



Introduction

explora's Hotel Salto Chico can be found on the shore of Lake Pehoé, facing a breathtaking panoramic view of the Paine Massif. Conceived as a base for explorations, Hotel Salto Chico features every amenity needed to really relax and all the equipment necessary to explore Patagonia.

How to get there

From Chile: from the airport in Santiago, Chile (SCL), take a connecting flight to Punta Arenas (PUQ) which lasts about four hours. From there our staff will take you to Hotel Salto Chico, a trip which lasts about four and a half hours: The journey from Punta Arenas to Llanuras de Diana, along 200 kilometers (124 mi.) of paved road takes two-and-a-quarter hours. From there, the 190 kilometers (118 mi.) to Torres del Paine National Park is mainly along dirt roads and takes two hours and 20 minutes. We stop at a restaurant on the route for about half an hour for a light meal provided by *explora*.

From Argentina: upon arrival at the international airport in Buenos Aires (EZE), you must take a flight to El Calafate (FTE). Sometimes you must go to the national airport, Aeroparque Jorge Newberry (AEP) to find a flight to El Calafate (FTE). This flight lasts between four and five hours. From there you can take a public bus or a private transfer to the border town of Cerro Castillo, Chile. Once you arrive at Cerro Castillo, *explora* staff greets you and takes you to Hotel Salto Chico, a trip that takes about an hour.

Regular transfer schedule

Transfer schedule subject to change without prior notice. Consider a four and a half hour drive between Punta Arenas and Hotel Salto Chico.

Arrivals pick up

- Punta Arenas Airport from 10AM to 6PM
- Punta Arenas Hotels 08:30AM
- Cruceros Australis Dock 11AM
- Puerto Natales Hotel from 11AM to 11:30AM or Bus Terminal
- Cruceros Skorpios Dock from 11AM to 11:30AM
- Chilean border at Cerro Castillo 12PM

Departures drop off

- Punta Arenas Airport 12PM (airport drop off available for flights departing after 12:00 PM)
- Punta Arenas Hotel 20:30PM
- Cruceros Australis Dock 11AM
- Argentina border in Cancha Carrera 12AM

Programs

There are programs of 4 and 8 nights (according to calendar) available year round at *explora Patagonia*. In order to ensure generous time to enjoy this unforgettable experience, *explora* suggests a stay of 8 nights. During Christmas and New Years there are fixed programs of 6 nights.

Programs include:

- Transfers between local airport and *explora Patagonia*.
- Accommodations.
- Full board. 3 meals per day. Bar.
- Daily explorations in groups no larger than 8, with bilingual guides and equipment.
- All *explora's* rates include entrance fee to Torres del Paine National Park.

At *explora Patagonia* we offer treks and horseback rides.



Accommodations

49 Rooms:

- Suites Exploradores: 39 sq. mt (396 sq. ft), with Jacuzzi and view of the Paine Massif.
- Cordillera Paine Rooms: 26 sq. mt (264 sq. ft), with Jacuzzi and view of the Paine Massif.
- Salto Chico Rooms: 26 sq. mt (264 sq. ft), with view of Salto Chico waterfall.

Parents may add an additional bed for a child 12 years of age or younger.

Services

- Dining room serving *explora* quality cuisine.
- Bar.
- Wine tastings.
- Room service.
- In-room telephone with national and international direct dialing service.
- Wi-Fi, Internet, and computers available in the bar area (satellite connection).
- Fax.
- Radio contact within the park.
- Television salon.
- Gift shop featuring *explora* apparel, books, local crafts, and a limited selection of outdoor gear and equipment.
- Meeting room.
- Private stables.
- Library.
- Laundry service.

Casa de Baños del Ona

- Heated indoor lap pool.
- Sauna and massage service.
- Outside Jacuzzi.

Altitude

Although Torres del Paine is home to peaks that reach a height of 3,000 meters (9,840 ft), the lower plains of the park are just 46 meters (150 ft) above sea level. All explorations take place at lower altitudes.

Climate

The park features a microclimate, but the general climate in the region is maritime, with pleasant temperatures during the summer and winter. During the rainiest month, precipitation rarely exceeds more than 3.3 inches (85 millimeters). There is snowfall during the winter, but it is usually light to medium, and seldom impedes excursions.

