The route of the Puma
5 NIGHTS Y 6 DAYS
Laguna Amarga

“Pioneer estancia in the conservation of the puma”

Laguna Amarga is home to one of the largest concentrations of pumas in Chilean Patagonia and offers visitors a unique chance to observe these animals in their natural environment, surrounded by beautiful mountains, lakes, and steppes. This is also why Laguna Amarga is a favorite destination for many wildlife documentary productions like BBC and Netflix.
Come and enjoy the unique experience of a lifetime in the Land of the Pumas

Estancia Laguna Amarga is a family ranch located right next to the borders of the Eighth Wonder of the World, the Torres del Paine National Park.

Originally, the main activity was sheep farming, but today, we have decided to dedicate most of this beautiful land to conservation, leaving more than 17,320 acres to what we today call “The Land of the Pumas”. This area is not only home to the biggest feline in Chile, but to many other local species, like the guanaco, skunks, foxes, armadillos, flamingos, rheas, and more than 50 types of birds.

Our estancia is the ideal destination for photographers and naturalists who love nature, and wish to see pumas in their natural habitat, wonderful Patagonian landscapes, different species of fauna, and learn more about the conservation of these animals.

At Leona Amarga Expedition, we offer a variety of activities on our estancia, all conducted by our dedicated family team, ensuring your ultimate wildlife experience.

To carry out puma-watching activities, we created Leona Amarga Expedition, a locally owned and operated agency, offering a variety of activities on our estancia, all conducted by our dedicated family team, ensuring your ultimate wildlife experience.
About us

Pioneer Estancia in the conservation of the puma

Owned & Operated

Local expert guides

Small groups
Estancia Laguna Amarga is located just before the East entrance to the national park, Torres del Paine, and is gifted with the impressive view of the three famous towers. This entire area is part of the Southernmost region of Chilean Patagonia, the Magallanes region, and where we operate is located 90 km from Puerto Natales.

The landscape of the property is a mix between Patagonian steppe and conglomerates. On the property, we have various lagoons, like the 23 km long Sarmiento lagoon, and two smaller, the Amarga and Goic lagoons.

Together with the view of the mountain range of Torres del Paine, these landscapes make a beautiful setting for photograph.
You will learn how we search for the pumas, and the signs in the field we are looking for or listening to, to have an idea of where to look for the puma. Your puma expert will tell you about the behavior of the puma. How the conservation work here, and how to approach it in a manner that doesn’t interfere with the natural behavior of the puma, always keeping a proper distance from it.

**Summer:** Patagonian summer days are long, with an early sunrise starting around 4:30 in the morning. When the first rays of the sun start to appear is when the puma is most active, and we will therefore start around 4:30 − 5:00 AM, waiting to hear from our puma tracker, who will be in the field searching for puma activities. After 3.5 hours in the field, we will head back to our accommodation to take a break, get lunch, and relax before the afternoon activity.

Around 4:30 PM we will go back to the field to search for pumas while enjoying the mesmerizing landscapes. After another 3.5 hours, we will return to our accommodation to have dinner and relax.

**Winter:** The daylight hours are shorter, and we will be leaving later in the morning, depending on the month. In the afternoon, we will be leaving earlier. During the shortest days of the year, we might stay in the field and enjoy our lunch there.
General information

A minimum fitness level is required because we might have to walk to where the puma is (expect to walk around 1 to 3 km per day).

Prepare for all kinds of weather, since Patagonia can have all 4 seasons in one day.

Smoking is only permitted in designated locations.

Minors under the age of 18 are not permitted on the tour.

Any time of the year is good for puma spotting in Estancia Laguna Amarga.
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This program gives you 5 days in the land of the pumas, perfect to understand a bit more about the behavior of the pumas, and how we operate. After a couple of days, you will probably be able to help to search for the pumas, looking and listening for the same signs as the puma tracker.
Itinerary

**Day 1**
Pick up at the airport of Punta Arenas
Meal on the way
PM puma search
Dinner at the accommodation
Overnight stay at the property or close to the property (maximum 1-hour drive)

**Day 2-5**
Breakfast in the field
AM puma search
Lunch at the accommodation
PM puma search
Dinner at the accommodation
Overnight stay at the property or close to the property

**Day 6**
Breakfast at the accommodation
AM transfer to Punta Arenas
Meal on the way
End of the tour
Included in the tour

- Specialized guide
- Specialized puma tracker
- Transfer from Punta Arenas or Puerto Natales airport to the accommodation
- Transfer from the accommodation to the airport of Punta Arenas or Puerto Natales
- Lodging in Ea. Laguna Amarga or a nearby hotel
- All meals during the tour
- Logistics, transportation, and fuel from the accommodation and inside the field in a Toyota 4WD 2019 or similar
- Entrance fee to the property
NOT included in the tour

- Air tickets
- Tipping
- Travel insurance
- Telephone calls
- Laundry
- Unscheduled meals
- Alcoholic beverages
- Extra Expenses
What to pack

- Warm base layers
- Warm jacket
- Waterproof jacket
- Hat, buff, and gloves
- Walking shoes
- Refillable water bottle
- Sun protection
- Sunglasses
- Day pack
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**Terms and conditions**
I understand that the activity is an adventure activity, and thus I may be exposed to possible dangers, risks, and harmful accidents. Consequently, the company Turismo La Leona Expediciones Limitada is not responsible for any of these eventualities. I understand that I must follow instructions from the responsible guide(s) and puma-tracker(s) and I agree with these terms and conditions.

**Booking Policy**
Your booking will be confirmed when we receive the full payment and a payment of 30% of the total reservation is requested. The full payment must be paid 60 days before the tour starts.

If a reservation is requested within 60 days prior to check-in, payment must be made in full.

All tours related to puma-watching activities are subject to a 90 days cancellation policy. No refund will be provided if canceled within 90 days of the tour time. The tour can be changed to another date according to availability.

Group bookings of 4 or more are subject to a 120 days cancellation policy.
Bank Data
(Payment methods)

1. Internationals
DOLLARS (US)

The dollar exchange rate for all the tours and activities will be calculated according to the rate given by the Central Bank of Chile (BCI) on the day of billing. All bank-related charges must be paid by the sender.

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