

# The best of Chilean Fjords

From **3/6/2022**  
to **3/19/2022**

Ship: **LE BOREAL**

From **Ushuaia**  
to **Talcahuano**



Winding channels, snow-covered mountains, majestic glaciers and narrow passages: welcome to the magic of the **Chilean fjords**. PONANT is inviting you aboard *Le Boréal* for an **14-day expedition cruise** to the heart of **South America's extraordinary landscapes**.

Departing from **Ushuaia**, you will sail around **Cape Horn**, before enjoying an unforgettable experience of sailing along the **Strait of Magellan**.

*Le Boréal* will get closer to including **El Brujo** and **Pie XI glaciers** before entering the Patagonian channel known as the **English Passage**.

After a call in the remote village of **Tortel**, suspended above the water, and its typical wooden footbridges which take the place of streets, your ship will sail in the **Pulluche Channel**.

You will discover **Quemchi**, an authentic village located on the lush island of **Chiloé**, and finally sail to **Talcahuano**, the final destination on your trip.

*Subject to ice and weather conditions. The expedition highlights and itineraries described above illustrate possible experiences only and cannot be guaranteed.*



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### USHUAIA

Embarkation 3/6/2022 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Departure 3/6/2022 at 6:00 PM

Capital of Argentina's **Tierra del Fuego** province, Ushuaia is considered the gateway to the White Continent and the South Pole. Nicknamed "**El fin del mundo**" by the Argentinian people, this city at the end of the world nestles in the shelter of mountains surrounded by fertile plains that the wildlife seem to have chosen as the ultimate sanctuary. With its exceptional site, where the Andes plunge straight into the sea, Ushuaia is one of the most fascinating places on earth, its very name evocative of journeys to the unlikely and the inaccessible...

### SAILING AROUND CAPE HORN

Arrival 3/7/2022

Departure 3/7/2022

It's at the meeting point between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans that you enter Chilean Patagonia where you head for the Tierra del Fuego archipelago and its famous **Cape Horn**. From the top of its impressive 425-metre high cliff, South America's southernmost tip has, for many centuries, seen merchant ships from the world over passing by. Because of its legendary storms and rough seas, getting round this cape has gone down in history as a challenge for all seafarers.

### CROSSING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL

Arrival 3/8/2022

Departure 3/8/2022

Together with Cape Horn and the Strait of Magellan, **Beagle Channel** is one of the few shipping routes connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Measuring approximately 240 km long, it marks the **border between Chile and Argentina** and owes its name to the *HMS Beagle*, a British ship which carried out hydrographic missions in South America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. As you cruise along Beagle Channel, be sure to take in the beauty of the surrounding landscapes, set against a backdrop of sumptuous snow-capped **Andean peaks**. Darwin travelled this same route during one of his trips around the world.

### PUNTA ARENAS

Arrival 3/9/2022

Departure 3/10/2022

Capital of the Magallanes Region and of the Chilean Antarctic, this handsome port city will charm you with its history and traditions. Once inhabited by several indigenous tribes, Punta Arenas has maintained an architectural style that

remains true to its heritage.

## SAILING IN THE STRAIT OF MAGELLAN

Arrival 3/11/2022

Departure 3/11/2022

This mythical strait situated in the south of Chile and separating South America from Tierra del Fuego, awakens our imagination, stirring up a longing for adventure. For the first time, follow in the footsteps of the famous Portuguese explorer **Ferdinand Magellan**, known for having organised the first circumnavigation of the globe in the 16th century. Aboard your ship, cruise along the 600 km separating the Atlantic Ocean from the Pacific and, before arriving in Ushuaia, discover the sea route which was long nicknamed "Strait of All Saints" because Magellan's ships first entered it on All Saints' Day. A fascinating adventure.

## ESTERO LAS MONTANAS

Arrival 3/12/2022

Departure 3/12/2022

Also called **Fjord of the Mountains** or Channel of the Mountains, the **Estero Las Montañas fjord** offers enchanting landscapes. Situated in large part in the **Alcalufes National Reserve**, this former glacial valley now flooded with water seems to stretch on for ever inland. Surrounded by tall mountains with lush slopes and edged with numerous glaciers tinged in various shades of blue, it will be a highlight of your cruise.

