



Chile- Patagonia Parks Multisport Route 2021-2022

14 Days / 13 Nights

Guided



An exclusive and carefully crafted adventure led by three of the most iconic adventure companies of Chile. A lifetime experience exploring on foot, bike, and kayak the most spectacular landscapes of north and south Patagonia. This exclusive program covers and connects the wild and diverse landscapes of the National Park Torres del Paine to the lush and exuberant temperate rainforest of the Pumalin Park with a stunning starting at the foot of active volcanoes covered by unique forests of giant Araucarias of Conguillío National Park. Nature, diversity, local communities and interaction with the culture of Patagonia, while giving back and supporting rewilding experiences led by our local experts. This is a featured program in some of the 17 parks that make up the Route of Parks of Patagonia. An unforgettable multi-sport adventure where you can be sure to discover new paths in Patagonia!

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Itinerary day by day

DAY 1 Temuco Airport - Conguillío National Park

Pick up at the airport of Temuco and transfer to national Park Conguillío for an afternoon of hikes through this UNESCO Park. A truly spectacular area set by thousand of years of volcanic activity and the presence of the ancient and unique Araucaria forests. The contrast between the lush forest and the Andean snowy capped volcanic cones is truly an unforgettable experience of connection with mother nature. Lunch and dinner included



DAY 2: Hike Sierra Nevada Trail at Conguillío National Park

A fantastic day of hikes in one of the most beautiful parks in Chile. While we explore the trails through stunning landscapes of lakes, volcanoes and forests we really feel that we jumped back in time and we won't be surprised if a dinosaur shows up feeding at the top of the monkey puzzle trees. The Araucanía region is home of the largest indigenous community in Chile, known as Mapuches. The spirit of these noble men and women are everywhere, from

the small villages around the park to the names and stories part of their cosmovision, totally blended and linked with mother nature. Breakfast and lunch included. Dinner at leisure in Villarrica.

DAY 3 Bike Ride The Lake and Volcano Scenic Route - The 7 Lakes Circuit

Today we start our bike adventure in the most scenic circuit in the south of Chile. A carefully crafted itinerary that will take us through the road known as the Seven Lakes loop. A day pedaling 62 kilometers, through lakes of pristine beauty, small villages of Mapuche communities and bucolic and peaceful agricultural fields. One of the highlights of the trip will surely be the lunch at a Mapuche family home. The opportunity to get an honest and genuine moment of meeting and chatting with them will certainly be a memory to keep in your hearts. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.





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DAY 4 Bike Ride The Lake and Volcano Scenic Route - The German Settlers' Circuit

Early wake up for an energetic breakfast before we start the second day on our bikes. The crossing between two regions of Chile is also a gate that will take us from areas of indigenous cultural presence to the European pioneers lands. German settlers arrive to this area on 1852 and the villages with a touch of the black forest architecture are a witness of this wave of immigration. We will enjoy the local crafted beer and the German style cuisine while we advance toward the foothill of the Osorno Volcano, a perfect conic shape mountain that will welcome us to the Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park. After a wonderful day on our bikes the hotube of the hotel, or the swimming pool will be the perfect reward to recover and prepare for the next day. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

DAY 5 Bike Ride The Lake and Volcano Scenic Route - Llanquihue Lake Circuit

This is probably one of the most spectacular part of the route of pedaling. The Lake Llanquihue shore has a great paved bike lane with great vistas to different volcanoes and the immense lake, one of the largest of South America. This 35 kilometre lane will take us from the small village of Cascada to Petrohué, on the shore of Lake Todos Los Santos, known as Emerald Lake for the color of the water. After lunch, we will move to the north for a refreshing afternoon of rafting in the rapids class 4 of the river Petrohué,. We then transfer to the town of Puerto Varas. Breakfast and lunch included.



DAY 6 Rewilding and exploring the Lake Llanquihue

Today is the day when we give back to the planet and to the local communities of our destination. Rewilding means restore nature to the original state before the perturbation made by humans. In our volunteer work today we will work with local communities, creating a virtuous circle where nature gets back and communities get benefits. We will then move to the north part of the Lake to visit a brewery founded by a Canadian-American couple of friends and enjoy a barbecue with an open bar of different types of beer. Breakfast and lunch included.

DAY 7 Route of the Parks of Patagonia: Pumalín Park

We leave from Puerto Varas early in the morning in the direction of the local airport to board a charter flight of 40 minutes to Chaitén, where our vehicle will be waiting for us to start the exploration of El Amarillo area of Park Pumalín with a hike of 6 hours to the Glacier (18 km– low difficulty). In the evening you will be driven to Caleta Gonzalo enjoying spectacular views of rivers, glacier valleys and the exuberant temperate rainforest. After the check in at the comfortable and carefully decorated cabins

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with a view to the fjord and the mountains, we will enjoy our dinner prepared with the ingredients cultivated by local farmers of the area. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

DAY 8 Route of the Parks of Patagonia: Pumalín Park

After breakfast we will explore different sections of the park learning about the fantastic work of conservation, recovery and rewilding of this area run by Tompkins Conservation. The story of Douglas Tompkins is intimately related to this park that became part of the largest donation of private lands ever made and the first step for the creation of the Route of the Parks of Patagonia. The day starts with a hike to Volcan Chaitén (3,5 hours – 5km – medium-high difficulty) and an interpretative hike to Cascadas Escondidas (Hidden Waterfalls, 3 hours, 2 km – low difficulty). Have you ever hiked through the slopes of an active volcano? There is always a first time! Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



DAY 9 Route of the Parks of Patagonia: Park Pumalín and the Northern Fjords of Patagonia

