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# Awasi Patagonia

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## REFERENCES

- OCEANIC FOREST
- SUBTROPICAL FOREST
- JUNGLE / RAINFOREST
- TROPICAL SAVANNA
- PRAIRIE / GRASSLAND
- HOT DESERT
- CONTINENTAL FOREST
- COLD DESERT
- HIGHLAND BIOME
- CONTINENTAL FOREST

# Excursions

What to see and do at Awasi Patagonia

TOTAL OF  
EXPERIENCES **17**

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- Loma Guanaco



# Kotula Trail

## FULL DAY

This excursion is named in honour of a cherished friend of Awasi, whose adventurous spirit and unique perspective inspired years of collaboration.

The trek is located 1 hour and 30 minutes from the Lodge and suits those seeking active, original experiences. Located outside the National Park, it is a 15.8 km round trip in a often private area, offering 360-degree views of the Torres del Paine massif and the eastern steppe. The ascent is relatively steep, with opportunities for bird-watching and exploration of diverse ecosystems, geology, and glaciology.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 7-8 hours

**Difficulty:** challenging

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 1.170m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.

# Base Torres

## FULL DAY

The Base Torres trail is one of the most iconic and challenging hikes in the National Park and the starting point is 1 hour from Awasi. The 22 km round trip route traverses the Ascencio Valley, culminating at the granite Torres del Paine and a turquoise glacial lake.

During the high season (November to February), the trail can be crowded; an early start is recommended for the best experience. The hike is demanding, with the final mile requiring an ascent of a steep moraine to reach the Torres.

