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Hotel Remota treats you to the best local food, caring guides, and thrilling excursions throughout Patagonia. This region is the natural and stunning intersection of sprawling glaciers, crystal-clear lakes, cascading waterfalls, dense forests, towering mountains, and abundant wildlife. With its unique architecture and remote location, Hotel Remota will show you a whole different side of Patagonia.

The Hotel Remota is located in the geographical and cultural heart of the Chilean Patagonia, in Puerto Natales, 250 km (155 Miles) north-west from Punta Arenas and 80 km (50 Miles) from Torres del Paine National Park, UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.



Patagonia



Relaxation room

Itinerary

Day 1

Upon arrival, transfer to Hotel Remota in Patagonia, check-in and sign up for next day's excursion.

Day 2

Day full of excursions at Hotel Remota.

Day 3

Day full of excursions at Hotel Remota.

Day 4

Breakfast and check-out of hotel. Transfer to airport and continue trip.

Price includes:

Yampu only offers Hotel Remota as part of a highlight program. Price includes free roundtrip transfer to Hotel Remota for passengers arriving on **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays**.

- Punta Arenas Airport to Remota Hotel at 1pm and 5pm
- Remota Hotel to the Punta Arenas airport at 8am and 1pm
- Remota Hotel to Calafate international airport 9am
- Calafate international airport to Remota Hotel at 3pm

Prices also include, accommodations, all meals including soft drinks and house wines, daily excursions with bilingual guides and use of sauna, pool and Jacuzzis. Not included in the price are long-distance telephone calls, laundry, spa treatments, airfare and airport taxes.

List of possible excursions available when staying with Hotel Remota.

1) Puerto Natales and its People

half day / one hour hiking / difficulty level: low

Gateway to the Torres del Paine National Park, this town of Puerto Natales gazes northward into Chile from its own Strait of Magellan coastline. Ships sailing south from Puerto Montt call at this charming port, bringing tourists with them. Early 20th-century buildings evoke the past when men and women began settling here, thus broadening Chile's national horizon.

We see how the spirit of survival molded the people here, as we see them working in the greenhouses where fruits and vegetables are stored and distributed, and watching fishermen at work supplying centollas (Chilean king crab) and myriad fresh shellfish to this thriving "Magellanic" town.

2) Cerro Benítez – Cave Paintings

full day / 6-hour hike / difficulty level: medium-high / ascent 400 meters

Hiking up through forests of endemic ñirre and lenga trees, we will see condors soaring so close overhead we can hear their powerful wings piercing the air. Then, walking along the ridge with views of endless pampa and its countless lakes, we come to the vestiges of primitive man – his cave paintings. We can imagine how they sheltered themselves against inclement weather inside these caves that nature carved out for them.

3) Cerro Benítez horseback ride

full day / 5 hours on horseback / difficulty level: medium-high

We begin our horseback ride (cabalgata) at Estancia Consuelo, the country estate built in 1893 by explorer Hermann Eberhard. We climb up the Cerro Benitez and come to Lake Sofía with splendid views of the valley below.

4) Cabalgata Estancia Puerto Consuelo

half day / 3 hours on horseback / difficulty level: medium

We follow the same route on horseback as did explorer Hermann Eberhard in 1895 when he discovered a piece of hide from the prehistoric Milodón animal. We continue through thick brush where we can observe a great variety of birds. We finish the ride inside the vast Cave of the Milodón.

5) Horseback ride: Eberhard fiord – Villa Luisa

half day / 30 minutes in van, then 2 hours on horseback / difficulty level: low

We begin in the area of Puerto Prat, founded In 1899 with the mission to protect national sovereignty. From this picturesque village we continue northward along the Eberhard Fiord then on to Villa Luisa

6) Cave of the Milodón – Cave paintings

half day / 2-1/2 hours hiking / difficulty level: low

Here, in this immense cave, remains of a prehistoric giant herbivorous creature named Milodón Darwinii Listai were found at the end of the 19th century. This discovery awakened curiosity among explorers and naturalists about prehistoric life in Patagonia. Surrealistic and representational cave paintings illustrate a magnificent testimony that man, during a certain period of his evolution, coexisted with prehistoric animals, including the milodón.

7) Puerto Bories – Eberhard fiord – Lamb roast feast

half day / 1 hour hiking / difficulty level: low

The adventurous and industrial spirit of the first colonizers is admired in this impressive century-old commercial plant, built in such a remote

location, for processing of some 3500 sheep daily for exportation to England. We continue on to the house of Hermann Eberhard, the first colonizer who settled in the province of Última Esperanza. Crossing the Eberhard Fiord in zodiac, we land at the shore of Villa Luisa, site of the first house built in the province. Here we enjoy a typical roasted lamb feast, Patagonia style.

