

PATAGONIA · A PRIVATE EXPEDITION · SAMPLE ITINERARY

Four worlds.
One journey.

Steppe, ice, granite, edge. The length of the wild south, from the rewilded steppe of Aysén across the Southern Ice Field to the fjords of Tierra del Fuego.

YOUR EXPEDITION

Patagonia, *drawn around you.*

A private expedition sets its own dates and pace.

Down the length of the wild south: from the rewilded steppe of Aysén, across the Southern Patagonian Ice Field, beneath the granite of Fitz Roy and the Towers of Paine, to the fjords of Tierra del Fuego where the map runs out. By private aircraft, on foot through Magellanic forest and open steppe, by boat across glacial fjords, and over a frontier route the settlers walked.

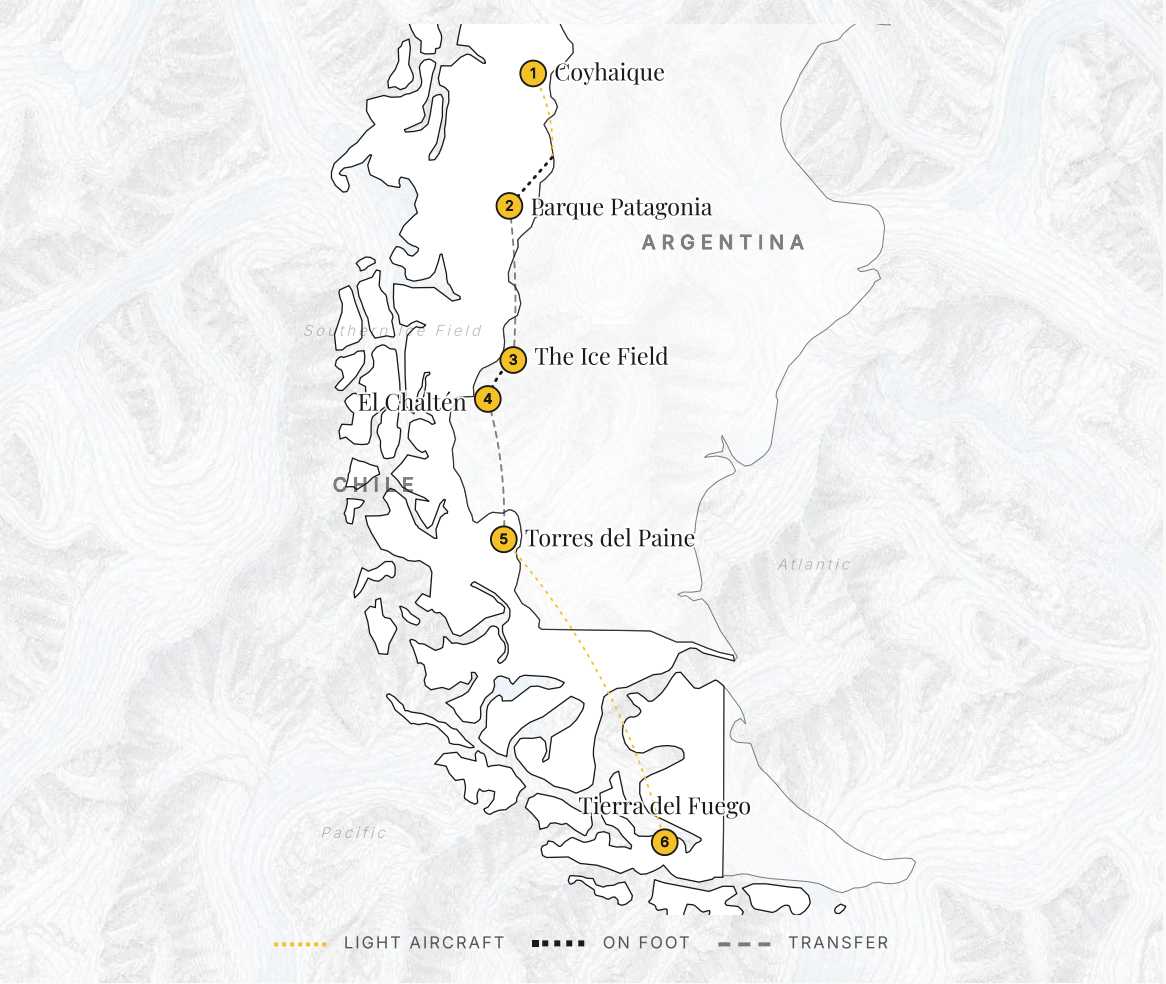
This is a first draft. Lengthen it, soften it, begin a week later, bring whoever you love. We will draw your Patagonia around you.

