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LAS BANDURRIAS ISLAND An off-the-track Andean experience



Day 1 PUERTO VARAS / LAS BANDURRIAS ISLAND

Your adventure starts at your hotel in Puerto Varas where a private transfer will pick you up. The transfer will take you East; en-route, you will be able to see some breathtaking views of the Reloncaví Fjord and the little town of Cochamó including its wooden church, before entering the Andes. Before sailing, we invite you to have a picnic lunch by the delightful shores of Lake Tagua Tagua. Once the sailing is complete, you will travel by road through the astonishing Puelo Valley Route before arriving at La Colina Farm. A 'baquiano' (local expert) will be waiting for you alongside creole horses to take you to Las Rocas Lake– this will take approximately 50 minutes walking on easy terrains – the journey offers outstanding landscapes before your lake crossing (approx. 10 minutes) to Las Bandurrias Island. Upon arrival, enjoy a delightful afternoon-tea with delicious homemade treats before exploring the island; take this time to walk around and become acquainted with the area or even go for a swim to work your appetite before dinner.

Day 2 HIKING TO AZUL LAKE / LAS BANDURRIAS ISLAND

After breakfast, you will visit Azul (Blue) Lake; aptly named because of its crystal-clear waters which are home to an abundant number of fish. Make sure to take your camera as you will want a lasting memento of the majestic peaks and stunning landscapes all round. Your trek will continue through the forest alongside the mountains until you reach the south part of the Lake; you will pass through the cold jungle, normally referred to as a mini Valdivian rainforest, filled with alerces (Chile's national tree) as well as coihues (known locally as old giants) and arrayans (referred to as the cold tree). Afterwards you will stop for a picnic lunch by the Lake before making your way back. You will have the rest of the afternoon at leisure, to discover the secrets this island holds.

Day 3 HORSE RIDING TO VENTISQUEROS VALLEY / LAS BANDURRIAS ISLAND

After breakfast, you will have a brief lake-crossing before the full-day riding adventure. Once you are confident on your saddle, you will set off to Rio Pueblo (approx. 2 hours). During your ride, you will pass several self-sufficient farms surrounded by large mountains. You will also be able to admire the Andean forests and their ancient trees, rivers and waterfalls. As you approach Rio Pueblo, you will encounter the hanging bridge which connects the locals from isolated valley to the main towns. Upon arrival at Ventisqueros Valley you will enjoy a picnic lunch before heading back.

Day 4 BANDURRIAS ISLAND / PUERTO VARAS

After breakfast, you will have your final lake crossing towards the north side of Las Rocas Lake. Upon reaching La Colina Farm, a private transfer will be waiting to take you across Llanada Grande, before your ferry across Lake Tagua Tagua. Once the crossing has been completed, you will stop for lunch in the cozy town of Rio Pueblo. En-route, you will be able to admire the Reloncaví Fjord, surrounding forests, volcanoes and snow-capped mountains before a brief stop in Cochambo to soak up some of their culture. Finally, you will resume your journey back to Puerto Varas; don't forget to keep an eye out for the Osorno, Calbuco, and Puntagudo Volcanoes which can be seen on a clear day all along the Llanquihue Lake.

This package includes all the services outlined above, transfers in/out, full board accommodation, pack-horses and saddle-horses, jet motorboat, local guides, tour leader, VHF radio & communication equipment.

Available from September through to April, for a minimum of 2 people. For more details or a quote contact any of our agents.

PELAGIC EXPEDITIONS VESSEL NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER IN GREENLAND AND ARCTIC FROM JULY 2019 ONWARDS

With a proven track record operating charters for climbers, wildlife enthusiasts, scientific groups and film crews, Skip Novak's Pelagic Expeditions are now offering trips in the northern hemisphere. The original Pelagic is on her way north to the Arctic, stopping in Maine for a prep and then straight up to Greenland. She is available for group charters only in the Disko Bay area (July/August) and the east coast of Baffin Island (August). These can be two or three week charters. A group is four or five max, plus our two crew. Pelagic will be spending the next few seasons in the Arctic, so look out for future trips.