Wind is an important factor, because it can blow as strong as 110 km per hour (70 mi per hour), producing continually changing climactic conditions. It can be raining and in a short while the wind will blow out the clouds, leaving the resplendent sun. Winds typically blow in from the west and are strongest during the end of spring and during summer. There is hardly any wind during the winter, save the occasional storm, and days are typically radiant and clear.

MONTHLY TEMPERATURE CHART DURING DAYLIGHT

	HIGH (Median with daylight)		LOW (Median with daylight)	
	°C	°F	°C	°F
January	22.7	72.8	11.9	53.4
February	24.1	75.3	12.2	54.0
March	22.2	71.9	10.1	50.2
April	20.7	69.2	8.0	46.4
May	16.2	61.1	5.1	41.2
June	13.25	5.7	2.3	36.1
July	14.1	57.3	2.5	36.5
August	15.7	60.0	4.5	40.1
September	16.4	61.5	4.6	40.3
October	19.5	67.1	7.6	45.7
November	21.2	70.1	9.3	48.7
December	21.2	70.1	11.2	52.2

Best time to visit

Year round.

Clothing

Explorations require clothing suitable for active pursuits outside, and we suggest that you dress in layers. We recommend bringing all that's necessary for protection from the sun. The key to comfort and warmth is layering. The bottom layer—the base layer—should be composed of synthetic fabrics, which wick away sweat and moisture in order to keep you dry and warm. The purpose of the second and third layer is to provide insulation. Finally, a fourth—outer layer—should be a jacket which can function as a windbreaker and raincoat.

BASE LAYER

- Short and long-sleeved synthetic shirts. Ideally these are made of dry-fit fibers that dry quickly; not cotton.

- We suggest thermal underwear for colder weather. Ideally, these are made of synthetic, dry-fit fabrics, which will keep you dry and warm.

INSULATION LAYER

- Fleece, down parka, or some other warm layer.

OUTER LAYER

- Waterproof jacket.
- Trekking pants, ideally resistant to rain and wind. Jeans are not recommended.
- Waterproof shell pants that you can wear over your trekking pants in the event of rain or wind.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Waterproof trekking boots or light hiking boots; preferably with ankle support. Be sure to break-in new shoes before arrival.
- Sneakers or sports shoes for various other activities.
- Wool or synthetic socks.
- Gloves.
- Fleece or wool hat or headband to protect your ears from the wind and cold.
- Sunscreen and lip protection. SPF 30+ recommended.
- Swimsuit.
- Sunglasses.
- Small backpack or hip-pack to carry sunscreen, water, camera, extra layers, snacks, and sandwiches on full-day hikes, etc.
- For inside the hotel: light, informal clothing (the hotel is heated).

explora considers elegance an interior virtue.



the explorations

Every evening our guides meet with you in the bar/living room area of the hotel. There, they will explain all of the planned explorations available for the next day and help you choose the best exploration for you according to your interests and abilities. The maximum group size is 8 travelers, along with a bilingual *explora* guide.

Our treks and horseback rides will help you to discover the landscapes and wildlife of this singular place, as well as the unique way of life of its human inhabitants: the gauchos.

The following menu includes descriptions of our main explorations; the itineraries can experience modifications at any time and without prior notice. Please make sure to speak to an *explora* guide daily to know the exact explorations being offered.



trekking

HALF DAY

Walk to Lake Grey Peninsula

Duration: 3.5 to 4 hours, 2 to 2.5 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 5 km (3.1 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van toward the Grey Ranger Station (45 min). We cross the Pingo River hanging bridge by foot and continue for 15 minutes through a forest of lenga trees (*Nothofagus pumilio*), until we reach Lake Grey beach from where we can see icebergs. We ascend a moderately steep slope to reach a point where we get impressive views of the Grey Glacier. Finally, we return down a moderately steep slope to the lake shore and back to the Grey Ranger Station where the van will be waiting. Level: Easy.

Walk to the Toro vista point

Duration: 2 hours, walking 1.5 hours. Distance on foot: 3.5 km (2.2 mi). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (15 min) toward the Weber Bridge. Climb 100 m (300 ft) until reaching the Toro vista point. Observe birds, regional fauna, and characteristics of the local aquatic flora. Views of Lake Toro and the Serrano River flanked by grand Andean peaks such as the Ferrier and Donoso mountains, among others. Return by van to hotel (15 min). Level: Easy.

