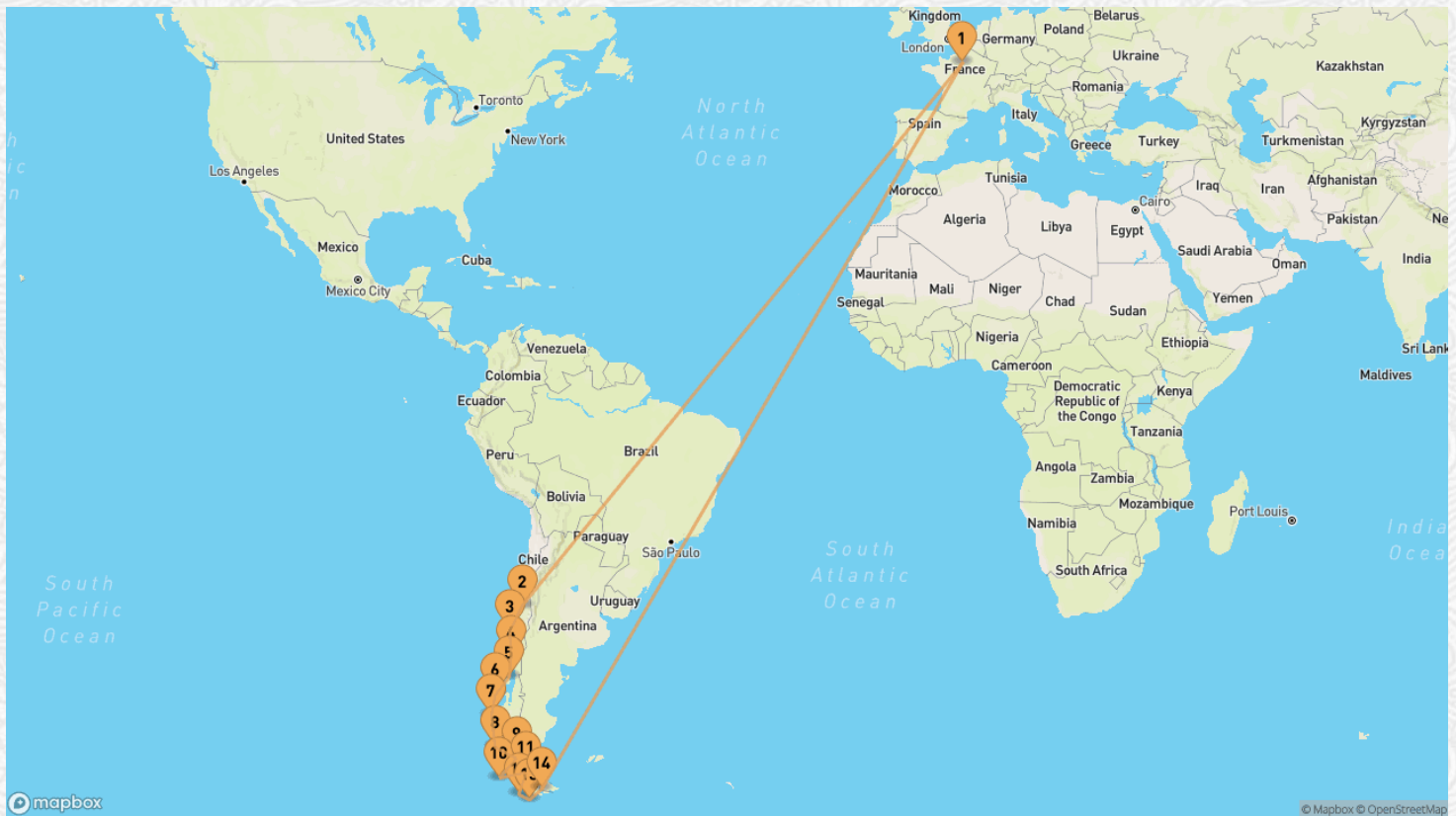




# CHILEAN PATAGONIA CRUISE FROM GENEVA

- REGIONS / COUNTRIES:  France  Chile  Argentina
- DURATION: 15 Days / 14 Nights
- TAGS: City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife, Village, Secluded, Island, Town
- URL: <https://embarq.travel/boats/world-explorer/chilean-patagonia-cruise-from-geneva/>



# Day 1



## France / Paris

City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife

### DAY 1: GENEVA - SANTIAGO (Chile)

Departure on special or regular flight to Santiago. Night flight with stopover.