ORLANDO BREAK

Planning a break away to Orlando, Florida? Let us book it all for you and take the stress away. We can book your flights, accommodation, car hire and park tickets for the ultimate experience! See below our recommendations:



14-DAY ORLANDO FREEDOM TICKET

Includes unlimited access to: All Disney Parks, as well as Universal Studios Florida™, Universal's Islands of Adventure™, Universal's Volcano Bay and all sea world parks (Sea World, Aquatica and Busche Gardens)

DISNEY 7 DAY ULTIMATE TICKET

Includes access to the following: Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, Disney's Animal Kingdom, Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park*, Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park*, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex (valid only on event days; some events require an additional admission charge), Disney's Oak Trail Golf Course - tee time reservations are required and subject to availability. One round of mini golf each day of your Disney 7 Day Ultimate Ticket at either Disney's Fantasia Gardens Mini Golf Course or Disney's Winter Summerland Mini Golf Course (round must start before 4.00pm)

LEGOLAND FLORIDA RESORT & SEA WORLD PARK COMBO

Includes Unlimited access to LEGOLAND® Florida Park for up to 14 consecutive days, Unlimited access to SeaWorld® Orlando, Aquatica™ and Busch Gardens® Tampa Bay for up to 14 consecutive days, FREE coach transportation from Orlando to Busch Gardens on the Busch Gardens Shuttle Express, FREE coach transportation from Orlando to LEGOLAND® Florida on the LEGOLAND Florida Shuttle

GATORLAND ORLANDO ADMISSION TICKET

Full day's admission to Gatorland, Access to 110 acres of wildlife preserve that is home to birds, turtles, snakes and wild alligators, See the famous Alligator wrestling show! Witness the exhibit of leucistic alligators, the world's largest white alligators (over 12 feet in length and 800 pounds) with blue eyes.

*We do need at least 8 weeks' notice, and Disney tickets are only released 5 weeks before the start date, then are posted to us. But the other above tickets are emailed in a voucher form. For further information contact Tamara on tm.itt@horizon.co.fk.



SELF-DRIVE CHILE: LAKE DISTRICT AND TORRES DEL PAINE (14 days from £3,358pp)

This holiday grants you the opportunity to self-drive through the exquisite Lake District in the heart of the Chilean Andes then fly south to explore (again in your own car) the glacier scoured mountains of Torres del Paine National Park in Southern Patagonia.

Begin your holiday in cosmopolitan Santiago situated at the foot of the snow-capped Andes. It's a lively and dynamic city full of history and innovation.

Your self-drive adventure begins when you fly to the Lake District and collect your car. Here, meadows and pasture are dotted with pine forest-fringed, sapphire lakes overlooked by imperious, snowy volcanic cones. The roads here lead you to isolated settlements and soothing hot springs. Drive from north to south, leaving the pleasant resort of Pucón and visiting the river port Valdivia before reaching Puerto Varas in the shadow of Chile's most dominant volcano, Osorno.

Fly south from Puerto Montt to Punta Arenas in deepest Patagonia to pick up another car to explore the primeval landscapes of glaciers, scoured valleys and needle-sharp mountain peaks, jacketed in ancient ice. This is real wilderness country but the roads are generally good quality and you can relax to enjoy the magnificent scenery.

For further information and full itinerary details, please contact Tanya on tc.itt@horizon.co.fk.

FLY WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS

We can offer fares on the direct British Airways Santiago-London link starting at £704 per person for a round trip fare.

This route also offer premium economy, business and first class fares.



We would recommend breaking up your trip in Chile for a few days, given you the opportunity to explore this diverse country, before travelling to the UK. For a flight quotation, please contact any of our agents.

REACH EUROPE FASTER THAN EVER

Escape the winter chill and get to Europe faster than ever before, with the new seasonal flight, operating from 15Jun-20Oct 2019 on Saturday nights. This means that you could be in Europe enjoying their summer with a cheeky pint by Sunday night! Sample flights:

Saturday Falklands 1500 Santiago 2035
Saturday Santiago 2325 Madrid 1810*Sunday



THE UK IS CURRENTLY 4 HOURS AHEAD OF THE FALKLANDS

The connection options from Madrid are abundant but amongst our favorite destinations, we would recommend Barcelona, Vigo, Brussels, Paris, Frankfurt, Lisbon, London, Prague and Amsterdam! For a quotation or more details, contact any of our agents.

CHILE FULL EXPERIENCE 16D/15N from £3336 per person

Explore one of the most diverse countries in the world with this fantastic programme. Explore the most fascinating destinations in Chile including Santiago, Torres del Paine, Puerto Varas, Atacama, Easter Island.

Our programme includes:



CHILE (EXCLUDING PUNTA ARENAS) IS CURRENTLY 1 HOUR BEHIND THE FALKLANDS

- ★ Round trip transfers (airport-hotel-airport) & permanent assistance.
- ★ 3 nights in Santiago (Atton El Bosque), 3 nights in Torres del Paine (Hosteria Las Torres), 3 nights in Puerto Varas (Cabañas del Lago), 3 night in San Pedro de Atacama (NOI Casa Atacama) and 3 nights in Easter Island (Hare NOI).
- ★ Chile Cultural City Tour - Full Day Viña del Mar and Valparaiso Excursion - Atacama Noi Hotel Excursions - Full Day Llanquihue Lake and Osorno Volcano Experience - Easter Island Noi Hotel Excursions (all in private base, with an English-speaking guide).



