

Ports & Excursions



Punta Arenas, Chile

Punta Arenas lies atop rolling hills, looking out over the Strait of Magellan. In the days before the Panama Canal, this was a major port as ships plied the waters of Cape Horn. Punta Arenas remains a prosperous town today, thanks to its rich natural resources. The city is also the gateway to Chilean Patagonia, a maze of fjords, rivers, steppes, and mountains to the north. To the south lies the great frozen mass of Antarctica. Adventure awaits in any direction at this port located near the end of the earth.

Across the Strait of Magellan lies Tierra del Fuego, the lonely, windswept island discovered by Magellan in 1520. The region was settled by Yugoslavian and English sheep ranchers in the 19th century.

Points of Interest

1 Sara Braun Museum (Regional Museum) & Plaza Munoz Gamero

Visit the former palace of Sara Braun, one of the most powerful women in 19th-century Patagonia, then head to the city's main square, Plaza Muñoz Gamero, with its monument honoring Ferdinand Magellan.

2 Museo Salesiano Maggiorino Borgatello

The museum, maintained by Salesian friars, boasts a truly mesmerizing display of native flora and fauna, and cultural artifacts from regional Indian tribes, including the extinct Fuegian Indians.

3 City Cemetery

Dotted with sculpted European cypress trees, this resting place is much like a city, with avenues that connect the magnificent tombs of the region's founding families and immigrant colonies.

4 Patagonia Institute (Instituto de La Patagonia)

The institute presents an engaging exhibit of colonial artifacts called the Museum of Memories. Highlights of this open-air museum include antique machinery, pioneer houses and antique cars.

5 Fuerte Bulnes

A replication of this hilltop fort originally built in 1843 offers sweeping views of the Strait of Magellan and a glimpse into challenging pioneer days.

6 Patagonia Estancia

This century's old cattle ranch is a living museum of the history and traditions of Chile's baqueanos, the sheep ranchers who settled Patagonia.

7 Magellanic Penguins at Magdalena Island or Otway

The reserves on Magdalena Island and Otway offer an up-close look at a colony of these entertaining birds.

8 Torres del Paine National Park

Take in the surreal beauty of the twisted mountains, glacier and lake in Chile's Torres del Paine National Park.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Salesian Museum & Fort Bulnes
PUQ-100 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



7.5 hours

from \$179.95

Take in the sights of Punta Arenas on a full-day, narrated drive. Among your stops is the Maggiorino Borgatello Museum founded by the Salesian Missionaries in 1893. Also visit Patagonia Estancia for a sheep shearing demonstration, and enjoy traditional Chilean fare.



Patagonia Estancia & City Drive
PUQ-105 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



8.5 hours

from \$159.95

Experience what life was like for Chilean sheep ranchers who settled Patagonia over a century ago. This full-day tour takes you to a 100-year-old ranch for a demonstration of historic farm machinery, and a sheep shearing and sheep herding demonstration. You'll also enjoy a traditional lunch and a panoramic drive of Punta Arenas.



City Drive & Museum
PUQ-200 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



3 hours

from \$59.95

Embark on half-day, narrated drive that focuses on Punta Arenas's history. Among your stops is the Salesian Museum Marggiorino Borgatello and the Patagonia Institute for a flashback into pioneering days. Also walk along the avenues lined with cypress trees and magnificent mausoleums at the City Cemetery.

Nature & Wildlife



Antarctica Landing Expedition
PUQ-150 | Punta Arenas, Chile



11 hours

from \$3,699.95

Fly to the icy southern continent of Antarctica for a full-day excursion to one of the continent's oldest meteorological station. View the area's glaciers, landscape and wildlife on a guided hike. Meals and energy treats are provided. As weather conditions are harsh, this excursion is not for the faint-hearted.



Most Popular

Otway Sound Penguin Colony
PUQ-640 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



4 hours

from \$74.95

Get up close with a remote colony of Magellanic penguins on this half-day tour to Otway Sound. You'll walk approximately one mile to viewing areas and observe as they await their mates. As the walk is on uneven shoreline, passengers should be in good physical shape.



Otway Sound Penguin Colony (Guided in Spanish)
PUQ-642 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



4 hours

from \$74.95

Get up close with a remote colony of Magellanic penguins on this half-day tour to Otway Sound. You'll walk approximately one mile to viewing areas and observe as they await their mates. As the walk is on uneven shoreline, passengers should be in good physical shape.



Otway Sound Penguin Colony (Guided in German)
PUQ-643 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



4 hours

from \$74.95

Get up close with a remote colony of Magellanic penguins on this half-day tour to Otway Sound. You'll walk approximately one mile to viewing areas and observe as they await their mates. As the walk is on uneven shoreline, passengers should be in good physical shape.



Magdalena Island Penguin Reserve
PUQ-645 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



5.5 hours

from \$159.95

Spend a full day with the whimsical Magellanic penguins on Magdalena Island, a rookery declared a natural monument in 1982. Take a ferry cruise to the island located in the Strait of Magellan, and enjoy the day among this vast colony.



Magdalena Island Penguin Reserve (Guided in French)
PUQ-649 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



5.5 hours

from \$159.00

Spend a full day with the whimsical Magellanic penguins on Magdalena Island, a rookery declared a natural monument in 1982. Take a ferry cruise to the island located in the Strait of Magellan, and enjoy the day among this vast colony.



World Heritage Site
Paine National Park
PUQ-155 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



10.5 hours

from \$999.95

Take a grand adventure that travels from the desolate steppes of Patagonia to one of the most spectacular scenic regions in the world.



Magdalena Island & Penguin Reserve by Speedboat
PUQ-650 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



4.5 hours

from \$329.95

Navigate the historic Strait of Magellan by speedboat to access the wildlife thriving on local islands. Circumnavigate an island supporting over one thousand sea lions along with a diversity of marine birds. Then, visit the biggest colony of Magellan penguins on Magdalena Island.

Activities & Adventures



Off the Beaten Path
Patagonia Trek & Andean Club
PUQ-475 | Punta Arenas, Chile



3.5 hours

from \$99.95

Travel to Punta Arenas' premier ski club for an exhilarating mountainside experience. Ride a chair lift up the slopes, then hike down the mountain with your guide. This half-day tour treats you to stunning views of the Straits of Magellan, and a snack and beverage. Recommended for passengers in good physical shape.

Special Interests



City Drive & Museum (Guided in Spanish)
PUQ-202 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



3 hours

from \$59.95

Embark on half-day, narrated drive that focuses on Punta Arenas' history. Among your stops is the Marggiorino Borgatello Salesian Museum and the Patagonia Institute for a flashback into pioneering days. Also walk along the avenues lined with cypress trees and magnificent mausoleums at the City Cemetery.



City Drive & Museum (Guided in German)
PUQ-203 | Punta Arenas, Chile

You will visit:



3 hours

from \$59.95

Embark on half-day, narrated drive that focuses on Punta Arenas' history. Among your stops is the Marggiorino Borgatello Salesian Museum and the Patagonia Institute for a flashback into pioneering days. Also walk along the avenues lined with cypress trees and magnificent mausoleums at the City Cemetery.