

-MB600 BIRDING IN PUNTA ARENAS CHILE-

We will start our journey visiting the southern Beech (*Nothofagus*) woodlands located south of the city of Punta Arenas. On route we will survey some freshwater lagoons where we will be rewarded by a wealth of waterbirds including Great and White-tufted Grebes, Crested Duck, Chiloe Wigeon, Speckled Teal, Yellow-billed Pintail, and Red-gartered and White-winged Coots, among several others.



We also expect to see Cinereous Harrier, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle and Aplomado Falcon hovering in these places in search of its prey; carrion-eaters such as Chimango and Crested Caracaras will be a common sight throughout the day.



At San Juan Bay we will explore the beech forests searching for some of its specialties including Austral Parakeet, Thorn-tailed Rayadito, White-throated Treerunner, Magellanic Tapaculo, Patagonian Sierra-Finch,

Austral Blackbird and the striking Magellanic Woodpecker. From the shoreline, we will scan the waters of the Magellan Straits; it is likely that we will see Black-browed Albatrosses, Southern Giant Petrels, Flightless and Flying Steamer-Ducks, Chilean Skuas, Dolphin, Kelp and Brown-hooded Gulls as well as South American Terns. Peale's Dolphins, South American Sea Lion and Southern Fur will be possible marine mammal species to observe today.



In the afternoon: we will explore the vast wind-swept Patagonian steppes and the interesting scrub community which holds a large variety of birds. Among our target species will be interesting shorebirds including Two-banded, Tawny-throated and Rufous-chested Dotterels, and Least Seedsnipe. Chilean Flamingos, Black-necked and Coscoroba Swans as well as thousands of waders such as Wilson's phalarope, Baird's and White-rumped Sandpipers will be common at the roadside wetlands while we explore and enjoy of the beauty of this 'big sky' open country.

Then we will explore the shrubby slopes and moorlands in search for specialties such as Lesser Rhea, Austral Canastero, Band-tailed Earthcreeper, Chocolate-vented Tyrant and the stunning Black-throated Finch. There is a great chance that we will see all the southern *Chloephaga* geese species, including Upland, Kelp. Ashy-headed and the local and scarce Ruddy-headed Goose.

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INCLUDES:

Private transportation

Birding guide (Scope and book reference)

Lunch box

The trip price excludes: Tipping, travel insurance, à la carte dishes, alcoholic drinks, and anything else of a purely personal nature.



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