

Chilean Fjords, Patagonia, Chile

A thousand-kilometre labyrinth of glacial channels, towering granite walls, and ice-blue waterways stretching from Chilean Lake District to the Strait of Magellan. Most of the time you're simply sailing — and the sailing is the destination.

 Scenic sailing / tender at Puerto Edén  Typically 1-2 days transit  Chilean Peso (CLP)  Spanish  Best: Sep–Apr (Austral summer)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: No fixed pier — scenic cruising passage; tender stop at Puerto Edén (remote village) on some itineraries

Best For: Glaciers, Patagonian wildlife, remote wilderness scenery

Coverage: ~1,000 km of fjords from Puerto Montt south to the Strait of Magellan

Don't Miss: Amalia Glacier, Pía Glacier, Andean condors soaring the channel walls

 Getting around:  Taxi  \$6–10 USD city rides

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Glacier Zodiac Excursion** — Approach tidewater glaciers — Amalia (Skua), Pía, or Garibaldi — by inflatable Zodiac, close enough to hear the ice creak and crack.
- **Magellanic Penguin & Seabird Watching** — Magellanic penguins nest on rocky islets throughout the channels.
- **White Narrows & English Narrows Navigation** — The Angostura Inglesa (English Narrows) is a famous ship-width passage where the channel squeezes to a few hundred metres.
- **Puerto Edén Village Visit** — A tender stop at Puerto Edén, home to one of the last communities of the Kawésqar indigenous people.
- **Torres del Paine Day Tour (from Puerto Natales)** — If your itinerary calls at Puerto Natales, this is your gateway to Torres del Paine National Park — the granite towers, turquoise Lago Pehóé, and the...

BEST WALKS

- **Puerto Edén Village Walk** 0.5 km · Easy · 30 min — From the dock, follow the main boardwalk through the village past the school, the small Kawésqar cultural display, and to the viewpoint overlooking Messier Channel.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 8:39AM–7:15PM · Jun 9:51AM–6:04PM · Aug 9:03AM–7:01PM · Sep 8:01AM–7:45PM · Oct 6:57AM–8:29PM	
Apr	48°	40°	15d		
Jun	40°	34°	14d		
Aug	41°	34°	15d		
Sep	45°	36°	11d		
Oct	48°	38°	14d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress in layers, always. Temperature swings of 15°C in a single day are normal. Wind-proof outer shell, mid-layer fleece, and waterproof trousers are the minimum for any deck time or Zodiac excursion.
- Expect zero connectivity for 2-3 days at a stretch. Download offline maps, podcasts, and films before you enter the fjords. Satellite internet (if your ship has it) will be slow.
- Stake out a spot on the bow or observation deck before entering key passages like the English Narrows and Glacier Alley. These are the moments the whole voyage is built around.
- Puerto Edén has no ATM and almost nothing to buy — a handful of residents sell handicrafts and smoked fish. Bring small CLP bills if you want to purchase anything.
- Look out for marine life at dusk. Humpback whales, orcas, and dolphins are common in the outer channels, particularly near the Francisco Coloane Marine Reserve.
- Zodiac and shore landings can cancel with no notice. Weather windows are short — if your expedition director calls a landing, go immediately. Conditions can close in within the hour.

Chilean Fjords, Patagonia, 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.



1 Pasarelas de Puerto Eden The isolated village's wooden boardwalks winding through temperate rainforest, connecting homes since there are no roads.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Comunidad Kaweskar Home to some of the last members of the seafaring Kawesqar people, with artisan workshops sharing their traditions and history.