

Patagonia & Chilean Fjords

Aboard *Sylvia Earle* | 28 March – 10 April 2026

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Ushuaia

DAY 1 | Monday 28 March 2026

Latitude:	Wind Speed:
54°22' S	3 knots NE
Longitude:	Barometer:
63°49' W	998 hPa
Course:	Air Temp:
alongside	9°C
Speed:	
alongside	

We began our morning in the picturesque town of Ushuaia, often referred to as 'the end of the world'. After breakfast at the hotel, we took in views of the Beagle Channel and the pier, where the *Sylvia Earle* awaited our arrival, ready to welcome us aboard for the journey ahead.

After breakfast, most of us set out on an unforgettable panoramic drive through broad valleys of glacial origin, evergreen and deciduous forests, waterfalls, and rivers, in the vastness of the Andes mountain range. We left the city of Ushuaia towards the northeast of Tierra del Fuego, driving through peat bog valleys to reach Garibaldi Pass, only accessible by a winding road that took us to a panoramic lookout. From here, we enjoyed amazing views of Lake Escondido and Fagnano Lake. We then descended towards the northeast to reach the shore of Fagnano Lake, where we visited a local ranch. After appreciating the landscape, we had the chance to enjoy a traditional Fuegian lamb barbecue.

After our tour, we made our way to the pier and finally stood before the *Sylvia Earle*. Ashley, our Expedition Leader, and Lelia, our Assistant Expedition Leader, were the first to welcome us. Photographer Jamie and Onboard Expedition Manager Justine, together with other members of the Expedition Team, greeted us warmly and took our first photo of the trip.

An embarkation buffet awaited us in the Tektite Bar, and the Hotel Team guided us to our cabins, our home away from home for the next 14 days.

With some time up our sleeves to get acquainted with the ship, a few of us stopped by to exchange our expedition jackets for better fitting sizes. We were now prepared for whatever weather Patagonia and Chile had in store for us.

Soon after, we were invited into the lecture theatre for a warm welcome from Ashley, Lelia, and the Expedition Team. Ashley then outlined what to expect in the coming days before introducing our multi-skilled Expedition Team, who were full of enthusiasm for the journey ahead. Justine and Hotel Director Alex explained life on board, and our Expedition First Responder, Belinda, gave a briefing on staying healthy during the voyage.

Before long, it was time for the all-important lifeboat safety drill. We returned to our cabins to collect our bulky orange lifejackets, along with our beanies and warm clothing, before mustering in the lecture theatre. From there, the safety officers and crew guided us to the lifeboats so we could familiarise ourselves with their locations and procedures.

With healthy appetites after an eventful day, we made our way to the Gentoo Restaurant, where we enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the talented galley team and served by the friendly wait staff. On board were 109 Expeditioners representing Australia (50), Canada (4), Chile (2), Denmark (1), the Netherlands (1), New Zealand (5), Sweden (2), the UK (13), and the USA (33), along with 14 members of the Expedition Team and 86 ship's crew from all over the world.

Cape Horn | At Sea

DAY 2 | Sunday 29 March 2026

Latitude:
55°67' S

Longitude:
66°56' W

Course:
236°

Speed:
6.7 knots

Wind Speed:
2 knots NW

Barometer:
987 hPa

Air Temp:
8°C

Cape Horn is one of those places with a mythical status, somewhere that exists as much in imagination as plotted on a chart, anchored to a splinter of wave-lashed rock by latitude and longitude. It marks the point where the waters of the Pacific meet the Atlantic, piling through the constriction of the Drake Passage, driven by the westerly winds in the latitudes known as the Furious Fifties and Screaming Sixties, but also tells stories of human endeavour in the face of adversity.

First charted by Dutch navigator Willem Schouten, captain of the *Eendracht*, who named it Kaap Hoorn after his home port in the Netherlands, it became a landmark on voyages between two oceans and in developing trade routes between New and Old Worlds. Rounding the Horn was a dangerous undertaking for cargo vessels, with hundreds of ships and thousands of sailors lost in treacherous conditions, giving it the reputation of

a sailor's graveyard. The achievement of a passage earned a ship's crew status, right through to the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914.

It was a bunch of intrepid Expeditioners from the *Sylvia Earle* who, shortly after dawn, took to Zodiacs expertly driven by Piotr and Nacho to secure Cape Horn in their reality. A scramble over a boulder beach inundated by an unlikely north-easterly swell led to a precarious ladder reaching skywards up the steep cliffs of Isla Hornos, where those who summited were rewarded with rare views: from the lighthouse marking safe passage for shipping in the south, Stella Maris, and the chapel dedicated to the Star of the Sea, to the welcoming home of lighthouse keeper Rudi and National Park ranger Gabriela, and the sculpture of the albatross that patrols the seas at the end of the earth, catching the last golden light of sunrise.







Romanche Glacier: Caleta Morning, Beagle Channel

DAY 3 | Monday 30 March 2026

Latitude:
54°54' S

Longitude:
69°22' W

Course:
289°

Speed:
6 knots

Wind Speed:
3 knots N

Barometer:
994 hPa

Air Temp:
10°C

The blinds were still down when the early birds first hit the coffee machine this morning. Once raised, the stunning vista of Romanche Glacier greeted us as the ship had quietly carried us to Caleta Morning on Isla Gordon. With promising weather, the Zodiacs and kayaks were launched, and our Expedition Leader Ashley outlined the options for exploring this beautiful area.

Some Zodiac cruisers ventured further into the fjord beyond Caleta Evening, where they were rewarded with sightings of Peale's dolphins and Chilean dolphins, while others crossed the Beagle Channel to explore the glaciers. The hikers climbed the peak north of Caleta Morning to around 200 m above the lake, enjoying stunning views of Romanche Glacier and Roncagli Glacier. The kayakers finished their first excursion with a short hike. As we all headed back for the last Zodiac, we were treated to a lovely condor flying over the ship.

The afternoon was filled with Citizen Science projects, including an eBird survey from T-A and a NASA cloud survey from Marcos. Later, while being served scones and sandwiches, Jamie introduced us to expedition photography and a few simple tricks we could use with our smartphones.

By late afternoon, we were invited to the Tektite Bar to enjoy the musical talents of Scotty and Nacho. It was a wonderful combination of soothing tunes while we took in the vast landscapes that surrounded us.

This evening, Ashley outlined our plans for tomorrow during the daily briefing, followed by Lelia, who shared details on the upcoming Torres del Paine visit. Before dinner, we selected our preferred hike options, while conversations in the Gentoo and Rockhopper restaurants turned to preparations for our upcoming night off the ship.





