

# INCLUDED AND OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

**LAKUTAIA**  
Lodge  
Patagonia & Cape Horn

## IN THE PROGRAM



*LAKUTAIA LODGE has luxury excursions that might be included in your stay, discovering Navarino Island deeply, reaching places that only a few can visit.*

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# EXCURSIONS MENU

## 1. TREKKING TO DIENTES DE NAVARINO LOOK-OUT POINT

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Duration:** 4,30 to 5 hours

This excursion will lead you to the base of the Dientes de Navarino massif, where you will enjoy an over-whelming view of the end of the world, the Beagle Channel and Puerto Williams, surrounded by nature in its greatest splendor. Among forests and grasslands, walk up along a well-marked 3.5km (2miles) trail. An interesting fact is to notice how the initial dense and wooded environment ends up in an "Alpine" ecosystem, mostly populated by lichens, mosses and other species adapted to wind and low temperatures.

During this excursion you will also learn about the native flora such as orchids and the vast amount of local wild fruits. A light snack is included.



## 2. HIKING TO LOS BRONCES CASCADE

**Difficulty:** Easy to moderate

**Duration:** 2,30 a 3 hours

Enjoy a hike towards Los Bronces River. Along the route, you will walk up through forests of lenga and calafate bushes prairies in the middle of Cerro Róbal. Upon arrival at Los Bronces Cascade, enjoy the amazing scenery and a revitalizing snack. At agreed time, hike down the hill to continue along the coast, enjoying the Beagle Channel landscape and observing different environments, each of them with its own bird fauna species.

## 3. PUERTO WILLIAMS CITY TOUR

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Duration:** 2 hours

Visit the village of Puerto Williams, the southernmost town in the world, named after Juan Williams, the founder of Fort Bulnes. Puerto Williams is the most populated area in Navarino Island, located at the end of the American continent, opposite the southern coast of Tierra del Fuego and north of Cape Horn. Puerto Williams currently has a population of 2,500 inhabitants. Throughout the tour, you will visit the interesting Marina Micalvi pier, landing site of the ocean sailboats, and Martin Gusinde Museum containing the history of the Yagan indigenous and samples of the natural resources of the area.

Gusinde was a world famous anthropologist and priest of the Order of the Divine Word that worked with Yagan and Ona communities from 1918 to 1923.

\*\*\* The museum is closed on Mondays. Saturdays and Sundays open in the afternoons only.



#### 4. OMORA ETNO-BOTANICAL PARK

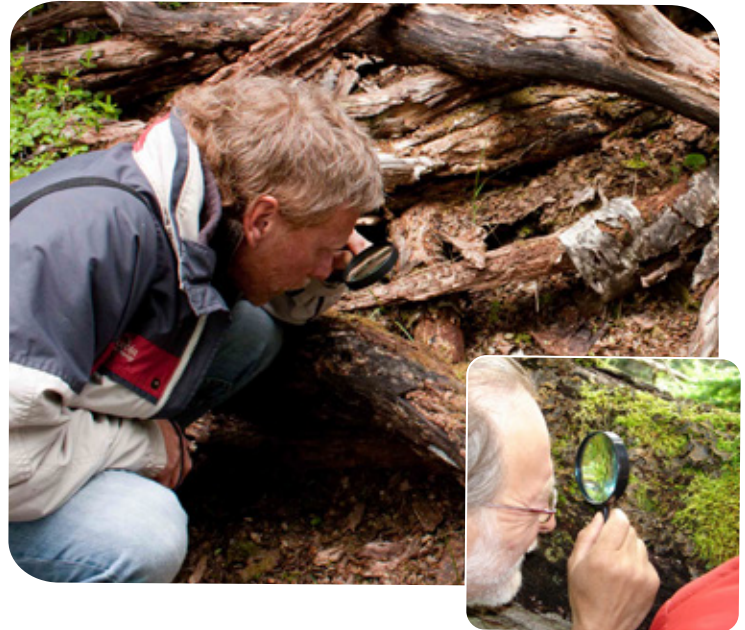
**Difficulty:** Easy

**Duration:** 2,30 to 3 hours

This excursion will lead you to discover the wonders of the Miniature Forests of Cape Horn Archipelago, through a so-called "Tourism with Hand Lens". This is an educational activity sponsored by Omora Foundation. A bio-cultural conservation initiative started by the local communities living in the last Sub-Antarctic forests, as well as the active commitment of the Yagan community living in Puerto Williams.

