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EXPLORING CHILEAN PATAGONIA: PEAKS, GLACIERS, AND FJORDS

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Set sail aboard the *National Geographic Explorer* to experience the fjords, glaciers, and panoramic vistas that make Chilean Patagonia one of the most lauded nature destinations on Earth. This compact itinerary will introduce you to the region's celebrated treasures, including the legendary Beagle Channel and Cape Horn, as well as remote wildlife reserves on Tierra del Fuego not easily accessible to the public. Along the way, venture out by Zodiac and kayak to explore Chile's deeply indented coastline. Glide into fjords and inlets beneath walls of blue ice;

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Days 1 & 2 — U.S./Buenos Aires, Argentina

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital, and check in to our elegant hotel located in the fashionable Recoleta neighborhood. Set out on a guided tour to discover Beaux Arts palaces and the bohemian quarters of La Boca and San Telmo, and see the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Perón.

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Day 3 — Ushuaia

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Enjoy a catamaran cruise on the legendary Beagle Channel, which is framed by mountains and dotted with picturesque inlets and coves. Keep an eye out for sea lions, dolphins, and a variety of seabirds—including the majestic black-browed albatross. Later, settle into your cabin aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*.
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Day 4 — Cape Horn, Chile

Today we visit the southernmost tip of South America: Cape Horn, named in 1616 by Dutch navigator Willem Schouten after his birthplace, Hoorn, Holland. Weather permitting, take Zodiacs ashore for a panoramic view from land's end.

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Day 5 — Beagle Channel and Yendegaia National Park

Sail the Beagle Channel to Yendegaia, exploring this pristine wilderness by special permission. A former cattle ranch stretching between the channel and the Cordillera Darwin, the 370,000-acre park boasts southern beech forests, expansive grasslands, and wild rivers that pass through deep valleys.

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Day 6 — Bahía Parry

Backed by snow-dusted peaks, the glacier-cut fjords, or senos, of the Chilean coast are home to dolphins, whales, and a variety of wildlife. Enter the immense Bahía Parry to admire stunning tidewater glaciers; venture ashore on naturalist-led hikes; and hop in Zodiacs and kayaks to discover hidden bays and search for seals sunbathing on ice floes.

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Day 7 — Tierra del Fuego: Karukinka

Our destination today is the newest and largest protected area on the Tierra del Fuego archipelago: Karukinka, meaning "our land" in the language of the ancient inhabitants. We have obtained permission to visit the private reserve, which harbors rich wildlife, including guanacos, Andean condors, and the endangered culpeo fox.

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Days 8 & 9 — The Inland Passage and the Chilean Fjords

Continue our exploration of the fjord-carved Chilean coastline, venturing deep into this wilderness of mirrorlike lakes, soaring granite walls, and islands blanketed with vegetation. Glide through shimmering waterways and inlets by Zodiac and kayak, and peer beneath the water using our undersea imaging technology. As the ship makes its way through the White Narrows, look for condors and other wildlife.

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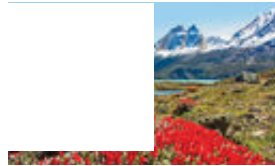
Days 10 & 11 — Puerto Natales/Punta Arenas/Santiago/U.S.

Disembark in Puerto Natales and drive to Punta Arenas, situated on the edge of the Strait of Magellan. Take a charter flight to Santiago and connect to your overnight flight home.

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