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Chile - Argentina – Road Cycling the Lake District of Chile and Argentina (2025-2026)

Guided

13 days / 12 nights



Discover a beautiful and fertile land at the northern gateway to Patagonia - a magical landscape filled with active volcanoes, turquoise rivers, gigantic lakes and ancient native forests. See Andean condors swooping down from the foothills of the cordillera as we cycle on some of the most scenic paved routes that South America has to offer. We'll gain a cultural insight into both Chile and Argentina, including the European influences and indigenous customs that have shaped the region. Cross the Andes twice in spectacular fashion on two wheels as part of an incredible 'once in a lifetime' journey!

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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1 Start Puerto Varas.

The meeting point is at the start hotel in Puerto Varas anytime in the afternoon/evening.

Day 2- Cycle around the edge of Lago Llanquihue to Frutillar.

Our Lake District cycling adventure starts off today in scenic fashion as we navigate clockwise around the shore of Lago Llanquihue (the third biggest lake in South America) and stretch our legs for the more challenging days ahead.

From the lakeside road we will enjoy spectacular views of the volcanoes and the Andean mountain range that lie just to the east. Volcanoes Osorno

(2652m), Puntiagudo (2190m), Tronador

(3451m), Puyehue (2240m) and Calbuco (2015m) are all visible on a clear day. We'll cycle to the picturesque lakeside village of Frutillar, a German influenced settlement which is home to the modern 'Teatro del Lago' theatre. The ride ends here and after lunch we'll transfer back to Puerto Varas.

Today's ride will be mostly paved. (30 km paved and 4 km unpaved)

Distance covered: 34 km / 21 miles

Total ascent (m): 387



Day 3 - Ride from Puerto Varas to Petrohue; boat ride on the emerald waters of Todos los Santos Lake.

We follow the shoreline of Lago Llanquihue once more today but in an easterly direction past Puerto Chico and Ensenada, straight towards the imposing Calbuco and Osorno volcanoes. Gateway to the Andean Lakes, our journey from here across the mountain range takes us in to more remote and spectacular environments.

We cycle onwards, following the banks of the emerald-coloured Rio Petrohue towards the 'Saltos de Petrohue' waterfalls. Upon reaching 'Lago Todos los Santos' we are greeted by a beautiful view and we'll swap our mode of transport in order to board an exclusive private catamaran ferry. Cruising across the lake is a wonderful and peaceful experience as we keep our eyes peeled for Andean condors flying overhead (journey time approx. 1.5/2 hours).

Today's ride will all be paved. It will consist of approx. 45 km on flat terrain and a climb for the last 15 km. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch Distance covered: 60 km / 38 miles Total ascent (m): 651

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Day 4- Begin the Andes crossing to Argentina; lake crossing and some tough cycling sections to arrive at Puerto Blest.

After breakfast, we start cycling towards the Argentinian border which involves riding 20km with a steady incline before taking on a challenging climb (approx. 700m over 7.5km) to reach the frontier. There is then a short descent into Puerto Frias.

Depending on how the weather has been in the proceeding days, the unpaved mountain roads can either be well compacted or sometimes loose and dusty. The final leg of today's iconic journey across the Andes is a short ferry crossing on Lago Frias followed by a 3km ride to your hotel in Puerto Blest. *Today is the most challenging day. 31 km unpaved. The border crossing involves a long steep climb on gravel followed by a fast downhill section.*

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Distance covered: 31 km / 19 miles Total ascent (m): 984

Day 5 Ferry across Lago Nahuel Huapi to Puerto Panuelo; cycle to Bariloche.

Puerto Blest is situated on the westernmost point of Lago Nahuel Huapi and from here we board a catamaran to take us to Puerto Pañuelo. Instead of cycling directly towards Bariloche, we will take a scenic route on a paved road that loops around via Punto Panoramico, a viewpoint that offers awe-inspiring panoramas of the Argentinian Lake District. As we approach Bariloche, we will board the bus for a short transfer (approx. 20 minutes), linking up with the lakeside main road.