## IMPORTANT INFO

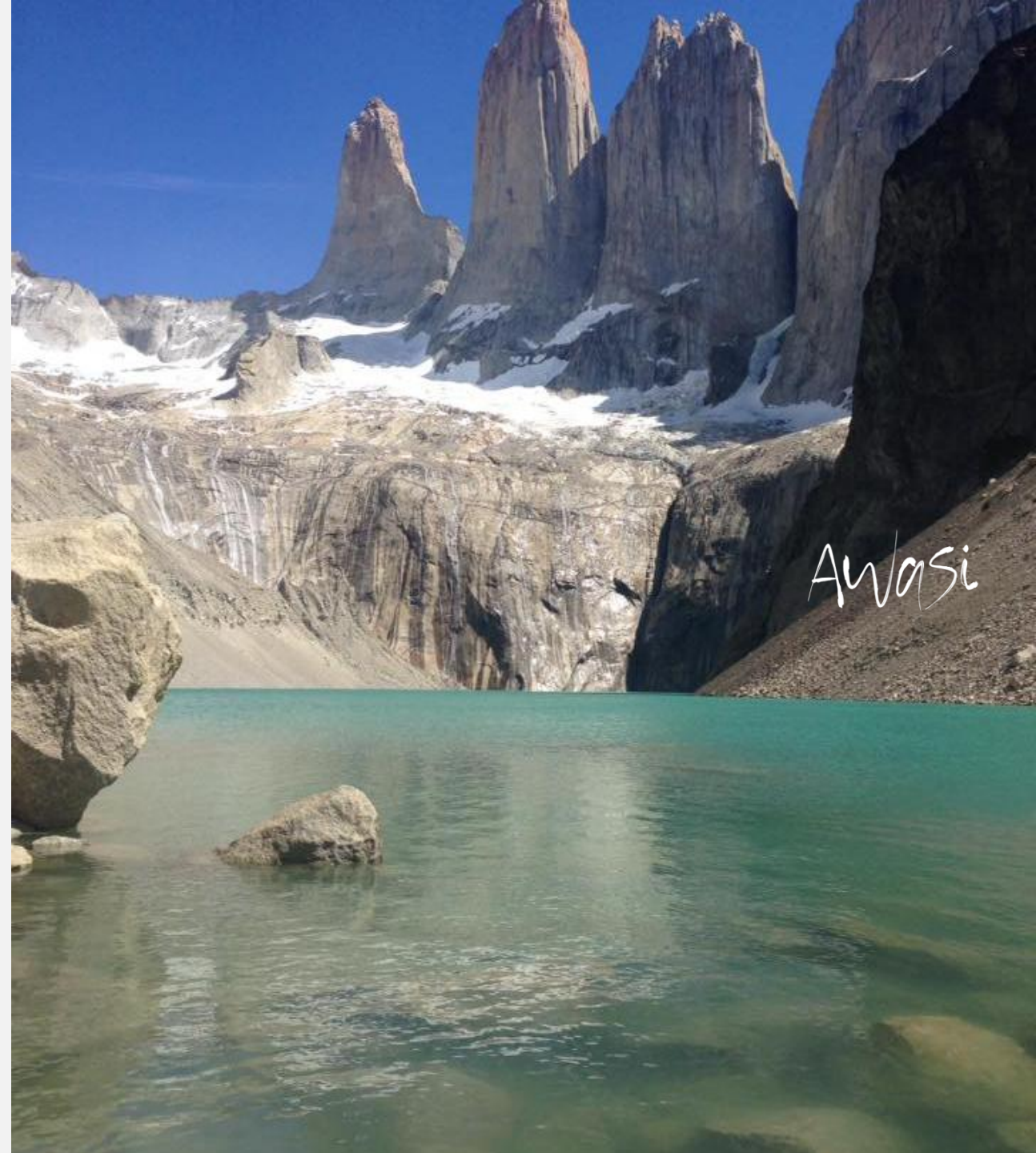
**Duration:** 7-8 hours

**Difficulty:** challenging

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 1.200 m

**Safety tips and risks:**

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.





# Sierra Baguales

## FULL DAY

Sierra Baguales provides a journey through time, the 10 km round trip offers a glimpse of Patagonia as it existed centuries ago. Hikes of varying length and intensity lead to million-year-old fossils of marine life and plants. The route begins on the Patagonian steppe, progressing to fossil sites with panoramic mountain views, then continues into the Andean desert, where additional fossils and striking rock formations create an otherworldly landscape. This activity requires a 1 hour and 30 minute's drive from the lodge.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 4-5 hours

**Difficulty:** moderate/challenging

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 700 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly.

Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.

# Ferrier Lookout

## FULL DAY

Located on the western edge of Torres del Paine National Park, this lookout benefits from proximity to the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and the Pacific Ocean, resulting in greener surroundings due to increased precipitation.

The Ferrier Lookout is 1 hour and 45 minutes away from the Lodge and involves a short but steep walk, offering rewarding views of the park's geography and distinctive drainage basins, including Grey Glacier, Grey Lake, Grey River, and Lakes Pehoe, Nordenskjöld, and Toro, each displaying unique shades of blue and turquoise.

The 5,8 km round trip drive to this area is extensive and considered an excursion in itself, passing many of the park's highlights and lookouts, with numerous opportunities for photography.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Difficulty:** easy

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 612 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.





# Grey Glacier Lookout

## FULL DAY

A close-up glacier experience within Torres del Paine National Park begins with a 1h30 scenic drive from the lodge to the park's heart, followed by a ferry ride across Lake Pehoe to the trailhead.

From Guardería Paine Grande, the 12.9 km one way hike continues westward toward the Southern Patagonian Ice Field and the Grey Glacier. Although part of the popular "W Circuit," the trail offers a captivating and rewarding experience.

Access to this activity depends on a ferry service not operated by Awasi and is subject to weather conditions and availability. Flexibility is required due to the area's ever-changing conditions.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 7 hours

**Difficulty:** moderate

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 538 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.

# French Valley

## FULL DAY

The middle section of the renowned "W Circuit" offers a thrilling adventure. The journey begins with a 1h30 drive from the lodge into the heart of Torres del Paine National Park, followed by a ferry across Lake Pehoe to the trailhead.

