibis colony.

Stay at Estancia Rio Verde, a family-owned sheep ranch on the shores of Skyring Sound. Here you will be treated to a traditional Chilean barbecue.

There are options to climb glaciers, go horseback riding, and visit a penguin colony.

Highest elevation reached: Paso John Garner (4,000 ft)



**From \$5,995/ person**  
**Trip Length: 13 days, 12 nights**

## Itinerary at a Glance

### Monday, February 8, 2016

Depart the U.S. independently on flights to Punta Arenas, Chile (elevation 112ft.)

### Tuesday, February 9

Arrive in Punta Arenas, where you will be warmly greeted by your guide and transferred to Cabo de Hornos hotel for a welcome dinner.

**Overnight: Cabo de Hornos hotel | Meals: (D)**

### Wednesday, February 10

Enjoy a four to five hour scenic drive up to Torres del Paine National Park. Take a catamaran across Lake Pehoe (PAY-oh-ay) to arrive at Paine Grande.

**Overnight: Lodge Paine Grande | Meals: (B,L,D)**

### Thursday, February 11: Lodge Paine Grande to Camp Frances

Rise early and hike to French Valley to take in views of the peaks, then head to Camp Frances for the night. This is a new camp with bunks inside domes, overlooking Lago Nordenskjold.

Distance: 12 miles | Elevation gain: ▲3,400ft. ▼2,200ft.

**Overnight: Camp Frances | Meals: (B,L,D)**

### Friday, February 12: Camp Frances to Refugio Terra Norte

Continue on the trail to our refugio.

Distance: 9.5 miles | Elevation gain: ▲2,000ft. ▼2,200ft.

**Overnight: Refugio Terra Norte | Meals: (B,L,D)**

### Saturday, February 13: Day hike to Paine Towers

Enjoy a day hike without moving camp.

Distance: 12 miles | Elevation gain: ▲4,000ft. ▼4,000ft.

**Overnight: Refugio Terra Norte | Meals: (B,L,D)**

### Sunday, February 14: Refugio Terra Norte to Camp Seron

Today pack horses will join us on the trail. We will pass through beautiful Southern Beech forests, fields, and ranchlands.

Distance: 9 miles | Elevation gain: ▲1,200ft. ▼1,100ft.

**Overnight: Camp Seron | Meals: (B,L,D)**

### Monday, February 15: Camp Seron to Lake Dickson

Enjoy a hike to remote, glacier-fed Lake Dickson.

Distance: 10 miles | Elevation gain: ▲2,200ft. ▼2,150ft.

**Overnight: Camp Dickson | Meals: (B,L,D)**

### Tuesday, February 16: Camp Dickson to Camp Los Perros

Today we will trek through high-canopy beech forest. There will be an option to hike to Glacier Los Perros as well. At Los Perros, we will prepare our own meals, cookout-style.

Distance: 7 miles | Elevation gain: ▲1,700ft. ▼500ft.

**Overnight: Camp Los Perros | Meals: (B,L,D)**

This trek is moderately strenuous. The trail covers a distance approximately 70 miles over eight days of hiking, which includes a good deal of elevation change each day.

### Wednesday, February 17: Camp Los Perros to Camp Grey

Today we will reach the highest elevation on our trek, as we hike over Paso John Garner (4,000 ft) on a trail above Grey Glacier. We will pass through forest and emerge from the trees as we gain elevation and have our first views of the pass. After attaining the pass, we will drop back down into the trees. We will traverse recently completed suspension bridges over gorges along our path.

Distance: 9 miles | Elevation gain: ▲3,00ft. ▼4,800ft.

**Overnight: Camp Grey | Meals: (B,L,D)**

### Thursday, February 18: Hike down to Lake Pehoe

Today you will hike down to tranquil Lake Pehoe, weaving in and out of the beech forest, seeing icebergs along the way.

Distance: 7 miles | Elevation gain: ▲1,50ft. ▼1,700ft.

**Overnight: Lodge Paine Grande | Meals: (B,L,D)**



### Friday, February 19 & Saturday, February 20: Estancia Rio Verde

Transfer to Estancia Rio Verde, a family-owned, working sheep ranch on the shores of Skyring Sound. Enjoy traditional Chilean barbecue, tour the ranch facilities and learn how a traditional Patagonian sheep and cattle ranch operates. There will be options to visit a local Black-Faced Ibis colony, enjoy scenic walks, and beach comb.

**Overnight:**

**Estancia Rio Verde**

**Meals: (B,L,D)**

### Sunday, February 21: International Departure

Transfer to the airport for a late afternoon departure from Punta Arenas. Optional trip to the penguin colony on Otway Sound.

**Meals: (B)**

Hiking over the Paso John Garner is the most challenging day of the trip with a steep descent from the pass over uneven terrain. Participants should be in good physical shape to enjoy this trek.

## About Your Princeton Leader



**Rick Curtis '79** has been the Director of the Outdoor Action Program at Princeton for more than thirty years. During that time the program has grown significantly with over 800 freshmen and 200 student trip leaders participating in the annual Frosh Trip outdoor orientation program. Rick is an experienced backpacker, backcountry skier, and kayaker and is author of *The Backpacker's Field Manual*, a best-selling book on hiking and backpacking. Rick has led a number of Outdoor Action alumni trips over the past 25 years. He participated in the successful 2012 collaboration between OA and Princeton Journeys that trekked the Annapurna Sanctuary up to 13,800 feet.

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Princeton Journeys is proud to partner with Outdoor Action to offer active travelers the chance to explore on foot the scenic wonderland of Chile's Torres del Paine National Park along with Rick Curtis '79, Director of the Outdoor Action Program, on a trip operated by World Wide Trekking. Chile's Torres del Paine National Park is a scenic wonderland without parallel—likened by many to the combined splendor of Yosemite and the Grand Tetons—a place to which all serious mountain-lovers must make a pilgrimage at least once in their lifetime. This trek is a full circuit of the Paine massif, and takes you through the kind of rarely traveled terrain you'd expect to find at the ends of the earth.

Accompanied by top local guides, all with extensive mountaineering backgrounds, you'll hike deep into the remote wilderness of southern Chile. Here, glaciers of millennia past have receded from the granite rock of the Cordillera Paine, leaving a cluster of craggy peaks rising 8,000 feet above the surrounding grasslands. The jaw-dropping vistas of monolithic rock spires and snow-capped mountains, the huge expanse of the Patagonia Ice Field, the tranquil azure lakes, and the golden plains bright with wildflowers make this, beyond a doubt, one of the most unforgettable treks you'll ever take.

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**Registration Form**



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Mail or fax this completed form to: Princeton Journeys  
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Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person)  
for a party of \_\_\_\_\_ on this program.

I/we understand that the final balance is due November 9, 2015.

Traveler 1 Name (as it appears on passport)/Princeton Affiliation:

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Traveler 2 Name (as it appears on passport)/Princeton Affiliation:

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Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation preference:  One-bedded Double  Single

For single travelers:

I prefer to have single accommodations

I wish to share accommodations with \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to know about potential roommates (if one cannot be  
found, I agree to pay the single supplement)

Payment and Terms:

Enclosed is my check (made payable to World Wide Trekking)

Please charge (\$1,000 per person) to  Visa  MasterCard

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Credit card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby authorize World Wide Trekking to automatically charge this  
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