8) Sierra Dorotea

full day / 8 hours hiking / difficulty level: high / ascent 740 meters

We start at a typical estancia (ranch house), then hike up through a forest bordered by a former ocean-bottom landscape that rose up thousands of years ago. At the summit we can find authentic vestiges of geological evolution, then we arrive at a “magic area” which is said to have curative powers. Here we see precious fossils and an inspiring panorama. We begin descent bordering the cornice of the hill while enjoying 360-degree views. We can see the Paine Grande, the Cordillera Sarmiento, Campo de Hielo Sur, and even the shapes and designs of the fiords near Puerto Natales.

9) Horseback to mirador Dorotea

half day / 2-1/2 hours on horseback / difficulty level: low

The ideal way to learn about life in Patagonia is to experience in depth the lifestyle and daily activities of a baqueano (the Chilean version of gaucho, yet with significant differences). This half-day excursion is with an authentic baqueano, riding with him across his land just as he does each morning. Authentic baqueano art will amaze us, just as the unique costume and gear. We will have the privilege of riding the horses of the rancher (estanciero), who will tell us about the ways of life here in the old days.

10) Horseback ride: Sierra Dorotea

full day / 6-hour horseback ride / difficulty level: medium

A doubly extraordinary experience, in both adventure and culture, you ride Patagonian horses accompanied by a baqueano (Chilean gaucho) native to this Magellanic region. After an extensive ride through forests and plains, we arrive at an 880-meter peak with fossils, guanacos and a moonscape terrain. From here we overlook Puerto Natales and the mountains surrounding Seno de Última Esperanza (Last Hope Sound). Midway: a pleasant rest period for riders and horses alongside a campfire, refreshing coffee, and conversation with baqueanos who tell of their life on the steppes, their adventures, explorations, and how they deal with severe Patagonian winters.

11) Río Ventisquero

half day / 2-1/2-hour hike / difficulty level: medium

The Tenerife mountain is recognized in the distance by its sharply pointed peak. Hiking toward it, we pass through Patagonian forests with Ciprés de las Guaitecas (endemic cypress trees) until we reach the Río Ventisquero that flows gently down the mountainside. Making our way through humid forests, we admire ornate ferns, mosses, lichens, and even a Magellanic woodpecker.

12) Fiords and Ventisqueros (Ice Fields)

full day / one-hour hike / difficulty level: low

Puerto Natales is the departure point for this boat trip along the entire length of the Seno de Última Esperanza (Last Hope Sound), a relaxing opportunity for uninterrupted sightseeing. Along the way we see dolphins, sea wolves, flocks of cormorants, condor nests, and a variety of flora and fauna unique to these Patagonian flatlands, until we arrive at the Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers. A short hike brings us to the vantage point where the edge of the Serrano Glacier, like a giant mountain, touches the sea. One continually hears the sounds of the ice straining, bending, and chunks breaking off.

13) Lake Sofía

full day / 3-hour hike / difficulty level: medium

We depart to Lake Sofía and hike along the shore to the Mirador del Cerro Queso. Here we have access to the beautiful beaches on the lake.

14) Lake Sofía on bicycle

half day / 3 hours / difficulty level: medium-high

This excursion starts on the shore of Lake Sofía. We bicycle along the lakeshore for three hours, along forests and sighting condors gliding above. We can view the geological formation of this area, a result of glacier retreat about 15,000 years ago. We also explore natural caves that primitive tribes used for shelter and for expressing their art in magnificent cave paintings.

15) Seno de Última Esperanza (Last Hope Sound) on bicycle

half day / 4 hours / difficulty level: medium high

Passing thick jungles of ñirres (endemic trees), we descend to the Seno de Última Esperanza. Bordering the lakeshore we see countless small lagoons that are refuges for wild birds during their nesting period. We come to the Estancia Perales with an impressive view of the Cordillera Chacabuco y Sierra Prat.

16) The border

half day / 2-hour hike / difficulty level: medium

We hike to the Argentine border enjoying marvelous views of the Llanuras de Diana and the Pinto and Balmaceda Lakes. A visit to the interesting Dorotea Museum is included.

17) Lakes and forests (Lago Balmaceda and Lago Pinto)

half day / 3-hour hike / difficulty level: medium-high

We hike toward the mirador (lookout point) Cerro Pelario, passing through forests of lenga, ciprés de las Guaitecas, and coigües (endemic species trees). There are splendid panoramic views of the mountains surrounding Puerto Natales, as well as Golfo Almirante Montt and the Pinto and Balmaceda Lakes.

18) Tenerife Mountain (North Face)

half day / 1-1/2-hour hike / difficulty level: medium

We begin our hike at the Salto Río Ventisquero along a path of beautiful forest with ciruelillo and coigüe (endemic evergreen tree). Arriving at the Mirador de la Sierra Prat we enjoy views of Lake Porteño and the Castillo and Campana mountains.

19) Cañada de las Bandurrias

half day / 2-hour hike / difficulty level: medium

We begin our hike at the eastern skirt of Tenerife Mountain, then proceed through humid Patagonian forests. We hike around a major part of Lake Porteño, home to endemic birds that nest in this area. Along the way we enjoy a direct view of the Macizo de Torres del Paine. Toward the end of our route, the spectacular Gran Lago Toro comes into view. It is the largest lake of the region with lush fauna growing around its shores.