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

COYHAIQUE	PARQUE PATAGONIA	THE ICE FIELD	EL CHALTÉN	TORRES DEL PAINE	TIERRA DEL FUEGO
Day 1	Days 2 to 6	Days 6 to 7	Days 7 to 9	Days 9 to 12	Days 12 to 14

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.



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

Patagonia, *day by day.*

A private expedition sets its own dates and pace.

DAY 1

Santiago and Coyhaique

Private flight south. The Rewilding Chile talk above Coyhaique.

DAYS 2 TO 6

Aysén and Parque Patagonia

The Jeinimeni traverse, carried by porters. Explora Parque Patagonia. Kayak on the Cochrane River.

DAYS 6 TO 7

O'Higgins Glacier and the Ice Field

Private navigation to the glacier. A night with the last family at Candelario Mancilla. The settlers' trek across the border into Argentina.

DAYS 7 TO 9

El Chaltén and Fitz Roy

Estancia Bonanza. Via ferrata and sunset at Ovo. Laguna de los Tres.

DAYS 9 TO 12

Torres del Paine

Estancia Cerro Guido. Puma tracking. The base of the Towers.

DAYS 12 TO 14

Tierra del Fuego

Lodge Almirantazgo. A day among the fjords and glaciers. Depart from Punta Arenas via Santiago.

INCLUDED

All private charter and domestic flights

All accommodation across the itinerary

All meals as described

All excursions, guiding and porters

Ground transfers throughout

Global Rescue emergency evacuation membership

Professional photography and edited footage featuring you

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare to and from Santiago

Gratuities

International medical insurance

Trip cancellation insurance

Sustained walking, including a multi-day traverse carried by porters and a fourteen-mile border crossing on foot. Prior hiking experience is strongly recommended; a private expedition can soften the walking days. Global Rescue membership is included. Run privately, the pace and the physical ask can be set around your party.

THE TEAM

Your team *in the field.*

For thirty years our team has produced expeditions and films for National Geographic, Disney, HBO, Rolex and Red Bull, from Everest to the Southern Ocean. The same planning, the same people and the same standard of care now travel with you.

THE NORTH

Rewilding Chile
Parque Patagonia
Explora Parque Patagonia
Lodge of stone and copper

THE CROSSING

The last family at Candelario Mancilla
The settlers' route across the border
Estancia Bonanza
El Chaltén

THE SOUTH

Estancia Cerro Guido
Puma country, Torres del Paine
Lodge Almirantazgo
Tierra del Fuego

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

JIMMY CHIN, ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER

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HOW IT WORKS

Request *your expedition.*

Your own dates

A PRIVATE EXPEDITION

Around your party, your dates and the shape of the journey.

Five with Dirk

PRIVATE EXPEDITIONS IN 2027

Only five private expeditions in 2027, each led by Dirk.

01 **A conversation**
Tell us who is travelling and what you dream of seeing. A member of our team replies personally within 24 hours.

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 TIMELINE

From conversation *to expedition.*



TODAY

A conversation

Tell us who is travelling and what you dream of seeing. We reply personally within 24 hours.

NEXT

Your itinerary, drawn by hand

A proposal shaped around your party: the days, the flights, the lodges and the people you will meet.

YOUR DATES

The expedition

Patagonia, at your pace.

ALWAYS

Preservation

A portion of the proceeds goes to the Mountain Preservation Foundation.

Drawn by hand, around you.





NEXT STEP

Patagonia, *drawn around you.*

Tell us who is travelling and when. A member of our team replies personally within 24 hours.

REQUEST A PRIVATE EXPEDITION

"Some journeys change how you see everything after."