



# Punta Arenas

Recreational Fishing - Sailing - Adventure



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## How to get there



**SANTIAGO - PUNTA ARENAS**

3 hrs. 30 min.



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28 hrs.

## Climate Cold



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MAX	15°	14°	13°	9°	6°	5°	4°	7°	9°	11°	13°	15°
MIN	7°	7°	6°	4°	1°	0°	-1°	1°	2°	4°	4°	7°



**4 DAYS**  
Minimum recommendation



## Recommendations



### Fishing

In Punta Arenas there are several fishing lodges since this is undoubtedly one of the best places in the world to practice this sport, especially to catch giant trout that inhabit almost all the rivers of this region.



### Adventure Sports

In the surroundings of the city you can practice many sport activities, however the main activity is recreational fishing. You can also sea kayak in the Strait of Magellan, or practice trekking in a wonderful natural reserve, or you can ski in the southernmost ski resort of the world.



### Sailing

Sailing in the Strait of Magellan is one of the main attractions of this area. It is also possible to tour this area in sea kayak, the crossing takes approximately two hours travelling at a speed of about 13 km per hour. This activity can be performed all year round weather permitting.

## 1 Patagonia Cruise Ships

1 DAY

A cruise ship departs from Punta Arenas towards Ainsworth Bay to view a beaver dam and the marvelous surrounding Magellanic forest. On the Bay's beach you can observe a colony of sea elephants. Continuing through the Beagle Channel you reach the Pía glacier, where you can walk up to a lookout point from where you can see the mountain chain giving origin to the glacier. Continuing on the Beagle Channel you arrive at the Cabo de Hornos National Park to see an almost vertical 425 meter high mountain, known as "the end of the world".



## 2 Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales

1 DAY

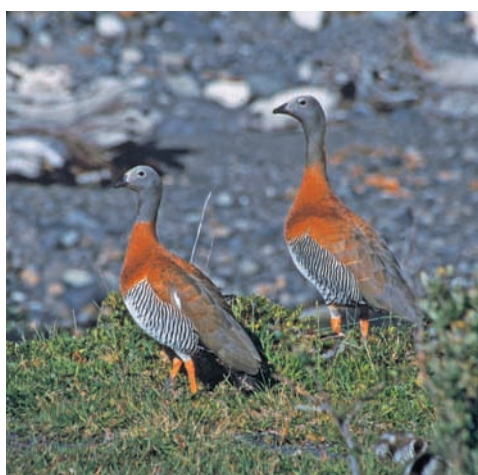
Puerto Natales is found 250 km northwest of Punta Arenas. It is a peaceful city surrounded by the vast Magellanic pampa; ideal for forgetting everything. Here it is common to see large flocks of sheep guided by one single shepherd and his dogs. North of Puerto Natales, only 20 minutes away from the city, you can visit the Milodón Cave, which consists in three caves created by erosion from a melting glacier and a large rock formation. The largest of these caves is situated at 150 meters above sea level, and has a depth of 300 meters, and you can walk entirely through it. Inside you will find a replica of a Milodón (prehistoric animal that looked like a huge bear with a head similar to a camel).



## 3 Punta Arenas

1 DAY

Punta Arenas is the southernmost continental city of the world, and has several natural, cultural and artistic attractions. Its main plaza has a monument to Magellan, among other attractions. The Cerro La Cruz with its red, blue, and yellow roofs offers a panoramic view of the city and in the horizon you can see Tierra del Fuego. The "Museo del Recuerdo" museum displays carriages, machinery, tools and other elements from the time of the early settlers. The Braun-Menéndez Palace, currently the History Museum, exhibits archeological, historical, and research material.



### Bird Watching

Here you will be able to see a wide diversity of endemic birds. Some of the species you can find here include the Magellanic diving petrel, Gentoo penguin, Magellanic penguin, Black-necked swan, Ashy-headed goose, Crested duck, Dolphin gull, Magellanic Oystercatcher, among others.



### Penguin rookeries

The Isla Magdalena Natural Monument is located 35 km north of Punta Arenas, inhabited by Magellanic penguins only. You can access this island on a two and a half hour boat ride in the Strait of Magellan, and here you will be able to see over 60,000 penguin mates which nest all over this island.



### Museum

The Museum Salesiano Maggiorino Borgatello is the best museum of Punta Arenas. Created in 1893 by the Salesian Missionaries, it has exhibits related to ethnology, mineralogy, history, flora and fauna. It also includes objects gathered by the missionaries such as native handicrafts and fossils, etc.