Beagle Channel | Seno Agostini: Águila Glacier

DAY 4 | Tuesday 31 March 2026

Latitude:
54°21' S

Longitude:
71°32' W

Course:
035°

Speed:
10.2 knots

Wind Speed:
2 knots WSW

Barometer:
980 hPa

Air Temp:
7°C

The day began gently, with the steady rhythm of the sea carrying us deeper into Patagonia's stunning fjords. Morning hours were spent on board, starting with an introductory lecture on Patagonia, as Lelia, Marcos, Vicky, T-A, and Piotr shared their perspectives on this remarkable region. From geology to wildlife and human history, their insights painted a vivid picture of the Chilean fjords and the landscapes we were about to explore. Later in the morning, Ashley gathered us for a briefing, outlining the plans for the following day and building anticipation for what lay ahead.

After lunch, we sailed into the breathtaking Seno Agostini, a roughly 12-kilometre fjord system along the north-western edge of the Cordillera Darwin. As we tacked into the fjord, the fierce Patagonian winds softened, as if welcoming us into this sheltered, icy sanctuary. Towering peaks and cascading glaciers surrounded us, creating a landscape that felt almost

otherworldly. Our first excursion brought us ashore for a walk to the stunning Águila Glacier. The moment we rounded the final bend, a collective sense of awe swept through the group. Before us stood a wall of deep blue ice, steep and luminous, plunging dramatically into a serene lake. It was the kind of view that silences conversation, too vast and beautiful to fully grasp.

After this first outing, we continued deeper into the fjord towards its southern end. Here, the scale intensified. Hanging glaciers clung to the mountainsides, while two immense glacier tongues dominated the horizon. Ice cracked and thundered into the water, and we were reminded that some glaciers here in Patagonia advance several metres each day.

As evening fell, we returned to the ship exhilarated. Tomorrow promises a new chapter as we prepare to leave the Fuegian fjords behind and set course across the Strait of Magellan.









Strait of Magellan | Puerto Profundo | Bahía Isthmus

DAY 5 | Wednesday 1 April 2026

Latitude:
53°67' S

Longitude:
73°26' W

Course:
305°

Speed:
10.4 knots

Wind Speed:
8 knots WSW

Barometer:
990 hPa

Air Temp:
3°C

Following breakfast, Expeditioners were treated to a virtual tour of our beautiful vessel, the *Sylvia Earle*, as she cruised north-west through the Strait of Magellan, navigating rough seas and winds gusting up to 40 knots.

At 1100, we gathered for the daily Recap and Briefing, featuring the grand return of Jamie to the microphone after a few days' hiatus. He delighted us with humorous anecdotes and stunning photos from the previous days, highlights of which included a dramatic video of the Garibaldi Glacier calving, perfectly accompanied by a Sigur Rós track. Continuing the theme of exploration, Piotr provided a fascinating overview of Ferdinand Magellan's life, accomplishments, and the discovery of the very waterway we are currently navigating. Adding geological context, Marcos shared insights into the formations we are set to witness

at Torres del Paine. To conclude, Ashley briefed us on the afternoon plan, outlining our search for sheltered waters suitable for an excursion.

As we continued north-west through the Strait, the *Sylvia Earle* veered northward towards Isla Emiliano Figueroa, aiming for the calmer conditions of Puerto Profundo. Due to continued high winds and sea conditions, Puerto Profundo was deemed impassable, leading us to adjust plans and head for Bahía Isthmus, where winds continued to blow at 40 knots.

Adapting to the conditions, we moved into an early evening session in the Tektite Bar, where we were presented with Cape Horn certificates. Simultaneously, fourteen of us enjoyed an intimate wine tasting hosted by F&B Manager Nerendra in the Observation Lounge. Following an early dinner, the day concluded with a gathering in Ashley's communal 'living room'.



Bernal Glacier | Kirke Narrows

DAY 6 | Thursday 2 April 2026

Latitude:
51°59' S

Longitude:
32°17' W

Course:
349°

Speed:
4.2 knots

Wind Speed:
4 knots SSE

Barometer:
1017 hPa

Air Temp:
7°C

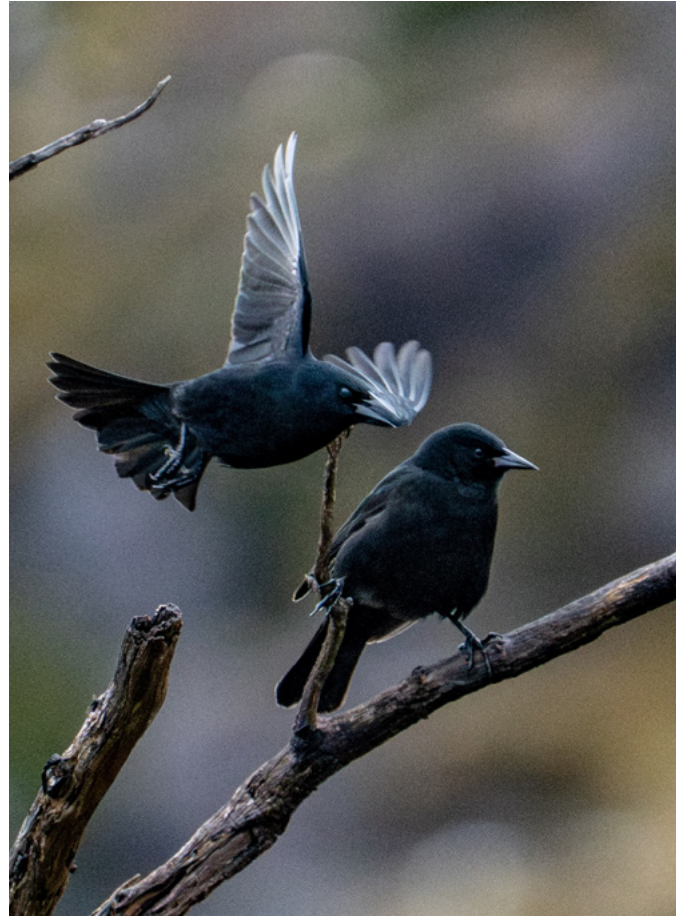
We launched the Zodiacs in the early twilight, with gentle rain falling. As daylight began to appear through the low clouds, we headed towards the Bernal Glacier. A short gravel trail took us past fuchsia and chaura bushes towards the moraine and on towards the icy blues that beckoned. As we admired the glacier, the rain turned to beautiful light snow. The kayakers paddled along the coastline, enjoying calm waters and a stunning backdrop.

Back on board, the galley team had another great hot lunch buffet ready for us. We dried out, refuelled, and were ready to go again. Skies cleared as we boarded our Zodiacs and kayaks to wind our way through the narrow channels and islets of Caleta Waterboat. We spotted hummingbirds, oystercatchers, flightless steamer ducks, Peale's dolphins, river otters, and more. The still waters created perfect reflections of the intricate rocky shoreline, grasses, and snow-capped mountains.

