



Dear passenger,

Below you will find the activities we offer for your stay at El Pedral Hotel de Campo which are included in the corresponding rate, together with those which have an additional cost.

Furthermore, we let you know about the full-day excursions that we can organise on the area surrounding the hotel.

- a) **Activities included in the rate:** If you stay at El Pedral, Hotel de Campo, you will be able to enjoy the following activities suited to your preferences with no additional costs:

**Visit to Punta Ninfas' lighthouse:** Departing from the country house and after driving for only 8 km, we will get close to the typical high cliffs of the Península Valdés coasts. The Punta Ninfas' lighthouse is located at the south end of the Golfo Nuevo's mouth, where you will be able to see breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and the gulf, as well. Visiting this place is an excellent programme to contemplate the sunset or the moonrise reflected on the sea.

**A walk among penguins** (from the 15<sup>th</sup> September up to 15<sup>th</sup> April): In the year 2009, the first 14 Magellanic penguins' couples conquered the shore of El Pedral. The colony developed so rapidly that this year the colony achieved the number of 5,000 individuals. The best time of the day to visit the penguins' colony is during sunset, as animals are more active. This, together with the presence of other sea birds and the view of the golden cliff-lined shore enclosed by the blue sea, make up an amazing natural scenario.

**A walk among elephant seals:** The beach at the foot of Punta Ninfas' cliff is the natural habitat of an important rookery of elephant seals, where they can be observed in small groups throughout of the year. In mid-September, male individuals arrive to 'mark their territory' in order to start making up their harems and increasing them. After driving for only 15 minutes from the house, we arrive at the end of the road leading to the Punta Ninfas lighthouse, where we will finally get to a pathway down to the beach. Once on the coast, we will be able to walk along the beach and watch these animals closely. Please, remember that it is very important not to bother them. Therefore, it is highly recommended to advance slowly in a crouch position, in order to be able to obtain good pictures but without making them feel attacked or invaded.

**Beach programme:** The beach of El Pedral is a dream place to enjoy the Patagonian sea with your family or friends. The pebble shore [*pedra*] is a unique geological formation in Patagonia, made up by a beach of pebbles of about 9,000 metres long, 900 metres wide and 8 metres in depth. Depending on the time of the year, you will be able to watch from the beach the wonderful show offered by southern right whales, which get close to the seaside due to the profound depth of those waters. Happening more often during the months of August and September, they can be observed during the whole whales watching season (from end of May till end of December).

During the summer and if you are lucky enough, you will also be able to watch killer whales at Punta Ninfas. Even when the killer whale is an animal highly unpredictable, it is possible to watch it during this period, as it is the feeding season of elephant seals' and sea lions' calves.

In the summer, you can also sunbathe and dive in the sea. Days are very warm (25 °C / 32 °C) and the temperature of the water in the coast is about 18 °C / 20 °C.

**Self-guided circuits:** Without the aid of a tour guide, passengers can also ride a bike or just go for a walk to enjoy fauna observation and discover the different panoramic views of El Pedral. For that purpose, we have marked several circuits across the field. Please, note that 'mate' kits, sticks and trekking bags to carry babies will be at your disposal for your own comfort.

**Humberto's farm:** Needless to say, children will love to visit the turkeys, ducks, hens and sheep kept by Humberto, El Pedral's housekeeper.

**Swimming pool and football field:** They are located in a sheltered and small, but very nice forest of eucalyptuses, fruit trees and tamarisks. In the afternoon, we can watch many birds posing on the branches of the trees ready to spend the night.

**Time for a chat or reading:** The warmth provided by the wood stove, the quiet felt in the living room or even the fresh air perceived in the shadows of the house's gallery, make this place one-of-a-kind for moments of relaxation. Also the attic of the house, with its comfortable armchair and splendid view, offers an ideal place to enjoy some book from our library.

**a) Activities with additional cost:**

If you are interested in making one or more of the following activities during your stay, consult about its additional cost. We will submit a quote for the services requested. Our full-day excursions are with transfer service departing from El Pedral's house.

- Submarine whale watching tours: (from 1st July up to 31th October) in Puerto Pirámides on the Yellow Submarine vessel.
- Traditional whale watching tours: (from 15th June till 31st December) in Puerto Pirámides with the company Southern Spirit Cruises.
- Submarine sea lion watching tours: (from 1st January up to 31st March) in Puerto Pirámides on the Yellow Submarine vessel. (Groups only)