

PATAGONIA · APRIL 3 TO 16, 2027 · JOIN A FILM CREW

Four worlds.

Fourteen days in Patagonia.

A hosted expedition with Dirk Collins and a Planet 5 film crew, with VM Elite on the ground. The rewilded steppe of Aysén, the Southern Ice Field crossed by boat and on foot, the granite of Fitz Roy and the Towers of Paine, and the fjords of Tierra del Fuego where the map runs out.

THE INVITATION

Steppe, ice, granite, edge. *One journey.*

You are invited.

Aysén, the ice field, Fitz Roy, Torres del Paine and Tierra del Fuego each exist as destinations in their own right. This expedition runs them together, the length of wild Patagonia: by private aircraft, on foot through Magellanic forest and open steppe, by boat across glacial water, and over a frontier route the settlers walked. Parque Patagonia is entered alongside Rewilding Chile. Puma photography is led by a specialist who puts the animal first. The nights are spent on historic estancias and in lodges that open to a trusted few.

Dirk Collins, expedition and aerial producer on the Disney and National Geographic film Everest: The Other Side, hosts the journey, and a Planet 5 film crew travels with the group from the first evening to the last. VM Elite, the luxury travel designer founded by Raul Buenaventura in Santiago, runs the ground. You are part of the film, and you go home with professional photography and edited footage of your own expedition.