# Day 2



## Chile / Valparaiso

City, Mainland port

### DAY 2: SANTIAGO - VALPARAISO

Upon arrival in Santiago, transfer to the port of Valparaiso, embarkation and installation on board the World Explorer. Dinner on board.

# Day 3



## Navigation

### DAY 3: NAVIGATION

Take advantage of this day of navigation to participate in the activities offered on board. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

# Day 4



## Chile / Snow

📍 Mainland port, Village, Secluded

### DAY 4: NIEBLA

Niebla is a pleasant little port of barely 2,000 inhabitants. With its beautiful dark sand beach and misty landscapes, it is the most important seaside resort in the region. Built in the 17th century in the estuary of the Valdivia River, the Niebla fort is part of an important protection system against pirates. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### EXCURSION 1 • VALDIVIA AND NIEBLA FORT

Departure towards Valdivia and Teja Island to visit the historical and anthropological museum which houses a rich collection of objects testifying to the Mapuche culture, the colonial era and German immigration. Discovery of the botanical garden which houses more than 1000 species of plants from all over the world followed by a walking tour of the city center passing by the cathedral, the post office, the craft market ... Finally, visit the Niebla fort which was founded by the Spanish in the 17th century and was at the time one of the most important fortification systems in America.

Half day - Price per person (from): €90

#### EXCURSION 2 • CORRAL AND THE VALDIVIAN COASTAL RESERVE

Boarding zodiacs (approx. 15 min.) to reach the port of Corral. Walking tour to the San Sebastian de la Cruz fort and visit. Built in 1767, its high walls preserve original cannons and offer superb views of the bay. Continuation by coach to the community of Chaihuin to visit an environmental protection center, followed by a hike (approx. 45 min.) in the heart of the Valdivian coastal reserve to discover its incredible endemic flora. Small snack of fresh fish and abalone before returning to Niebla.

Half day - Price per person (from): €120

# Day 5



## Chile / Castro

📍 Island, Town, Secluded

### DAY 5: CASTRO

The multi-coloured capital of the island of Chiloé, founded in the 16th century, Castro is famous for its "palafitos", wooden houses on stilts painted in bright colours. It preserves an astonishing neo-Gothic wooden church built in 1567 and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### EXCURSION 3 • DISCOVERING CASTRO ON FOOT

Walk of about 2h30 to discover the main places of interest of the city of Castro. From the port, pass by the Plaza de Armas to reach the very original church of Saint-François. Built in the 16th century by carpenters from Chiloé in a neo-Gothic style, it is classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to Gamboa Square which offers a magnificent view of the "palafitos", the houses on stilts in brightly painted wood typical of Chiloé. Finally, discover the craft market. Price per person (from): €60

#### EXCURSION 4 • QUINCHAO ISLAND

Departure towards the picturesque village of Dalcahue and board a ferry to reach the island of Quinchao. Passage through the village of Curaco de Vélez and its old houses of cattle breeders and whalers to reach Achao, a small dynamic port, and visit its church built in 1730. Finally, return to Dalcahue to discover its church from the end of the 18th century and its surroundings. Return by ferry to Castro and free time at the craft market.

Half day - Price per person (from): €115

#### EXCURSION 5 • QUILEN AND CONEJOS ISLAND

On the way to the village of Quilen (about 1h45) on the island of Chiloé. Navigation of about 2h around the island of Conejos to observe a colony of Magellanic penguins. The environment around the island is also home to many species of birds, dolphins, sea lions ... Return to Quilen and stop to admire the "palafitos", the houses on stilts made of wood painted in bright colors typical of Chiloé.

Half day - Price per person (from): €175

# Day 6



## Navigation

### DAY 6: NAVIGATION

Take advantage of this day of navigation to participate in the activities offered on board. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

# Day 7



## Navigation

### **DAY 7: NAVIGATION IN THE ENGLISH PASSAGE / PUE XI GLACIER**

This spectacular passage, barely 200 m wide, is dotted with islands, framed by impressive steep mountains and home to many seabirds and small dolphins. Sailing further south, the immense Pius XI glacier appears with its colossal ice cliffs interspersed with deep blue crevasses. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.