Walk to Pingo River

Duration: 4 to 5 hours, walking 2.5 to 3 hours. Distance on foot: 8 km (5 mi). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (40 min) toward the Grey Ranger Station. Follow a relatively flat trail that follows the turbulent, glacier-fed Pingo River through open prairie in order to arrive at the Salmon River Cascade; great variety of birds and exuberant vegetation. Return to the Grey Ranger Station and back to hotel by van (40 min). Level: Easy.

Walk along the Aonikenk trail

Duration: 3 to 4 hours, walking 2.5 to 3.5 hours. Distance on foot: 7.5 km (4.6 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (30 min) toward the Lake Sarmiento Ranger Station. Walk along a moderate trail north of the park limit, with moderate ascent (150 m/500 ft). The exploration provides an open landscape with panoramic views. On several rock walls it is possible to see Aonikenk Indian paintings, primitive inhabitants of the region. There is an abundance of guanacos here. Gradual descent to the Laguna Amarga Ranger Station. Return by van (35 min). Level: Easy.

Photo Safari to observe flora, fauna and birds

Duration: 3 to 4 hours, by van. Itinerary: This exploration has an emphasis on photography and learning the flora and fauna of the park. During the journey it is very likely that we will observe guanacos, rheas, condors, foxes, skunks, ducks, geese, and other varieties of birds, especially during the spring. Views of the Horns and the Towers, the Almirante Peak and the Paine River Cascade. Level: Easy.

NEW Walk to Rivera Serrano

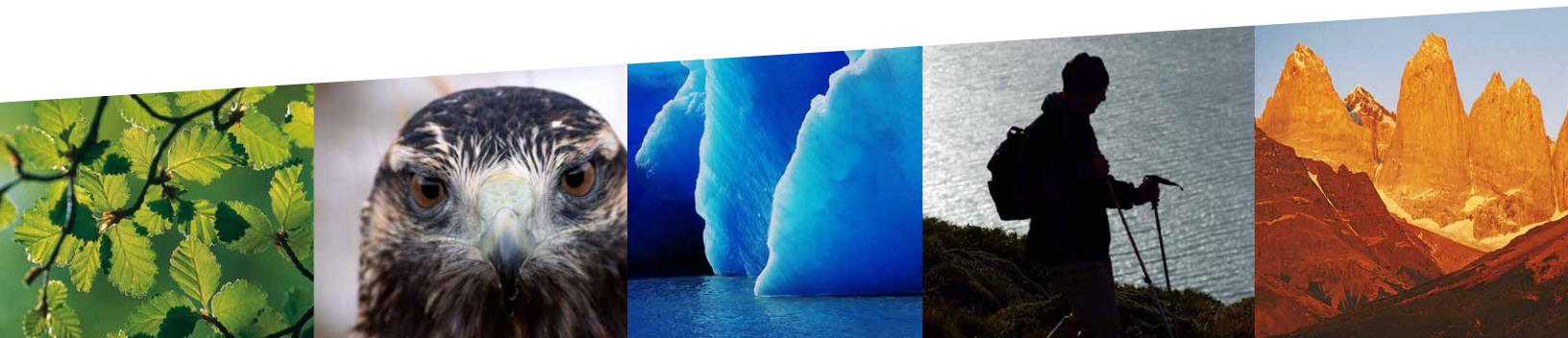
Duration: 2 to 2.5 hours, 1.5 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 3 km (1.8 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van toward the Serrano River (20 min). We trek along the river bank until we reach the Serrano park entrance. From here there are splendid views of the Paine Massif, the Toro Heights and the Serrano Prairie. This riverside trail follows the river basin of the Torres del Paine National Park. We return to the lodge by van (20 min). Level: Easy.

Walk to Laguna Azul

Duration: 2.5 hours, 1 hour trekking. Distance on foot: 1.5 km (0.6 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (1 hour) toward the Laguna Azul campground. We begin with a 30 minute trek along the border of Laguna Azul, which provides excellent views of the Torres del Paine, forests and prairies. We return by the same path (30 min) as far as the Laguna Azul Ranger Station to observe varied bird species that live in the wetlands next to the lake. This trek can also start from the barbecue area. Level: Easy.