Back on board again, it was time for the Pilot to take us through the Kirke Narrows. The timing with the tides had to be perfect for this feat of navigation. Many of us watched on as Ashley led the way by Zodiac, scouting for slack water at high tide. What a sight to behold! Photography Guide Jamie was perched nicely on the island to our port side, filming the feat and trying not to get knocked off by a rogue wave created by another boat.

During the recap, Marcos gave us more information on the Bernal Glacier, T-A waxed poetic about the birds of the day, and Vicky spoke to us about fur seals and sea lions. Ashley briefed us about tomorrow, as well as the options for Castro. Soon, it was dinner time, time to fuel up for a big day tomorrow at Torres del Paine!







Torres del Paine National Park

DAY 7 | Friday 3 April 2026

Latitude:	Wind Speed:
51°43' S	23 knots W
Longitude:	Barometer:
72°31' W	1005 hPa
Course:	Air Temp:
At anchor Puerto Natales	9°C
Speed:	
0.0 knots	

The day began with a thrilling Zodiac shuttle ride from the *Sylvia Earle* to the Puerto Natales pier. Our advanced hikers braved an early breakfast and were the first to disembark into the darkness, setting off on their day of adventure ahead of the rest. At the side gate, the excitement was palpable as the Expedition Team navigated us, and our luggage, safely across calm waters, surrounded by the stunning natural beauty of Patagonia. The Medium and Easy groups followed soon after.

On the pier, we removed our lifejackets and made our way onto buses that took us to Torres del Paine National Park, the country's main national park, renowned for its granite mountains and breathtaking landscapes. During the journey, we were thrilled to spot majestic condors soaring overhead or perched along the roadside, while our local guides shared their knowledge and insights into life in this region of Patagonia.

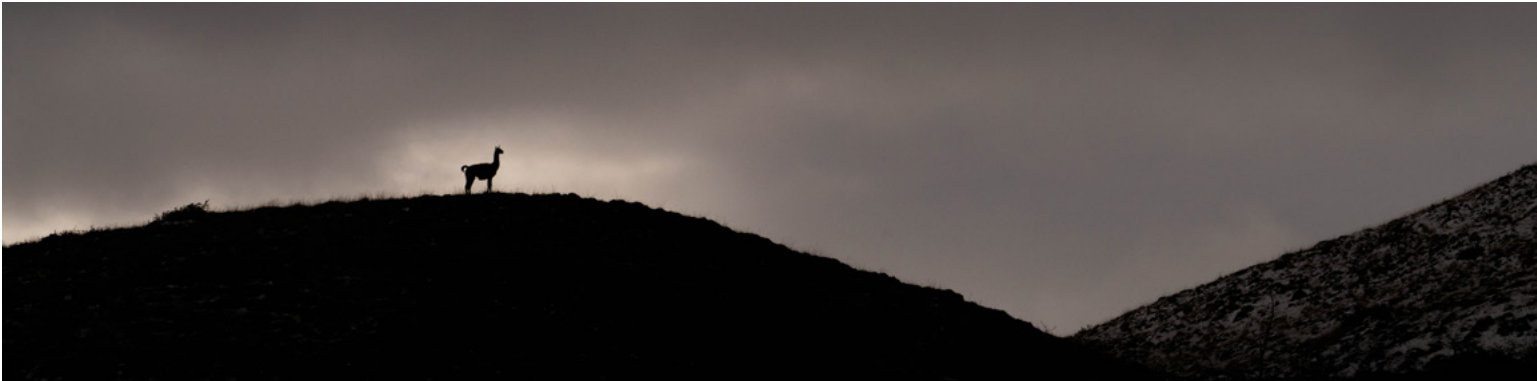
At the park, we split into our chosen groups:

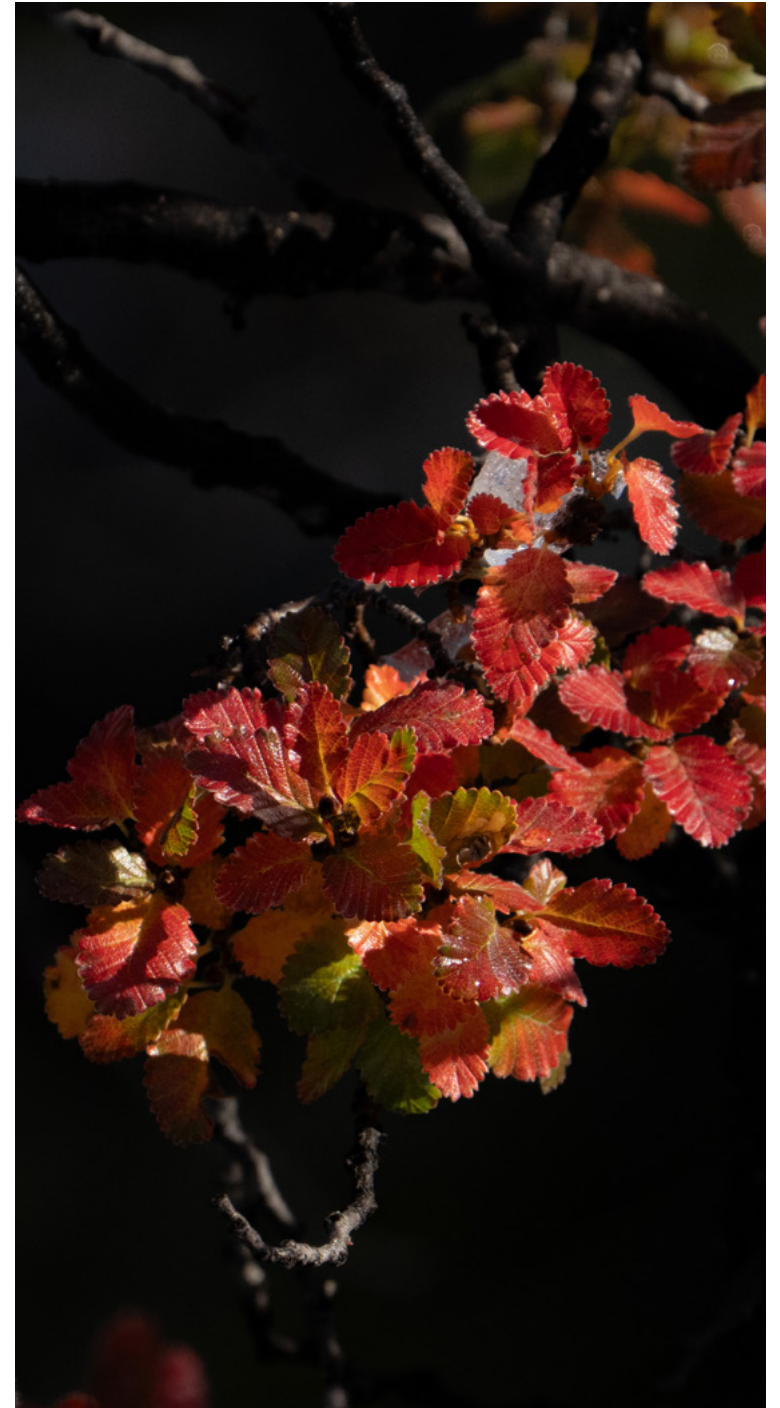
Advanced: Base Torres, a challenging trek for our experienced hikers, featuring steep trails and stunning views.

