**Detailed Itinerary – Backpack the Torres del Paine Circuit 2018**

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| Saturday, February 10, 2018 | ARRIVE IN PUNTA ARENAS -transfer to hotel - overnight | N/a |  |
| Sunday, February 11, 2018 | Free day to explore the colorful town of Punta Arenas on the Straits of Magellan – group welcome dinner and overnight in Punta Arenas | N/a | D, hotel |
| Monday, February 12, 2018 | Breakfast at hotel, then boat trip to Santa Magdalena Island to see a breeding colony of Magellanic penguins! Lunch on our own, group dinner, and night in Punta Arenas. | N/a | B, D, tour, hotel |
| Tuesday, February 13, 2018 | Breakfast at hotel, then TRANSFER TO TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK with side hike to Salto Grande waterfall and Mirador de Los Cuernos at the shore of Lago Nordenskjöld. Dinner at Refugio Torres Central, night in the camp nearby with views of the Paine Towers far above. | 4 miles, 200’ gain | B, L, D, transport, hotel |
| Wednesday, February 14, 2018 | Breakfast at Torres Central, then HIKE from Torres Central through rolling grassland and forest to Campamento Serron 6hrs - camp and dinner at Serron | 8 miles, 500’ gain | B, L, D, camp |
| Thursday, February 15, 2018 | Breakfast at Serron, then HIKE from Campamento Serron along Rio Paine to Camp/Refugio Dickson in its stunning setting next to Lago Dickson and Glaciar Dickson. 5hrs – camp at Dickson. | 11 miles, 650’ gain | B, L, D, camp |
| Friday, February 16, 2018 | HIKE from Camp Dickson through ancient beech forest and glacial moraine to Camp Perros and on over John Gardner Pass to Camp Paso– Camp at Paso, overlooking the South Patagonian Icefield. (backup: camp at Perros) | 12 miles, 1500’ gain (to Paso) | B, L, D, camp |
| Saturday, February 17, 2018 | HIKE from Camp Paso alongside the Grey Glacier and Lago Grey to Refugio Grey. 12hrs - Stay at Refugio Grey | 6 miles, 200’ gain (from Paso) | B, L, D, Refugio bed |

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| Sunday, February 18, 2018 | Optional morning zodiac trip to the face of Grey Glacier (at our own expense). Then hike over rolling hills along Lago Grey to Refugio Paine Grande on the shore of Lago Pehoe 3.5hrs - stay at Refugio | 7 miles, 1200’ | B, L, D, Refugio bed |
| Monday, February 19, 2018 | HIKE from Paine Grande to Domos Frances under the Cuernos or Horns of Paine, with optional side trip up the French Valley to hidden granite towers. Stay at Domos Frances overlooking Lago Nordenskjöld. | 12.5 mi, 2700’ including Valle Frances, 6 mi 200’ gain if not | B, L, D, Refugio bed |
| Tuesday, February 20, 2018 | HIKE from Domos Frances along the south slope of the Paine Massif above Lago Nordenskjöld, then climb along Rio Torres to Refugio Chileno – Stay at Refugio  | 9 miles, 1200’ gain | B, L, D, Refugio bed |
| Wednesday, February 21, 2018 | HIKE to Mirador Las Torres for sunrise, then back down along Rio Torres to luxurious Hosteria Torres where we’ll stay the night and enjoy their excellent buffet dinner. | 7.5 miles, 2500’ with Mirador, 3 miles 0 gain without | B, L, D, hotel |
| Thursday, February 22, 2018 | Enjoy a luxurious breakfast and optional half-day tour options or return to Mirador Las Torres if we didn’t get views the previous day. Public bus back to Punta Arenas or private transfer to El Calafate, Argentina, in the afternoon. | N/a | B, transport, hotel |