Departure from Caleta Gonzalo to Puerto Varas toward the north driving through the Carretera Austral (Road 7). The first ferry will take us from Caleta Gonzalo through the Fiordo Largo (45 minutes) and then after a short drive we will board the ferry for a 4 hours navigation of the Fiordo Comau and then a last ferry from Caleta Puelche to Caleta La Arena. The ferry navigation is one of the highlights of this itinerary with spectacular views of the mountains, volcanoes and the picturesque fishing villages along the shore of the Patagonian fjords. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

DAY 10 The Gate to South Patagonia : Puerto Natales & Optional ancestral weaving classes with Native Kaweskar people



Morning departure for an early flight to South Patagonia and the moment to say goodbye to the team of guides of Pumalín Park & Puerto Varas. Relax in a private transfer taking you along the far reaching pampas of Punta Arenas en route to Puerto Natales. Admire the changing Patagonia sky that stretches out into the horizon and herds of iconic Patagonian sheep grazing on grand estancias. Soon we arrive in the colorful coastal town of Puerto

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Natales where our multisport adventure begins with a hike of Cerro Dorotea (Dorotea Hill). Our 800 meter ascent to the summit allows for a gentle and inviting hike where we will be rewarded with mesmerizing views of the city of Puerto Natales, the Ultima Esperanza Fjord, and the Admiral Montt Gulf. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

DAY 11 Route of the Parks of Patagonia: Trekking off the beaten path in Torres del Paine National Park

This day begins from our hotel in Puerto Natales as we travel 2 hours to Estancia Lazo, a 13,000 hectare cattle ranch founded over a century ago which still operates today beneath striking views of the Paine Massif on the shores of Laguna Verde. From here we'll hike into Torres del Paine National Park along a generally flat trail through peaceful stretches of native beech and coihue forests teeming with wildlife. Take a moment to identify the Grey, Serrano and Paine Rivers, Serrano Valley, Mount Balmaceda and the Geike and Tyndall Glaciers before we make our descent to the Weber bridge, where our private transfer will take us to our campsite for the evening greeted with a freshly prepared welcome dinner. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



DAY 12 Route of the Parks of Patagonia:

Kayaking in between Blue Icebergs in Torres del Paine NP

After an early breakfast, your private transfer takes you to the Grey Lake to meet your kayaking guide. Here, with views of Paine Grande and Grey Glacier as our morning backdrop, you'll hear about kayaking safety and paddling techniques. You'll paddle Grey Lake for approximately 2 hours, weaving amongst the floating icebergs. Leaving Grey Lake we'll begin our descent of Grey River, which snakes through canyons bubbling with rapids and framed by steep rock faces. Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

DAY 13 Route of the parks of Patagonia: Off the beaten path hike to the base of Las Torres

After an energy-packed breakfast, our early transfer takes us through the park to the Las Torres trailhead where we begin our trek with an ascent, following the Ascencio River into the Ascencio Valley. We'll be rewarded by the arresting sight of the three Towers themselves. At this lookout point 900 m above sea level, we'll rest, take photos and have lunch. Our descent is along the same path where our private transfer awaits to bring us back to Puerto Natales for the evening where we share our final dinner together before turning in to our accommodation for the evening. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

DAY 14 Punta Arenas - Santiago de Chile After a restful night's rest and a hearty breakfast, your private transfer will take you back to Punta Arenas for your connecting flight or onward travels. Breakfast included

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Route Difficulty

Intermediate:

Our intermediate bike tours offer a steady but active pace (between 3 to 5 hours), with opportunities to push yourself. Expect some challenging climbs, with great descents over rolling terrain.

Average distance per day: 30-50 km by bike

DATES

OCTOBER 31 2021 - 14 DAYS

NOVEMBER 28 2021 - 14 DAYS

MARCH 20 2022 - 14 DAYS

MARCH 27 2022 - 14 DAYS

Price per person in US Dollars – all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Double Occupancy \$6765 USD

Single Supplement \$460 USD

Included

- Professional tour guide (7:1 guest-to-guide ratio, 2 guides for 8+ guests)
- Private transportation with trailer & bicycle rack (up to 9 guests per van in a 15-seat vehicle)
- 1 night accommodation at La Baita Lodge, Conguillío National Park
- 1 night accommodation at Terraza Suite Hotel, Villarrica City
- 1 night accommodation at 381 Boutique Hotel, Panguipulli City
- 1 night accommodation at Las Cascadas Lodge, Lake Llanquihue
- 3 nights accommodation at Mero Gaucho Hotel, Puerto Varas City
- 2 nights accommodation at Caleta Gonzalo Cabins, Pumalín Park
- 2 nights accommodation at Vendaval Hotel, Puerto Natales City
- 2 nights accommodation at Chile Nativo Riverside Camp, Torres del Paine National Park (comfortable double deluxe tents with 2 inflatable mattresses, shared men/women bathrooms, all bedding, fresh linens, and personal towels)

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- Meals as per itinerary (13 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 12 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
- Road cycling, hiking, kayaking
- Bike rental: road bike or hybrid bike choice. E-bikes available (additional cost: USD \$200)
- Hiking poles, biking helmet, pedals and water bottles
- Basic bicycle parts (cable housing, spare tubes and tires)
- All kayaking equipment (double kayaks, neoprene gloves, paddling jackets, life jackets, skirts, and neoprene boots)
- Certified Kayaking Guide
- Entrance fees to national parks
- Medical and accident insurance with MetLife Seguros

Not Included

- International and local flights
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Other bicycle parts and components (derailleur, crankset, fork, etc)
- 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. As a guideline, the industry standard is \$80 dollars per person, per guide