Today's ride will be 15 km paved and 9 km unpaved.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Distance covered: 24 km / 15 miles Total ascent (m): 476



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Day 6 Free day; time to explore the city of Bariloche and ascend the nearby viewpoint of Cerro Campanario.

After several days of travelling, today is a free day allowing a well-earned chance to relax and take in the beautiful surroundings of the Lake District. You may wish to take a look around the centre of Bariloche, a ski and adventure sports hub with numerous chocolate shops.

There are plenty of adventurous activities available should you wish to indulge, such as guided 'stand up rafting' on Rio Limay, or the opportunity to independently trek up Mount Campanario to enjoy beautiful views from the summit.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Villa Angostura, cycle the first part of the Seven Lakes Route and on to Villa Traful

Departing Bariloche, we transfer (approximately 1 hour) along a busy portion of the famous Patagonian Highway 40 bordering Nahuel Huapi Lake up to Villa La Angostura; beyond the town we start cycling along the first part of the "Seven Lakes Route" (Camino de los Siete Lagos). From here we will first cycle paved road and then along gravel road along the shores of Traful lake, challenging ourselves to summit the Portezuelo Pass. Today our destination is the small village of Villa Traful.

Today's ride will be 13mi (21km) paved and 14.9mi (24km) unpaved.

Distance covered: 28mi (45km)

Ascent: 3,002ft (915m)

Meals included:

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8 Short transfer to start point; cycle the second part of Seven Lakes Route to San Martin de los Andes

We begin the day with a transfer (approximately 50 minutes) to our starting point for our second day cycling along the "Seven Lakes Route" (Camino de los Siete



Lagos). This is a scenic route that winds northwards past lakes and forests, connecting the alpine towns

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of Villa La Angostura and San Martin de los Andes. Depending upon the exact start point, today involves us riding around 39.1mi (63km) through spectacular and rewarding landscapes. We will break up the ride with a lunch stop and should therefore arrive in San Martin de los Andes in the afternoon. Entering the picturesque small town involves a wonderful approach along the shore of Lago Lacar.

Today will be all paved and 39mi (63km) in total; the last 10.6mi (17km) is a fast downhill section.

Distance covered: 39mi (63km)

Ascent: 2,812ft (857m)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9 Transfer to Rahue village; cycle along the Alumine River; transfer to Villa Pehuenia

After breakfast, we take a transfer (approximately two hours) to Rahue village. From here, we will start cycling alongside the Alumine River on what is known as La Ruta del Pehuen, named for the monkey puzzle forests in the area. We also pass many Mapuche houses and farms. After today's ride we transfer to the small village of Villa Pehuenia. The next two nights are spent in the beautiful Posada La Escondida, by the shores of Alumine Lake.

Today's ride will be 19.3mi (31km) paved and 9.3mi (15km) unpaved gravel.

Distance covered: 29mi (46km)

Ascent: 1,598ft (487m)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 10 Free day in Villa Pehuenia

Today is at leisure for you to choose from doing organised activities or resting. Your tour leader can advise which local agencies to use depending on what you would like to do.

Options include a popular kayak excursion on the crystalline waters of Alumine Lake or take a 4x4 up Batea Mahuida Volcano and enjoy the mountain views on a short hike to the crater lagoon.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Cycle to Icalma Village in Chile; short transfer to Melipeuco; cycle the lunar landscape of Conguillio National Park

After breakfast, we pedal goodbye to Argentina and cross back into Chile via the Icalma International Pass. Once we clear immigration, we stop for lunch in Icalma Village. After lunch we transfer (approximately 45 minutes) to the Mapuche town of Melipeuco for any last-minute provisions before cycling a lovely stretch of paved road towards Conguillio National Park. From the park entrance we cycle for 3.7mi (6km) on an unpaved road until we reach our charming accommodation.

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The scenes we encounter today are vastly different from the rest of the tour. Clouds rise from surrounding valleys and quickly change form while passing over the volcanic lava. Llaima Volcano (10,253ft/3,125m) dominates the skyline and we spend the night in a remote ecolodge. The property restricts energy use as part of its self-sufficiency, meaning electricity and hot water are not available during the night.