Medium: Cañadón Macho and Laguna Larga, two moderate hikes, the first through a snowy wonderland, with scenic landscapes and opportunities to spot wildlife.

Easy: Miradores en General, Salto Grande, and Glacier Grey, a leisurely experience with breathtaking views of glaciers and waterfalls.

After a day of adventure, we headed to Villa Serrano, where we spent the night at a hotel with stunning views of the Macizo Paine. Dinner and a good night's rest were the perfect rewards for a day filled with exploration and excitement.













Torres del Paine National Park

DAY 8 | Saturday 4 April 2026

Latitude:

51°42' S

Longitude:

72°31' W

Course:

At anchor

Puerto Natales

Speed:

0.0 knots

Wind Speed:

3-4 knots SW

Barometer:

1019 hPa

Air Temp:

10°C

Waking in Torres del Paine National Park on day two felt like waking up in a different world. While the first day had been characterised by dramatic skies and bullying winds, the second started with a peach-coloured dawn as sunrise reluctantly broke against the mighty towers in the centre of the park. The infamous gusts that had left so many feeling unsteady the day before were now absent, allowing the mountains to be mirrored in the park's lakes.

Whether in the easy, moderate, or advanced groups for the day, the peaceful conditions meant everyone could enjoy their experience in this remarkable landscape. The flawless sky revealed the full immensity of the peaks, though wildlife sightings were limited, with condors grounded by the lack of wind and guanacos remaining elusive.

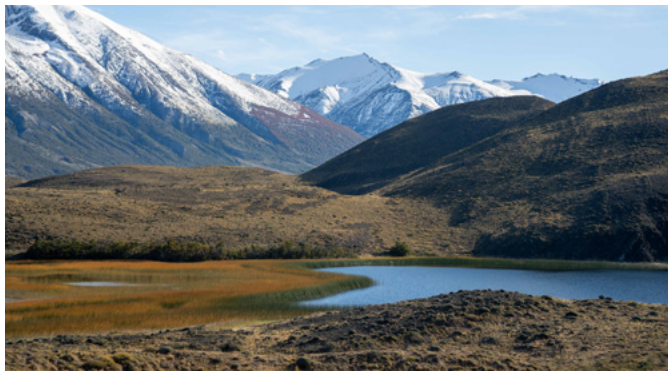
Everyone's eyes were inevitably drawn to the range at the heart of the park. Even in the sunshine, it was hard to imagine the monumental effort required by the pioneering climbers who first began summiting them in the 1950s.

Each group found their own level of adventure, challenging themselves to make the most of their experience. The easy group enjoyed a gentle stroll beneath the park's famous horns, the advanced group tackled the Lazo Weber hike with lagoons, mountain passes, and 16 km of trekking, while the medium group found a balance between the two.

By late afternoon, everyone returned to Puerto Natales before donning lifejackets for the splashy Zodiac ride back to the ship. Though their jackets were wet, their memories of Torres del Paine remained unforgettable.







Kirke | White Narrows | BBQ | Ship cruising

DAY 9 | Sunday 5 April 2026

Latitude:
51°59' S
Longitude:
72°55' W
Course:
212°
Speed:
2 knots

Wind Speed:
2 knots SW
Barometer:
1018 hPa
Air Temp:
5°C

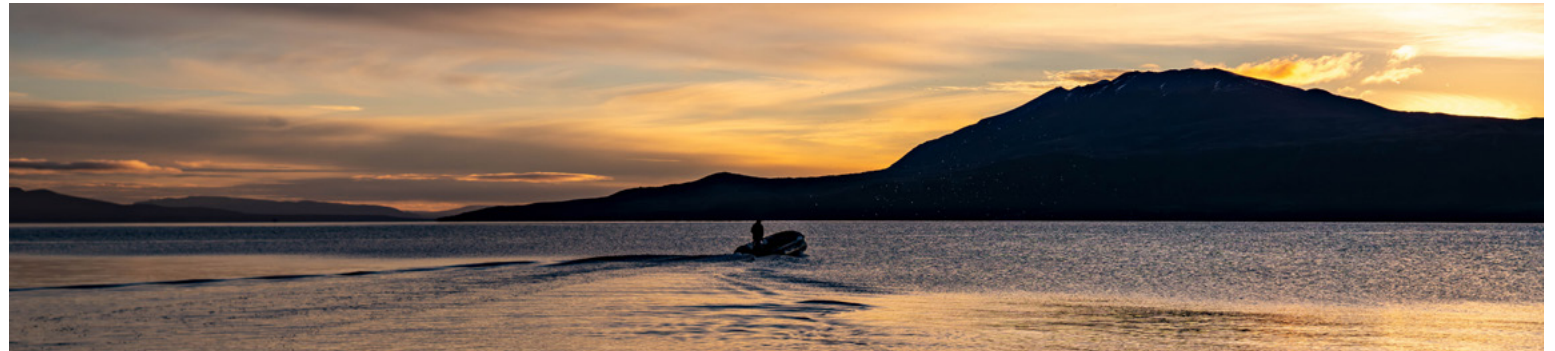
Today we were back 'home' on the *Sylvia Earle* to continue our Patagonian adventures. We began with a landing on the eastern shore of Isla Diego Portales, where we discovered a beach of perfect skipping stones, with a few people even managing seven skips. We followed a track through a stand of the rare ciprés de las Guaitecas, the southernmost conifer species in the world, before crossing a boggy area of mosses and lichens to a lookout and waterfall, surrounded by sunshine and hummingbirds.

Back on board, we headed to the outer decks for our transit through White Narrows. This narrow, 80 m-wide passage between islands can only be navigated at slack water, so Ashley went ahead in a Zodiac to relay information on depth and currents. At the perfect moment, the *Sylvia Earle* navigated through the narrowest section before making a turn to port. Brilliant navigation from the bridge team, and our local pilots.

After the excitement, it was time for our Patagonian BBQ lunch. We donned silly hats and enjoyed fabulous food in the sunshine on deck 7 and deck 8 as we cruised through the fjords, with a few keen swimmers trying out the pool.

Mid-afternoon, the cloud cover provided perfect conditions for Citizen Science. Marcos and the cloud enthusiasts completed a Globe Clouds survey, recording a variety of cloud formations, including lenticular clouds over the mountain peaks. T-A and the birdwatchers also completed an eBird survey, finding a Magellanic penguin and catching a glimpse of the elusive Chilean hawk.