NEW Walk to New Nordenskjöld

Duration: 2 to 2.5 hours, 1.5 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 3.5 km (2.2 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (25 min) toward the viewpoint of Lake Nordenskjöld. This trail crosses gently sloping grass-covered hills and enjoys spectacular views of the Paine Massif and the hanging glaciers of Mount Almirante Nieto. We continue along the shores of Lake Larga (Long Lake) with its curious, but beautiful calcium formations. We may sight guanacos and diverse birds. We return to the lodge by van (25 min). Level: Easy.



NEW Walk to Laguna Negra

Duration: 3 hours, 2.5 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 3.6 km (1.8 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (15 min) toward *explora's* stables. The trail follows a gentle ascent through green hills and wetlands. There is beautiful vegetation along the trail, and views of the Paine Massif. We will also gain panoramic views of the Serrano prairie and Laguna Negra with its varied bird colonies. At the end of the trek, you can drink maté tea with the gauchos in the area of the stables. We return to the lodge by van (15 min) Level: Easy.

Walk to Lake Sarmiento

Duration: 2.5 to 3 hours (half-day). Walking 2 to 2.5 hours. Distance on foot: 4 km. Itinerary: Leave *explora* by van (20 min) passing the Lagunas Mellizas (Twin Lakes). The walk leads to Lake Sarmiento, which has unusual yet beautiful calcium formations along its shore. Possible sightings of guanacos and diverse birds, and a wide variety of flora (especially during the spring). Views of Lake Sarmiento in its entirety. Return by van (20 min). Level: Easy.

Walk along the Cornices

Duration: 3 to 3.5 hours, walking 3 to 3.5 hours. Distance on foot: 6.5 km (4 mi). Itinerary: leave Hotel Salto Chico on foot. Ascend 250 m (820 ft) to the cornice of the ridge behind the hotel, offering views of the Paine Massif, the Condor vista point, and lakes Pehoé and Nordenskjöld. The road continues along the cornice, passing tiny lakes and forest, with views of the Paine River, Prat Mountain, Serrano Prairie, and lake Toro in the distance. Descend through the la Feria ravine. It can also be done in the opposite sense. Level: Moderate. Note: Frequent strong winds.

Walk to the Condor vista point

Duration: 2 hours walking. Distance on foot: 4 km (2.5 mi). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico on foot. This walk offers sweeping views of the park and observation of diverse flora and species of birds. Includes a 250 m (820 ft) ascent to the Condor vista point. Return down by a different trail to reach the van. Return to hotel (5 min). Level: Moderate. Note: Frequent strong winds.

Walk along La Loma

Duration: 3 to 4 hours, 2 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 5 km (3.1 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van toward *explora's* Quincho (barbecue area) (1 hour). From the barbecue area, the van takes us to our start point (20 min), then we start our trek by ascending a gentle hill for 45 minutes. From the summit, there are excellent views of the Torres del Paine. The descent, which takes about 30 minutes, takes us through fields of "coirón" grass, where we may see guanacos. Level: Moderate

NEW Walk to Linda Lake

Duration: 3 to 3.15 hours, 2.5 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 6 km (3.7 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (20 min) toward *explora's* stables. From here the trail crosses gently sloping, grass-covered hills before starting a moderate ascent (1 hour), with spectacular views of the mountains in the southern sector of the park such as the Balmaceda and the Ferrier Mountains. On the way to the Linda Lake viewpoint, there is a view of the Geike Glacier. We can enjoy a spectacular view of the Paine Massif and also many species of birds, shrubs and forests of Antarctic beech (*Nothofagus antarctica*). We descend past Laguna Negra, where we may see birds. Level: Moderate.

Walk to Ferrier vista point

Duration: 4 hours, walking 3 hours. Distance on foot: 7 km (4.4 mi). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (40 min) toward the Grey Ranger Station. Steep climb (550 m/1,800 ft) to Ferrier vista point. Lovely vegetation along the trail and the possibility of viewing huemules, a local deer. Ancient forest of deciduous beech and a spectacular panorama of the Paine Massif from the eastern flank of the Pingo Valley. View of lakes Grey, Pehoé, Nordenskjöld, and Sarmiento. Return by van (40 min). Level: Difficult. Note: Frequent strong winds at the summit.

