

## Chile- Lake and Volcano District Hiking Tour (2024-2025)

**Group Guided Tour** 

8 Days / 7 Nights



Explore Pucon, Chile's capital of Adventure Travel. Hike the most beautiful trails located in the national parks of the Lake and Volcano District. Surrounded by mountains, pristine lakes and active volcanoes, you will explore the best hidden corners of Southern Chile, including UNESCO Kütralkura Geopark and Biological Reserve Araucarias.

#### **Chile Hiking Tour Highlights**

- UNESCO Kutralkura, Chile's first Geopark
- Malalcahuello National Reserve and Lonquimay Volcano
- Conguillio National Park and Llaima Volcano
- Meet the Mapuche people and learn about their ancestral culture

- Savor Chilean cuisine and wines
- Villarrica Volcano climb, Chile's most active volcano
- Geometricas, the best natural hot springs
- Ancient Glacier in Villarrica National Park
- Pucón city and Villarrica Lake



### Itinerary

### Arrival in Chile - Getting your bearings

Before we kick off our hike tour in Chile's Lake and Volcano District, you should take a day or two to adjust to local time and recover from your travels, and allow for any flight or luggage delays. **You should fly into Temuco airport (ZCO).** In Chile, domestic flights are operated by 3 airline companies: <u>Latam</u>, <u>Sky Airline</u> and <u>JetSmart</u>.

**Official Airport Transfer** The official shuttle company at Temuco's Airport is called <u>TransAraucania</u>. They are the only authorized shuttle company at the airport, and their staff wears a blue and green uniform. By contract with the airport, they must have available transport based in the domestic flights arriving every day. They have a counter at the airport, right next to the automatic doors (from the baggage carrousel). They offer regular and private shuttles to Temuco at \$30.000 pesos (USD \$40 per vehicle). You don't need reservations and you can pay in Credit Card or Cash. The ATM's is on second floor. All their shuttle services will drop you off at the hotel or address you are staying in Temuco. Driving time is approximately 35 minutes.

### Day 1 Temuco- Malalchuello Nation Reserve



Our local team will meet you at Dreams Araucanía Hotel in Temuco. We'll drive for approximately 2 hours to Curacautín, a small quaint village. This village is part of the UNESCO <u>Kütralkura Geopark</u> and the Biosphere Reserve "<u>Araucarias</u>". We'll arrive at a modern hotel with SPA located in a small ski resort. Afterwards, we'll take a warm-up hike to the incredible Christmas Crater at Lonquimay Volcano. **Accommodation:** <u>Corralco Hotel & SPA</u> **Meals:** Afternoon snack and welcome dinner **Time hiking:** 1 to 3 hours depending on the route taken

## Day 2: Kutralkura Geopark- Cerro Coloradito Trail Hike

Today, we start hiking from the hotel. We'll hike towards Cerro Coloradito, a natural viewpoint of 4 volcanoes: Lonquimay, Llaima, Sierra Nevada and Villarrica. The hike is quite fun, with fantastic views and almost no other people in the trails. In addition, we'll be surrounded by an ancient forest of araucaria trees, some of them dating over 2.000 years old. **Accommodation:** Corralco Hotel & SPA, 4\* **Meals:** Breakfast, picnic lunch and dinner **Time hiking:** 3 to 5 hours





# Day 3: Conguillio National Park- Truful Truful Canyon and Woodpeckers Trail Hike

Today, we explore the Conguillio National Park, one the most attractive and outstanding parks of the Lake & Volcano District. We will witness how the Llaima volcano has permanently shaped the landscape of the area with its eruptions First, we'll visit the Truful-Truful Canyon & waterfalls, the pristine Arco Iris Lak. Then, we'll hike a very

beautiful trail called the Woodpecker's trail. **Accommodation:** <u>La Baita</u> **Meals:** Breakfast, picnic lunch and dinner **Time hiking:** 4 to 5 hours

## Day 4: Conguillio National Park- Sierra Nevada Trail Hike

Today, we head to Playa Linda located at the shores of Conguillío Lake, starting point of our hike along the Sierra Nevada trail. Then, we'll hike among surrounded by native tree forests with view over Llaima Volcano. Finally, we'll drive to Pucón, Chile's capital of adventure tourism. Accommodation: <u>Casa Solaria Hotel</u> **Meals:** Breakfast, and picnic lunch **Time hiking:** 5 to 6 hours



