

CHILE - CHONOS ROUTE | SKORPIOS II



INTRODUCTION

M/V Skorpios II sails from the Skorpios Terminal in Puerto Montt, a town located 1,000 km south of Santiago, which can be reached by road or air. This 5 day cruise that covers 800 miles, sails every Saturday to return on Thursday between the months of September and May. The cruise covers 800 miles for a magical encounter with the age-old ice formations of the Glaciar San Rafael, sailing through awesome archipelagos, channels and gulfs to tour this incredible territory that includes towns like Castro and the fishing village of Puerto Aguirre, which display the natural wonders of a vigorous landscape and wildlife which is best appreciated at Fiordo Quitralco with its hot springs and excursions to its vast island-peppered sea.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Embarkation in Puerto Montt

Setting off from Skorpios Terminal in Puerto Montt. Sailing through the Llanquihue archipelago. Sighting of the town of Calbuco, Golfo de Ancud, Archipelago de Chiloé, crossing the Golfo Corcovado at midnight.



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DAY 2: Moraleda & Ferronave Channels

Sailing through Moraleda and Ferronave Channels. Arrival at the fishing village of Puerto Aguirre at 11:00 hrs. The cruise will stop over for one and a half hours here, departing at 12:30 hrs. Sailing through the Ferronave, Pilcomayo, and Costa Channels. Dropping anchor at 21:30 hrs. in Caleta Hualas or Punta Leopardos, 20 miles from the Glaciar San Rafael.



DAY 3: San Rafael Bay & Tempanos Channel

The ship sails along San Rafael bay and the Témpanos Channel 09:00 hrs. It enters the lagoon and drops anchor 2 km from the Glacier. Boat excursion through multi-coloured ice floes, weather permitting. The ship approaches the glacier at 17:00 hrs. Then it sails for Fiordo Quitalco.



DAY 4: Quitalco

We berth at Quitalco dock. After breakfast, passengers may take thermal hot spring baths at temperatures of 30° and 32°C, in open air or covered pools. Weather permitting, boat rides are organized to the inner part of the fjord. 17:00 hrs. Sailing for Chiloé through Moraleda and Pérez Norte Channels.



DAY 5: Leucayec Channel

Sailing across the Leucayec Channel, partial view of Melinka, in the Chonos archipelago; this island was the hiding place of blood thirsty pirates in the past. Crossing the Golfo de Corcovado. If local conditions permit, we will be able to sight Blue or Alfuquaras whales. We continue to sail along the eastern coast of Chiloé, Canal Yal, Estero de Castro, reaching this beautiful town at 15:00 hrs. We go ashore and visit the area. 22:00 hrs. Departure from Castro to Puerto Montt through the Lemuy, Dalcahue, Quicaví channels. Farewell party; Captain's dinner.



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DAY 6: Disembarkation

Breakfast while berthed at the Skorpios Terminal.
09:00 hrs. Debarkation and passenger transfer.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Cabin on ship
Inclusions	<p>Cabin Accommodation on board Skorpios II All meals whilst on board All scheduled landings & excursions Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition team leader & crew Tea & coffee station available 24hrs</p> <p>Exclusions International flights Port Taxes Any items not mentioned as included Visa fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Pre or post-cruise travel expenses Personal expenses such as laundry or on board communications (phone calls, faxes) Gratuities for the crew</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	<p>Please Note: This itinerary operates in select dates between September 2019 & April 2020. March 2020 this cruise operates every Thursday Please note the itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and ice conditions.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality & availability.

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Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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