Today's ride will be mostly paved: 16.8mi (27km) paved and 5mi (8km) unpaved gravel.

Distance covered: 22mi (35km)
Ascent: 2,474ft (754m)
Meals included:
Breakfast, Lunch



Day 12 Ride through Conguillio N.P.

It is our last day of cycling today as we continue riding further within Conguillio N.P. and see several beautiful lagoons (Laguna Arco Iris, Laguna Verde) and Conguillio Lake. We will also visit the parks interpretation centre in order to find out about how the park was formed. (Please note that this may not be possible as sometimes the centre is closed during our visit).

We will then walk for an hour through the native forest to see ancient monkey-puzzle trees. Tonight, will be the last evening all together with group and staff, so it is the perfect opportunity for a last meal and drinks to look back on what will have surely been a fantastic journey.

Today will be a loop ride which will all be unpaved gravel. The way out will be mostly going uphill and the return will be mostly downhill.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Distance covered: 27 km / 17 miles

Total ascent (m): 374

Day 13 End Temuco Airport

Our adventure ends today with our transfer from Conguillio National Park to Temuco airport. This transfer is timed to coincide with the group flight to Santiago for our Flight Inclusive customers.

Meals included: Breakfast

All ascents, descents and distances listed above have been measured by our local partners or tour leaders. Please note that different GPS measuring devices can give differing results dependent on the barometric pressures at the time. Measurements stated throughout these trips notes are given to help you understand the types of terrain and distances you will encounter.



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Route



This trip is classified Road. Activity Level: 4 (Moderate/Challenging).

Average daily distance: 40km (25 miles) Number of days cycling: 9 Vehicle Support: 100%

Note: Between Peulla and Puerto Blest there is a section of the ride where our vehicle cannot take the same route, however in the event of an emergency it is possible to have vehicle access. This is the toughest section of the itinerary. Terrain and route: Approx. 74% tarmac, 26% unpaved roads. Some large elevation gains; mixed cycling terrain; variable weather conditions and some remote locations. Some cycling experience and a good level of fitness is recommended. Total distance covered: approx. 389km

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Most of the roads are in good condition, although there can occasionally be potholes and poorer conditions in some short sections. You should be prepared for some cycling on unpaved gravel/dirt roads. The Andes crossing day from Chile to Argentina is the toughest day of cycling on the tour as the stretches of unpaved road between the lakes involves a long climb up to the border crossing which is potentially on rough terrain depending on how the weather has been.

The roads are generally free of heavy traffic until we reach towns where we are more likely to encounter other vehicles and the traffic will be worse during high seasons.

Dates and Prices- all prices are per person In Canadian Dollars and subject to confirmation on booking

Date	Price	Optional Single Supplement
2025		
Mar 2	\$7315	\$1330
Mar 30	\$7220	\$1330
Oct 12	\$6995	\$1330
Nov 2	\$7600	\$1330
Nov 16	\$7315	\$1330
Nov 30	\$7220	\$1330
Dec 21	\$7125	\$1330
2026		
Jan 4	\$7695	\$1406
Jan 18	\$7695	\$1406
Feb 8	\$7790	\$1406
Mar 1	\$7755	\$1406
Mar 29	\$7755	\$1406
Oct 11	\$7790	\$1406
Nov 1	\$7885	\$1406
Nov 15	\$7945	\$1406
Nov 29	\$7980	\$1406
Dec 20	\$8075	41406

- Accommodation: 2 Premium nights (hotels), 6 Superior nights (hotels), 4 Classic nights (hotels)
- Nine days cycling with full vehicle support
- 74 percent paved, 26 percent unpaved tracks
- Routes mainly follow quiet roads
- E-bikes available for an additional cost

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Included

- All breakfasts, 9 lunches and 1 dinner included
- 12 nights hotels all en suite
- Tour leader throughout
- Local bike hire

Not Included

- Travel insurance- required for trip
- Single accommodation
- E-bike hire

This is a partner tour. Please contact us for bookings and additional information

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