



Chilean Patagonia: Torres del Paine and the Aysen
with Eliot Cohen

Depart the U.S. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 and return to the U.S. on Saturday April 27, 2024

Itinerary

Tue,	4/9	Overnight flights depart U.S. for Santiago
Wed,	4/10	Flights arrive Santiago. Rest day Overnight Holiday Inn Airport hotel, Santiago
Thu,	4/11	Fly to Punta Arenas. Drive to Torres del Paine (4.5 hours). Overnight Hotel Rio Serrano
Fri,	4/12	Full day Torres del Paine. Overnight Overnight Hotel Rio Serrano
Sat,	4/13	Full day Torres del Paine. Afternoon boat to Grey Glacier Overnight Hotel Rio Serrano
Sun,	4/14	Full day Torres del Paine. Overnight Overnight Hotel Las Torres
Mon,	4/15	Puma Tracking Estancia Laguna Amarga. Drive to Puerto Natales Overnight Weskar Lodge
Tue,	4/16	Drive to Punta Arenas airport. Flight to Balmaceda. Overnight Hotel Dreams, Coyhaique
Wed,	4/17	Explore Coyhaique area. Afternoon condor photography Overnight Hotel Dreams
Thu,	4/18	Drive via Cerro Castillo National Park to Puerto Chacabuco. Overnight Hotel Loberias del Sur
Fri,	4/19	Full day boat trip the San Rafael Glacier. Overnight Hotel Loberias del Sur
Sat,	4/20	Long drive to Puerto Rio Tranquillo Overnight at Apart Hotel & Cabañas Valle Exploradores
Sun,	4/21	Morning boat trip to the Marble Caves. Afternoon in Valle Exploradores Overnight Apart Hotel & Cabañas Valle Exploradores
Mon,	4/22	Morning boat trip to the Marble Caves. Afternoon drive to Cochrane Overnight Hotel El Último Paraíso
Tue,	4/23	Full day Patagonia National Park Overnight Hotel El Último Paraíso
Wed,	4/24	Return drive to Puerto Tranquillo Overnight at Apart Hotel & Cabañas Valle Exploradores
Thu,	4/25	Return drive to Coyhaique Overnight Hotel Dreams
Fri,	4/26	Return flights: AM Balmaceda to Santiago, Evening Santiago to US
Sat,	4/27	Flights return to the US

The program may vary slightly from the itinerary above based on weather, road conditions or other unforeseen conditions. We may also vary to take advantage of other opportunities. We should be in Torres del Paine on 4/11 in time to do a late day shoot, and the same on 4/16 in Balmaceda.

Breakfast is included at all the hotels. Dinners are included in the cost for 4 nights in Torres del Paine and 2 nights in the Aysen. Other nights we will be eating in local restaurants as a group at our own expense.

The workshop is designed for 4-7 people. Our coordinator, Claudio Vidal, is someone with whom I'm sure you will enjoy travelling. I have had the pleasure of his company on many visits, and he is universally loved by all who have been with him. We have travelled together through both parts of Chilean Patagonia. Claudio's company, Far South Expeditions, has made our arrangements.

We are traveling at times in developed areas with up to date accommodations and at times in areas with less tourist infrastructure where the accommodations are more basic, but always comfortable and clean. Baths are all en suite.

Much of our driving in the Aysen will be on the Carretera Austral which is the major route connecting the southern and northern regions of Chile. As such you might expect this to be a paved highway, however, it is largely a 2 lane dirt/gravel road. We'll be driving at a slower pace, but this will offer us opportunities to stop for photography along the way. No rush, just enjoy the drive.

The cost of the workshop is \$12,850 for single accommodations based on 6-7 participants. If we travel with 4-5 participants there would be a \$1,950 surcharge. This includes all accommodations, meals per above, and guide services for the itinerary, ground transportation during the tour, and park entrance fees. Some lunches may be picnic style to allow us the maximum flexibility in our photography. Room sharing is possible. The discount should be roughly \$1200 per person. Please contact Eliot for specifics.

Additional costs include our international flights, three in-country flights (estimate \$350), excess baggage fees, alcoholic beverages, tipping (I can provide guidance), travel insurance, snacks, laundry, and anything else of a purely personal nature, as well as any individual transportation other than with the group.

We will not be at high altitude during the tour.

To reserve a place in the workshop a deposit of \$4850 is required with the balance (\$8000) due Dec 1, 2023. Checks can be mailed to:

Eliot Cohen, 1556 Onyx Drive #105, McLean, VA 22012

Please check with me prior to making international flight arrangements to confirm that the workshop is running as planned and that your arrival/departure will coordinate with our group travel schedule. We will fly round trip to Santiago then additionally from Santiago to Punta Arenas, then to Balmaceda, and the third leg back to Santiago. I will provide all the information for the flights within Chile.

Travel insurance is highly recommended. A standard liability waiver may be forwarded to participants prior to departure.

Cancellations/refunds:

By Nov 30, 2023, the workshop fee will be refunded less a \$1950 cancellation fee.

Dec 1, 2023 or later, the workshop fee will be refunded less a \$1950 cancellation fee if another participant can take your place.

By submitting your deposit, you acknowledge reading the document and do agree to these terms.