

EXPEDITION BRIEFING · 2027

Aysén Fjord

Founder Expedition

Private expedition to the Aysén region
Chilean Patagonia

Limited expedition group.
Access to one of the least visited parts of Patagonia.



DURATION

13 days

GROUP

3-6 participants

DATE

Q1 2027

Founder Expedition marks the inaugural year of Aysén Fjord.

This is not a conventional tourist trip.

The expedition is designed as a guided access to the Aysén region for a small group of participants. The program combines fjord navigation, regional transfers, and access to remote areas with minimal infrastructure.

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The Aysén Region

The Aysén Fjord project emerged from sustained interest in the Aysén region of Chilean Patagonia. The center of the area is the city of Puerto Aysén, located at the Aysén fjord and serving as the gateway to an extensive system of fjords, mountains, and forests.

LANDSCAPE TYPES IN THE REGION

- Fjords and Pacific coastline
- Glaciers and glacial lagoons
- Andean mountain ranges
- Temperate rainforests
- Open Patagonian steppe

KEY LOCATIONS

Laguna San Rafael

Glacial lagoon and northern ice field

Parque Nacional Queulat

Ventisquero Colgante and temperate rainforest

Coyhaique

Regional center and gateway

Villa Ortega

Interior and Patagonian steppe



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One region. The full character of Patagonia.

Patagonia is geographically an enormous region. It spans an area of approximately one million square kilometers and encompasses the southern portions of Chile and Argentina.

Within a typical vacation lasting two to four weeks, it is not realistically possible to know this region as a whole. Most visitors therefore explore only one area.

The Aysén Fjord expedition focuses exclusively on the Aysén region.



01

Fjord

02

Glacier

03

Forest

04

Mountains

05

Rivers

06

Steppe

This concentration of diverse landscapes allows you to understand the true character of Patagonia within a single expedition.

The founding year.

01 Pilot program

The name Founder Expedition designates the first year of the project. The expedition serves as a pilot program and simultaneously marks the beginning of the project's long-term presence in the region.

02 Limited group

Group size is intentionally limited to 3-6 participants. This format allows flexible movement in the field and access to places not typically included in tourist programs.

03 Preferential pricing

The founding year includes preferential pricing compared to future expeditions. First-year participants gain access under conditions that will not repeat.

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Expedition program day by day.

13 days in the heart of Chilean Patagonia. Each day brings a different type of landscape, movement, and experience.



DAYS 1-7 · FJORD, GLACIER AND COAST

DAY 1

Arrival in Balmaceda

Transfer to Puerto Aysén · accommodation and rest after flight

DAY 2

City and Cascada Cola del Gallo

Explore Puerto Aysén and surroundings · visit waterfall · photograph hummingbirds

DAY 3

Free day in Puerto Aysén

Program as desired by participants · rest, walks, acclimatization to region

DAY 4

San Rafael Glacier

Full-day fjord journey on large catamaran · glacial lagoon and northern ice field

DAY 5

Patagonia vessel → Playas Blancas

Transfer to local vessel · land at thermal springs and wild river · overnight in tent or on boat

DAY 6

Fjord with captain

Fjord travel · discover local fauna and flora with the Patagonia captain

DAY 7

Lago Riesco and Río Blanco

Arrival at port · Playa Lago Riesco · Río Blanco valley

The program may be subject to minor changes. Sailing of the Patagonia vessel requires Chilean Navy authorization, which depends on current weather conditions.

DAY 8

Villa Ortega — horseback riding

Depart into interior · horseback ride · overnight on Chilean ranch in mountains by mountain stream

DAY 9

Río Blanco and Río Condor valleys

Travel through Río Blanco valley · landscape along river · overnight at Río Condor

DAY 10

Return to Coyhaique

Depart toward city of Coyhaique · arrival and accommodation

DAY 11

Coyhaique and surroundings

Coyhaique National Reserve · Cerro El Fraile viewpoint · Río Simpson · local markets and Plaza de Armas

DAY 12

Transfer to Balmaceda

Travel through Valle Simpson · views of Cerro Castillo · campground accommodation with shower · final group dinner

DAY 13

Departure

Transfer to Balmaceda airport · departure home



13 days · 6 landscape types · 1 expedition



Temperate rainforest



Patagonian steppe

Operational framework.