The hike starts at the foot of Paine Grande, the park's highest mountain, and continues around Skottberg Lagoon through a mountainous landscape to the Italian Camp. Beyond this point, the trail becomes more challenging, ascending to a plateau framed by the peaks of Paine Grande and Los Cuernos. From this vantage, panoramic views of forests and glaciers reward the effort of a 18.9 km round trip.

Access to this activity depends on a ferry service not operated by Awasi and is subject to weather conditions and availability. Flexibility is required due to the area's ever-changing conditions.

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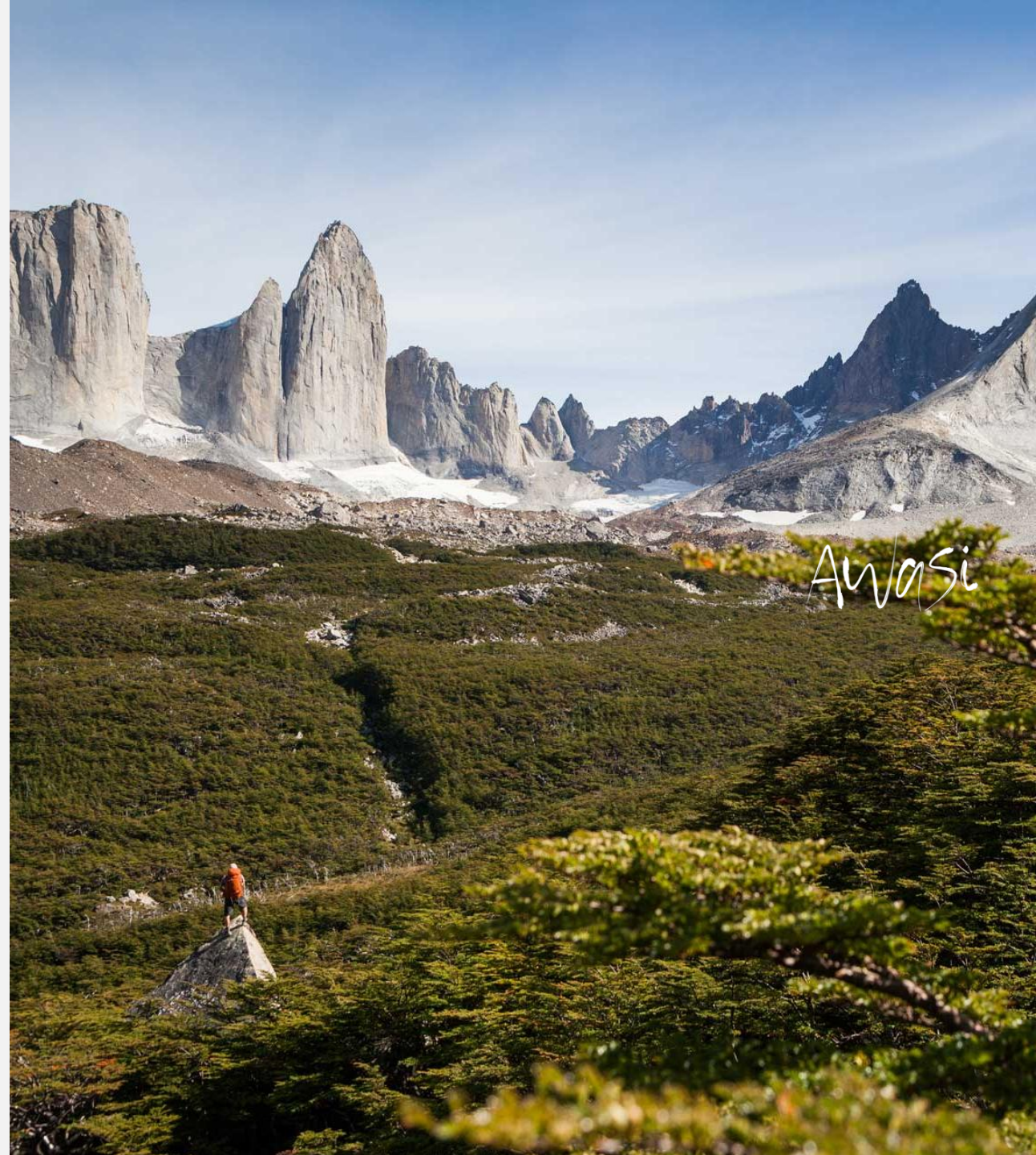
**Duration:** 8-9 hours

