

## CHILE - CHILE'S LAKE DISTRICT EXTENSION



### INTRODUCTION

Famous for its spectacular panorama of bright emerald and turquoise lakes whose surfaces mirror snow-capped volcanoes and sprawling forests, Chile's Lake District is picture perfect. Rolling hills scattered with hundreds of lakes and lagoons give the district its name. It is one of the most popular travel destinations in Chile; numerous visitors are not only attracted by the beauty but also by the varied outdoor activities available, its well-structured tourism infrastructure, and the many national parks and nature reserves. Spend a day marvelling at Osorno Volcano and Petrohue Falls, then head across the water to explore the mythical island of Chiloe, known as the land of legends and traditions.

This itinerary has been designed by our specialist team and can be added to our [Signature Patagonia package](#) as an optional extension. Contact us for more info.

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Transfer Puerto Montt - Puerto Varas

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it.



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## DAY 1: Arrival in Puerto Varas

Puerto Varas and Puerto Montt lie at the southern end of the Lake District under the shadow of the snow-capped Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes. Puerto Varas sits on the shores of Lake Llanquihue and is known as “The City of Roses”. Puerto Montt is 20kms from Puerto Varas on the Seno de Reloncaví Bay, the capital of the Lake District, and the last significant outpost of the region.



## DAY 2: Half Day Frutillar Tour


You will be collected from your hotel to visit Frutillar. Enroute stop at the city of Llanquihue and visit the Memorial to the German Colonists, then continue along the Llanquihue Lake to Frutillar. Founded in 1856 by German settlers, it is undoubtedly one of Chile’s most beautiful towns. Walk around its beautiful old houses of German style, admiring the gardens and incomparable views of the volcanoes Osorno and Puntagudo. Also visit the German Museum which chronicles the life of the early settlers. Please note this is a small group tour. Tour includes entrance fee to the German Museum which is open daily except 25 December and 01 January.



## DAY 3: Osorno Volcano & Petrohue Waterfalls

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to visit two of the region's most stunning natural sceneries, the Osorno Volcano and Petrohué Falls. Osorno Volcano stands on the south eastern shore of Lake Llanquihue towering over Todos los Santos Lake. Despite its low altitude, the upper slopes of the volcano are covered in glaciers and the views from the top are truly spectacular. From here we continue to the Petrohué Falls located deep in the Vicente Perez Rosales National Park. The chute-type, icy cold, blue green falls stem from the Todos los Santos Lake the next and final stop on today's trip. On completion of the tour you will be taken to your hotel. This is a small group tour. Please note the entrance fee to the waterfalls is not included in this service. Includes a snack.



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## DAY 4: Transfer Puerto Varas to Chiloe Island

You will be collected from the hotel in Puerto Varas to begin the journey to Chiloe Island. Travelling from Puerto Varas by road until we reach the pier where you will board the ferry to cross over to Chiloe. While onboard you are free to walk around and enjoy the landscape and birdlife. The journey takes around 40-45 minutes before reaching the shores of Chiloe. On arrival we travel to Chacao, a small village located on the southern shore of the Chacao Channel. Enjoy a coffee break, while admiring the colourful wooden village buildings, followed by a short visit to the local church. From Chacao we continue the journey crossing the island to Castro, with beautiful views on offer of the islands landscape along the way. The journey takes around 1.5 hours. You will be dropped off to your hotel in Castro on arrival. Note: This is a private service with an English speaking guide.



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## DAY 4: Welcome to Chiloe Island

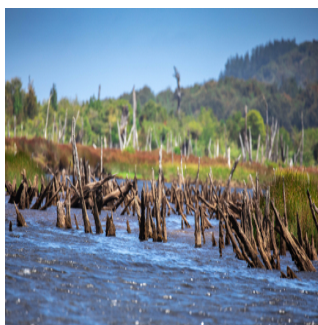
Separated from the mainland of Chile by the Chacao Strait, Chiloe is an island of surprising cultural and natural wealth. Discover its picturesque palafitos, colourful stilt houses built on the water and its colourful wooden churches (a large majority of which are declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO). Explore this mythical territory, known as the land of myths, legends and traditions.



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### DAY 5: Chepu - Muelle de la Luz Full Day Tour

Departing from your hotel after breakfast, directly to the Chepu sector where we will board a local boat. Sailing into the river from Chepu we will see a sunken forest, which occurred after the 1960 earthquake. Here we have the opportunity to do some birdwatching, with a diverse range of birds, you will be able to appreciate a wide range of herons and cormorants, among many others. If we are lucky enough, we may also see some aquatic mammals such as the Huillin (known as the Southern River Otter) or the Coipo (also known as Coypu). Later we will change course and set sail towards the Pacific Ocean. Disembarking on a local beach, we will have a short walk to reach the Muelle de Luz, which offers extensive views over the Pacific Ocean. Making for a great spot to take in the views and get the perfect photo. On the way back we will visit a local rural house where we will be able to view the house, and its gardens while meeting the local people. We will enjoy lunch here (included), before returning back to your hotel in Castro.



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### DAY 6: Castro to Achao: Route of Churches and Craftsman

You will be collected after breakfast from your hotel. This route will take you to see Chiloé' s cultural, agricultural and religious heritage by touring Dalcahue, Curaco de Veléz and Achao villages where you will find World Heritage churches, small but interesting museums, artisans and an attractive cuisine. While exploring back roads you will understand why FAO recognized Chiloé as a World Agricultural Heritage (SIPAM), exemplified in the work of many generations of farmers who developed ingenious practices for the use and conservation of natural resources. Finally, depending on the time of year, stop at some of the viewpoints this route offers where you will see some birds both endemic and migratory among which are the straight-billed curlew and the attractive Chilean flamingo. Lunch in a typical restaurant before returning to the hotel (not included).





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DAY 7: Transfer to airport for your onward destination

Breakfast at the hotel and then transfer to the airport for your outward flight.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel
Inclusions	Airport transfers Accommodation Tours in the itinerary Transport All breakfasts Other meals where stated <b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> International & Internal flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides and drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	Not Available
Price Dependent upon	Season and Availability.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.

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- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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