



RAW NAVARINO

EXCURSION TO LAGUNA DEL SALTO

This beautiful mountain lagoon called LAGUNA DEL SALTO is located 8 miles south of Puerto Williams at the slopes of the famous Dientes de Navarino peaks. The Dientes range is a sedimentary massif that grows up to 1100 meters altitude, representing the final part of the Andes Cordillera, and holds one of the world's most exuberant and pristine environments.

With no roads, the hike takes about five hours along an amazing ecosystem's diversity: thick Southern beech forest, wet peat bogs, open tundra, windy highlands and beautifully protected small ponds escorted by high mountains. The place is also known for a special feature: Sub-Antarctic science. These mountains are the world's hotspot for lichens, mosses and liverworts. So, the scenery will be worthwhile because of both, the giant mountains and the miniature living fellows on each ancient rock.

Maurice Van de Maele,
Local Guide.

FULL PROGRAM'S SCHEDULE (2 DAYS)

DAY 1

Puerto Williams – Laguna Del Salto

- After a nice breakfast we drive 10 minutes South to the end of the road where we start the trekking. We take the trail up Bandera Hill to the place where we will set the campsite.
- Once on the trail the lunch time is going to be around 13:00 hrs.
- We walk South to get close to the mountain range, slowly climbing from 80mt to 500mt altitude.
- We arrive to Laguna Del Salto in the afternoon, set up CAMP and then we have a free time until dinner, which will be around 19:00 hrs.



DAY 2

Laguna del Salto – Dientes View Point – Puerto Williams

- In the morning we take a breakfast and pack the CAMP.
- We walk towards the south climbing a bit more to arrive to the
- DIENTES View Point, a place with an spectacular view of the mountain range around us. Lunch will be taken here at 12:00 hrs.
- We walk back to Puerto Williams following the river through Róbalo Valley.
- We arrive at meeting point at 19:00 hrs. A Van will drive us back to Puerto Williams (3 miles).



***In January we have daylight until 22:00 hrs.**

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Equipment

- In this weather we recommend a waterproof layer (jacket and pants), a middle and base layer made of synthetic breathable materials, so you can add layers if you are cold and do opposite way if you need to keep fresh (a down jacket is highly recommended); and a waterproof breathable pair of trekking or middle mountain boots (gaiters are also recommended). You also have to bring a warm-not heavy sleeping bag; a mat; warm hat; gloves; sunglasses and sun protection.
- Part of this equipment can be rented in Puerto Williams, but we recommend bringing your own - the small local store may not have enough items or sizes.
- Tents are included in the price.

Logistic

- The service includes: Food, cooking system and English spoken guiding service.
- It is important to remember that the Guide is not a “porter”, which means clients carry their own weight.
- Over 6 clients, we will have an extra guide each 6 more persons. That means, for a group of 18, we have the Expedition's guide, plus two extra guides to assist him. Our guides are WFR certified.
- The meals during the walk are breakfast; morning snacks; lunch (can be a cold meal); afternoon snacks; and a strong dinner.
- Every day you carry your personal snacks, lunch and part of the shared dinner items (fuel, food, cooking device or pot).
- You also carry your tent, sleeping bag for low temperatures, mat, First Aids kit with personal specific medication, toilette paper, bottle for water, warm hat, gloves, sunglasses, meals kit (personal pot, spoon, knife, other) and toothbrush.
- Transportation to the starting point, and back, from the same spot to Puerto Williams the next day (3 miles), is included.

Risk Management

- All decisions regarding trail's directions, camping areas, toilette areas, meal's time, starting a fire, safety, survival or potential new objectives are going to be taken by the Expedition's Guide; and any rebel action can be considered personal integrity risk for the Guide in charge and the entire journey.