20) Lake Porteño Photo Safari (Hiking And Bicycle)

half day / 3 hours hiking and 1-1/2 hours bicycling / difficulty level: low

A hike along the coasts of Lake Porteño passes through a magic environment where spectacular formations seem to converge: Sierra Baguales, Sierra del Toro, and Paine Grande, the most important peak of the Torres del Paine National Park. By bicycle we border the lake heading toward Puesto Castillo.

21) Maitenes in Patagonia

full day / 6-1/2 hours hiking / difficulty level: medium high

Departing Remota we pass by Puesto Castillo Viejo where we begin a hike from the Refugio Juvenil Maravilla bordering the lake of the same name, amid typical forests of the area. We continue through Paso de la Guitarra, arriving at the Bay of Los Maitenes, the only place in Patagonia where this tree species is found.

22) Cerro La Olla

full day / 5-1/2 hours hiking / difficulty level: high

This mountain, Cero la Olla, is located in the sector of the Estancia Dos Lagunas, north of Puerto Natales. It is named for its unusual shape, like an olla, or cooking pot, and reaches an altitude of 1,350 meters above sea level, making it one of the principal peaks visible from the town. From here we have a privileged view of Lake Sofía and the fiord of Última Esperanza.

23) Forests, lakes, and ice of the Torres del Paine National Park

full day / 4-hour hike / difficulty level: low

Patagonian Chile is a complex combination of vast plains intersected by glistening lakes whose waters are multicolored because of their mineral contents; of ice fields extending like vast trampolines toward the sea; and gigantic floating icebergs gliding quietly through the cold lakes. Combed by the winds, forests of endemic lenga, ñirre and coigüe trees are beautiful throughout the year, and especially during autumn with their leaves of intense yellows and reds. On this hike we visit Sarmiento, Nordenskjold and Grey lakes.

24) Wildlife and Cave Paintings

full day / 3-1/2-hour hike / difficulty level: low

Animal life is a main attraction of Chilean Patagonia: los ñandúes (lesser rhea) wander freely in the plains; flocks of guanacos (relative of the llama and alpaca) are ubiquitous; puma (mountain lions), scarce and mysterious, prowl between pampas and ravines. In the lakes of the National Park, pink flamingos can be seen mingling with a wide variety of species of ducks as well as swans and upland geese (caiquenes). The condor is known as "king of the skies" with a 3-meter wingspan hovers high above. In these surroundings, the presence of pre-historic man, and his paintings in the caves he inhabited, give testimony to the early interaction between culture and nature.

25) Base of the Torres (Torres del Paine National Park)

full day / 8-hour hike / difficulty level: high / ascent 800 meters

The Ascensio River valley, surrounded by century-old forests, traces the long path toward the Torres del Paine for which this Park is named. The silence in nature, whispers of the waterfalls, and the extreme beauty of the landscape give the traveler a feeling of intimacy with Patagonia. Breathtaking views of the three sheer granite towers that form the Torres, towering above the lake, make this an unforgettable experience.

26) Two lakes: Laguna de la Cal and Lago Sarmiento

full day / 6-hour hike / difficulty level: medium-high

We depart from lake Pehoé, hiking toward la Quebrada de la FERIA where the wind has transformed the forest into bonsai-like formations. The cuernos (the antler-like three peaks of the Torres del Paine) are constantly in view. The hiking route continues toward Laguna de la Cal, and to Lago Sarmiento which is the largest lake in the Park. The Laguna de la Cal, frozen in winter, breaks the silence with its eerie sounds of ice bending, shifting, and breaking into the water (a spectacular sight).

27) Sierra Baguales

full day / 2-1/2-hour hike / difficulty level: medium

We begin our hike toward Sierra Baguales where we will find fossils and condor nests. We follow the famed Route of Lady Florence Dixie, named for the aristocratic member of the first European "tourist" expedition to the Torres del Paine National Park.

28) Estancia Lazo – Lago Toro

full day / 4-hour hike / difficulty level: low

We start at a picturesque Patagonian ranch (estancia), one of the oldest in the area, where the first settlers began raising cattle. We continue bordering the vivid Laguna Verde, hiking through forests and along lagoons rich with wild birds that, during their mating season, can be seen and heard seeking mates and defending their territory. Along the way we enjoy seeing the variety of Magellanic forests.

29) Valle del Francés (French Valley)

full day / 7-hour hike / difficulty level: high

We cross Lake Pehoe by boat, arriving at the foot of El Paine Grande where we begin our hike through the Valle del Francés with breathtaking views of the Glacier del Francés (French Glacier) and the Paine mountain topped by antler-like peaks.

30) Valle del Pingo

full day / 7-hour hike / difficulty level: high

One of the Park's most hidden valleys, the Pingo is inhabited by baguales horses that characteristically live in valley flatlands. En route we pass through forests of lenga trees and an enormous waterfall. From the Valley we'll enjoy privileged views of the Paine Grande, the Cordón Olguín, and the Pingo and Zapata glaciers.