Omora Park is located 3 kilometers (2 miles) west of Puerto Williams. Within the park the main habitats of the region are found: coigüe, lenga and ñire forests, sphagnum peatlands, beaver wetlands and alpine areas. During the whole excursion you will be assisted by a specialized tour guide.

The trails have signs that describe the biological and cultural features of the island in Spanish, Yagan, English and Latin-scientific languages. The park is an Omora foundation's project, a non-governmental organization dedicated to bio-cultural conservation at the southernmost tip of South America, named after the Yagan word for hummingbird.



#### 5. KAYAKING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL

**Difficulty:** Easy to moderate

**Duration:** 2,30 to 3 hours

Enjoy a unique kayaking and rowing adventure along sounds and bay of the Beagle Channel, navigated by canoe nomads since ancient times. Sail along the Sound Lautá, Sound Micalvi, bordering the Punta Gusano coast, which is the nesting site of thousands of seagulls and several species of geese. You will then pass by the fishing cove and Marina Micalvi pier, landing site of ocean sailboats.

Full equipment included (neoprene suit, gloves, ankle boots, waterproof protector, life vest), snack and a certified expedition guide.

\*\*\* Previous kayaking and swimming experiences are not required for this excursion.

#### 6. HIKE TO PUNTA GUSANOS - BIRD-WATCHING

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Duration:** 2 hours

Brief transfer to the starting point of the hike. This excursion borders the peninsula at the north end of Puerto Williams Bay, offering exclusive views of Puerto Williams and the Beagle Channel.

This narrow piece of land at the end of the peninsula is the nesting site for thousands of Dominican and Austral seagulls, Pilpilen, and many geese species. You will be able to appreciate and experience an emotional and close encounter with this winged multitude. This hike will allow you to surround the peninsula in order to enlarge the pleasure of enjoying the sea... and wind as usual!

Remark: Nesting and breeding of the chicks take place from the second half of November up to the beginning of March.





## 7. HORSEBACK RIDING

Difficulty: Easy

Duration: 2 hours

Experience horseback riding at the southern-most landscapes of the world for 2 hours or longer according to your interests, passing by the sub-Antarctic forests and bordering the Beagle Channel.

\*\*\* This excursion includes proper equipment, and it is suitable for participants with previous basic experience.

IMPORTANT: All activities and excursions are subject to weather conditions.



# OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS NOT INCLUDED

## 1. CAPE HORN SCENIC FLIGHT

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Duration:** 2 hours (1 to 1:15 hour sight-seeing flight)

Transfer to airfield to overfly Cape Horn, an unique experience offered by **LAKUTAIA LODGE**. Before flying over Nassau Bay you first admire the massif of the Dientes de Navarino, the peat-lands on the island with the same name, and then the isolated and magnificent Wollanston Islands. Leave these islands behind to reach Hornos Island which we overfly at an altitude of only 1,000 feet. At its southern end we can see the legendary Cape Horn, a giant rock of about 400 m height, facing the worst and hardest tides coming from the Drake Sea. At this point, you will only be 500km (312 miles) away from the Antarctic Peninsula. Also fly over the northeast tip of Hornos Island, where you can see the lighthouse and it keeper's house, as well as the famous Cape Horn monument. This monument represents a gigantic silhouette of an albatross, an eternal companion of the brave solitary navigators.