Before dinner, Marcos shared inspiring stories of climbing adventures in the Northern Patagonian Ice Field, including tales of rain, heavy packs, camaraderie, and finding the fun in pushing beyond your comfort zone.









English Narrows | Seno Iceberg

DAY 10 | Monday 6 April 2026

Latitude:
48°08' S

Longitude:
74°22' W

Course:
011°

Speed:
4.2 knots

Wind Speed:
2 knots WNW

Barometer:
1014 hPa

Air Temp:
7°C

Overnight, we made significant progress northward through the narrow channels and fjords of southern Chile. By morning, we awoke to stunning weather, drawing many of us out onto the decks to take in the breathtaking scenery. Towering mountains, dense forests, and cascading waterfalls created an ever-changing landscape that held everyone in quiet awe. On the bridge, our team expertly navigated the tight passages of Messier Channel, including the precise transit through English Narrows.

During the morning, our Assistant Expedition Leader, Lelia, generously shared her mother's empanada recipe. A group of us gathered to prepare a large batch before lunch, an effort that paid off later when we enjoyed them together in the evening.

A copy of the recipe can be found on pages 32-34.

After lunch, we rounded Punta Hammick and entered Seno Iceberg, where the dramatic scenery intensified. The distant views of the Southern Icecap were particularly striking. Near the head of the fjord, we launched Zodiacs and set out for an afternoon landing. We came ashore on the northern side of the glacier bay and began a hike that took us past a powerful waterfall and across a river. The terrain was challenging, with thick, swampy ground underfoot, but the group handled it well.

Returning to the shoreline, we boarded Zodiacs for a cruise towards Témpanos Glacier. Floating ice, moss-covered granite, and sightings of shags and rayaditos made for a memorable experience. A refreshing Patagonian swim followed before we returned on board for the recap and briefing, followed by dinner and an evening screening of Mission Blue.





Argentinian Beef Empanadas

Lelia's Mum's Recipe

INGREDIENTS

- 600 g onions, finely chopped
- 1 red, green, or yellow bell pepper, chopped
- 1 kg ground beef
- 2–3 tsp salt (to taste)
- 1 tbsp paprika
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp chili flakes (adjust to taste)
- 3–4 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 100 g pitted olives, sliced
- 2–3 green onions (scallions), green parts only, chopped
- Empanada discs (store-bought or homemade)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sauté the vegetables (10–12 minutes)

Heat a large pan over medium heat with a splash of oil. Add the onions and bell pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until soft and translucent.

2. Cook the beef (10 minutes)

Add the ground beef and cook, breaking it up with a spoon, until browned and fully cooked.

3. Season (2–3 minutes)

Stir in the salt, paprika, cumin, and chili flakes. Mix well and let the flavours combine.

4. Add final ingredients (2 minutes)

Remove from heat and mix in the chopped hard-boiled eggs, olives, and green onions.

5. Cool completely (at least 30 minutes)

Let the filling cool to room temperature. This step is important, so the empanadas don't become soggy.

6. Assemble

Place a spoonful of filling in the centre of each empanada disc, fold, and seal the edges.

TIPS

For extra flavour, let the filling rest in the fridge for a few hours or overnight.

Don't overfill the discs to avoid breaking.

Bake.

Humita (Corn) Empanada Filling

Vegetarian Option

INGREDIENTS

- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 can creamed corn
- 1 can corn kernels (drained)
- or:
- 2 cups corn kernels + 1 cup white sauce (béchamel)
- Salt and black pepper, to taste
- A pinch of nutmeg
- 2–3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- A handful of pitted olives, sliced
- 2–3 green onions (scallions), green parts only, chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sauté the base (10 minutes)

Heat a little oil in a pan over medium heat. Add the onion and red bell pepper and cook until soft and fragrant.

2. Add the corn (5–7 minutes)

Stir in the creamed corn and corn kernels (or the kernels with white sauce). Cook, stirring, until everything is well combined and slightly thickened.

3. Season (2 minutes)

Add salt, black pepper, and a pinch of nutmeg. Mix well.

4. Finish the filling (2 minutes)

Remove from heat and stir in the chopped hard-boiled eggs, olives, and green onions.

5. Cool completely (at least 30 minutes)

Let the mixture cool before assembling.

6. Assemble

Fill each empanada disc, fold, and seal.

TIPS

If the filling is too loose, cook it a bit longer to reduce moisture.

Nutmeg is key for that classic humita flavour, don't skip it.

Letting the filling rest enhances the taste.

Empanada Dough

Vegetarian Option

INGREDIENTS

- 500g all-purpose flour
- ½ cup water
- 100 ml oil
- ½ tablespoon salt

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix the dough (5 minutes)

In a large bowl, combine the flour and salt. Add the water and oil, and mix until a dough forms.

2. Knead (8–10 minutes)

Transfer to a clean surface and knead until smooth and elastic.

3. Rest (20–30 minutes)

Cover the dough and let it rest at room temperature. This helps it relax and makes rolling easier.

4. Roll out (10 minutes)

Roll the dough out thin, about 1 mm thick.

5. Cut discs

Cut into circles of your desired size for empanadas.

TIPS

If the dough feels dry, add a little more water (1 tablespoon at a time).

If it's sticky, sprinkle in a bit more flour.

Keep unused dough covered so it doesn't dry out.



Caleta Tortel | Isla de los Muertos

DAY 11 | Tuesday 7 April 2026

Latitude:	Wind Speed:
47°53' S	1 knot W
Longitude:	Barometer:
73°35' W	1022 hPa
Course:	Air Temp:
Variable	6°C
Speed:	
3.2 knots	

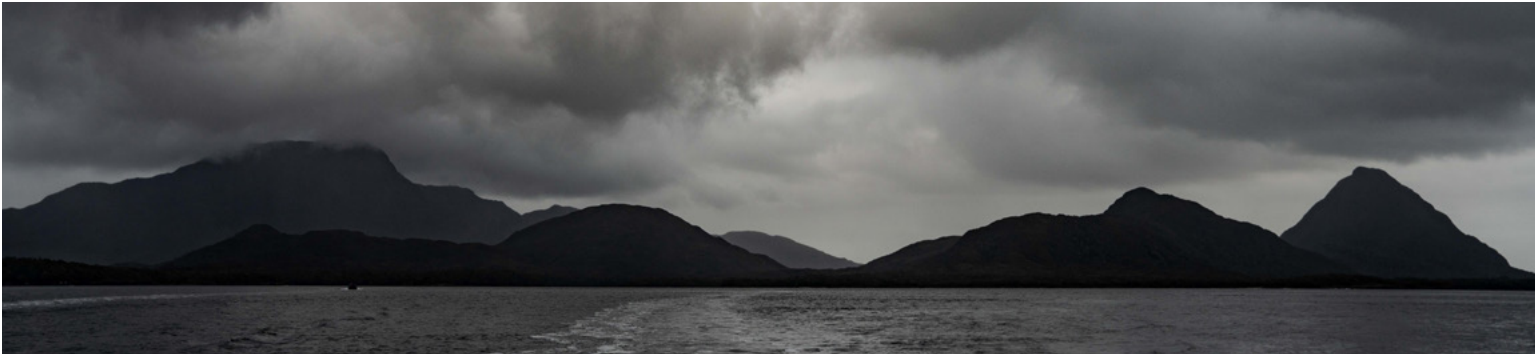
Today's journey through the remote channels of Chilean Patagonia delivered a perfect blend of adventure, history, and raw natural beauty, one of those days that will certainly not be forgotten. The morning began with some of us visiting Caleta Tortel, a unique village tucked into the labyrinth of fjords in the Aysén Region. Founded in 1955 due to Guaytecas cypress logging, the settlement is famed for its stilt houses and intricate wooden boardwalks. Guests enjoyed a guided walk through its maze-like paths, gaining insight into a resilient way of life shaped by isolation and the elements.