# Day 8



## Navigation

### **DAY 8: NAVIGATION FJORD OF THE MOUNTAINS / PUERTO NATALES**

The Mountains Fjord stretches for 66 km inside the Alacalufes National Reserve between two impressive mountain ranges with sharp, snow-capped peaks. Puerto Natales is a booming town of 20,000 inhabitants set in a grandiose setting with its trendy restaurants and bars, its old port nestled at the bottom of a picturesque fjord and its snow-capped mountains as a backdrop. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

# Day 9



## Chile / Torres del Paine Park

📍 Mainland port, Town, Secluded

### DAY 9: PUERTO NATALES / TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Puerto Natales is the gateway to the famous Torres del Paine National Park. With its endless steppe and snow-capped peaks, this park offers extremely varied landscapes. It is home to great biodiversity: llamas, pumas, foxes and more than a hundred species of birds. Free time or participation in the included excursion. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Included day trip to Torres del Paine National Park

Departure by coach (approximately 1h30) to Torres del Paine National Park, crossing magnificent landscapes of forest and steppe populated by guanacos and rheas. Stop at Lake Sarmiento, the Bitter Lagoon and then Lake Nordenskjöld to admire the view of these turquoise lakes surrounded by snow-capped mountains. Continue on foot to the Salto Grande waterfall and have a packed lunch. Stop at Lake del Toro and return to the boat (approximately 2h00).

# Day 10



## Navigation

### DAY 10: SAILING IN THE STRAIT OF MAGELLAN

The mythical strait separating South America from Tierra del Fuego, the Strait of Magellan recalls the adventure of the famous Portuguese explorer who discovered it in 1520. 611 km long, it is the most important natural passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

# Day 11



## Chile / Punta Arenas

📍 Mainland port, Town, Secluded

### DAY 11: PUNTA ARENAS

Founded in 1848 at the southern tip of the American continent, Punta Arenas was first a penal colony. Today, its historic center with colorful houses houses the Salesian Museum and an astonishing cemetery, a true haven of peace. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

#### EXCURSION 6 • OLGA TERESA RANCH AND CONDOR WATCHING (day with lunch)

Located in the heart of wild nature, Estancia Olga Teresa is a typical family ranch of the Magallanes region acquired in 1922 by a pioneer of French origin. Discovery of the traditional activities of the ranch: sheep shearing, demonstration of the work of the shepherd dogs and lunch around a typical roast lamb. From a hill easily accessible from the ranch, observation of a colony of condors.

Price per person (from): €190

#### EXCURSION 7 • DISCOVERY OF PUNTA ARENAS

On the way to the Cerro de la Cruz viewpoint which offers a magnificent panorama of the city and the Strait of Magellan. Visit the Patagonia Institute founded in 1969 then the Salesian Museum which houses exceptional collections on ethnography, flora and fauna as well as archaeological discoveries. Visit the cemetery, one of the most beautiful in Chile and its English-style garden, then discovery of the city center with its colorful houses.

Half day - Price per person (from): €90

#### EXCURSION 8 • DISCOVERY OF MAGDALENA ISLAND

Departure by coach and boarding a local boat to reach Magdalena Island (approx. 1 hour). Walk of approximately 1 hour to discover the island, a nature reserve that is home to a large colony of Magellanic penguins, cormorants and other species of native birds. The island is also home to an emblematic lighthouse established in 1902, home to the keepers. Half day - limited places - Price per person (from): €160

# Day 12



## Navigation

### **DAY 12: GARIBALDI OR PIA GLACIER / NAVIGATION IN THE AVENUE OF THE GLACIERS**

Discovery of the Garibaldi Glacier or the Pia Glacier, enormous colossi of ice. Finishing their course in the fjord, the crash of the blocks of ice from these two glaciers falling into the waters of the Beagle Channel is impressive. Navigation in the Avenue of Glaciers. Over more than 200 km, there are glaciers several hundred meters high flowing into the sea. Humpback whales, sea lions, seals and penguins, snow-capped peaks, icefalls, spectacular rock formations... the Avenue of Glaciers is the most beautiful avenue in the world! Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

# Day 13



## Navigation

### DAY 13: SAILING AROUND CAPE HORN

The mythical Cape Horn was officially discovered in 1616. It is a rocky promontory, almost vertical, 425 m high, located on Horn Island in Chilean Tierra del Fuego. For a very long time, its position in the Roaring Fifties was the busiest route between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. It was declared a World Biosphere Reserve in 2005. Disembarkation possible depending on weather conditions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

# Day 14



## Argentina / Ushuaia

City

Ushuaia is a small resort town in Argentina, located in the Tierra del Fuego archipelago. It is the southernmost part of South America, called "The edge of the world".

### DAY 14: USHUAIA (Argentina) - GENEVA

Breakfast on board. Disembarkation and transfer to the airport. Flight to Geneva on a special or scheduled flight. Night flight with stopover(s).

# Day 15



## France / Paris

City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife

### DAY 1: GENEVA - SANTIAGO (Chile)

Departure on special or regular flight to Santiago. Night flight with stopover.