**Difficulty:** moderate/challenging

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 700 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.





# Vega Castillo Wetland

## FULL DAY

Vega Castillo features a unique ecosystem that makes it an ideal spot for birdwatching, with approximately 85% of the bird species found around Torres del Paine present in this area.

Located on the southern shore of Lake Toro, the site is home to a small estancia where traditional gaucho sheep farming coexists with exceptional birdlife. Set between Cerro Tenerife and Cerro Castillo – around 2 hours from Awasi –, the Vega Castillo Wetlands remain largely untouched by most park visitors, offering a quiet and immersive natural setting.

This low-impact, 4 km round trip excursion is ideal for nature enthusiasts and can be explored by foot or on horseback, subject to availability.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 4-5 hours

**Difficulty:** easy

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 50 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.

# Lazo Weber

## FULL DAY

This rewarding hike provides an introduction to the diverse Patagonian ecosystems, traversing steppe, lenga forest, and lakeshores, showcasing the vastness of the region in an off-the-beaten-path setting.

The terrain is mostly flat until the final lookout over Lake Toro, with ever-changing scenery along the route.

The 14.3 km round trip hike starts from a private estancia only 1 hour and 30 minutes from Awasi on the park's edge and leads toward its center. The return to the lodge can be combined with other short hikes, including Cóndor, Cuernos, or Sarmiento Chico.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 5-6 hours