Meanwhile, others travelled by Zodiac to Isla de los Muertos (Island of the Dead) at the mouth of the Baker River Delta. The island's cemetery of 33 graves marked by simple cypress crosses remains a solemn reminder of a tragic chapter of Patagonian history. Some guests also experienced the power of the Baker River firsthand, battling its strong currents as it

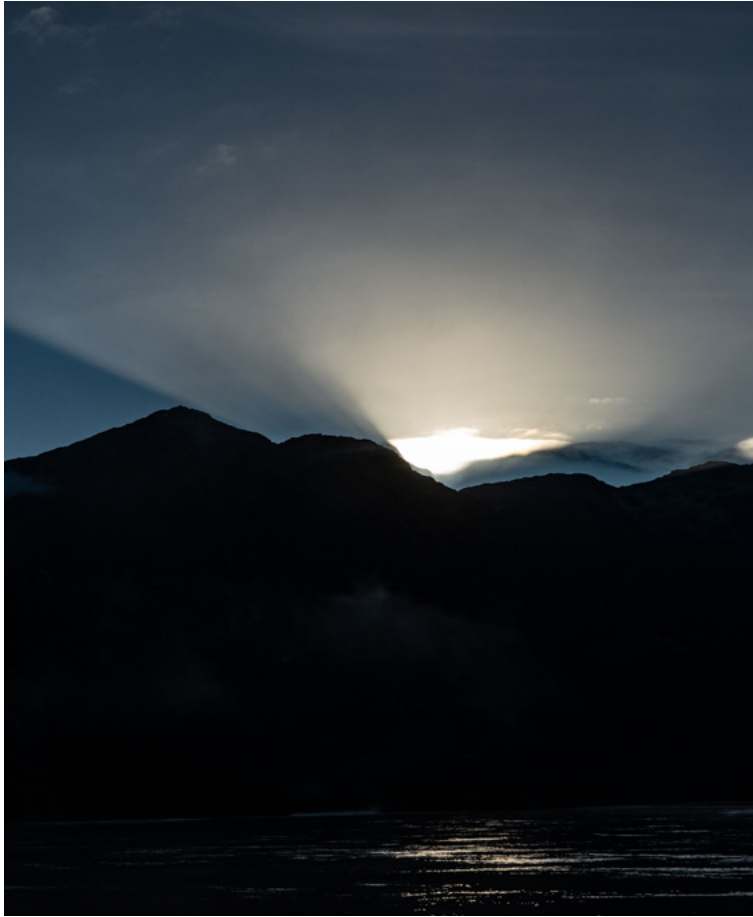
carries water from the Northern Patagonian Icefield and Lago Carrera-Buenos Aires.

After lunch, Piotr captivated us with a lecture on the dramatic fate of HMS Wager, wrecked in 1741 during Commodore George Anson's ill-fated expedition. The story of survival, hardship, and mutiny came vividly to life, made even more extraordinary by the fact that we had sailed these waters and visited Wager Island ourselves.

The day concluded with our daily recap, reflecting on highlights including the Bird of the Day, Guaytecas cypress, and the Baker River. As evening fell, we gathered once more to continue Piotr's gripping account of the Wager. Now, we sail north across the Golfo de Penas, the 'Gulf of Sorrows'. After a day like today, spirits remain high, and we feel more ready for adventure than ever before.







Ship Cruise | Rocas frente al Canal Puyuhuapi

DAY 12 | Wednesday 8 April 2026

Latitude:
45°49' S

Longitude:
75°13' W

Course:
28°

Speed:
13.2 knots

Wind Speed:
4 knots SSE

Barometer:
1023 hPa

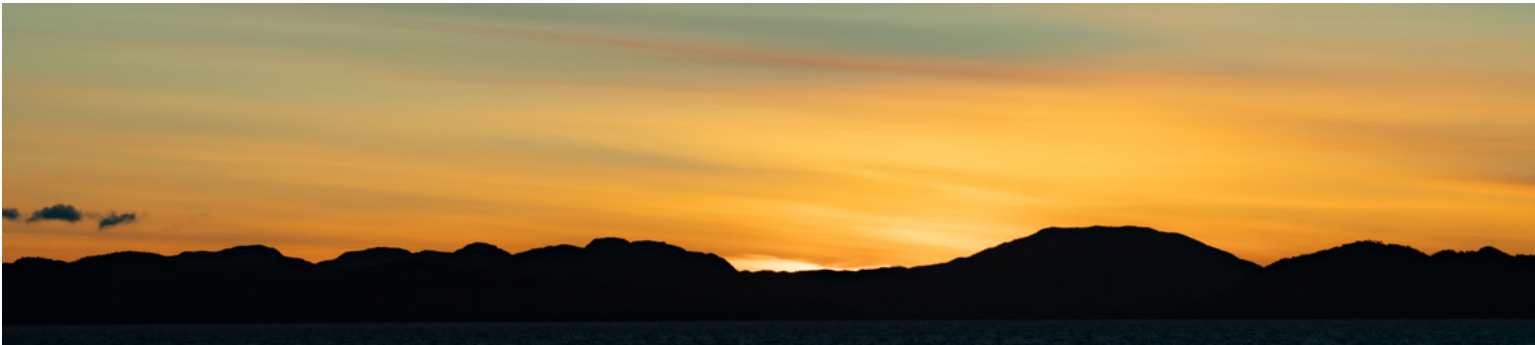
Air Temp:
8°C

The day began with a little sleep-in and another wonderful breakfast prepared by our excellent galley team. Jamie entertained us with a reading from his book, *The Inconvenience of Penguins*, sharing stories from his disastrous road trip in Argentina in search of Magellanic penguins. We then enjoyed bridge tours, where the Captain welcomed us and explained the workings of the bridge. No random buttons were pushed, and we sailed on under the watch of our incredible bridge team. Justine and members of the Expedition Team also shared information about Aurora's many destinations before Lelia and Marcos taught us how to make alfajores, following our earlier empanada cooking lesson.