Bird watching

Duration: 3 to 4 hours by van. There are over 100 species of birds that make up the avian population in Torres del Paine National park, many of them endemic to the area. Based on the time of year and the interest of the group, we organize an exploration to look for and view some of these inhabitants in the park. *We require a minimum of 4 people to join this exploration between November and April.

FULL DAY

NEW Walk to Laguna Stokes

Duration: 8.5 hours, 6 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 18.5 km (11.4 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van toward the Laguna Azul Ranch (1.15 hours). The trail leads through a valley of vegetation and forests of Antarctic beech (*Nothofagus antarctica*) with magnificent views of the Baguales peaks and the surrounding area. We arrive at the beautiful deep blue Laguna Stokes, which has panoramic views of the Punta La Proa, Punzón and Cerro Ohnet hills to the north of the Paine Massif, close to Lake Dickson. We return along a trail through forests of lenga (*nothofagus pumilio*) and calafate (*Berberis buxifolia* bush), skirting the northern foothills of the Masle Peaks until we reach the barbecue area, where the van will be waiting to take us back to the lodge (1.15 hours). Level: Moderate.

NEW Walk to Pingo – Grey

Duration: 8 hours, 6.5 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 13 km (8 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (40 min) toward the Grey Ranger Station. We trek along a relatively flat trail that follows the turbulent, glacier-fed Pingo River, through open prairies to the Salmon River Cascade. We return along the same trail to Lake Grey. Next we cross the hanging bridge over the Pingo River and trek through forests of lenga (*nothofagus pumilio*) to the beach before starting the ascent to the Lake Grey Peninsula, where we can enjoy views of the Grey Glacier and icebergs. We return by the same trail to the Ranger Station and head back to the lodge by van (40 min). Level: Moderate.

NEW Walk to the Toro Heights

Duration: 5.30 hours, 5 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 15 km (9.3 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (15 min) toward the Weber Bridge. The trek starts with a climb up a sandy ravine with an excellent view of Lake Toro and continues through the hills of the Toro Heights along a relatively flat trail that winds through woods and valleys. A gentle ascent into the hills leads to interesting panoramic views of the Paine Massif. The trail leads through lush forests of lenga (*nothofagus pumilio*) and Antarctic beech (*Nothofagus antarctica*), which are ideal for bird spotting. Finally we reach the imposing Toro Heights, where we will have magnificent views of the Torres del Paine National Park. We descend the slopes of the Toro Heights and return by van. Level: Moderate.



Walk to Grey glacier

Duration: 10 to 11 hours, walking 4 to 6 hours. Distance on foot: 12 km (7.5 mi). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by the *explora* catamaran (30 min). Walk from the Pehóé Refugio to the Grey Refugio, with views of the Grey Glacier, icebergs in Lake Grey, the Southern Ice Field, the Paine Massif, and the Olguín Mountains. Picnic lunch close to the glacier. Return by the Grey II boat across Lake Grey (2 hrs.), with a close look at the glacier wall. Return by van from the Grey Ranger Station to hotel (40 min). Level: Moderate. Note: Both of the boat crossings are dependent on climatic conditions. Between April and August the Grey II boat does not operate. We offer this hike as a half day out and back walk to a vista point of the glacier.

Walk to the French Valley glacier

Duration: 7 to 8 hours, walking 6 to 7 hours. Distance on foot: 16 km (10 mi). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by the *explora* catamaran (30 min) to the Pehóé Refugio. Walk along the trail that borders Lake Pehóé and Lake Skottsberg, with various climbs of less than 150 m (500 ft). Spectacular views of the two lakes, Paine Grande Mountain, and the Horns. Cross the hanging bridge over the French River for a view of the French Glacier—the principal peak of the Paine Grande Mountain and the Paine Horns. Picnic lunch and return to the Pehóé Refugio. Return by the *explora* catamaran to hotel (30 min). Level: Moderate. Note: The boat crossing is dependent on climatic conditions.

Walk to the base of the Paine Towers

Duration: 10 to 11 hours, walking 8 to 9 hours. Distance on foot: 17 km (10.6 mi). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (1 hr) toward the Cerro Paine Ranch. Ascend 350 m (1,100 ft) through the Ascencio River Valley to the Chileno Shelter. Walk through century-old forests of beech and past gorges until reaching the Torres Shelter. Climb a glacial moraine until reaching the Towers vista point at the lake (a 350 m/ 1,100 ft climb). Picnic lunch and return to the Cerro Paine Ranch on foot, with a view of multicolored lakes. Return by van to hotel (1 hr). Level: Difficult. Note: This exploration requires that participants be in good physical shape.

