

CHILE - CHILOE & PATAGONIAN LAKES



INTRODUCTION

Undertake this incredible journey into the heart of Chiloe and the Patagonian Lakes. Begin in the colourful and vibrant capital of Argentina, Buenos Aires. After experience the unique energy of Argentinean culture and extraordinary taste of the local cuisine you will board a short flight to Bariloche, a beautiful lakeside town located in the Nahuel Huapi National Park. Here you will treat yourself to a delectable high tea at the luxury Llao Llao Hotel as well as explore the incredible natural sights of the region. Next, we travel across the Andes and into Chile where we will discover a land of ancient myths, unique history and culinary traditions. Discover Chiloe Island and its quaint palafitos â colourful houses built on stilts above the water â and enjoy the wit and warmth of the Chilote people whose traditions give this unique archipelago its rich character.

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DAY 1: Buenos Aires

Arrival in Buenos Aires, Argentina's elegant, historic and cosmopolitan capital. This evening we will have a welcome dinner at one of Buenos Aires premier establishments.



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DAY 2: Buenos Aires

Enjoy a privately guided tour of this fascinating city. The tour will take in the main highlights, but our guide will also help us to really get under the skin of Buenos Aires. In the evening we will enjoy a unique dining experience which cleverly blends exquisite food and wine, local culture and social integration. We will learn how to make traditional empanadas, even competing against our fellow guests.



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DAY 3: Buenos Aires - Bariloche

Today we take a flight to Bariloche. San Carlos de Bariloche lies on the southern shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi in the foothills of the Andes. Its location is stunning, with its Alpine-styled architecture, its picturesque lakeside setting overlooked by mountains and forests as well as numerous boutique chocolate shops and St. Bernard dogs, the city has a Swiss-like atmosphere.



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DAY 4: Bariloche

This morning we leave the city behind to take in the breath-taking views offered by Llao Llao Peninsula's short circuit tour. Home to a number of protected species as well as the iconic Llao Llao Hotel, the peninsula is nothing short of spectacular. We begin on the southern shore of the famous Lake Nahuel Huapi before heading to Mt Campanario where we take a 10-minute chairlift ride to the top of the mountain. The afternoon is free to enjoy Bariloche town.



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DAY 5: Bariloche

It's time for the wonderful 7 Lakes Drive! Today we will drive towards the north, skirting Lake Nahuel Huapi to Villa La Angostura and on to San Martin. This is the famous Seven Lakes Route, on which you will see the beautiful Lakes Espejo, Correntoso, Escondido, Villarino, Falkner, Machónico and Lácar. On the way back to Bariloche we pass by the meeting point of the Traful and Limay rivers, where the spectacular Enchanted Valley is located.



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DAY 6: Bariloche - Puerto Varas

From Bariloche, our journey across the border to Chile will be a combination of scenic bus rides and lake crossings. We take Swiss-style architecture, lakeside drives and cross the Andes at an altitude of 976m. We will cruise on Lake Todos Los Santos, one of Chile's most beautiful lakes with spectacular volcano and mountain views when the weather is clear. 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.



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DAY 7: Puerto Varas

Today we will visit two of the region's most stunning natural wonders, the Osorno Volcano and Petrohué Falls. Despite its low altitude, the upper slopes of Osorno 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.



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DAY 8: Puerto Varas to Chiloe Island

We sail to Chiloe Island, perhaps encountering sealions, pelicans and sea birds native to this area. On Chiloe Island we will head to Ancud city to visit the San Antonio Fort; an historic landmark that is one of the last Spanish fortifications in Chile. We continue to Dalcahue to visit an interesting Palafito market. The wooden based construction is built over the water with a spectacular sea view. We also take in the Handicraft Market and walk to the local World Heritage listed church.



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DAY 9: Chiloe Island

Today we head south from Castro and can enjoy the country life as we pass small farms dotted with grazing animals, and several beautiful lakes. Arriving at Chiloé National Park we'll do an easy hike in the forest which is home to an important biodiversity of species. After our hike, we'll visit the indigenous community of Quilque, where we'll enjoy a local light lunch and then stop at Chonchi to visit its World Heritage wooden church.



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DAY 10: Chiloe Island to Puerto Montt

We depart Chiloe Island by ferry and return to Puerto Montt, stopping at Angelmó, a small bay at the west end of Puerto Montt. Angelmó can be divided into two main areas. The first part is a long street bursting with many stalls selling traditional Chilean handicrafts. The second area is the harbour where we will find the fish market and restaurants. Angelmó is a seafood extravaganza with a large variety of fresh fish and seafood.



DAY 11: Tour ends

Depart Puerto Montt with wonderful memories, and a new respect of our wonderful planet courtesy of Patagonia.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard-superior
Inclusions	<p>10 night accommodation in standard-superior hotels Internal flights as indicated in itinerary Sightseeing with English-speaking guide Other meals where stated All national park entry fees</p> <p>Exclusions International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Gratuities for guides/drivers Beverages Any items not mentioned as included</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Willing to share option guaranteed. Contact us for more details.

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Notes

Please note this tour is completed with a combination of private vehicles, public buses, planes, trains and boats

Price Dependent upon

Departure date, seasonality and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

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.

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