> *The difference between visiting a place and being part of its story.*

STEPPE
Aysén, rewilded

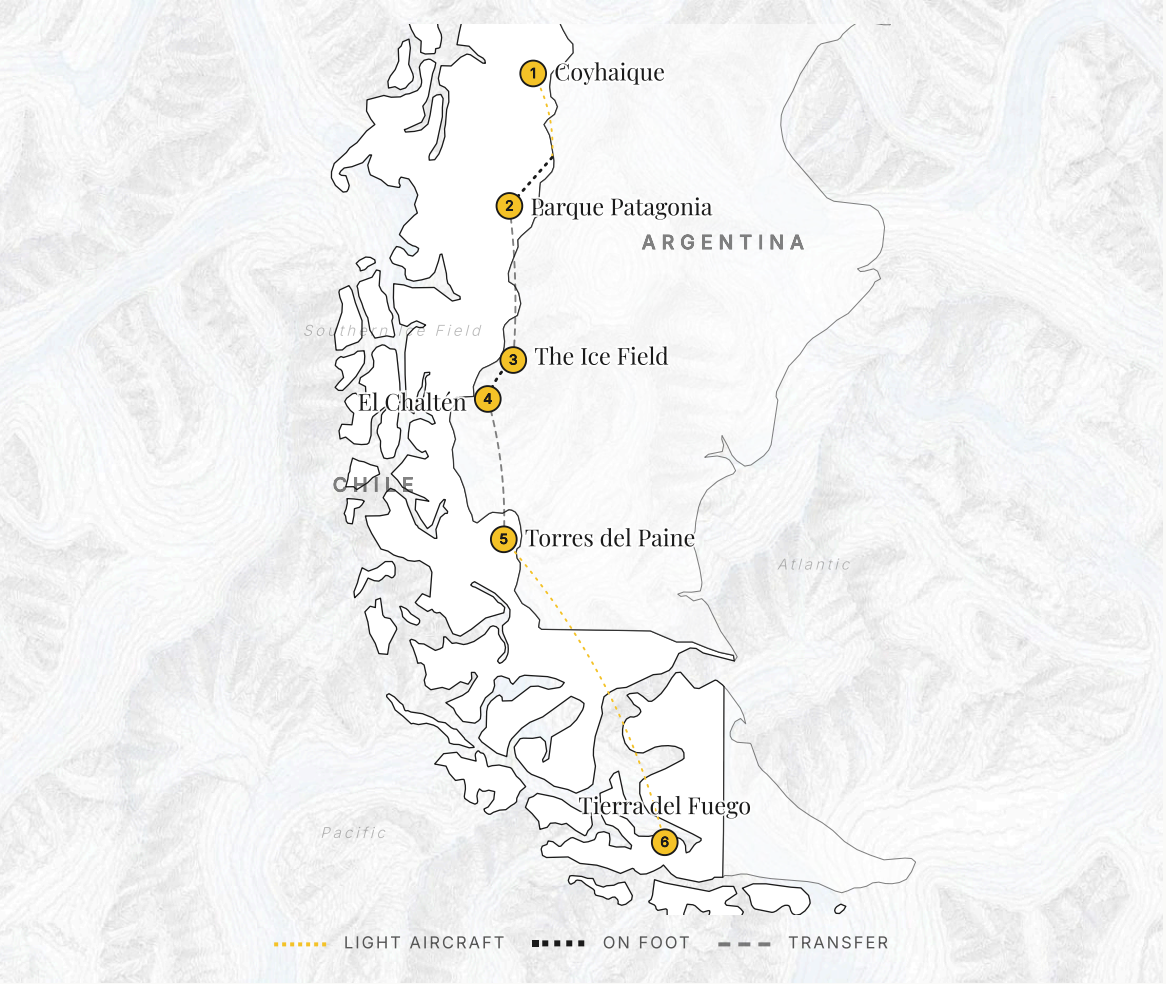
ICE
The Southern Ice Field

GRANITE
Fitz Roy and the Towers

EDGE
Tierra del Fuego

THE ROUTE

Patagonia, *on the map.*



1. **Coyhaique** DAY 1
   A private flight south, and an introduction to the rewilding of Patagonia above Coyhaique.
2. **Parque Patagonia** DAYS 2 TO 6
   A multi-day traverse of Jeinimeni, carried by porters, ending at Explora Parque Patagonia. A full day on the Cochrane River by kayak.
3. **The Ice Field** DAYS 6 TO 7
   A private navigation to the face of the O'Higgins Glacier, and a night with the last family at the quiet end of the country.
4. **El Chaltén** DAYS 7 TO 9
   The settlers' route on foot into Argentina, then Fitz Roy: a via ferrata to Ovo at sunset, and the walk to Laguna de los Tres.
5. **Torres del Paine** DAYS 9 TO 12
   A historic working estancia at the edge of the park. Puma tracking with a specialist, and the great trek to the base of the Towers.
6. **Tierra del Fuego** DAYS 12 TO 14
   Lodge Almirantazgo, and a day at sea among glaciers, elephant seals and leopard seals beneath the Cordillera Darwin. Home from Punta Arenas.



ACT ONE · FOUR NIGHTS

Aysén and Parque Patagonia.

The journey begins where Patagonia is being brought back to life. Above Coyhaique, an introduction to Rewilding Chile sets the frame: former ranch land, grazed bare over a century, restored into thriving ecosystem, with the guanaco and the endangered huemul returning to it.

Then you walk into it. A private flight to Chile Chico and a multi-day traverse of Jeinimeni, one of Chile's most pristine and least-walked landscapes, carried by porters. The trek ends at Explora Parque Patagonia. A full day on the Cochrane River by kayak closes the phase.



THE CROSSING · TWO DAYS

The Southern Ice Field.
O'Higgins to Fitz Roy.

From Candelario Mancilla, a private navigation crosses glacial waters to the face of the O'Higgins Glacier, the largest in the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. On the far shore, the only family that still lives there: a fire, a home-cooked meal, a night at the quiet end of the country.

The next morning you walk a historic settlers' route, roughly fourteen miles through Magellanic forest and glacial meadow to the border, and on clear days Fitz Roy appears for the first time. A private vessel carries you the length of Lago del Desierto into Argentina.

A night with the last family at the quiet end of the country, and Fitz Roy ahead on a clear day.



ACT TWO · TWO NIGHTS

El Chaltén and Fitz Roy.

Estancia Bonanza, twenty thousand acres of lenga forest, lakes and mountains at the foot of the Cordón del Bosque. A via ferrata ascends to Ovo Patagonia, an egg-shaped shelter fixed to the rock, where the Fitz Roy massif takes the last warm light of the day.