Walk to the Pingo River Valley

Duration: 10 to 11 hours, walking 8 to 9 hours. Distance on foot: 21 km (13 mi). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (40 min) toward the Grey Ranger Station. Walk along a relatively flat trail that follows the turbulent, glacier-fed Pingo River, which winds through open prairies and diverse vegetation. Pass the Salmon River and climb a gentle 200 m (650 ft) ascent. Native beech forest, views of the Paine Mountain, Pingo River Cascade, and good opportunities for bird watching. Picnic lunch and return on foot until reaching the Grey Ranger Station. Level: Difficult.

NEW Walk to the Horns

Duration: 8.30 hours, 6 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 20 km (12.4 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van toward the northeast (1.15 hours). Then, after a 15 minute trek across flat terrain, we begin a slow ascent over the densely vegetated foothills of the Mount Almirante Nieto. The trail continues through forests of Antarctic beech (*Nothofagus antarctica*) to the edge of Lake Nordenskjöld, where we follow a hilly trail around the lake, crossing small streams along the way. We stop at a rocky viewpoint to observe the impressive color of this glacial water lake, before starting a steep ascent of 320 meters (1050 ft) to the entrance of the Bader valley. We continue climbing for 30 minutes up into the valley where we can appreciate a breathtaking view of the Horns, the Sarmiento, Pehóé and Nordenskjöld Lakes and the Ice Fields to the west. We return to Hotel Salto Chico by van (1.15 hours). Level: Difficult.

NEW Walk to the Masle Peaks

Duration: 7.5 hours, 5.5 hours trekking. Distance on foot: 18.5 km (11.4 mi.). Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van toward the Laguna Azul Ranch (approximately 1 hour). We set off from the La Estrella Ranch through prairies and forests, across a stream, followed by a steep ascent of 520 meters (1,700 ft) to reach the ridge of the Masle Peaks. From this point, there are panoramic views of Laguna Azul, the Towers and the Baguales Peaks. Heading west along the ridge and gradually ascending for an hour, we reach an altitude of 1,000 meters (3,280 ft). From here you can see part of the Nordenskjöld and Sarmiento Lakes, the Toro Heights and Mount Almirante Nieto. Continuing west, there is a second viewpoint with impressive views of Lake Paine and the start of the Southern Ice Fields. We return eastwards along the ridge, gradually descending as far as the barbecue area and return to the lodge by van (1 hour approximately). Level: Difficult.

horseback rides at the site “el quincho”

Horseback rides in the Laguna Azul (Blue Lake) area begin at the barbecue site “el quincho” (about 1 hour from Hotel Salto Chico by van) and pass through a few of the estancias (ranches) in the area. Rides are designed for those travelers who feel comfortable handling horses in open spaces; the moderate to advanced options for those with advanced experience trotting and galloping. The following rides are only available during the Patagonian springs and summer months.

HALF DAY**Horseback ride at the barbecue site “el quincho”**

Duration: 1 to 1.5 hours of horseback riding. Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van toward the quincho barbecue site (1 hr). Leave from the quincho on horse, passing through forests of deciduous and Antarctic beech, with views of the Baguales peaks, the Las Chinas River, Mount Almirante Nieto, the Towers, and the Condor Nest peak. Pass by the Laguna Azul ranch and return to the quincho bordering the Las Chinas River. Level: Easy.

Horseback ride to the Santa Gemita Ranch

Duration: 2 hours of horseback riding. Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van to the quincho barbecue site (1 hr). Cross the Zamora River on horseback. Ascend and descend the hills surrounding the quincho, arriving at the Santa Gemita ranch. Return via steep slopes. Possibility of seeing condors and eagles. Spectacular view of the Towers and Laguna Azul. Level: Moderate.