For the full itinerary, availability or any other information, please contact Flavia on fs.itt@horizon.co.fk.

FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITH PANTANAL 16D/15N from £4087pp

Discover some of the most magical cities in South America. Let yourself be charmed by Santiago, Buenos Aires, Iguazu, Pantanal and Rio de Janeiro.

Our programme includes:

- ★ Round trip transfers (airport-hotel-airport) & permanent assistance.
- ★ 4 nights in Santiago (Atton el Bosque), 3 nights in Buenos Aires (Intersur Recoleta), 3 nights in Iguazu (Amerian Portal del Iguazu), 3 nights in Pantanal (Pousada do Rio Mutum Lodge) and 3 nights in Rio de Janeiro (Windsor Excelsior)
- ★ Viña del Mar & Vap Paraiso Excursion - Wine Tasting at Casablanca Valley - Brazilian Iguazu Fall Excursion - Argentine Iguazu Falls Excursion - Canoeing in the Mutum River all in private base, with an English-speaking guide).



For the full itinerary, availability or any other information, please contact Flavia on fs.itt@horizon.co.fk.

ECLIPSE EXPERIENCE 4D/3N from £1713 per person 30Jun/03Jul2019

- Day 1** Pick up from La Serena Airport - Transfer to Hotel Limari. Overnight.
- Day 2** Elqui Valley Full Day Excursion with an English-speaking guide. Overnight.
- Day 3** Experience the Eclipse. Spot Mamalluca. Star Gazing. Overnight.
- Day 4** Pick up from your hotel - Transfer to La Serena Airport

Don't miss this incredible opportunity, the Elqui Valley is waiting for you. For more information please contact Dahiana on db.itt@horizon.co.fk.



SKI SEASON IN SANTIAGO 4D/3N from 21Jun/27Sep2019

Don't let the winter chill stop you from having a thrill-packed adventure. Visit Chile this winter ski your troubles away!

Our programme includes:

- ★ Round trip transfers (airport-hotel-airport) in each destination.
- ★ 3 nights at selected hotels including breakfast
- ★ Santiago City Tour - Sky day at the selected resort

Our hotels:

Tres Puntas 23Aug/19-27Sep2019 from £1623 per person
Puerta del Sol 23Aug/19-27Sep2019 from £1807 per person

26Jul/19-22Aug19 from £2084 per person
 26Jul/19-22Aug19 from £2556 per person



Prices are per person, based on double occupancy and subject to availability at the time of booking. This programme excludes flights but we can provide quotations for flights and other ancillary services. For the full itinerary, availability or more information, please contact any of our agents.

A BRIEF GUIDE TO CHILE'S SKI CENTRES

June to September is Chile's ski season and there are a range of options stretching from near Santiago to the Lake District.

SANTIAGO SURROUNDS

Portillo, Parva, El Colorado, Farellones and Valle Nevado are ski centres all accessible from Santiago (closest airport) with attractive options for all levels of ski and a wide variety of other winter sports. There is a selection of hotel on site and there are also options for day trips from Santiago.

CHILLAN TERMAS & NEVADOS

The closest airport is Concepcion, located approximately 500 kilometers (315 miles) south of Santiago de Chile. It is located 107 miles from the airport (approx. 2hrs 30 mins).

This centre has 28 runs in total of which 30% are for beginners, 40% for intermediate users and 30% are for expert visitors.

Our top hotel recommendations in Chillan would be Gran Hotel Termas De Chillán 5* or Hotel Nevados De Chillán 3*

CORRALCO

The closest airport is Temuco, located half way between Puerto Montt and Santiago. It is located 55 miles from the airport (approx. 1 hr 30mins).

This centre offers 29 runs in total! 31% of the runs are for beginners, 14% for intermediate visitors, 17% for advanced skiers and 38% for expert guests.

If you wish to test your skills at this centre, we recommend you stay at Valle Corralco Hotel & Spa 5*.

PUYEHUE & ANTILLANCA

The closest airport is Osorno, in the Lake District, close to Puerto Montt. It is located 94 miles from the airport (approx. 2hrs). This centre offers 2 beginner runs, 9 intermediate runs, 3 advanced runs and 4 expert runs.

If you wish to try your skiing abilities in the Lake District, we recommend your stay at Puyehue Wellness & Spa Resort 5*.

