

**CHILE - CHILOE & PUERTO VARAS EXPERIENCE**



**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.

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Puerto Montt**

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. Please note this service is with a driver only.



**DAY 1: 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.



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| CLTSLDD                               |
| <b>DURATION</b>                       |
| 5 Days                                |
| <b>LOCATIONS</b>                      |
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### DAY 2: Puerto Montt & Puerto Varas City Tour

You will be collected from your hotel for a sightseeing tour of Puerto Montt and Puerto Varas. Begin the tour in the capital of the region, Puerto Montt, visiting the Main Square, the commercial and harbour zone of Angelmó, famous in Chile because it has many hand crafts and gifts shops, and of course the City Central Market, where we can see how it works one of the principal economic activities, fishing and seafood. Continue down the Pan-American Highway to the charming town of Puerto Varas, known as "The City of the Roses", located on the shore of Llanquihue Lake. Here you will discover the picturesque streets and visit various sites of interest including the Main Square, the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Municipal Casino. On completion of the tour you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



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### 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.



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### DAY 3: Puerto Montt: Osorno Volcano & Petrohué

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. Please note this is a small group tour.



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### DAY 4: Chiloé Island Tour

Isla Grande de Chiloé (The Big Island of Chiloé), the second-largest island in South America is our destination for today. Isolated from the main land until the 19th century it has a distinct culture steeped in mysticism. We visit the city of Ancud with its classic chilota architecture and iconic wooden churches and stop at the regional market with its colourful array of products. We then head for the Huaiquen Hill viewpoint to take in the incredible vista of Chacao Channel before returning by ferry to the mainland.



### DAY 5: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.




## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

#### Accommodation

Hotel

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| <b>Inclusions</b>           | Airport transfers<br>Accommodation<br>Tours in the itinerary<br>Transport<br>All breakfasts<br>Other meals where stated |
| <b>Difficulty Rating</b>    | 1 (easy)  |
| <b>Single Surcharge</b>     | From US\$230 - Subject to season and availability, contact us for more details.   |
| <b>Notes</b>                | Contact us for more details   |
| <b>Price Dependent upon</b> | Season and Availability.  |

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## 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.
- 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 structured 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.