Horseback ride to the 2 de Enero Ranch

Duration: 3 hours of horseback riding. Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van to the quincho barbecue site (1 hr). Cross the Zamora River on horseback, passing through sections of prairie, Lake Jara and finally arriving at the 2 de Enero estancia at the base of the Obelisco peak. Possibility of seeing condors and eagles. Views of the Sierra Baguales peaks and the Paine Towers. Level: Difficult.



horseback rides at the stables

The following horseback rides begin at the *explora* stable, located 15 minutes from Hotel Salto Chico. From the *explora* stable we offer a variety of riding options year-round. Some of the riding explorations described in the following pages have been designed for travelers with at least minimal riding experience who should feel comfortable controlling a horse in open spaces (level: easy). Some require more experience, such as the ability to walk, trot, and gallop along a trail for at least 3 hours (level: moderate). Experienced rides are for those who are comfortable in the saddle for more than 3 hours and able to control a horse in all gaits and situations (level: difficult). *explora* has the finest Chilean and English saddles, gaiters, and helmets.

HALF DAY

Horseback ride to Lake Linda

Duration: 3 hours, 2 hours riding.
Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (15 min) to the stable. The trails heads north, passing through hills dotted with a variety of trees in different stages of development. Views of the Lagunas Negra and Linda, the Pampa Serrano, and the surrounding mountain ranges. Return by van (15 min). Level: Easy.

Horseback ride to Laguna Negra

Duration: 1 to 1.5 hours. Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (15 min) This gentle horseback ride includes ascending and descending, gently rolling hills and shallow water crossings. It's the perfect place to view a variety of local birds as well as privileged vistas of the surrounding mountains, the pampa Serrano and the Laguna Negra (Black Lake). Level: Easy.

Horseback ride to Toro point

Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours. Itinerary: This is relatively flat ride which includes a water crossing. One can appreciate different species of birds, the Pampa Serrano, Serrano River and Lake Toro, and on the return outstanding views of the Paine Massif. Level: Easy.

NEW Horseback Ride Rincón del Puma

Duration: 1.5 hours, distance 4 km (2.4 mi.).
Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (15 min) toward *explora's* stables. The ride starts with a gentle ascent to reach the surroundings of Lake Toro. As we ride through the forests and prairies of this characteristically rugged Patagonian landscape on this easy and very pleasant horseback ride, we may spot different local bird species. Splendid views of Lake Toro and the Serrano River, crowned by the immense peaks of the Andes Mountains. We return to the stables and from there return to the lodge by van (15 min). Level: Easy.

Horseback ride to Serrano River

Duration: 3 hours, 2 hours riding.
Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (15 min) to the stable. The horseback ride begins crossing the Serrano prairie and along the turquoise waters of the Serrano River, with a view of the snowy peaks of Mount Balmaceda. Return via the golden Serrano prairie, with views of the Paine Massif. Return by van (15 min). Level: Moderate.

Horseback ride to Buena Vista

Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours. Itinerary: As the name of the ride suggests, we'll enjoy some great views as we ride along several well defined ascents and descents. This advanced ride also offers the opportunity to appreciate the geology of the area. Highlights include Paine Massif, Lake Toro, and the Chorrillo del Cañadon. There can be a particularly windy section along the trail. Level: Difficult



FULL DAY

Horseback Ride to the Donoso vista point

Duration: 6 hours, 5 hours riding. Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (15 min) to the stable. Narrow trails through forest, along lakes, and across prairie land. View of Donoso Mountain, from one of the least-explored, virgin areas of the park. Picnic lunch next to Los Choros Lake. Prairie, streams, mountains and exuberant flora are a few of the highlights of this horseback ride. Return by van (15 min). Level: Moderate.

Lake Grey Icebergs

Duration: 6 - 7 hours (5 - 6 hours riding)
Distance: 32 km (20 mi.). Itinerary: We make the 15-minute journey from Hotel Salto Chico to the stables by van. Then we set out on horseback towards the northern sector of the National Park. There is a 200 m ascent along a rocky path with abundant vegetation, during which we enjoy uninterrupted views of the Paine Massif and Lake Pehoé. We continue over undulating terrain, through an area affected by the forest fires in January 2012, with views of Grey Glacier in the distance. After 2.5 hours riding, there is an open prairie, where we can gallop until we reach a viewpoint with closer views of the glacier and icebergs. After lunch, the return journey takes us through various prairies –also partly affected by the fire– where it is possible to gallop, although there are some rocky sections. We return to the stables at around 4.30 p.m. Level: Moderate.