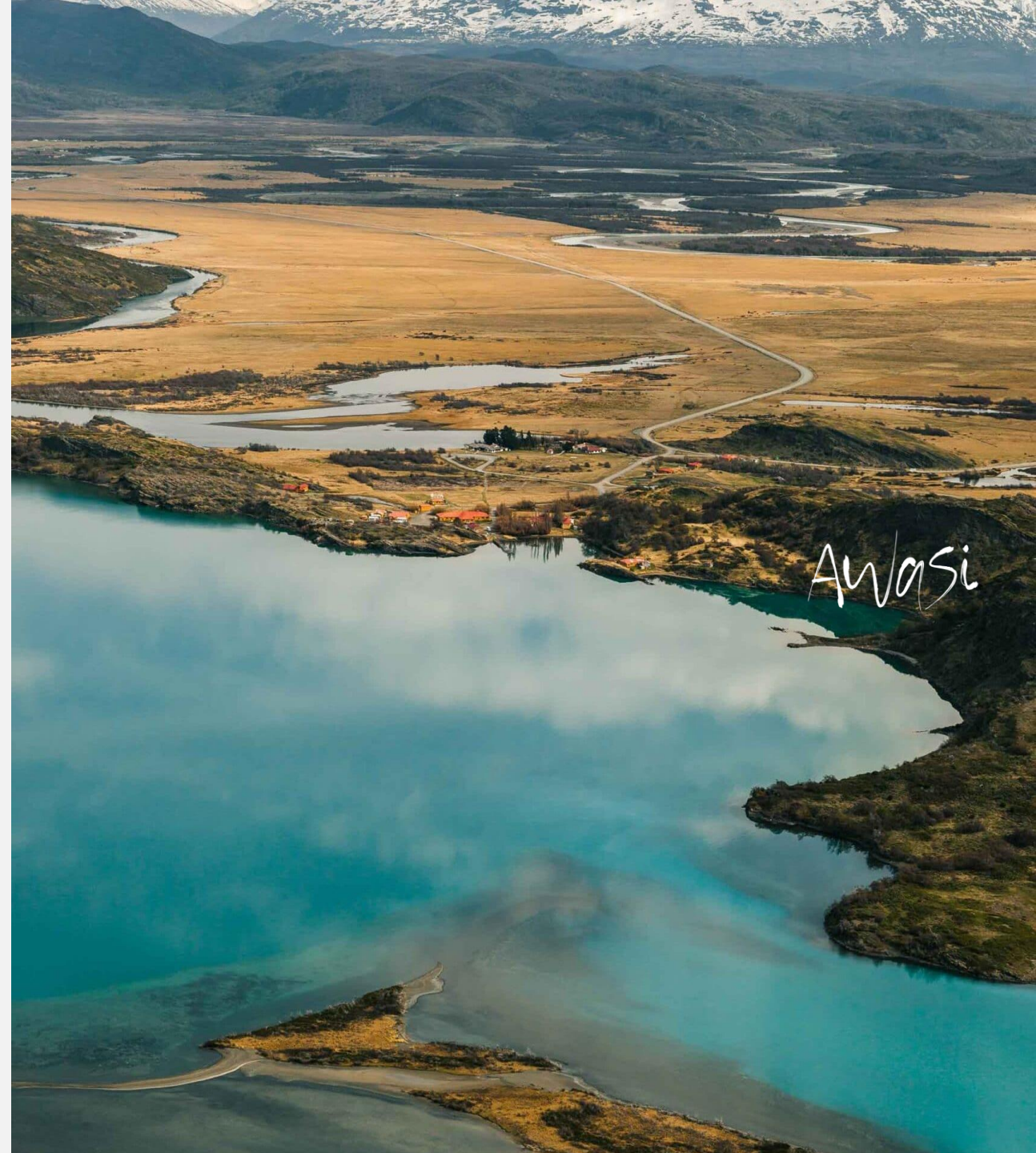
**Difficulty:** easy/moderate

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 400 m

**Safety tips and risks:**

Weather conditions can change quickly.

Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.





# Aonikenk Trail

HALF DAY

This trail is one of the few within the park that offers both stunning landscapes and tangible evidence of the Aonikenk native culture. The easy path provides panoramic views of the Paine Complex and the Patagonian steppe, along with rock art from early human inhabitants. The area is also teeming with wildlife, including birds, guanacos, foxes, and even pumas and requires a 1 hour and 30 minute's drive from the Lodge.

With a 7.6 km round trip, its location allows easy combination with other short hikes or drives to the park's highlights.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Difficulty:** easy

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 303 m / 994 ft

### Safety tips and risks:

Due to the presence of pumas, children are not allowed on this trail. Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.

# Sarmiento Chico Hike

## HALF DAY

Only 1 hour and 15 minutes from Awasi, Lake Sarmiento, the largest lake in Torres del Paine National Park at approximately 90 km<sup>2</sup>, is distinguished by a white “ring” along its shore contrasting with deep blue waters. These formations are thrombolites—living fossils of calcium carbonate that began forming around 10,000 years ago, since the last ice age. A walk along the lake’s banks allows close observation of these formations and native wildlife.

Its location makes this trail easy to combine with other hikes or drives to the park’s highlights, as a single excursion it takes 4.5 km round trip.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 2.5 hours

**Difficulty:** easy

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 135 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.





# Cóndor Lookout

## HALF DAY

A 3.5 km round trip moderately challenging but relatively short climb offers a 360° panorama of the Paine Massif and surrounding turquoise lakes. The hike begins near Camping Pehoe, at the edge of Pehoe Lake, and ascends gradually to the lookout point, where condors may be seen soaring overhead.

As this hike is centrally located within the National Park, it can be easily combined with other nearby treks and lookouts. The starting point is located 1 hour and 30 minutes from the lodge.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Difficulty:** easy/moderate

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 245 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Strong gusts at the lookout may make the hike unsafe or require cancellation.

