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The floor-to-ceiling windows in the bedrooms at Singular give a lovely view out onto the water.

Chile's boutique hotel business is booming these days, most notably with last December's opening of two stylish resorts that changed the way travelers experience the absolute remoteness of Patagonia.

The standout of the two is the **Singular Hotel**, which occupies a converted sheep slaughterhouse on the shoals of Puerto Bories. On the outside the hotel and spa looks like a cluster of unkempt farm buildings, but the inside is industrial chic: rooms of polished red brick, hulking steel and wooden beams. The meat factory's former refrigeration buildings were partitioned and converted into 57 guest rooms (from \$580 per person per night, including meals), each fitted with a giant glass wall that faces the Patagonian fjords and the snowcapped Andes Mountains.

The Singular's bar, lounge and restaurant is in a turn-of-the-century general store at the base of the old factory. The immense red brick room has cathedral ceilings, long antique wooden tables and high-backed leather Winchester chairs. The bartender makes a pisco sour that will make your blood glow, and the food — the sources are from Patagonia's backyard pantry of mountains, farmland and sea — is excellent, especially the braised rabbit. And because this is Patagonia, the hotel employs a team of adventure experts to cart guests all over the countryside to horseback ride with professional gauchos, zip around on speed boats between the glacial fjords and trek into the grassy foothills of the Andes and Massif mountain ranges.