NEW Horseback ride to Toro Heights

Duration: 7 hours, distance 30 km (18.6 mi.).
Itinerary: Leave Hotel Salto Chico by van (15 min) toward *explora's* stables. We cross the Weber Bridge and ascend a steep sandy trail which has some loose rocks, to an altitude of 350 meters (1,150 ft) (40 min). We can enjoy splendid views throughout the trail of Lake Toro, the Pampa Serrano, the Grey River and the Sarmiento River. Passing through forests of lenga (*nothofagus pumilio*) along a flat, rocky terrain, we continue toward the Toro Heights, gaining altitude, and enjoy panoramic views of the Paine Massif, the Grey Glacier and the Baguales Peaks. On our return, there is a very steep descent to the puesto del toro. We arrive back at the stables along the Toro Heights, crossing rivers along the way. We return to the lodge by van (20 min). Level: Difficult.



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PROGRAM	4 NIGHTS		5 NIGHTS*		6 NIGHTS**		7 NIGHTS*		8 NIGHTS	
	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL
Salto Chico	3.800	2.820	4.620	3.430	5.400	4.008	6.020	4.480	6.832	5.072
Cordillera Paine	4.320	3.220	5.280	3.910	6.150	4.548	6.860	5.110	7.792	5.784
Suite Exploradores	6.240	4.320	7.680	5.260	8.970	6.138	10.038	6.930	11.440	7.744

* Rates valid from May up to September ** Special 6 night programs for Christmas and New Year

PROGRAM	3 NIGHTS	4 NIGHTS	5 NIGHTS	6 NIGHTS	7 NIGHTS	8 NIGHTS
Family Plan (13 - 18 years)	1.230	1.640	2.050	2.460	2.870	3.280
Adittional Bed (4 - 12 years)	840	1.120	1.400	1.680	1.960	2.240

PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- Transfers between local airport and your *explora* destination. Transfer schedules subject to change without prior notice. Inquire about transfer schedules at each *explora* destination.
- Accommodations.
- Full board. 3 Meals per day. Bar.
- Daily explorations with bilingual guides and equipment; boats, horses and vehicles (max group size: 8 travelers per guide). Equipment varies at destination.
- All *explora's* rates include entrance fee to Torres del Paine National Park.



NOTES

- Special rates for youngsters (up to 18 years old) accompanying their parents are subject to availability based in double occupancy.
- Additional bed for children (4 to 12 years old) sharing their parent's room. Maximum one extra bed per room. (Rapa Nui only in Raa category)
- Children under the age of 3 complimentary when sharing room with their parents.
- For Christmas and New Year in Patagonia and Atacama, the programs have fixed check-in dates with stays of 6 nights; and in Rapa Nui the minimum stay is 4 nights.
- Rates are per person expressed in USD dollars and subject to change without prior notice.
- Rates in USD dollars are tax exempt according to decree D.L 825 art. 12 for guests who are foreigners, not residents of Chile and pay in dollars.
- Travesía's rates includes VAT.
- This information replaces and voids all previous communications.

Changes and cancellations

Any change to your confirmed reservation will be subject to availability and should be made at least 30 days before your arrival at the lodge.

Cancellation fees

The following are cancellation penalties applicable according to time of cancellation:

Individual:

- 60 to 30 days prior to arrival at the hotel: US\$ 200 per room.
- 29 to 10 days prior to arrival at the hotel: 30% of the total cost of the reservation.
- 9 to 0 days prior to arrival at the hotel: 100% of the total cost of the reservation.

Groups:

- From 151 days prior to arrival: US\$ 200 per person.
- From 150 to 121 days prior to arrival: 50% of total reservation cancelled.
- From 120 to 91 days prior to arrival: 75% of total reservation cancelled.
- From 90 to 0 days prior to arrival: 100% of total reservation cancelled.

Special reservation conditions for Christmas and New Years at *explora*

When making a reservation for Christmas or New Years at *explora Patagonia*, the following conditions apply:

The full amount of the reservation will be required to confirm, payable within the deadline provided by our reservations department.

The penalty for cancellations will be:

- More than 90 days before arrival: No penalty.
- 90 to 61 days before arrival: 30% of the cost of the reservation.
- 60 to 0 days before arrival: 100% of the cost of the reservation.

