



12 THINGS TO DO IN PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

FUERTE BULNES & MAGELLAN STRAIT PARK



This reconstructed Chilean fort is located 39 miles (62 km) south of Punta Arenas. Originally founded in 1843, the fort is now a National Historic Monument. Visit replicas of the original buildings while reading about the history of the first settlers. The park includes several easy trails and stairs down to the Magellan Strait. There is also a small cafeteria, a visitor center, and a gift shop. To get there, consider renting a car or hiring a minivan.

MUSEO NAO VICTORIA



Take a step back in time and explore historic sailing vessels from the 16th – 20th centuries. The Museo Nao Victoria offers full-size replicas of Magellan's *Nao Victoria*, Shackleton's lifeboat the *James Caird*, Darwin's *HMS Beagle*, and the schooner *Ancud*. Located just 5 miles (8 km) from the city center along the waterfront, you can either walk or take a taxi.

Website: www.naovictoria.cl

HIKE IN THE RESERVA NACIONAL MAGALLANES



Explore hiking trails that meander through southern beach forest and open up to viewpoints overlooking the city. Trails are marked and rated as moderately difficult. The park is open every day except for public holidays and is only a short taxi ride from the city center. Trails may be closed in the event of strong winds or bad weather conditions.

Website: www.conaf.cl

VISIT THE HERNANDO DE MAGALLANES BREWERY

Follow the spirit of adventure with a tour of this micro brewery named for famed explorer Hernando de Magallanes (Ferdinand Magellan). Learn the steps to create artisanal beers with 'character' and enjoy a drink with views over the Magellan Straits. Tours to Cervezeria Hernando de Magallanes must be arranged in advance.

Website: www.cervezahernandodemagallanes.cl

PUNTA ARENAS CEMETERY



Just a short walk from the ALE office, this historic cemetery is a must see! The cemetery covers 10 acres (4 hectares) of land and is rated by CNN as one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the world. In 2012, it was designated a National Monument of Chile.

Website: www.puntaarenas.cl

EXPLORE TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK



Just 152 miles (244 km) northwest of Punta Arenas lies one of the jewels of Chilean Patagonia. This National Park is known for its soaring granite peaks, turquoise lakes, and golden pampas (grasslands) that shelter wildlife such as llama-like guanacos and ostrich-like rheas.

3 Ways to Explore:

1. **Day trips to the park** can be purchased through agencies in Punta Arenas. Tours depart at 6:00 am and return in the late evening. Most of the day is spent aboard the bus, stopping along the way only to take photos.
2. **Rent a car in Punta Arenas** and take at least 2 days to visit the park. Stay in either Puerto Natales (3 hour drive from Punta Arenas) or within Torres del Paine National Park (5 hour drive from Punta Arenas). You will need to purchase a permit to enter the park.
3. **Purchase an excursion with a pre-set itinerary** from your hotel in Puerto Natales or with *Turismo Comapa*, the main agency in Puerto Natales, offering full day trips to the park.

Recommended Accommodation:

Puerto Natales: Singular Hotel, Kau Lodge, Costa Australis, Hotel Natalino, Weskar Lodge, Hotel Remota, Hotel Altiplanico

Inside the Park: Hotel Lago Grey, Hotel Rio Serrano, Cabañas Tyndall, Hotel Tierra Patagonia, Hotel Awasi

SKI CLUB ANDINO AND CERRO MIRADOR



Hike to the top of Cerro Mirado (2133 ft/650 m) or if the chairlift is running, hitch a ride for beautiful views of the city. Other attractions include mountain bike tours, bike rentals, canopy walks, and a small cafeteria at the base of the ski hill.

Website: www.clubandino.cl

DRINK PISCO SOURS AT THE SHACKLETON BAR



The Shackleton is a bar with history, named after Anglo-Irish explorer Ernest Henry Shackleton, and located in the luxurious dining room of pre-eminent pioneer Sara Braun. Here you can enjoy your favorite cocktail or sample the local specialty, Pisco Sours.

Website: www.hotelnogueira.com

FARO SAN ISIDRO



A 1-2 hour drive along the scenic coast takes you down the Brunswick Peninsula to the southernmost lighthouse on mainland Chile. Venture along rocky beaches for 3 miles (5 km) and watch for bird and marine life as you make your way to the lighthouse. Originally lit in 1904, the restored lighthouse features a museum and walking paths that pass a whaling camp.

Be prepared for a few kilometres of narrow dirt road and at the end of the drive, a rugged walk to reach the lighthouse.

MAGGIORINO BORGATELLO SALESIAN MUSEUM

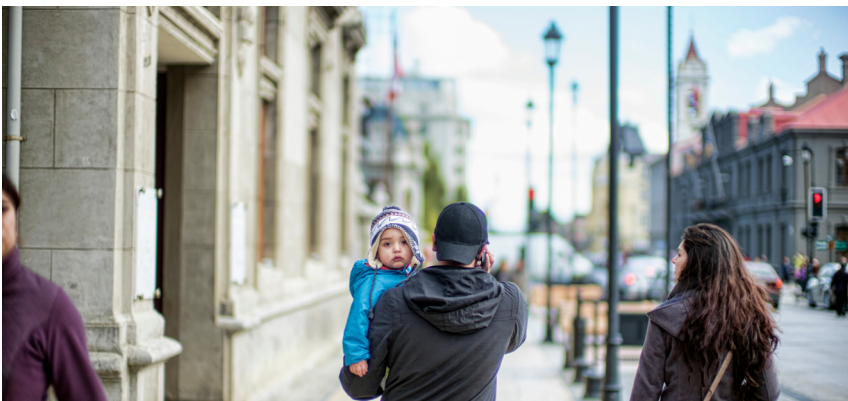


Located in downtown Punta Arenas, this museum covers four levels and displays pieces related to local indigenous cultures, native flora and fauna, European explorers, and missionaries. The museum was established by Salesian missionaries in 1893 to showcase the rich culture and ecology of the region. It serves as a record of the way of life of indigenous peoples and the impacts of colonization.

REGIONAL MUSEUM OF MAGELLANES

Marvel at the artwork and period furniture inside the original mansion of wealthy pioneer Sara Braun. The museum is located in the center of Punta Arenas and often holds art exhibits and cultural activities.

TAKE A WALKING TOUR OF THE CITY



Walk among the artisan booths at the **Plaza Muñoz Gamero (Main Square)** and admire the bronze statue of Fernando de Magallanes, inaugurated in 1920. Five minutes from the city square, you can climb the stairs to **Cerro de la Cruz Lookout** for views of the center of Punta Arenas and the Magellan Strait.

Walk from one end of town to the other along the paved, waterfront promenade known as **La Costanera**. Enjoy numerous species of birds and views of distant Tierra del Fuego, as you pass by historic piers, public art, and old warehouses decorated with murals.