For more information about this great ski centres and a tailor-made package, please contact Sally on se.itt@horizon.co.fk.

Remember to get comprehensive travel insurance when travelling abroad, especially if you hope to do sports while on holiday.



PUYEHUE
WELLNESS & SPA RESORT

NEW NATIONAL PARK IN CHILE - PATAGONIA NATIONAL PARK

This park was opened on 11 December 2018, within the Aysén region in the southern section of Chile.

It has more than 304 thousand hectares that can currently be visited free of any entry fees. This National Park is suitable for walking along its extensive trails that go from Chile Chico to Cochrane, where there are campsites and hotels, as well as restaurants and a museum located just 25km from Cochrane.



The new park integrates 85 thousand hectares donated by the Tompkins Conservation Foundation in 2017 to Chile, in addition to the National Reserves Jeinimeni and Cochrane Lake, among other areas, so this National Park has the great attraction of presenting two major types of vegetation: the Arid Steppe, typical of the Argentine Patagonia, and Coigüe tree forests, representative of the temperate in Chilean Patagonia - both combined, make it possible to visit extensive areas of pastures, wetlands, mountains, lakes and forests.

Finally, another of the characteristics of this National Park is that it is inhabited by several endangered animals, such as the South Andean Derr "huemul", the puma, the Andean condor, the colocolo or the Pampas cat, and the Chilean flamingo.

ARE THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

International Tours and Travel Ltd recently had the pleasure of organizing an itinerary for the Bucket List family, who travelled all the way south to experience our amazing wildlife and way of life!

The Bucket List family are a young family of travelling journalists who are travelling the world together from Tonga to Tanzania, New Zealand to Nepal, this family are certainly clocking up the airmiles!



They started in 2015 and now, 3 children on, they are still exploring the globe and documenting their journey via their website (<https://www.thebucketlistfamily.com>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/thebucketlistfamily/>) & their YouTube channel. We loved planning their itinerary and hoped they enjoyed their time in the place we are lucky enough to call home.

If you would like us to help plan your Bucket List itinerary, please contact the Falklands Desk who are always more than happy to help.

FALKLANDS HELICOPTER SERVICES TAKES OFF!

We were privileged enough to be invited on a sample helicopter tour with Falklands Helicopter Services after they recently became fully licensed and operational.



With each passenger having headphones the pilot can give a running commentary and answer all your questions whilst on your unique tour of East Falklands. Trips can be tailor made, so whether you would like a quick run to Volunteer Point to visit the King Penguins or perhaps a chance to see some of the mountains which became household names during the 1982 conflict from the air, we will be able to arrange this for you with Falkland Helicopter Services.

We would like to thank Falklands Helicopter Services for providing the opportunity to trial the new product!

Check out our video to see this fantastic opportunity: https://www.facebook.com/ITTFi/videos/498457197351253/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

CANINE COTTAGES

Did you know you that you don't have to arrange a dog sitter when you feel like a weekend getaway or a short adventure? ITT has a range of self-catering, dog friendly cabins and cottages on their books so why not take your pet with you? You will have the perfect excuse to explore the splendid sandy beaches, rocky shores and stunning scenery under an endless sky.



Pet Friendly Destinations

East Falklands: Johnsons Harbour, Elephant Beach, Race Point Farm (Port San Carlos)

West Falklands: Coast Ridge Cottage (Fox Bay) and Port Edgar

Subject to change without notice. Please note that most destinations are in and amongst working farms so dogs will need to be under control at all times in order to not scare the farm stock or any wildlife

COPENHAGEN, STOCKHOLM AND OSLO BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The cities of Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo are some of the most picturesque and natural in Europe with their lush parklands, shimmering waterways, medieval centres, world-class museums and innovative, modern architecture attracting visitors. Our 9-night itinerary visits the capitals of Scandinavia and offers free time for exploration.



Day 1 - Day of arrival.

On arrival at Copenhagen airport, self-transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the Absalon Hotel, Copenhagen.

Day 2 & 3 - Explore Copenhagen

For a first-time visitor, we would recommend that you explore the city on foot or by using one of the city bikes. The centre of Copenhagen is compact and easily navigable - you can reach most sites from anywhere in the inner city within a 20-minute walk. Another option is to take a 1-hour cruise through the canals of the city, passing the Little Mermaid, the Royal Palace, the Opera House and the Black Diamond library - this is a great way to learn about the city and to see the primary sites. We would also recommend exploring the districts of Christianshavn and Nørrebro; enjoying some retail therapy on the longest pedestrianised shopping street in the world, Strøget and to visit the harbour of Nyhavn. Overnight at the Absalon Hotel, Copenhagen.

