



Chilean Patagonia & Carretera Austral

Length: 09 days / 08 nights



A very diverse and complete program to enjoy the natural treasures of the North Patagonia region where we'll visit the recently created Park Patagonia, a conservation and private park located in the Andean range, breath-taking lakes and glaciers, hidden trails through the temperate rainforest and white water rivers. North Patagonia is probably the best-hidden secret of the south of South America, a land of vastness and diversity that has a lot to offer for adventurous spirits and nature enthusiasts.

Day 1: Arrival to Balmaceda airport, transfer to Coyhaique and walking tour of the city with a beer tasting and dinner at a local brewery
Overnight at La Pasarela Lodge, Coyhaique

Day 2: Day trip to Queulat National Park. Begin the day with a delicious breakfast before heading north along the Carretera Austral. Enjoy the breath taking scenery along the Rio Simpson as you make your way north to the temperate Patagonian evergreen forests of Queulat National Park. Once arriving, you'll enjoy a short hike to an overlook of the famous suspended glacier and its spectacular waterfall before we head down to the lakeside for a picnic lunch. On the way back to Coyhaique we will stop at the Ventisquero Hot Springs for a regenerating dip before we arrive to Coyhaique.

Breakfast, Box Lunch and dinner included

Overnight at La Pasarela Lodge, Coyhaique

Day 3: A day kayaking in Puerto Aysen along the Aysen River towards the fjords. Enjoy a relax afternoon and incredible flora and fauna. An excellent place for bird watching with world class kayaking and breath-taking sceneries.

Breakfast, Box Lunch and Dinner included

Overnight at La Pasarela Lodge, Coyhaique

Day 4: Begin drive south via ferry from Puerto Ibanez to Chile Chico, driving along the coasts of Lake General Carrera and ending the day in the beautiful lakeside town of Puerto Guadal. Get a good night's rest for your big expedition the following day. Drive time from Coyhaique to Puerto Ibanez: 1.5 hours, the ferry ride is approximately 2 hours, and the drive from Chile Chico to Puerto Guadal is 1.5 hours.

Breakfast included. Lunch on own on the road.

Dinner included

Overnight Terra Luna Lodge, Puerto Guadal

Day 5 & 6 : Valle Leones Camp and Ice Trek. A long but rewarding day, hike along the Leones River enjoying typical Patagonian lenga forests as you make your way towards the Patagonian Ice Sheet. After a 9 km hike, you'll reach the Leones Lake, where a boat will take you to the Leones Glacier for an afternoon alongside this amazing glacier. Porters will help you get your gear to camp, and if weather permits, upon arrival you'll have the chance to hike over the glacier and ice millions of years old. In the evening, enjoy the beautiful views of Lake Leones as your guides prepare a delicious dinner. You'll have a chance to visit other overlooks to get spectacular views of the glacial tongue. This is an active tour, but the views and scenery are one of the most beautiful in Aysén. Head back the next day to Puerto Guadal for a relaxing evening in your hotel and a dip in the hot tubs delicious dinner.

Breakfast, Box Lunch & Dinner Included

Day 5 Night stay at the Camp site

Day 6 Night stay at Terra Luna Lodge **(or Mallín Colorado)**

Day 7 : Drive north to Puerto Tranquilo and exploration of the marble caves in Lake General Carrera, the largest lake of Patagonia. The marble caves can be enjoyed as a private tour on a small boat, or sea kayak to the caves, as well.

After your tour, head north along the Carretera Austral as you make your way back towards the area of Cerro Castillo. You will spend the night at a quaint bed and breakfast near the town.

Breakfast included

Lunch on own

Dinner included

Overnight La Casona, Cerro Castillo

Day 8 : Today is a day of choices! You can do a horseback ride in Cerro Castillo National Park to Laguna Duff or hike to the same destination. **This is an incredible hike** that will lead you up through a pure southern forest to the North East face of Cerro Castillo. A perfect spot for wildlife observation with chances to spot the endangered Chilean Andean Deer and enjoy spectacular views of one of the wildest places on earth.

We will end the day with a Farewell Asado.

Breakfast, Box Lunch and Dinner Included

Overnight Hotel Pampa del Corral

Day 9: Transfer to the airport of Balmaceda

Breakfast included

Destinations	Coyahique, Lago, Puerto Aysén, General Carrera, River Baker and Cerro Castillo
Departure	Puerto Varas and surroundings
Length	9 days / 8 nights
Difficulty	Medium
Activities	Wildlife Observation Photography Kayak & Hikes Cultural immersion with local communities & local cuisine experience
Meals	All meals included as indicated in itinerary
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 to refill your bottles
Equipment required	Sun-hat and sunscreen, comfortable shoes, waterproof clothes. Bottles for water.
Not included	International and Domestic flights, 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 12 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