“Thank you for organizing such a wonderful escape. We loved staying in the refugio and meeting people on our same trekking schedule along the way. Our guide couldn’t have been a better fit for us. We got along fabulously and wish the hike could have lasted a few more days. What an insanely gorgeous and dynamic part of the world - we want to find a way to get back to Patagonia.”

Joanna Brilliant
Day 01  Welcome

Our guide will meet you at Puerto Natales airport, pier or bus station. Transfer by van to Torres del Paine National Park. This is a one and half hour journey crossing typical Patagonian ranches. Arrival to Torres del Paine by the entrance of Serrano river. Welcome dinner and night at Nash Lodge. (D)

Day 02  Torres del Paine

Transfer by van to Torres del Paine National Park. This is a two hour journey crossing the pampa Patagonica. Arrival at Torres del Paine by main entrance of Amarga lake. We will begin trekking to the Ascencio Valley where from above you see the river (of the same name) running wildly past refugio Chileno. After a quick stop here we will continue through a forest of the native Lenga (Beech) trees until reaching the glacial moraine. From here it’s a 1 hour trek to the top where the towers appear from nowhere! This trek is spectacular where you get to view the 3 pink granite towers with its glacial lake below that made the park famous. (8 hours round trip, 20 KM). Transfer to Serrano river area, dinner and night at refugio Nash-Serrano. (B/L/D)

Day 03  French Valley

Transfer to Pudeto, cross Pehoe lake by catamaran. Trek to the French Valley. This valley is the most beautiful in the park and one of the most unique in the world. Its surrounded by hanging glaciers (where you can see & hear the ice calving off at various intervals) and an amphitheater of granite walls and spires. There are amazing views throughout this trek and the further you trek into the valley the better they become! For this day we will have two hiking options as well: A consists in getting to further end of the trail, to the British Camp, this is all the way to the end of this natural congregation of mountains. If we reach this point, we will have completed 24km and 7-8 hours hiking. Plan B consists on reaching to the French Valley Main Lookout, from this point you can appreciate the whole natural amphitheater created by glaciers millions of years ago, it is absolutely breathtaking. B you will have hiked for 5-6 hours and completed 16km. The options will depend on fitness level, timing and weather conditions. On the return journey you will notice the extraordinary turquoise colour of Lake Pehoe. Cross Lake Pehoe by catamaran, transfer to Amarga lake. Dinner and night at refugio Nash-Serrano. (B/L/D)

Day 04  El Calafate

Transfer to Puerto Natales or Cerro Castillo village to connect with regular bus to El Calafate. End of the trip. (B)
You can either do a private trip with a minimum of 2 people and we can then leave it open for others to join. There’s not problem to tailor any of our programs to your needs.

Climate

Weather in Patagonia is a very important factor to consider. Remember that strong winds, rains and snow characterize this region. Winds blow from the northeast and the Pacific, crossing the southern Patagonian ice fields and forming continuous clouds that can result in nasty storms. Even if not very often good weather show up to give the pleasure to enjoy this place. Lenticular clouds will announce strong winds coming.

Temperature

Ambiance 12 to 18 degrees Celsius, with variations from 1 to 5 degrees (either higher or lower) depending on the seasons. The thermal sensation that the wind produces drops to 6 to 7 degrees. The water normally presents temperatures between 4 and 5 degrees Celsius. The sea registers temperatures between 7 and 8 degrees Celsius.

Accommodation in Torres del Paine

Refugio Nash-Serrano has a capacity of 20 guests accommodated in 5 rooms with private bathroom. Sheets, blankets and towels are provided. Sleeping bag is NOT required.