

# Punta Arenas, Chile

Chile's windswept gateway to Patagonia and the Strait of Magellan — a frontier city of grand wool-era mansions, penguin islands, and the raw end of the Americas.

 Tender or dock  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Chilean Peso (CLP)  Spanish · some English

## MY DAY IN PORT

|            |         |             |
|------------|---------|-------------|
| Ship/Date: | Arrive: | All aboard: |
| Excursion: | Notes:  |             |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Tender or Mardones pier

**To center:** Short tender/walk

**Best For:** History · Penguins

**Don't Miss:** Magdalena Island

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  CLP 6,000–9,000 (~\$6–10 USD) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Magdalena Island Penguin Colony** — A boat trip across the Strait to an island home to ~120,000 Magellanic penguins, where a marked path winds right...
- **Otway Sound Penguin Reserve** — A land-based alternative penguin colony reached by road, with boardwalks and hides — a good option when sea conditions...
- **City & Wool-Era Mansions** — Punta Arenas grew rich on sheep and shipping.
- **Fort Bulnes & Strait of Magellan** — Drive south to the reconstructed fort at the spot where Chile claimed the Strait, with sweeping views over the waterway...

## BEST WALKS

- **Plaza de Armas & mansions loop** ~2 km · 1.5 hrs · easy — From the pier to the Plaza Muñoz Gamero with its Magellan monument (rub the toe for luck), past the Sara Braun Palace and the ornate...
- **Cerro de la Cruz viewpoint** ~2 km · 1 hr · moderate — A short uphill walk to the hilltop cross for a colorful panorama over the city's tin roofs and the Strait of Magellan beyond.
- **Municipal Cemetery** ~1.5 km · 1 hr · easy — One of South America's most striking cemeteries — manicured cypress avenues and elaborate mausoleums telling the story of Patagonia's...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 48°  | 40° | 15d  |
| Jun |     | 40°  | 34° | 14d  |
| Aug |     | 41°  | 34° | 15d  |
| Sep |     | 45°  | 36° | 11d  |
| Oct |     | 48°  | 38° | 14d  |

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 8:32AM–6:53PM · Jun 9:57AM–5:30PM · Aug 8:59AM–6:37PM · Sep 7:48AM–7:29PM · Oct 6:36AM–8:22PM

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Respect the wind. Patagonian gusts can be ferocious — hold the harbor handrails, mind hats and loose items, and know tendering can be affected.
- Book penguins ahead. Magdalena Island trips are limited and weather-dependent; reserve early and have Otway Sound as a backup.

# Punta Arenas, 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 | <b>Remembrance Museum</b>          | Museum about German and Croatian immigration to Patagonia.            | 2 | <b>Club Andino punta arenas</b>            | Ski resort and mountain club near the city.                   |
| 3 | <b>Museo Maggiorino Borgatello</b> | Regional museum of natural history, ethnography, and local culture.   | 4 | <b>La Galería, tienda de arte y diseño</b> | Local art and design shop featuring regional artists.         |
| 5 | <b>Lord Lonsdale</b>               | Historic shipwreck visible from the coast of Punta Arenas.            | 6 | <b>Museo Nao Victoria</b>                  | Museum with full-scale replicas of historic Magellanic ships. |
| 7 | <b>Cemetery of Punta Arenas</b>    | Historic and beautifully landscaped cemetery with notable mausoleums. | P | <b>Cruise port / terminal</b>              |                                                               |