After lunch, Expeditioners and guides gathered in the lecture theatre to discuss voyage highlights, conservation in Patagonia, and how to bring inspiration home. We then

headed out on the Zodiacs for one last cruise at Rocas frente al Canal Puyuhuapi to a South American sea lion colony. The rocky islands were teeming with wildlife, including sea lions and abundant birdlife.

Back on board, it was time for the Captain's Farewell. We gathered to thank the Captain and his team and raise a toast to an excellent voyage. The Expedition Team recapped our Citizen Science contributions, including the eBird survey completed by T-A and the birdwatchers, which recorded a Magellanic penguin and a glimpse of the elusive Chilean hawk, as well as the reporting of an invasive mink. Ashley then briefed us on Chiloé Island options for tomorrow and shared the heartwarming story of rescuing her well-travelled dog in Puerto Montt over a decade ago. After another exceptional dinner, it was time to call it a day. Our voyage is nearing the end, but more adventures await before we disembark!











Castro

DAY 13 | Thursday 9 April 2026

Latitude: 78°31.2' N	Wind Speed: 7 knots N	As the sun rose today on our last expedition of this trip, the ship meandered up the 'S'-bend curves towards Castro on Chiloé Island, the second-largest island on this continent. We passed many buoys, which we later found out from one of our guides were mussel rope lines passed down from generation to generation. Alex then explained that there were three types of mussels here, with the largest reaching the size of a shoe! Apparently, they tie them up with wire and throw them on the barbecue. A short Zodiac ride to shore separated us into two groups, with one group heading to Chiloé National Park and the rest of us taking a cultural trip to Chonchi. The first stop was at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Church of San Antonio, which was a product of the Jesuits entering this island in 1608. Alex called these churches 'community centres', as the priests only came once a year, and so they were often seen as places for community gatherings. The next stop was Chonchi, where we visited another 'community centre' of much the same calibre, but slightly larger. Later, as we walked down the town, Alex explained that the shingles on the buildings were all very different and	distinctive to the carpenters. We stopped at a local food market, where we saw dried seaweed for sale, and then visited the Museo de las Tradiciones Chonchinas. By this time, there were some rumbling stomachs, so we headed back to Castro for a lovely meal at a restaurant on the seafront, where we enjoyed fresh local hake. After that, there was a little time left in the day for some local shopping before our final Zodiac ride back to the ship. When I asked Piotr how the national park was, I received 'lots of trees', while Nacho said, 'boardwalk, thick vegetation and smashed potatoes', so there you go. Those passengers who went may have had a little more to say! I wondered if they met Trauco, the feared and seductive dwarf-like creature of Chilotan mythology that enchants young women into the forest and causes unexpected pregnancies. And so, here we are, sitting down for the Farewell Voyage slideshow and saying goodbye to the Expedition Team. It seems like so many memories ago when we had our first landing on Cape Horn. Fair winds and fair weather as you make your way home.
Longitude: 12°36.8' E	Barometer: 1021 hPa		
Course: 102°	Air Temp: 9°C		
Speed: 9.3 knots			

Puerto Montt

DAY 14 | Friday 10 April 2026

Latitude:
78°11.4' N
Longitude:
14°33.1' E

Course:
At anchor in
Longyearbyen
Speed:
At anchor

Wind Speed:
2 knots NW
Barometer:
1018 hPa

Air Temp:
12°C

Here we are at the end of our adventure! Thank you for joining us aboard the *Sylvia Earle* in stunning Patagonia, and we hope to see you again on the high seas some day.

BBQ





Citizen Science





Kayaking Log

Guides: Eamon Larkin, Scotty Mackerel

29 March 2025, AM: Caleta Morning, Bahía Romanche – 5.9 km

Our first paddle at Caleta Morning in Bahía Romanche. With seven paddlers, Scotty as the guide, and Eamon as the Zodiac safety driver, we started around the corner a kilometre further into the bay, where we were sheltered. We paddled alongside the shoreline, viewing scraggly trees, plants hanging over the coast, mussel beds covered in barnacles, and kelp forests beneath us. Rounding the corner, we had an amazing view of Romanche Glacier and Italia Glacier. We played in the wind and chop before surfing back into calm waters and paddling into a secluded bay with a waterfall, condors circling overhead, green mosses on the cliffs, and nesting cormorants. We finished by exploring a trail alongside the waterfall before returning to the ship.

1 April 2025, PM: Seno Agostini – 6.56 km

The wind at the ship was not inviting for kayaking this afternoon, but the water near the shore looked calm. By the time we reached the shelter of the shoreline, the wind had died down, allowing us to explore around each corner, with distant waterfalls pouring silently down. After checking the current, we glided easily into the glacial lagoon, dominated by a huge glacier rising high into the mountains. Seeing the forest and ice side by side was impressive. The melting ice had created a small but powerful waterfall, which we could experience from many angles in our kayaks. We returned to the Zodiac, passing steamer ducks, with the current now in our favour, almost as if we had planned it all.



Number of Kayakers: 8
Total Paddle Outings: 8
Total Distance Paddled:
38.46 km

Kayakers:
Susan Warner
Tim Whiting
Eric Curtis
Steve Hall
Lesley Hall
Peter Warner

Joanne Warner

2 April 2025, AM: Bernal Glacier – 3.8 km

For our third paddle, we got suited up in the dark and headed towards Bernal Glacier as the sun rose. It was a rainy morning, but that didn't stop us, and it turned out to be a lovely paddle along the shoreline north of the glacier. We ducked beneath the canopy of mosses and slow-growing stunted trees reaching over the coastline. The shoreline mosses supported thousands of beautiful pink flowers that we marvelled at as we paddled above the kelp forests. Some geese took flight, and we paddled past glacial streams and around the corner as the rain turned to snow. We then loaded into Eamon's Zodiac so everyone could spend time ashore.

2 April 2025, PM: Near White Narrows – 2.5 km

We were lucky to get out onto the water this afternoon. It was only a short operation, but we promised to be on time, and we were glad we did. The water was calm, and the bay we entered was dotted with little islands to explore. We moved slowly along the coastline, admiring the variety of plants, mosses, and lichens growing on every imaginable surface. Trees and shrubs seemed to cling to solid rock and thrive. Pink and red bell flowers (Lapageria) attracted tiny but speedy hummingbirds. The water was clear and cold, full of kelp, ferns, and grasses. On our way back to the ship, a few Peale's dolphins escorted and entertained us. A short but very sweet outing.

