THE NATURAL GEMS & LUXURY LODGES OF PATAGONIA  
MARCH 22 – APRIL 2, 2020

- Explore the lakes, rivers, fjords and peaks of Chile’s Lake District.
- Enjoy reflective walks among the majestic massifs of Torres del Paine National Park.
- Unwind after a successful day of adventures at three of Patagonia’s top luxury lodges.
- Choose from tailor made excursions including day hikes, wilderness bike rides, horseback adventures, kayaking expeditions, and river rafting.

GROUP SIZE: Up to 28 guests

PRICING: $8,995 per person double occupancy / $12,470 single occupancy

STUDY LEADER: DON PFISTER is the Asa Gray Professor of Systematic Botany and Curator of the Farlow Library and Herbarium. His research centers on the biology and systematics of fungi and he also studies the history of collections and collectors. Some of his teaching has focused on the ways in which human habitation has affected landscapes.

SCHEDULE BY DAY

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
DEPART U.S. FOR CHILE

MONDAY, MARCH 23
SANTIAGO

Arrive in Santiago and transfer to your hotel. This afternoon embark on a city tour of Santiago exploring San Cristobal Hill and the Pueblo de Los Dominicos Handicraft Market.

Overnight: Ritz-Carlton (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
SANTIAGO/TEMUCO/PUCÓN

This morning fly to Temuco and transfer to Pucón. Generally considered as the adventure capital of Chile, the area around Pucón offers myriad outdoor activities. There is, however, far much more to this multi-faceted destination. National parks, volcanoes, mountains, and lakes create one of the most beautiful natural sites Chile has to offer. The area is also the seat of the Mapuche, Chile’s main ethnic group. Their culture is very much alive in the area through cuisine, traditions, and language.

Your lodge, the Vira Vira, is nestled amidst a spectacular sprawling 22-hectare estate. Immersed in a beautiful park with natural lagoons, flowing rivers and sensational views of the Villarrica Volcano, luxurious grounds boast both a magnificent lodge and hacienda with beautifully appointed suites and villas. A modern working farm, organic vegetable garden and state-of-the-art cheese factory complete the estate that is set just outside of Pucón. Freshly grown produce is sourced from the farm and used to create award-winning Chilean-inspired menus.

This afternoon choose from tailor-made excursions hosted by knowledgeable and engaging guides, including hikes, wilderness bike rides, horseback riding, kayaking expedition, and river rafting. All excursions are specifically tailored according to your interests and fitness levels.

Overnight: Vira Vira (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25-THURSDAY, MARCH 26
PUCÓN

Explore the lakes, rivers, fjords, and peaks of Chile’s Lake District. Vira Vira’s personal excursion managers and your Tour Director will assist guests in choosing from tailor-made excursions for each day.

Excursions and choices include: Kayaking along Lake Tinquilco, boat floats on the Llucura River, white-water rafting over the rapids of the Trancura River, trekking (various levels of difficulty, both half and full-day), horseback riding, mountain biking, volcano climbing, birdwatching walks, and tours of the nearby farm and cheese making facility; or, just enjoy the tranquil surroundings of Vira Vira from one of the outdoor hot tubs along the river.

Overnight: Vira Vira (2B, 2L, 2D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
PUCÓN/PUERTO MONTT/PUERTO VARAS

Enjoy your morning at Vira Vira. After, transfer to Puerto Varas. Along the way witness remarkable vistas of emerald lakes, green forests and snow-capped peaks. We’ll arrive at our hotel perched along the sparkling shoreline of Lake Llanquihue, just outside of popular Puerto Varas. Each of its guest rooms boasts uninterrupted views across Lake Llanquihue to Volcano Osorno.

Overnight: Hotel AWA (B, L, D)
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
PUERTO VARAS

This morning enjoy a private excursion to Petrohué Falls, a succession of rapids with its capricious forms of volcanic rocks bathed by emerald color waterfalls against a backdrop of Andean mountains and Chile’s magnificent Osorno Volcano. After, explore the town of Puerto Varas, known as “La ciudad de las rosas” or “The city of roses”, as its central streets and boulevards are decorated with gentle, fragrant rosettes. In the company of a guide, peruse through the quaint stores for locally-crafted Mapuche artefacts.

Later, travel to Frutillar, founded in 1856 by German settlers and distinguished by its beautiful lakeside setting, colorful Victorian and Bavarian style houses, churches, and teahouses.

Overnight: Hotel AWA (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
PUERTO MONTT/PUNTA ARENAS/PUERTO NATALES

Transfer to the airport in nearby Puerto Montt for a flight to Punta Arenas, Chile’s southernmost city, located on the Strait of Magellan opposite Tierra del Fuego. Founded in 1848, in its golden age it served as a port of call for ships circumnavigating the world. Transfer to Puerto Natales to the Singular Lodge and gateway to Torres del Paine National Park, the crown jewel of Patagonia.

Overnight: The Singular Hotel (B, D)

MONDAY, MARCH 30 – TUESDAY, MARCH 31
TORRES DEL PAINE

Torres del Paine National Park was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1978. The dramatic mountain formations of towering rock, windswept pampas, ice fields, and glaciers, make it an impressive sight. Look out for herds of guanacos and rheas, flamingos, condors, foxes, geese, and black-necked swans. Lakes and lagoons abound in hues of blue, green, and gray.

Each evening at cocktail hour, choose from a variety of excursions including excursions in the national park and surrounding area for the following day. Activities range in difficulty from easy to challenging and include navigating the Patagonian glacier via boat, kayaking, cooking lessons, hiking, mountain biking, or horseback riding. On Tuesday evening, gather for a farewell dinner.

Overnight: The Singular Hotel (2B, 2L, 2D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
PUERTO NATALES/PUNTA ARENAS/SANTIAGO/U.S.

Return to Punta Arenas and transfer to the airport for a flight to Santiago. Connect with flights back to the U.S. (B)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
ARRIVE U.S.

Arrive this morning in the U.S. and connect to your home airport.