

Day 39 – Torres del Paine NP, Patagonia [Tuesday 01-Mar-2011]

We slept quite well. We heard the rain a few times during the night, but it had stopped by the time we got up. We prepared breakfast and got ready for a hike. We decided to take the trail up to Campamento Chileno.



A red fox ran by so fast that I was not able to focus. But you get the idea..



If you cannot deal with a tent, you can always use the lodge at Las Torres (for a price)



Today's hike from Las Torres to Refugio Chileno (elevation and distance map)



Notro flowers on bushes along the trail and bright red

There were quite a few people on the trail, most of them going up. We bumped into the California couple (Jeff and Alice) we met back at the guest house. They were on their way down and had big smiles on their faces.



Chaura berries along the trail. They almost looked like Lingon berries



Along the hiking trail to Campamento Chileano in Torres del Paine

At Campamento Chileano they had a few tables outside. We sat down and ate a snack and enjoyed the view. It was below 50F for sure.



A view up the river from Campamento Chileno, Patagonia



A local gaucho (cowboy) brings down items from the lodge by horse back



Bandurria birds make almost unreal electronic sounds

As we got back to the Lodge area we could see plenty of Bandurria birds poking their long beaks into the ground. They make the strangest sounds that sound like electronics.



These large Ford vans have no side mirrors so they can cross the narrow “1 ½ ton” bridge

They use full-size Ford vans to shuttle people into the camp area if you do not have a car. They did not have side mirrors so they can pass the narrow bridge.



Happy hour after the hike with a few ice cubes from the lodge

We got really cold in the wind so we took a nap after happy hour. We warmed up nicely in the tent. We got back out again at around 7PM and prepared dinner.



Lilli wrapped herself in a sleeping bag after dinner because it got really cold

It was well past 9PM when we went to bed.