Then Laguna de los Tres, the iconic walk: lenga forest, a steep final climb, and a turquoise lagoon framed by the granite spires.



ACT THREE · THREE NIGHTS

Torres del Paine and Estancia Cerro Guido.

A historic working ranch of more than 250,000 acres at the edge of Torres del Paine, founded before 1900 and still run from its original buildings. The guanaco and the ñandú have returned to its restored prairies, and cattle are still moved on horseback.

Puma tracking with a specialist who works in small groups and puts the animal first, on ground that has become the best place on earth to photograph wild puma. And the great trek to the base of the Towers themselves.



ACT FOUR · TWO NIGHTS

Tierra del Fuego.

Lodge Almirantazgo, deep in Tierra del Fuego, with exclusive access to navigation, trekking and wildlife in one of the most southern corners of the planet.

A full day at sea to Jackson Bay and Parry Fjord, among glaciers, elephant seals and leopard seals, with the Cordillera Darwin rising beyond. Then north to Punta Arenas and home. The map, for once, crossed end to end.

THE EXPEDITION

14 Days in Patagonia. *April 3 to 16, 2027.*

DAYS 1 TO 5

Aysén

A private flight south from Santiago to Coyhaique and a private retreat above the town. In the evening, the Rewilding Chile talk: a century of grazing undone, the guanaco and the huemul returning.

DAYS 6 TO 7

The Ice Field

A private flight from Cochrane to Candelario Mancilla, then a private navigation across glacial water to the face of the O'Higgins Glacier, the largest in the Southern Patagonian Ice Field.

DAY 8

Fitz Roy

Laguna de los Tres, the iconic walk to the turquoise lagoon beneath the granite spires. In the evening a via ferrata to Ovo, the shelter fixed to the rock, for sunset on the Fitz Roy massif.

DAYS 9 TO 11

Torres del Paine

South to Torres del Paine and Estancia Cerro Guido, a working ranch founded before 1900 at the edge of the park. Three nights.

DAYS 12 TO 13

Tierra del Fuego

Horses in the Baguales, then a private flight from Puerto Natales to Pampa Guanaco and Lodge Almirantazgo, deep in Tierra del Fuego. Two nights.

DAY 14

Home

A private flight to Punta Arenas, LATAM to Santiago, and a VIP departure. The map, for once, crossed end to end.

INCLUDED

- All accommodation across the itinerary
- All private charter and domestic flights
- Ground transfers throughout
- All excursions, with local guides, the VM Elite lead guide, porters and camping gear
- The Rewilding Chile lecturer and the Almirantazgo navigation
- Meals as described in the itinerary
- A concierge throughout
- Global Rescue emergency evacuation membership
- Professional photography and edited film footage featuring you, delivered after the expedition

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare to and from Santiago

Gratuities

International medical insurance

Trip cancellation insurance

Hosted throughout by Dirk Collins. Sustained walking, including a porter-carried traverse with three camps and a fourteen-mile border crossing on foot. Prior hiking experience is strongly recommended.

WHO JOINS

Four kinds of *travelers.*

For people looking for something beyond the ordinary. Couples, friends, families and solo travelers are all welcome. Places are sold individually, priced per person on double occupancy.

THE CURIOUS TRAVELER

You have been to the well-known places. You are ready for a frontier crossing that asks more of you than a credit card.

THE PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIAST

Travel with a crew that has filmed Everest, Patagonia and the most remote landscapes on earth, and shoot alongside them, from the ice field to puma country.

THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN EXPLORER

You want your travel to connect to something meaningful. Parque Patagonia is entered alongside Rewilding Chile, and a portion of the proceeds goes to the Mountain Preservation Foundation.

THE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME SEEKER

Some experiences cannot be repeated. A film is shot once, and you are part of it.

The kind of journey that begins with an invitation, not a booking.

ON FILM

The experience and *the story.*

A documentary record of the length of wild Patagonia, shot the way Dirk works: a small crew, early starts, and the people of each place in front of the lens. You travel with it for the whole journey.

THE EXPERIENCE

Embedded with the crew.