5 April 2025, AM: North of Kirke Narrows – 7.4 km

After a few days of hiking in Torres del Paine National Park, the kayakers were stoked to get back on the water. In Eamon's Zodiac, we travelled north towards Kirke Channel, about a kilometre from the ship, where we found a calm spot to load in. The sun was just rising over the coastal mountains to the east. We paddled towards Kirke Channel, where a current carried us around the back of an island, where we encountered Peale's dolphins. We paddled around the island and back along the shoreline, spotting porpoises and a heron towards the end of the paddle. We finished near the landing site, discovering a secluded inlet with a creek running in, before returning to the ship for a BBQ.

5 April 2025, PM: Seno Iceberg, Caleta Iceberg – 6.7 km

We loaded into our trusty Zodiac with the kayaks in tow and headed towards the rocky cliffs surrounding the glacier. As we came closer to the shoreline, a small island emerged with a narrow channel leading to the glacier. Once in our kayaks, we explored the rocky, shrubby coastline before doubling back towards the glowing blue ice. The glacier loomed above the narrow channel as we approached, and Sarah reminded everyone to hug the island around the bend. We paused in sheltered spots to admire the ice and glacier melt waterfalls. Eric soaked his cap in the falls to cool off. Beautiful mosses carpeted the rocks, with burnt red contrasting against the blue meringue of the glacier. We continued through a twisted maze of narrow channels and inlets, a perfect coastline to experience by kayak! We kept a steady pace until the end of our paddle, keeping warm before a Patagonian swim. The eight-degree glacial meltwater was refreshing for those who dared!



7 April 2025, AM: Isla de los Muertos (Island of the Dead) – 5.6 km

It was dawn when we left the ship. Our team is so efficient now, dressed and ready for action. Mist hung over the water like smoke, creating a beautiful, slightly eerie scene. We found a calm spot to launch, but soon realised the current was stronger than it appeared. We quickly changed plans and used the Zodiac to tow further upstream, where we battled the current even with a motor.

Finally, we found a sheltered creek, with clear shallow water where we could see everything below us. We played in some mini rapids before hummingbirds farewelled us as we entered the main Baker River.

Now we were flying. Our speed in relation to the bank was incredible as we drifted past cows and calves. We paused to enjoy the tranquillity and scenery before cruising back to Scotty with our 'Uber' Zodiac. Every outing is unique here.

7 April 2025, PM: Isla de San Pedro, near Wager Island –

Scotty and Eamon let the kayakers know via the public address system that we had the last-minute 'go-ahead' to paddle one final time, and all our awesome kayakers showed up within five minutes. We motored to the lee side of Wager Island, the lighthouse side, and paddled alongside rocky outcrops towards the open waters of the Golfo de Penas. The mosses, lichens, and growth on the trees on the south side of the island were incredible. On the open water side, the landscape changed to windswept shrubs and cobblestone beaches shaped by centuries of pounding seas. We paddled behind breaking waves and around islets, while two sweet dogs visited from the lighthouse. Scotty gave them a pat from his kayak before we returned to the ship. It was a delightful final paddle, and with heavy but happy hearts, we loaded back into our kayak safety Zodiac one last time.















Bird Sightings

Bird Species	March				April									
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Magellanic Penguin			●											
Gentoo Penguin		●												
Black-browed Albatross	●	●	●		●						●	●		
Great Albatross sp.												●		
Northern Giant Petrel		●	●								●	●		
Southern Giant Petrel			●	●					●					
Southern Fulmar			●									●		
Sooty Shearwater			●											
Great Shearwater												●		
Storm-petrel sp.												●		
Diving Petrel sp.			●											
Imperial Cormorant		●	●	●		●			●	●	●	●		
Magellanic Cormorant		●	●	●		●			●					
Neotropic Cormorant				●		●						●		
Red-legged Cormorant												●	●	
Chilean Skua		●	●		●	●								
Kelp Gull	●	●	●	●		●			●	●	●	●	●	●
Dolphin Gull											●	●	●	
Brown-hooded Gull													●	

Bird Species	March				April									
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
South American Tern	●	●	●											
Andean Condor			●			●	●	●	●					
Turkey Vulture			●			●				●		●	●	●
Black Vulture													●	
Striated Caracara	●	●												
Crested Caracara						●		●			●			
Chimango Caracara			●	●		●			●			●	●	
Black-chested Buzzard Eagle							●	●						
American Kestrel								●						
Chilean Hawk									●					
Kelp Goose	●	●	●	●		●		●			●			
Flying Steamer Duck						●								
Flightless Steamer Duck			●	●		●			●		●			
Crested Duck				●			●	●					●	
Spectacled Duck								●						
Chiloé Wigeon								●						
Yellow-billed Teal				●										
Great Grebe								●						

Bird Sightings

Bird Species	March					April									
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
White-tufted Grebe						●		●							
Red-gartered Coot								●							
Black-necked Swan								●					●		
Chilean Flamingo							●	●							
Peruvian Pelican													●		
Black-faced Ibis													●		
Black-crowned Night-heron			●						●						
Blackish Oystercatcher						●						●			
Magellanic Oystercatcher							●	●							
Southern Lapwing								●					●		
Ruddy Turnstone												●			
Surfbird												●			
Ringed Kingfisher			●	●								●			
Snowy Egret			●			●									
Chilean Swallow											●				
Austral Parakeet								●	●						
Rock Pigeon													●	●	
Austral Pygmy Owl						●	●				●				

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Mammal Sightings

Mammal Species	March					April									
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Southern Fur Seal			●			●						●	●		
Southern Sea Lion		●	●									●			
Sei Whale	●	●													
Humpback Whale	●	●	●									●			
Peale's Dolphin			●		●			●							
Chilean Dolphin			●							●					
Guanaco							●	●							
Red Fox							●								
Marine Otter			●			●									
American Mink											●				

Other Wildlife Sightings

	March					April									
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Native Bumblebee						●	●	●	●				●		



Map

1. Ushuaia | 54°48' S, 68°17' W
2. Cape Horn | 55°57' S, 67°13' W
3. Caleta Morning | 54°55' S, 69°28' W
4. Seno Agostini (Águila Glacier) | 54°26' S, 70°28' W
5. Seno Agostini | 54°33' S, 70°08' W
6. Bernal Glacier | 51°52' S, 73°18' W
7. Canal de las Montañas | 52°08' S, 73°14' W
8. Torres del Paine | 50°59' S, 72°59' W
9. Canal Valdés | 52°01' S, 72°58' W
10. Seno Iceberg | 48°42' S, 73°59' W
11. Tortel/Isla de los Muertos | 47°48' S, 73°32' W
12. Wager Island | 47°42' S, 74°52' W
13. Canal Moraleda | 44°45' S, 73°40' W
14. Castro | 42°28' S, 73°45' W
15. Puerto Montt | 41°28' S, 72°56' W



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