EXPEDITION LENGTH

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TRANSFERS IN REGION

Vehicle and boat transport

COMMUNICATION

Satellite equipment

ACCOMMODATION

Mix of regional lodging and remote locations



What to bring.

A complete gear list will be provided in the briefing upon confirmation of participation. Below is an overview of key items.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

- Trekking boots (ankle, water-resistant)
- Light sandals or camp shoes
- Waterproof jacket (hardshell)
- Fleece or primaloft mid-layer
- Merino base layers (2-3 sets)
- Trekking pants (quick-dry)
- Waterproof pants
- Hat, buff, gloves
- Merino socks (minimum 4 pairs)

EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

- Backpack 30-40 l (daily transfers)
- Travel bag or duffel (main luggage)
- Sleeping bag (comfort to 0 °C)
- Sleeping pad (light, compact)
- Headlamp + spare batteries
- Water bottle (1 l minimum)
- Sunglasses (polarized)
- Sunscreen SPF 50+
- Personal first aid kit

DOCUMENTS

- Passport (valid minimum 6 months)
- Travel insurance (copy)
- Ticket copy and participation confirmation

OPTIONAL / RECOMMENDED

- Camera + spare batteries and cards
- Binoculars (compact)
- Trekking poles (foldable)
- Dry bag / waterproof pouch

Note: Don't try to pack light at all costs. Main luggage is transported by vehicle.

Who the expedition is — and isn't — for.

THIS EXPEDITION IS NOT FOR YOU IF:

- × You expect resort-level comfort
- × You require a fixed itinerary down to the minute
- × You expect continuous mobile signal
- × You cannot handle movement in uneven terrain

THE IDEAL PARTICIPANT:

- Can handle full-day movement in nature
- Appreciates a flexible program dependent on conditions
- Seeks authentic experience, not a tourist product
- Is prepared for limited comfort in remote regions
- Wants to know Patagonia at a slower pace
- Photographer, entrepreneur, or someone seeking space

Better to set clear boundaries upfront than disappointment in the field.

FOUNDER

Jaroslav Sokol

„My goal was not to create another mass travel company. I wanted to show people Aysén as it truly is – raw, inaccessible, but absolutely fascinating.“



I explored Patagonia, and specifically the Aysén region, firsthand. Unlike the popular national parks in the south, this part of Chile remains untouched. It means less infrastructure, but a far more authentic experience.

Still, I've built a strong network of local contacts here – from boat owners to people living on remote estancias. These are the key to accessing routes outside the usual trails while maintaining maximum safety.

The project grew organically from requests by my friends and acquaintances who wanted something more than just photos from viewpoints. Today I'm opening this possibility to a small number of people who share the same approach to mountains and travel.

WHY TRUST

- Established network of local partners and contacts
- Direct experience with logistics in remote terrain
- Long-term project, not a one-off event

Financial framework.

FOUNDER'S PRICE

4,800 USD

From 2nd year: 5,800 USD

Only 4 spots remaining out of 6

PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ All transfers in the region (vehicle, boat)
- ✓ Accommodation for entire expedition
- ✓ All meals
- ✓ Entrance to national parks and protected areas
- ✓ Satellite communication and safety support
- ✓ Guide / organizer throughout expedition

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International flights (Europe - Santiago / Balmaceda)
- Travel insurance
- Personal purchases and alcohol

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Deposit upon confirmation: **1,500 USD**

Final payment 90 days before departure: **3,300 USD**

Full refund of deposit available up to 90 days before departure.

What you actually get for the price.

Daily cost of the expedition in context of comparable experiences.