Two weeks alongside the film team, with the rewilders, gauchos, guides and families who have shaped these landscapes. Not a spectator. A participant.

THE STORY

The length of the wild south.

Steppe brought back to life, a glacier the size of a country, granite at last light, puma on the open ground, and the fjords where the map runs out. The story you tell is yours because you lived it.

WHAT YOU TAKE HOME

Photography and edited footage.

Professional photography and edited film footage featuring you, delivered after the expedition. Yours for personal use.

The places you dream about, with the access you could never find on your own.

HOW TO JOIN

Reserve *your place.*

By invitation

THROUGH YOUR TRAVEL ADVISOR

April 3 to 16, 2027. Hosted throughout by Dirk Collins and the Planet 5 film crew, with VM Elite on the ground.

Your advisor will share the details and hold your place.

Your own dates

A PRIVATE EXPEDITION

The same route, run privately for your party, on your dates and at your pace.

01 **Through your advisor**
Your travel advisor shares who is travelling and what you dream of seeing.

02 **Your itinerary, drawn by hand**
A proposal shaped from a signature itinerary or a blank map: the days, the flights, the lodges and the people you will meet.

03 **Your dates held**
A deposit holds your dates and applies in full to the expedition.

04 **Welcomed in**
Your field team introduced by name, every detail of preparation handled with you, and then the first morning.

THE TEAM

Your team *in the field.*



Dirk Collins

EXPEDITION HOST

Co-founder of Teton Gravity Research, with thirty years of film and expedition work in remote places for National Geographic, HBO, Disney and Rolex.



VM Elite

GROUND OPERATIONS, SANTIAGO

The luxury travel designer founded by Raul Buenaventura in Santiago: a VM Elite lead guide, local guides, porters and photo specialists on every leg of the route.



The Planet 5 film crew

WITH YOU THROUGHOUT

A small documentary crew travels with the expedition from Santiago to the fjords, and your photography and edited footage come home with you.



The estancias

BONANZA AND CERRO GUIDO

Working ranches founded before 1900, still run from their original buildings, whose land and tables open to a trusted few.

"Dirk is always my first call for the world's most complex and remote expeditions."

JIMMY CHIN, ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER

ON EXPEDITION FOR

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC · Disney · HBO · ROLEX · DAVID YURMAN · Red Bull · dji · THE NORTH FACE · LAND ROVER · NBC · Discovery · AIRBUS · Ford · TOYOTA

THE TIMELINE

From invitation *to expedition.*



TODAY

Your place held

Held through your travel advisor.

BEFORE YOU GO

Preparation

Your field team introduced by name, a fitness note and a gear list.

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The expedition

Fourteen days in Patagonia with the crew, from Santiago to the fjords and back.

