



## PATAGONIA & CHILEAN FJORDS CRUISE

In the Chilean Patagonia, one of the southernmost regions of the world, sail between massive blue-hued glaciers and the sharp peaks of the Andes mountains. This untamed terrain is home to fjords, channels, and islets with beaches teeming with marine wildlife, birds, and stunning natural landscapes best accessed by ship or Zodiac. On this wilderness expedition, visit Puerto Cisnes, the San Rafael Bay and Glacier, the Gulf of Penas, the isolated village of Puerto Eden, the Strait of Magellan and Tierra del Fuego, and the Beagle Channel.



### ITINERARY

Day 1: Puerto Montt, Embarkation

Your journey begins in Puerto Montt, Chile, with boarding between 3 and 4 PM (15:00 – 16:00 hr.)

Day 2: Puerto Cisnes

We head south to the village of Puerto Cisnes, in the remote region of Aysén, for an afternoon visit. We visit the seaport and



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explore the area, with its many fjords, islands, and channels. We hope to visit Magdalena Island, where we have a good chance of seeing penguins, cormorants, sea lions, and river otters.

### Days 3: San Rafael

The expedition continues with a full day of activities planned at San Rafael Bay. Declared a Biosphere Reserve, the park is the main entry point to Chile's Northern Icefields. San Rafael Glacier is the main attraction, but we will also enjoy exploring the surrounding fjords, channels, islands, and coves.

### Day 4: Gulf of Penas

We cross the Gulf of Penas, enjoying beautiful views of the surrounding mountain ranges. As we continue to sail southward, the expedition team tells you about the indigenous inhabitants of these southern lands, the early Spanish colonizers, and famous explorers such as Charles Darwin, Fitz Roy, and Alberto de Agostini. You also learn about the region's biodiversity with presentations on the local marine life and flora.

### Day 5: Puerto Eden

We sail the dramatic, 18 mt-wide English Narrows on our way to the famous fishing village of Puerto Eden, one of Chile's most isolated settlements. The village sits on the eastern side of Wellington Island and is only accessible by sea. Puerto Eden has no roads. Instead, a network of wooden boardwalks connects the houses and establishments. Rich evergreens cover the landscape steeped in indigenous traditions and culture, being home to the Kawéskar people.

### Day 6: Madre de Dios Island

We continue sailing south towards Madre de Dios Island, several natural caves that create a unique landscape evocatively named

Marble Glaciers. In one of those caves, skeletons of whales 2600 to 3500 years old have been discovered. Many caves near the coast were used in the past as burial sites by the Kawéskar people. The whole region is an ideal place for exploration. part of an uninhabited archipelago west of the Trinidad Channel and Concepción Channel. The island is composed partly of limestone, with

### Day 7: Strait of Magellan and Tierra del Fuego

While cruising along the Strait of Magellan, we explore the waters of the fjords that branch out from Tierra del Fuego, a region named after the fires that burned in local native settlements when the first European explorers arrived. We follow the remote coast around the Francisco Coloane Marine Park, a protected area in the southern hemisphere where whales feed. If you are lucky, you may be able to witness Humpback or Sei whales breaching in the distance. You may also see dolphins, sea lions, seals, penguins, albatrosses, and petrels.

### Day 8: Beagle Channel

We continue along the Beagle Channel, a striking narrow passage, partly belonging to Chile and partly to Argentina. We sail along Glacier Alley, a 240 km (150 mi) stretch within the Channel in Southern Chile, home to a family of five glaciers: the Holanda, Italia, Francia, Alemania, and Romanche glaciers. We hope to explore the Garibaldi Fjord where we will be surrounded by hanging and tidewater glaciers; nearby waterfalls are so close they can almost be touched. Spectacular ice formations are sprawled along the sea, forming part of the Southern Patagonian Ice field and the snow-dusted Darwin Range. It is a perfect time to enjoy the graceful view and, if possible, get a glimpse of sea lions and steamer ducks. The Beagle Channel, with the Strait of Magellan to the north and the Drake Passage



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to the south, is one of the three navigable passages in South America connecting the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. On our way to Ushuaia, Argentina, the largest settlement on the channel, we will make a brief nighttime technical stop in Port Williams to comply with Chilean customs and immigration requirements.

**Day 9: Ushuaia, Disembarkation**

Morning arrival in Ushuaia and disembarkation.

**Please Note:**

The itinerary presented above is for reference. As for any expedition cruise, our route will be subject to weather conditions and the requirements of the Chilean authorities.





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## YOUR SHIP: MAGELLAN EXPLORER

**YOUR SHIP:**

**Magellan Explorer**

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

MV Magellan Explorer features 50 passenger suites and cabins in five categories of accommodation, including dedicated single cabins. The cabins are very spacious, ranging in size from 40 m<sup>2</sup> (440 sq. ft.) to 20 m<sup>2</sup> (220 sq. ft.). All double cabins have two twin beds that can be configured as one queen-size bed, offering great flexibility to our guests. 42 cabins feature a large window and a private balcony, while 8 cabins feature a porthole. All cabins feature a private bathroom and a sitting area. Public areas include a large, forward-facing observation lounge, an observation deck, a dining room that accommodates all guests and expedition staff in a single sitting, two meeting rooms, a gift shop, a protected outdoor barbecue area, a gym, and a sauna. The bow of the ship is accessible to guests to offer expansive views during exploration. Optional adventure activities, such as kayaking and snowshoeing, are available. Specific measures have been taken to minimize MV Magellan Explorer's carbon footprint, including state-of-the-art engines that meet MARPOL's stringent Tier III emission standards. To minimize fuel consumption, a waste heat recovery system recycles the heat produced by the ship's engines and repurposes it to power the ship's heating system and to warm

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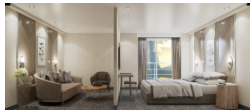
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