The flight will be operated on a Twin-Otter aircraft or on a helicopter based on the size of the group. During the flight, you will have the privilege to observe the dramatic and unique environment of this landscape. Return to Puerto Williams and transfer back to **LAKUTAIA LODGE**.

\*\*\* Since it's not possible to provide major information during the flight, a briefing about Cape Horn importance will be held in the lodge beforehand.

**Note:** If the over-flight is cancelled due to weather conditions, the best effort will be made to operate it on the next day, subject to the aircraft/helicopter availability and weather conditions.



## 2. NAVIGATION TO WULAIA BAY

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Duration:** 7:30 to 8 hours

Wulaia has a natural and scenic component of great appeal that motivates to visit it. It also represents one of the most fascinating historical moments for our modern science, since it was the meeting point of young Darwin with the local communities, "**the cultural end of human evolution**", in his own words.

Wulaia, can be considered as the historical capital of Tierra del Fuego. It is here that Commander Fitz Roy and young naturalist Charles Darwin returned with 3 Fuegian indigenous known as Jemmy Button, Fuegia Basket and York Minster, back from an "**educational**" trip from England. It is in this same place where years later, Button and his men massacred English missionaries. By the end of the 19th century, peace returned to Wulaia with the settlement of a cattle ranch and then a radio station, which remains can still be seen.

Departure from **LAKUTAIA Lodge** around 9:00am to head for a 54 km/34 mile ride in west direction to Puerto Navarino. Arrive at approximately 10:30am. Board the embarkation to enjoy 50 minutes navigation along Murray Channel and surrounding islands where you can admire the sub-Antarctic flora and fauna.

At approximately 12:00hrs. (noon), arrive at Wulaia Bay, where the bilingual guide will explain the history of this place as you go around the remains of the Yagan culture. After a walking up for approximately 600 meters, reach a view-point to appreciate wide overview of the area.

During the excursion a full catering service with local products is provided, taking care of all the details for the enjoyment of all passengers throughout the navigation.

Return navigation to Puerto Navarino to arrive back at the Lodge between 04:30 to 05:00 pm.

Notes:

- This excursion may be booked at the same lodge directly, or through the tour operator, which will be quoted case by case upon request.
- The vessel counts with a sealed cabin with high comfort seats, fully fireproof materials and heating system, plus all the latest navigation and safety elements in compliance with national regulations.

### 3. NAVIGATION TO THE GLACIERS AVE.

**Difficulty:** Easy.

**Duration:** 12:30 hours.

Departure from **LAKUTAIA Lodge** between 8:00/08:15am to head for a 54 km/34 mile ride along a scenic beauty road in direction to Puerto Navarino. Arrive at 9:30am approx. to embark and start the navigation towards the Glaciers Ave.

During the navigation you will observe the diversity of the typical flora and fauna of the area, such as sea lions, petrels, upland geese, imperial cormorants, etc. On many occasions Minke whales may be spotted.

The first glacier to reach, after one hour navigation approximately, is named Holland where, if weather permits, a short hike will be done. Latter, continue sailing along the Italy, France, Germany and Romanche glaciers - (no disembarkation).

During the navigation scotch liquor with millennial ice is served, and also a complete catering service with products and preparations in honor to the area you are visiting.

To fully enjoy the day, a bilingual guide will provide information on the history, flora and fauna.

Return to Puerto Navarino is scheduled at 07:00 pm, arriving back at the Lodge around 08:30 pm.

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### 4. DIENTES DE NAVARINO SCENIC HELI-FLIGHT

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Duration:** 50 minutes (15 to 20 minutes overflight).

Enjoy a unique scenic over-flight experience of the Dientes de Navarino Massif by helicopter.

At agreed time, brief transfer to Puerto Williams' airfield to over-flight the mountain range known as Dientes de Navarino Massif, which has an altitude of 1.195m above sea level, and surrounding areas.

Ask for departure dates. A minimum of 2 passengers is required - maximum 4.

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