## Day 5: Villarrica National Park- Lagos Andinos Trail Hike

We'll head to the heart of The Andes Mountains, next to the border with Argentina. There, we'll start hiking surrounded by an ancient forest of araucaria trees towards the Andean lakes located at the foot of Lanín Volcano, the highest in Lake & Volcano district. Finally, we'll have the unique experience to share a dinner with the Colipi Family, part of the Mapuche community. They will be our host this evening as they will cook for us and share their ancestral culture and cosmovision. **Accommodation:** <u>Casa Solaria Hotel</u> Meals: Breakfast, picnic lunch and dinner **Time hiking:** 3 to 4 hours

## Day 6: Villarrica Volcano Climb

Ascending the active Villarrica Volcano is without a doubt a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It is not technical, but you need to be in good shape to reach the summit. We'll start hiking from the ski center located 1.400 meters above sea level. After 4-6 hours, we'll reach the open crater, from where you can enjoy the mind-blowing views over five lakes and several volcanoes in the distance. The descent is quite fun, as we slide down the snow on our rear ends. **Accommodation:** <u>Casa Solaria Hotel</u> **Meals**: Breakfast and box lunch **Time hiking:** 6 hours



## Day 7: Pichillancahue Trail Hike and Geometricas Hot Springs

Today we hike an amazing trail towards Pichillancahue, a phenomenal glacier absolutely covered by the volcanic ashes of the Villarrica volcano. Back to the entrance of the trail, we'll visit the fantastic Geométricas Hot Springs. This place offers the perfect combination between simple but thermal facilities and exuberant natural



surroundings. Accommodation: <u>Casa Solaria Hotel</u> Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch and Farewell Dinner Time hiking: 4 to 5 hours



## Day 8: Pucon- Temuco Airport

Sadly, it's time to say goodbye to the beautiful Lake & Volcano District of Chile. According to flight schedule, private transfer from hotel to Temuco Airport (ZCO).End of our services **Meals:** Breakfast

### **Itinerary Modifications**

Slight itinerary modifications might occur due to weather and or road conditions,



Route



### Difficulty

**Intermediate:** A reasonable level of fitness is required, as these hiking trips can require sustained endurance levels, hills and longer days. These tours are intended for active people who are comfortable participating in up to **6 hours** of hiking per day. These tours may include hiking on difficult terrain, sometimes steep and/or uneven trails, with obstacles such as wet logs, branches and muddy areas.

### **Tours dates:**

Price: December 9 2024; April 2 2025; April 11 2025

USD \$4195 per person based on double occupancy



#### Single Supplement: USD \$510

All prices subject to confirmation on booking

• Tour departs with a minimum of **4 people** 

#### Included

- Small groups with up to 10 guests maximum
- Professional tour guide (9:1 guest-to-guide ratio)
- Professional mountain guide for volcano ascent (4:1 guest-to-guide ratio)
- Private transportation
- 2 nights' accommodation at 4\* hotel with SPA
- 1 night accommodation at ecolodge
- 4 nights' accommodation at 4\* hotel
- Hiking (7 hikes), local culture and hot springs
- Meals as per itinerary (7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners)
- First glass of Chilean wine, beer or soft drink during our group dinners
- Zero waste on-route snacks including: drinking water, local beer, isotonic drinks, trail-mix, fresh fruit and home-made energy bars
- Gratuities at restaurants and hotels
- Medical and accident insurance
- Hiking poles
- Mountain gear for volcano ascent (crampons, ice axe, helmet, gloves, leg warmer, backpack, jacket, mountain boots, ...)
- Ski lift (if available) for volcano ascent
- Water bottles available upon request
- Cultural encounter with the Mapuche indigenous community on Day 05
- Entrance fees to hot springs and national parks



#### Not Included

- International and local flights
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Extra beverages & cocktails
- SPA and Laundry services
- Gratuity for local team. At the end of the trip, gratuity for the crew for a job well done is highly appreciated. We encourage you to use your discretion and tip according to the caliber of service you receive.

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