AYSÉN FJORD · FOUNDER EXPEDITION

~370 USD / day

Everything included: accommodation, meals, transfers, boat, guide, park entrance, satellite communication
4,800 USD / 13 days · max. 6 participants

FOR COMPARISON

Alpine hotel 4★ (Austria / Switzerland)
200-500 EUR / night

Accommodation only. Meals, lift passes, guide and activities extra.

Luxury Patagonia expedition (Quasar, MZUNGU)
500-1,500 USD / day

Comparable small group format. Prices start at 5,500 USD / 11 days.

Group Patagonia tour (travel agency)
250-350 USD / day

Large group 15-25 people. Standard routes. Limited flexibility.

Week-long ski vacation in the Alps (4-5★)
1,800-2,500 EUR / person

For 7 days. Per day equivalent: 260-360 EUR. Without private guide.

For the price of one week in an alpine resort, you get 13 days in one of the most remote regions on the planet — everything included, no hidden costs.

Journey to Patagonia.

Flights are not included in expedition pricing. Below is an overview of recommended connections and approximate prices.

RECOMMENDED ROUTING

01 Europe (various hubs) → Madrid (MAD)

Iberia, Air France, Lufthansa or similar · 2-4 h · direct or 1-stop

02 Madrid (MAD) → Santiago (SCL)

LATAM or Iberia · approximately 13 h · direct flight

03 Santiago (SCL) → Balmaceda (BBA)

LATAM or Sky Airline · approximately 2.5 h · 3 flights daily

APPROXIMATE ROUND-TRIP FLIGHT PRICING

Europe – Santiago (round-trip)	700 – 1,200 EUR
Santiago – Balmaceda (round-trip)	100 – 200 EUR
Total estimate	800 – 1,400 EUR

- We recommend booking flights 3-6 months in advance.
- Alternative routing: Europe → Frankfurt/Paris → Santiago.
- We will pick you up at Balmaceda airport upon arrival.

What to expect from the weather.

The Aysén region has an oceanic climate with frequent precipitation. Summer (January–March) is the most favorable period for fieldwork.



AVERAGE VALUES DURING EXPEDITION PERIOD (Q1)

