

Cape Horn, Tierra del Fuego, Chile

The end of the world, earned. Cape Horn is less a port than a pilgrimage — ships sail past this legendary headland where the Atlantic meets the Pacific, and on rare calm days, expedition passengers land by Zodiac to stand at the very bottom of the Americas.

Zodiac landing (no pier)

Typical call: 2-4 hrs (scenic or landing)

Chilean Peso / USD accepted

Spanish

Weather-dependent landing — often scenic only

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No pier — Zodiac landing only, weather permitting (under 50% success rate)

Best For: History buffs, wildlife spotters, and bucket-list moment seekers

Walk to center: 132 wooden steps from the landing beach to the clifftop monument

Don't Miss: Getting your passport stamped at the Chilean Navy lighthouse

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Hornos Island Landing & Albatross Monument** — When conditions allow, step ashore on Hornos Island, climb to the plateau, and visit the steel albatross monument erected in 1992 as a memorial to...
 - Lighthouse & Stella Maris Chapel** — The Cape Horn Lighthouse (Faro de Cabo de Hornos) is a working Chilean Naval station.
 - Seabird & Marine Wildlife Watching** — The waters around Cape Horn are exceptional for wildlife.
- Beagle Channel & Glacier Alley Scenic Cruising** — Many itineraries combine Cape Horn with transit through the Beagle Channel and Glacier Alley, where a parade of glaciers calves into the sea.
 - Passport Stamp at the End of the World** — The lighthouse keeper's family offers a unique Cape Horn passport stamp — one of the rarest travel stamps in the world.

BEST WALKS

- Landing Beach to Albatross Monument** 0.3 km · 132 steps · 10-15 min round trip — From the Zodiac landing on the northeast beach, wooden boardwalks and stairs climb steeply to the plateau.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		46°	42°	22d
Jun		43°	39°	23d
Aug		41°	37°	22d
Sep		42°	38°	21d
Oct		44°	39°	23d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 8:23AM–6:33PM · Jun 10:00AM–4:58PM · Aug 8:53AM–6:14PM · Sep 7:35AM–7:13PM · Oct 6:16AM–8:14PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for extreme conditions. Wind, cold, rain, and even snow can arrive without warning. Waterproof outer layers, gloves, and a hat are essential even in summer (Nov–Mar). There is no shelter on the island.
- Have your camera ready on deck before arrival. The best views of the Cape Horn cliffs often come during the approach and departure, not just during the landing. Many passengers miss the best shots by being below deck.
- Get the passport stamp. The lighthouse keeper's family offer a rare Cape Horn passport stamp. Bring your actual passport and a small donation (a few USD is appreciated by the family who live here year-round).
- Landings are never guaranteed. Cape Horn has some of the world's most unpredictable weather — sea swells, gale-force winds, and fog can cancel a Zodiac landing on very short notice. Accept this as part of the experience, not a failure.
- Watch for wildlife from the ship. Even on scenic-only passes, albatrosses, petrels, penguins in the water, and whales are frequently spotted in these nutrient-rich southern seas.
- This counts as a major milestone. Rounding Cape Horn — even by ship — is a genuine nautical achievement. Many cruise lines acknowledge this with a certificate for passengers who complete the passage.

Cape Horn, Tierra del Fuego, Chile — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Cape Horn Lighthouse, Hornos Island | Chilean Navy-manned lighthouse marking the southernmost tip of the Americas. | 2 Cape Horn Memorial (Albatross Monument) | Steel sculpture of an albatross in flight, honoring sailors lost rounding the Horn. |
| 3 Stella Maris Chapel, Hornos Island | Small wooden chapel near the lighthouse used by the resident Chilean Navy family. | P Cruise port / terminal | |