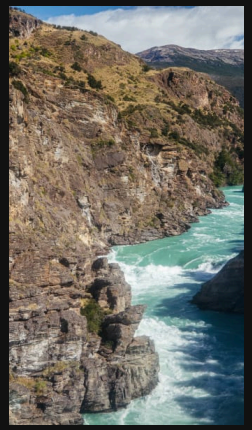
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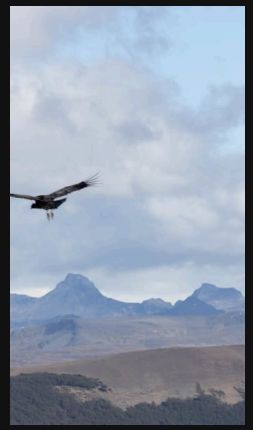
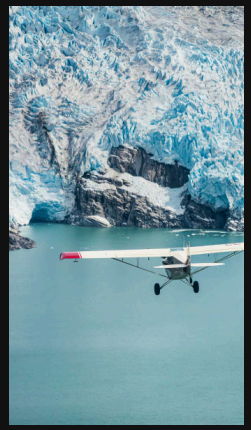
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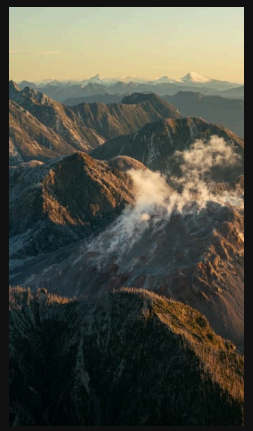
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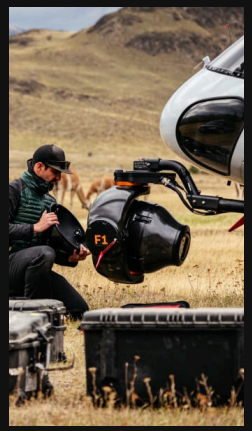
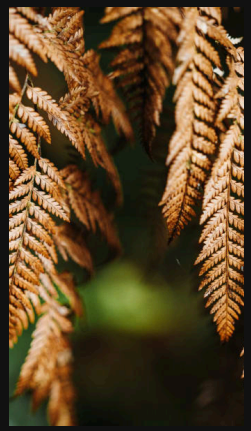
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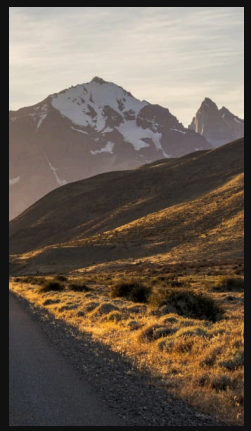
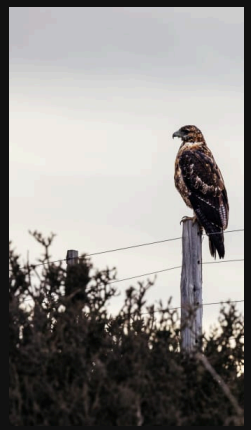
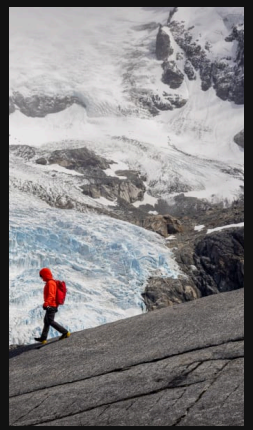
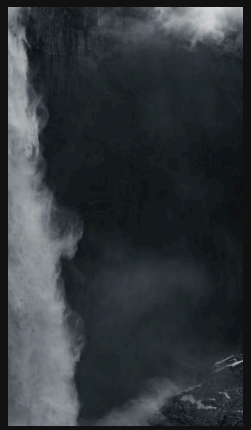
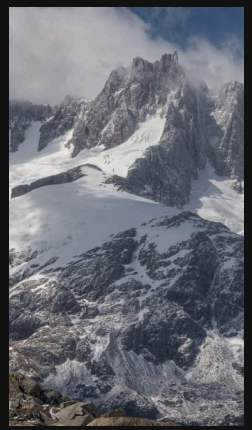
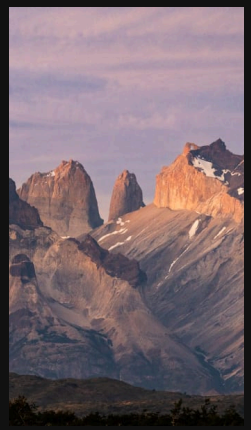
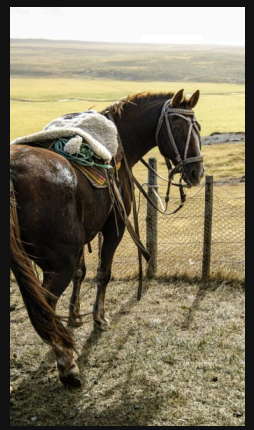