# Tourist Services



## What to eat

The cuisine of Punta Arenas is based on fish and seafood, especially the King crab. In fish you can find merluza (hake), róbalo (snook), and congrio (conger eel), and in seafood there are also ostiones (scallops) and caracoles (snails). The regional meats are also very tasty, such as lamb barbecued on a stake and guanaco or rhea stews.



## Where to sleep

Hotel Cabo de Hornos: [www.hotelesaustralis.com](http://www.hotelesaustralis.com)  
Hotel Los Navegantes: [www.hotellosnavegantes.com](http://www.hotellosnavegantes.com)  
Hotel Lukataia: [www.lukataia.cl](http://www.lukataia.cl)  
Hotel José Nogueira: [www.hotelnogueira.cl](http://www.hotelnogueira.cl)  
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Patagonia Pionera: [www.hotelpatagonia.cl](http://www.hotelpatagonia.cl)



## What to buy

In this region several kinds of crafts are made, including pottery and articles in wool and wood. Many of the designs are inspired by the now extinct native cultures of the Chilean Patagonia, as well as motifs based on animal species of this region. Punta Arenas has a Duty Free Zone which is open year round.



## Celebrations

### JANUARY

#### Shearing at Vila Tehuelche

Regional festival with sheep shearing competitions and demonstrations, traditional Chilean and Patagonian games, national dances, and tasting of barbecued lamb, etc.

### JUNE

#### Winter Carnival

They celebrate the beginning of the winter with decorated floats and the local marching bands, and after two days of celebration it ends with a fireworks display over the Strait of Magellan.

### JULY


#### International Folk Festival of the Patagonia


Folk music from Chile and Argentina.




## General Information

 **Hospital:** Centro Médico Aysén, Tel.: 231170

 **Dialing Code:** (56) + 61 + Telephone number

 **Internet:** In this whole area you can find Internet access and connections.

 **Currency / Chilean peso:** Withdraw money in the big cities, before starting your tour. In commercial areas credit cards are commonly accepted.

 **Electric Energy:** 220 V, 50 Hz

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# Antarctica

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## How to get there



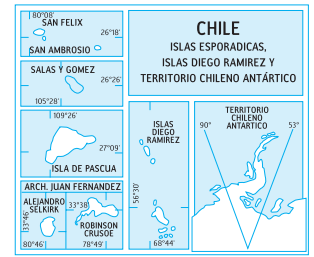
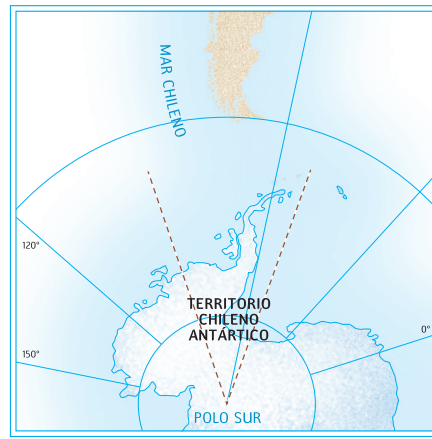
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### PUNTA ARENAS - ANTARCTICA

4 hrs.

All flights to Antarctica are subject to the local weather conditions, in some cases having to wait for weeks before being able to fly there.



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5 DAYS

Minimum recommendation



## Tour

### 1 Chilean Antarctica

1 DAY

The Chilean Antarctic territory has a surface area of 1,250,000 km<sup>2</sup>, equivalent to over 60% of the total surface of continental Chile. It is covered completely, except for some small coastal areas, by a thick layer of ice and snow, which could exceed depths of over 1,200 meters in certain inland areas of this continent.

The district of Antarctica has a stable population of 130 inhabitants living on the Chilean bases, corresponding to 44 civilians and 86 military personnel. These inhabitants are mostly members of the Chilean Air Force and their families, who for the most part live in Villa Las Estrellas. This small town is located near the Presidente Frei Montalva Base, on the island of Rey Jorge. Currently, the development of tourism has increased enormously, with tours on airplanes or cruise ships departing from Punta Arenas.



# Antarctica



## Recommendations



### Marine Fauna

In this area there is an abundance of sea animals; you will be able to see penguins, most highly specialized of all birds for marine life. You can also see three out of the five seal varieties existing in Chile, as well as sea lions, leopard seals, and sea elephants. There are also plenty of petrels.



### Scuba-Diving

This is a unique opportunity to explore the magic underwater life of Antarctica. Experienced divers will guide this tour through this unexplored underwater world. You will dive around the ice sculptures and icebergs, smooth corals and you will hear the underwater sounds of this frozen continent.



### Sea-Kayaking

This is an incredible way to explore the small bays and water courses found in Chilean Antarctica. You will use sea-kayaks equipped with rudders, which are very stable, surprisingly comfortable, and incredibly resistant, ideal to open your way through the ice.

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