Day 4 - Day at leisure.

After breakfast, depart Copenhagen by train and travel to the capital of Sweden, Stockholm (c,5 hours). On arrival in Stockholm, self-transfer to the Hotel Freys in the centre of the city. Overnight at the Nobis Hotel, Stockholm.

Day 5 & 6 - Explore Stockholm.

Free time in Stockholm. Opportunity to explore one of the most picturesque cities in Europe and one of the most natural. Be sure not to miss the fascinating Vasa Museum, Skansen, the ABBA Museum and the Fotografiska Museum. Why not take a cruise in the inner archipelago or to the historical sites of Drottningholm Slott or Gripsholm Castle or, hire a city bike and visit the Ladugårdsgärdet Park and climb to the top of the Kaknäs TV Tower, the tallest building in the city, for a breathtaking panoramas? Overnight at the Nobis Hotel, Stockholm.

Day 7 - Oslo.

After breakfast, depart Stockholm by train and travel to Oslo (c,6 hours). On arrival in Oslo, self-transfer to the Clarion Collection Hotel Gabelshus. Overnight at the Continental Hotel in Oslo.

Day 8 & 9 - Explore Oslo.

At the head of the Oslofjord, the Norwegian capital is compact and easy to get around. The central sights of Akershus Fortress, Royal Palace, Opera House and the harbourfront are all within a 15-minute walk of the main street of Karl Johans gate. The museums of the Bygdøy peninsula, the new sculpture park of Ekebergparken, the National Gallery, and the natural park of Holmenkollen are other un-missable attractions in the city. It is during the summer months that Oslo really comes into its own. Take a boat excursion on the Oslofjord, visit its island archipelago, sunbathe, swim and enjoy lunch in one of the many waterfront restaurants. Alternatively, pre-book a full day Norway in a nutshell tour visiting the Aurlandsfjord, Naeroyfjord and the fjord-side village of Flåm. Overnight at the Continental Hotel in Oslo.

Day 10 - Day of departure.

After breakfast, self-transfer to Oslo Gardermoen airport for your return flight to the UK.

TIERRA PATAGONIA OFFER

When you book 4 all-inclusive nights at Tierra Patagonia during the month of May, only pay for 3!
Discover Patagonia during the Fall and be amazed by the changing colours. Reconnect with yourself and nature in a nearly-empty Torres del Paine National Park, and of course, take advantage of low season rates.

Program includes:

- Regular transfers to and from Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales and Cerro Castillo.
- Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Open Bar (includes mineral water, sodas, juices, house wine and liquors).
- Two half-day excursions or one full-day excursion daily in small groups with other guests.
- Access to pool, sauna and Jacuzzi.



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THE SPIRIT OF THE FAR SOUTH

Places are limited. For more information, please contact any of our agents on se.itt@horizon.co.fk or call 22041.

AIRFARE UPDATE! Your update on airfares to some of your most requested destinations.

Falklands - Punta Arenas - Falklands	from £511	Falklands - Santiago - Falklands	from £789
Falklands - Auckland - Falklands	from £1726	Falklands - Sydney - Falklands	from £1707
Falklands - London - Falklands	from £1556	London - Falklands - London	from £1395
Falklands - Buenos Aires - Falklands	from £847	Falklands - Cuzco - Falklands	from £925
Falklands - Miami - Falklands	from £1325	Falklands - Orlando - Falklands	from £1499
Falklands - Los Angeles - Falklands	from £1685	Falklands - Easter Island - Falklands	from £999
Falklands - Rio de Janeiro - Falklands	from £1008	Falklands - Sao Paulo - Falklands	from £908
London - Falklands - London (business)	from £3064	Falklands - London - Falklands (business)	from £3616



- Airfares are per person, from the Falkland Islands (unless stated) in gbp £ and including airport taxes (which may vary depending on route).
- Subject to availability at the time of booking and actual travel dates.
- Fare & payment restrictions apply.

CRUISE SCANDINAVIA, RUSSIA AND THE BALTIC 9D

Departure 25 June 2019

Copenhagen-Berlin(Warnemunde)-Gdynia-Helsinki-St Petersburg (overnight)-Stockholm-Copenhagen.

Inside cabins from £1015.
Ocean-view cabins from £1342.

Tariffs per person based on double occupancy.
Subject to availability and rate of exchange at the time of booking.



Please note:

- Prices are subject to change without notice.
- Subject to availability at the time of booking and actual travel dates.
- All information expressed in this newsletter is quoted at the current rate of exchange USD/GBP which is subject to change.

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