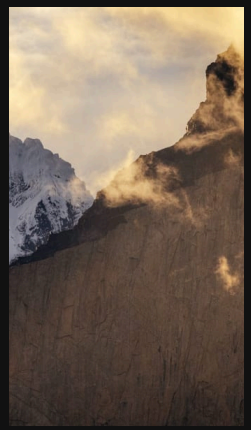



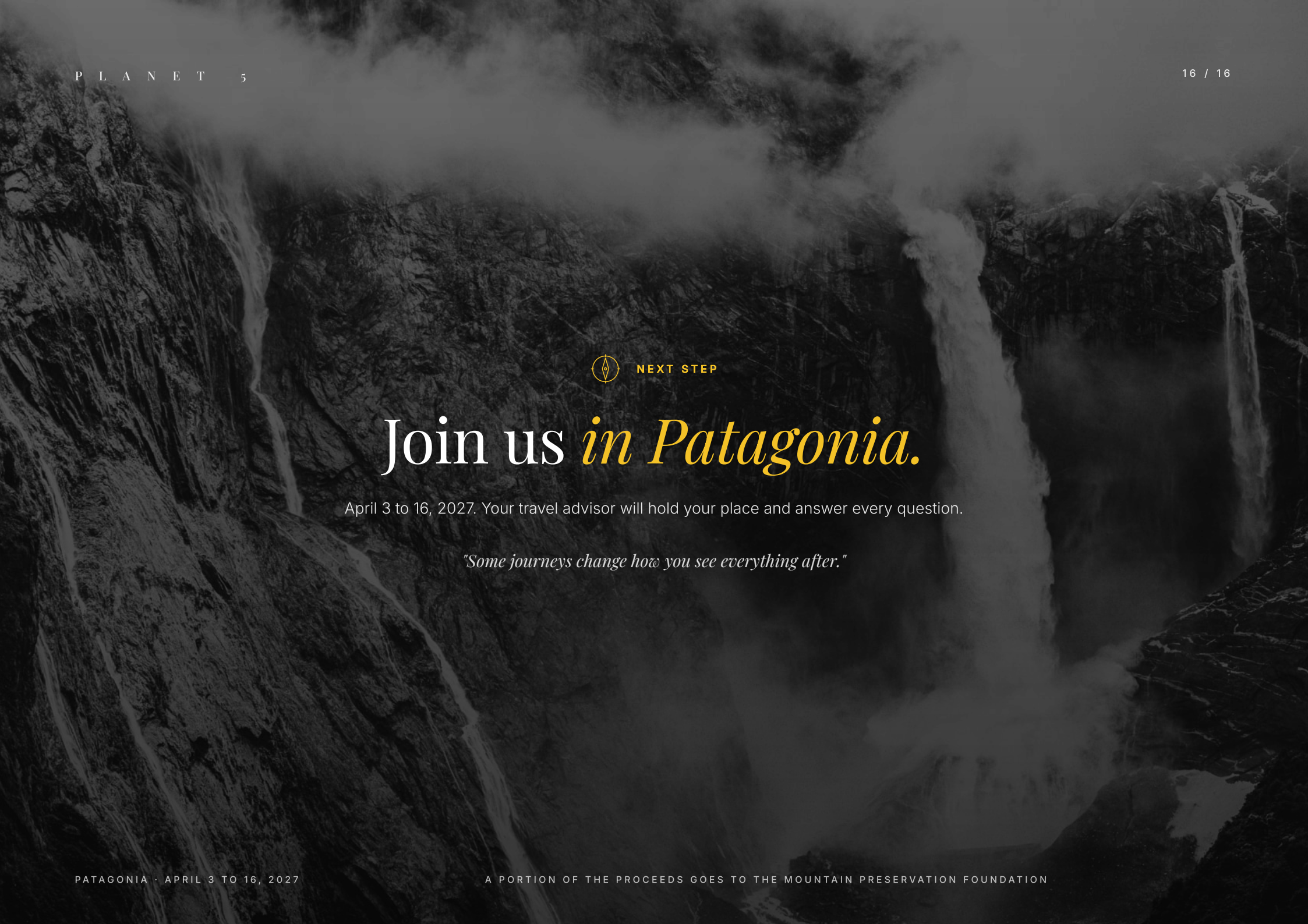







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NEXT STEP

Join us *in Patagonia.*

April 3 to 16, 2027. Your travel advisor will hold your place and answer every question.

"Some journeys change how you see everything after."