## SKUA GLACIER (SAILING)

Arrival 3/13/2022

Departure 3/13/2022

In the heart of the **Southern Patagonian Ice Field**, where the National Parks of Bernardo O'Higgins, Torres del Paine and Las Glaciares meet, discover the **Skua Glacier**, also known as the Amalia Glacier. Nested on the Andes, this **three-kilometre-wide tidewater glacier** will offer you sumptuous landscapes in infinite shades of blue: a magical show during which the impressive cracking of the ice can be heard at times.

## EL BRUJO GLACIER

Arrival 3/13/2022

Departure 3/13/2022

At the heart of **Bernardo O'Higgins National Park**, the largest protected area in Chile, discover **El Brujo Glacier**. Located at the end of the Asia Fjord, this huge wall of ice sculpted by the wind is fascinating and impressive. This magical, natural and grandiose décor that changes as the light plays upon it will be an unforgettable sight.

## PIE XI GLACIER

Arrival 3/14/2022

Departure 3/14/2022

The Brüggen Glacier, a coastal glacier in southern Chile also known as **Pio XI**, is astonishing for its almost surreal dimensions. With **a surface area exceeding 1,200 km<sup>2</sup>**, it is the largest of the glaciers making up the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. This gigantic ice field is the third largest ice mass in the world. Straddling the southern Andes Mountains, its breathtaking natural setting inspires sheer wonder and awe.

## TORTEL

Arrival 3/15/2022

Departure 3/15/2022

A picturesque, colourful fishing village, **Tortel** boasts a splendid location in the heart of southern Patagonia, halfway between Puerto Montt and Cape Horn. From the little streets made up of small walkways, you'll love the **grand panorama** of rounded mountains, dense forest, the clear waters of the Pacific. If you walk out onto one of the many wooden pontoons, you can admire the views as you stand suspended a few metres above the water. The village is scattered with **sculptures made by local artists**, an excellent introduction to this friendly community.

## SAILING IN THE PULLUCHE CANAL

Arrival 3/16/2022

Departure 3/16/2022

Near the **Peñón de Lobos** ('wolf rock'), in Chile, the **Pulluche Canal** is located northwest of Monte Prieto and the island of Sin Nombre, literally "the island without a name". This maritime channel in the **Aysén du Général Carlos Ibañez del Campo Region**, in the south of the country, is 1,400 km south of the capital. You will sail through a very singular landscape made up of islands, canals and fjords. Recognised as a **Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO** in 1979, the **San Rafael Lake** brims with rainforests and abundant wildlife: sea birds (Black-browed Albatrosses, cormorants...) and marine mammals (pinnipeds).

## QUEMCHI, CHILOE ISLAND

Arrival 3/17/2022

Departure 3/17/2022

In **southern Chile**, in the Lake District, discover the small fishing port of **Quemchi** on the east coast of **Chiloé Island**. With its authentic charm, its pretty wooden houses, its narrow streets lined with small shops, and its fish market, this faraway village is sure to win you over. Be sure to visit the museum dedicated to **Francisco Coloane, the famous Chilean author and adventurer** born on this southern land. Not far from there, the small island called **Isla Aucar**, accessible via a wooden footbridge, will be a chance to observe a wide variety of birds and discover a magnificent botanical garden, home to many of the region's endemic plants.

## AT SEA

Arrival 3/18/2022

Departure 3/18/2022

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

## TALCAHUANO

Arrival 3/19/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 3/19/2022 at 7:00 AM

**Talcahuano**, Chile's largest fishing port, neighbours the overflowing energy of **Concepción**, where music resonates on every street corner. Renowned for its cultural and artistic life, it is nicknamed "**the gateway to the south**". With its 215,000 inhabitants, Concepción is a relatively prosperous city in Chile and the country's largest town south of Santiago. Very beautiful little traditional fishing villages scattered along the coast add to the charm of this part of the Chilean coastline.