



## **BIRDING TIERRA DEL FUEGO & SOUTH PATAGONIA**

Length: 5 days / 4 nights



*Aptenodytes patagonicus*

South Patagonia is the last frontier of the American continent. A land of wind, wilderness and stunning landscapes. During this complete and comprehensive journey we will have the chance to spot from sea birds as the Black-browed Albatross and the Antarctic Giant Petrel, to endangered waterfowl as the Ruddy-headed Goose, from specialties as the Magellanic Plover to the forest birds as the Magellanic Woodpecker, Chilean Hawk and flocks of Austral Parakeet. The steppe is also home of great specialties as the Chocolated-vented Tyrant, Austral Canastero and the skulking and elusive Patagonian Tinamou. During our exploration of Tierra del Fuego we will also go for the King Penguin that return to breed in Useless bay probably after thousands of years of absence transforming this special site in a unique spot to enjoy the view of these marvellous penguins.

## ITINERARY

### **DAY 1. PUNTA ARENAS – TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK**

We depart in the morning for a driving through the steppe of Patagonia to reach the area of National Park Torres del Paine, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. On the route we will scan all the alkaline lagoons and ponds to make the first attempts to find the unique Magellanic Plover and other species of waterfowl and waders. The drive will be the perfect chance to start the quest for the specialties of these areas as the Lesser Rhea, Chocolate-vented Tyrant and Least Seedsnipe among others. // Breakfast and Box Lunch. Overnight in Cerro Castillo

***Some of the species of the day:*** *Flying Steamer Duck, Crested Duck, Lesser Rhea, Chilean Flamingos, Coscoroba Swans, Common Miner, Black-chested Buzzard Eagle, Southern Crested Caracara among others*

### **DAY 2. TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK**

Birding at different stunning areas of Torres del Paine. // Breakfast, Box Lunch included. Overnight in Torres del Paine National Park.

***Some of the species of the day:*** *Spectacled Duck, Magellanic Woodpecker, Silvery Grebe, Austral Parakeet, Torrent Duck, Patagonian Sierra Finch, Southamerican Snipe, Austral Pygmy Owl, among others.*

### **DAY 3. SIERRA BAGUALES – PUNTA ARENAS**

Exploring the Baguales mountain range, located north-east of Torres del Paine. // Breakfast, Box Lunch included. Overnight in Punta Arenas

***Some of the species of the day:*** *Patagonian Mockingbird, Grey-bellied Shrike Tyrant, Grey-breasted Seedsnipe, Cinnamon-bellied Ground Tyrant, Yellow-bridled Finch, among others.*

### **DAY 4. TIERRA DEL FUEGO**

Ferry to Tierra del Fuego to explore the last corner of the American continent and cross the legendary Magellanic Strait. We will visit the area of Baquedano Hills and Useless Bay for the Colony of King Penguins and different coastal and moorland areas as the Natural Monument Laguna Los Cisnes. // Breakfast and Box Lunch included. Overnight in Porvenir

***Some of the species of the day:*** *King Penguin, Southern-Giant Petrels, Southern Fulmar, Magellanic Diving- Petrel, Black-throated Finch, Austral Canastero, Rufous-chested Dotterel among others.*

### **DAY 5. TIERRA DEL FUEGO – PUNTA ARENAS**

Morning dedicated to explore the lagoons around around the town of Porvenir looking for more specialties as the rare Magellanic Plover and some other remarkable birds as the Two-banded Plover, Wilson's Phalarope, White-rumped Sandpiper among others. In the afternoon we cross back to the mainland. // Breakfast and Box Lunch included.

***Some of the species of the day:*** *Magellanic Plover, Two-Banded Plover, Dolphin Gull, King Cormorant, Southamerican Tern, among others.*

Destinations	Torres del Paine National Park, Tierra del Fuego
Departure	Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales
Length	5 days / 4 night
Difficulty	Low. During spring-summer heavy winds can affect the area
Activities	Birding Photo opportunity Soft walk
Meals	Breakfast and box lunch. Dinner in Torres del Paine (vegetarian, vegan and gluten intolerant options available upon request)
Accommodations	Two nights in Torres del Paine, one night in Punta Arenas, one night in Porvenir
Transportation	Professional Driver with license A2, modern vehicles, window seat guaranteed for each traveller, private terrestrial transportation
Insurances	Metlife coverage for each traveller between 18 and 64 years old
Equipment provided	Literature, field guide, birds check list, spotting scope. Extra set of binoculars available upon request. Window seat guaranteed during land transportation.
Equipment required	Sun-hat and sunscreen, comfortable shoes, water resistant clothing, bottles for water. RECOMMENDATION: A good book and a field guide to bring during your trip in Chile is Alvaro Jaramillo's Birds of Chile, English version available at Amazon.com.
Not included	International and Domestic flights (we can book it for you upon request), tips, insurances and any other item not specified
Guide	Bilingual Naturalist guide expert in birdlife with International Wilderness First Responder Certification
Minimum of passengers	This trip is guaranteed to depart with a minimum of two participants. Maximum 8 participants.
Sustainability	0% Plastic emissions, Carbon Print compensation, Water to refill reusable bottles, small groups for low impact, 100% of the waste produced recycled, Conservation/Educational Programs supported through your booking