DAYTIME TEMPERATURE

14 – 18 °C

Pleasant, but mornings and evenings around 5–10 °C

NIGHTTIME TEMPERATURE

4 – 10 °C

In mountains and near rivers may drop below 5 °C

PRECIPITATION

120 – 160 mm / month

Rain is common — expect it every day

WIND

Mild to strong

Stronger in open areas and on the fjord

DAYLIGHT HOURS

13 – 15 hours

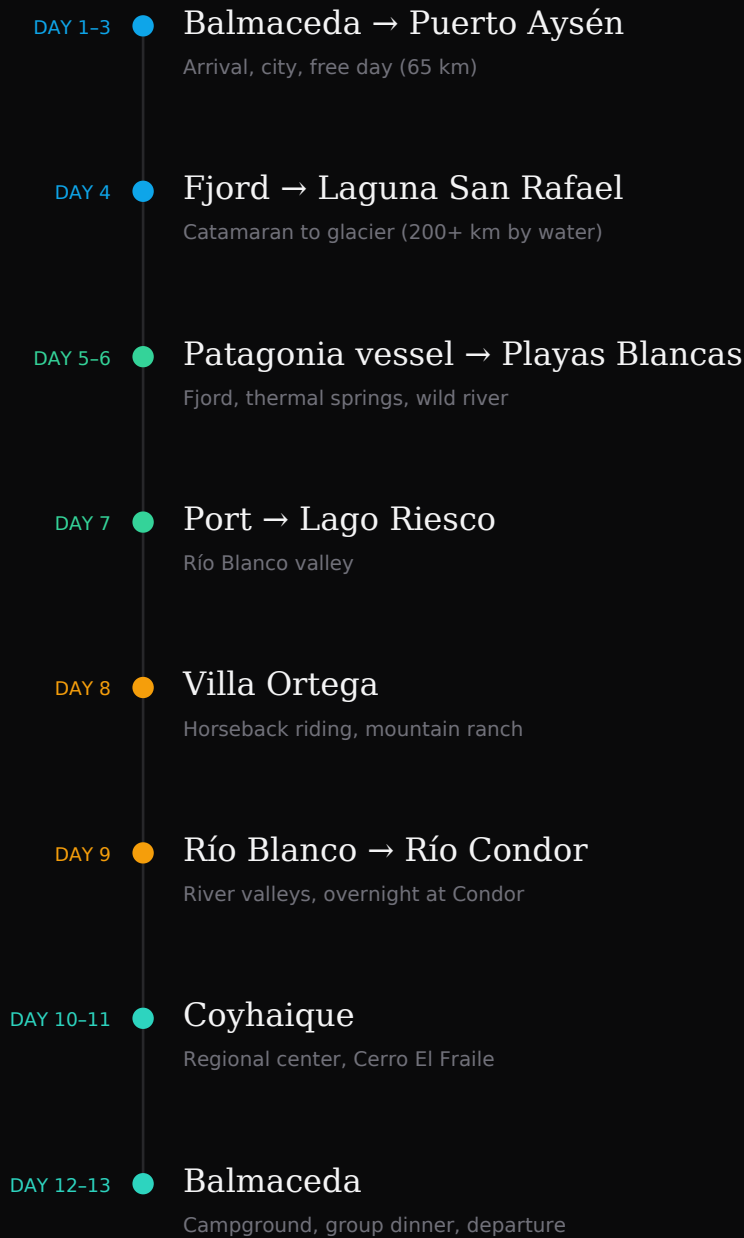
Long days allow for flexible scheduling

Key rule: dress in layers.

Weather in Patagonia changes several times a day. Prepare for sun, rain and wind within a single afternoon.

Where we'll be traveling.

The expedition covers the Aysén region from the Pacific coast through fjords and mountains to the Patagonian steppe in the interior.



Total land distance: approximately 450 km · water distance: approximately 400 km

What you should know.

Is this a travel agency tour?

No. Aysén Fjord is not a travel agency, and this expedition is not a tour. We don't follow a fixed itinerary from point A to point B. We move in a small group, respond to conditions, and adapt our pace to the region. Whenever possible, we can stop, change plans, or spend more time at a location that interests the group.

Do I need to be a trained athlete?

No. The expedition doesn't require special physical training. You should be able to handle full-day nature activities — walking on uneven terrain, getting in and out of boats, horseback riding. It's not extreme sport, but slow discovery of the region.

Is it safe?

Safety is our priority. We have satellite communication, evacuation plans, and a network of local contacts. Vessel operations require Chilean Navy authorization. Your guide is with you throughout the entire expedition.

What if the weather changes?

Patagonian weather is variable — that's part of the experience. The program is flexible and we adapt to actual conditions. Vessel operations depend on Navy authorization.

Can I travel alone?

Yes. Most participants travel individually. The small group (3-6 people) allows quick bonding. The expedition is also suitable for couples.

What if I need medical help?

We have satellite communication and emergency contacts in the region. Coyhaique has a hospital. In remote locations we have evacuation plans. We recommend travel insurance covering mountain and water activities.

When to arrange what.

Overview of key milestones from confirmation of participation to departure.

6+ MONTHS BEFORE

Confirm participation

Complete application · pay deposit of 1,500 USD · reserve spot

5 MONTHS BEFORE

Book flights

Europe → Santiago → Balmaceda · best prices with early booking

4 MONTHS BEFORE

Travel insurance

Arrange insurance covering mountain and water activities

3 MONTHS BEFORE

Final payment

Pay remaining 3,300 USD · confirm final participation

1 MONTH BEFORE

Final briefing

Receive detailed briefing · complete gear list · contact details

1 WEEK BEFORE

Last preparations

Check gear · copy documents · confirm flight

DAY D

Departure

Journey to Patagonia · group meets in Balmaceda

Cancellation policy: Full refund of deposit available up to 90 days before departure.

NEXT STEP

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