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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT ECOCAMP PATAGONIA?

End of the Year Update

DECEMBER, 2019

REFLECTING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

As 2019 comes to a close, [EcoCamp Patagonia](#) reflects back on this year's accomplishments and looks forward to exciting, upcoming projects in 2020. This geodesic dome hotel offers travelers a hidden paradise in the midst of beautiful Torres del Paine National Park in Chile. Meanwhile, they create a fully sustainable environment, provide active adventures and participate in international competitions.



NEW SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS

SAY "NO" TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC:

In efforts to employ new eco-friendly practices, EcoCamp is taking a stance to eliminate all single-use plastic from the facilities. This travel season, the hotel has reusable water bottles and lunch boxes available for travelers who participate in daily excursions.



ECOCAMP ACCESSIBILITY DOME:

This season, EcoCamp transformed one of its Domes into a fully-accessible Dome to accommodate travelers who use a wheelchair. The Dome is equipped with an entry ramp, special handle in the bathroom and other accessible features. This, along with various [inclusive travel opportunities](#), helps bring a diverse range of travelers to the hotel.

CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAMS:

EcoCamp Patagonia is bringing a sense of cultural awareness to its staff and travelers. The hotel received a visit from Tokerau Haho Hei, a native from Easter Island, [who performed traditional music](#) and led a chat about astrology and culture. Additionally, EcoCamp hosted individuals from the Kaweskar indigenous community who taught staff members about their native culture. Many people believe the Kaweskar people have completely disappeared, but EcoCamp shows that their culture is still alive!



UPCOMING TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



FALL YOGA RETREAT:

In April, Susanne Steiger will be leading a [6-day Yoga Retreat](#) at EcoCamp Patagonia. It is a chance to discover the beauty of Torres del Paine and form a deeper connection with the natural surroundings. According to Steiger, Patagonia is the ideal place for a yoga retreat. “There is so much space, pure air and essence within the magnificent nature. It connects very closely to our inner truth and beauty.”



WINTER PROGRAMS:

One of the best times to visit Torres del Paine is in winter! It is a great opportunity to explore the park during the remote, snowy season and enjoy excursions, like the [Winter W Trek](#). In the near future, EcoCamp plans to open its Suite Domes during these chilly months. It's a new and exciting opportunity that the team is working towards!



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

BEST VIDEO BY A PROFESSIONAL OF TOURISM:

EcoCamp's short documentary "[Adventure is for All](#)" was awarded at the third edition of Trophées de la Vidéo Touristique in Cannes, France. This inspiring video is about inclusive travel opportunities available in Torres del Paine, such as trekking the W Trek in a wheelchair or providing sensory activities for individuals without sight.

2019 CONDÉ NAST'S READERS' CHOICE:

EcoCamp Patagonia made [Condé Nast's Readers Choice Awards](#) list for the third year in a row. This year, the hotel placed at #12 for Best Resort in South America.

AWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE LUXURY IN LATIN AMERICA:

Ecocamp won this year's [Award for Sustainable Luxury in Latin America](#) in the "hospitality" category. The award ceremony was held this November in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT

CEO

In February, Bernardo Domínguez became the CEO. His adventurous spirit and professional experiences made for a smooth and seamless transition.

SALES MANAGER

Isabel Menendez became the Sales Manager, leading a team of 16 people. Menendez has been working with EcoCamp for about 11 years and is enjoying this new challenge.

MARKETING MANAGER

This year, Vicky Jensen moved from Product Manager to Marketing Manager. Similar to Menendez, Jensen has a long history with EcoCamp and has been working at the company for roughly 9 years.

REGIONAL MANAGER

At the start of EcoCamp's 2019-2020 season, Grisel Hormazabal joined the EcoCamp team and began working as Regional Manager in Patagonia.

EXPEDITION AND GUIDES MANAGER

Juan Fernández recently started working with EcoCamp as the Expedition and Guides Manager. He has a passion for nature and outdoor activities!

CASCADA'S OPERATIONS MANAGER

Roberto Mayol took over the role of Operations Manager for EcoCamp's parent company Cascada Expediciones. Mayol takes frequent visits to Patagonia and helps ensure trips run smoothly.



ABOUT ECOCAMP PATAGONIA

EcoCamp Patagonia is the world's first geodesic dome hotel, located in the heart of Torres del Paine National Park in Chile. Travelers from around the world take part in active adventures and enjoy cozy amenities in this fully sustainable accommodation.

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