



LAKE DISTRICT, CHILOÉ & PARK PATAGONIA

Length: 10 days / 9 nights



A very diverse and complete program to enjoy the natural treasures of the Lake District Region and Aysén Region where we'll visit the recently created Park Patagonia, a conservation and private park located in the Andean range of the unexplored Aysén region that will be part of the system of Patagonian parks in the near future. This park is not yet in the main routes in Patagonia so we will have the chance to have a very intimate experience looking for wildlife and enjoying spectacular views.

ITINERARY

DAY 1. THE LAKE DISTRICT: PUERTO VARAS AND NATURAL RESERVES

Departure for a full day visiting the Natural Monument Lahuen Ñadi one of the last patches of Alerce (*Fitzroya cupressoides*) trees located in the central valley. This will be our first chance to explore the native temperate rainforest with giant trees of over 1.000 years and the endemic birdlife. In the afternoon we will move to the east to visit the

National Park Vicente Pèrez Rosales, Petrohué falls and the slopes of the Osorno Volcano with a short hike to one of its craters. // Lunch included. Overnight in Puerto Varas

DAY 2. LAKE DISTRICT, CHILOÉ ARCHIPELAGO

We drive toward the south-west to reach the Channel of Chacao and cross to the island of Chiloé. This picturesque island full of colorful houses and very unique culture will be our destination for the next two days. In the morning we will navigate to the Penguins and Sea Lions Colonies of Puñihuil and in the afternoon we will visit the sunken forest of Chepu river and Coluco Lagoon, two great places for birding, flora observation and wildlife with great chances to spot the elusive and endangered River Otter (*Lontra provocax*) and the tame Pudu (*Pudu puda*), one of the smallest deer on earth. // Breakfast, lunch and dinner included. Overnight in Castro

DAY 3. LAKE DISTRICT, CHILOÉ ARCHIPELAGO

Visit to the eastern wetlands circuit of the central Chiloé area. The area is also very well known for its colorful villages and churches declared Unesco sites. In the afternoon we will be exploring the unknown area of Lake Hullinco and the National Park Chiloé through its southern section. We spend the night in a real house on stilts (*Palafitos*). // Breakfast, lunch and dinner (cooking experience) included. Overnight in Castro

DAY 4. LAKE DISTRICT, CHILOÉ ARCHIPELAGO

Transfer to Parque Tantauco at the southernmost corner of the Archipelago. Tantauco is a private conservation reserve and without a doubt the most unexplored region of the archipelago of Chiloé. We will have the chance to enjoy the exuberant evergreen forest, unexplored paths and coastal landscapes, plus a great chance to spot the local fauna. Breakfast, box Lunch and dinner included. Overnight in Tantauco

DAY 5. LAKE DISTRICT, CHILOÉ ARCHIPELAGO

Exploring Parque Tantauco. Wildlife and nature photography focus. Hikes and kayaking options. // Breakfast, box lunch and dinner included. Overnight in Tantauco

DAY 6. LAKE DISTRICT, NORTH PATAGONIA

Transfer from Parque Tantauco to Castro and to the town of Puerto Varas Arrival in the afternoon. Rest of day at leisure in the charming town of Puerto Varas preparing the second part of the adventure in Aysén Región. // Breakfast and lunch on the way included. Overnight in Puerto Varas

DAY 7. AYSÉN REGION, PATAGONIA

Departure for an early flight to Balmaceda and then drive to National Reserve Cerro Castillo for a hike through this impressive mountain area with great chances to spot the endangered Andean Deer and enjoy great views of the rock spines of Cerro Castillo. In the afternoon we will drive to our hotel in Coyhaique. // Breakfast, box lunch and dinner included. Overnight in Coyhaique

DAY 8. AYSÉN REGION, PATAGONIA

Early departure to Park Patagonia, driving the spectacular Carretera Austral and the valley of the River Baker. Arrive on time for lunch and to explore the park. Exploration of Parque Patagonia. Birding and nature photography focus. // Breakfast, Box Lunch and Dinner included. Overnight at Lodge Valle Chacabuco

DAY 9. AYSÉN REGION, PATAGONIA

Exploration of Park Patagonia. Nature and photography focus hiking different paths in the park area. // Breakfast, Box Lunch and Dinner included. Overnight at Lodge Valle Chacabuco

DAY 10. AYSÉN REGION

Drive to Coyhaique and Balmaceda to connect with domestic flight. // Breakfast included

**** PARK PATAGONIA PORTION CAN BE BOOKED AS AN INDEPENDENT PROGRAM OF 4 DAYS AND 3 NIGHTS**

Destinations	Puerto Varas, Chiloé Island, Park Patagonia
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Departure	Puerto Varas and surroundings
Length	10 days / 9 nights
Difficulty	Medium - Low
Activities	Wildlife & Birding Photography Kayak & Hikes Cultural immersion with local communities & local cuisine experience
Meals	All meals included as indicated in itinerary
Accommodations	Day 1: Puerto Varas / Day 2-3: Castro / Day 4-5: Tantauco / Day 6: Puerto Varas / Day 7: Coyhaique / Day 8-9: Lodge Valle Chacabuco, Park Patagonia
Transportation	Professional Driver with license A2, modern vehicles, private terrestrial transportation
Insurances	Metlife coverage for each traveller between 18 and 64 years old
Equipment provided	Equipment for nature observation, hiking poles available upon request , complete literature of Natural History. Water.
Equipment required	Sun-hat and sunscreen, comfortable shoes, waterproof clothes. Bottles for water.
Not included	International and Domestic flights (we can book it for you upon request), tips, insurances and any other item not specified
Guide	Professional Bilingual Naturalist guide with International WFR
Minimum of passengers	This trip is guaranteed to depart with a minimum of two participants. Maximum 8 participants.
Sustainability	0% Plastic emissions, Carbon Print compensation, Water to refill reusable bottles, small groups for low impact, 100% of the waste produced recycled, Conservation/Educational Programs supported through your booking
Pre-Post Tours	Possible to connect with pre or post extensions