Weather conditions can change quickly.

Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.

# Cuernos Lookout

## HALF DAY

This lookout offers one of the most scenic and accessible hikes in the area, with numerous photo opportunities. The route begins 1 hour and 30 minutes from the lodge, in Pudeto, passing the impressive Salto Grande Waterfall, and continues toward the Paine massif to view its renowned "horns." The landscape features turquoise glacial lakes, vibrant calafate bushes, and grazing guanacos. The hike concludes with panoramic views of Paine Grande, Cuernos, and Almirante Nieto overlooking Nordenskjöld Lake and the French Valley.

As a popular excursion due to its accessibility, this 7 km round trip can be easily combined with other short hikes or drives to the park's highlights.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 2.5 hours

**Difficulty:** easy

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 80 m

**Safety tips and risks:**

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.





# Horseback Riding

## HALF DAY

Horseback riding is a core element of gaucho culture, providing an authentic Patagonian experience. Guided visits are arranged at an estancia 1 hour and 30 minutes away from Awasi, near Torres del Paine National Park, with duration varying according to riders' skill levels and the estancia's location.

Terrain and feasibility may be affected by current and prior weather conditions.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 2-6 hours

**Difficulty:** moderate

**Safety tips and risks:**

Prior riding experience is required. Safety equipment is provided and instructions from the guide should be followed at all times.

# Loma Guanaco

## HALF DAY

Loma Guanaco is a prime location for observing large herds of guanacos. These wild South American camelids, standing around 2 meters tall and weighing between 90 and 140 kg, are among the largest native land mammals on the continent. Their presence often attracts other local species, including foxes, pumas, and condors.

Located in route to Laguna Azul – 1 hour and 30 minutes from the lodge –, the 3.7 km round trip in Loma Guanaco offers a secluded and tranquil experience. This activity can be combined with other short hikes and nearby attractions.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Difficulty:** easy

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 58 m / 190 ft

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.





# Paine Cascade

## HALF DAY

The Paine River, located 1 hour from the lodge in the eastern region of Torres del Paine National Park, offers breathtaking views accessible from the lodge. Originating from Dickson Glacier, the river flows through the park into Nordenskjöld Lake.

A scenic waterfall, framed by the iconic granite needles, is located approximately halfway along the river's course. The name "Paine," meaning "blue" in the native Aonikenk language, reflects the striking hues of the glacial waters, clear skies, and surrounding mountains.

Excursions to the Paine River are combined with nearby activities in the Laguna Azul area, including Sierra Masle or Loma Guanaco, for a fully immersive experience.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Difficulty:** easy

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 500 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.

# Sierra Masle

## HALF DAY

This 3.5 km hike includes a visit to Laguna Azul, the site where Lady Florence Dixie, considered the first tourist to Torres del Paine, arrived in 1878 and is located 1 hour and 30 minutes from Awasi.

At the lake shore, a loop trail begins and leads through several of the park's diverse biomes, offering a scenic introduction to the remarkable landscape. This excursion provides an excellent first encounter with both Torres del Paine and the Paine Complex.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Difficulty:** easy

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 225 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.





# Sierra Contreras

## HALF DAY

The Sierra Contreras mountain range lies behind Awasi Patagonia and offers an ideal setting for a short hike after arrival in a 3.5 km round trip. From the summit, 360° panoramic views provide a broad perspective of the region, including the Paine Mountain Range, Sierra Baguales, Valle de las Chinas, Sarmiento Lake, and other geographical wonders.

The hike starts directly from our Main Lodge, passing through a lush lenga forest before reaching the open plateau. The hike usually takes 45 minutes to 2 hours, depending on walking speed.

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Duration:** 45 minutes to 2 hours

**Difficulty:** moderate

**Terrain and elevation gain:** 356 m

### Safety tips and risks:

Weather conditions can change quickly. Suitable footwear, sun protection, and layered clothing are recommended.

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