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#### DEPARTURE

29/12/2020, 30/12/2021, 27/02/2022

#### DURATION

9 Days

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LOCATIONS

#### Not Available

## INTRODUCTION

Our journey begins in Bariloche nestled on the peaceful shores of the Nahuel Huapi Lake. Your journey will take you through the impressive lake region of northern Patagonia, fabled for its Seven Lakes Drive. Discover the endless forests, alpine lakes and startling waterfalls that are abundant throughout the area, and spend time in two of Chile and Argentina's premier adventure destinations.

# ITINERARY

DAY 1: Bariloche

Arrive to the resort town of Bariloche nestled peacefully on the shores of Nahuel Huapi Lake. Here you will begin your Lakes District Discovery expedition. Please join your tour leader for a tour meeting at 6:30pm, look out for joining details in the lobby. Enjoy a welcome dinner with the group this evening



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#### DAY 1: Bariloche

San Carlos de Bariloche lies on the southern shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi in the foothills of the Andes surrounded by mountains and forests. Its location is stunning, surrounded by the Nahuel Huapi National Park, the oldest National Park in Argentina. 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. Meals: (D)

#### DAY 2: Nahuel Huapi National Park

A free morning allows you time to head up to Cerro Otto via a gondola where you can sit in the revolving café with a 360 degree views. You can also explore the forest at the top spotting condors and falcons as you go. In the afternoon we take time to explore the scenic Circuito Chico in the Nahuel Huapi National Park following the road along the lake. We learn about how Bariloche got started, head up the chairlift to Cerro Campanario, stop at various lookout points and discover the hidden lake. We finish off this lovely afternoon at Argentina's most famous resort, Hotel Llao Llao, where will enjoy High Tea overlooking the lake. Meals: (B), High Tea

#### DAY 3: Bariloche

A day at leisure here gives you time to pursue interests such as sailing on the massive Nahuel Huapi Lake, horse riding on a local estancia, taking a tour to see the monstrous Tronodor peak, play golf or walk one of the many walking tracks in the area. Meals: (B)

DAY 4: Bariloche - Pucon

We will drive the spectacular Seven Lakes route enjoying the spectacular mountain scenery and numerous glacially formed lakes for which the region is named. We cross once again into Chile arriving at Pucon, a lovely town located in the heart of Chiles Lake District. Meals: (B), (L), (D)



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#### DAY 5: Pucon

Today we combine a wonderful natural environment with a cultural experience unique to this area. In the morning, we will visit either the Villarrica National Park or one of the surrounding national reserve parks, all of which protect thousands of hectares of rivers, waterfalls, alpine lakes and forest. One of the features of these parks is the millenarian forests of Araucarias, which are the perfect backdrop for the small lakes, ponds and mountains that are scattered throughout the park. In the afternoon, we visit a traditional Mapuche family. We are invited to learn and experience the Ruka of the Mapuche people, the heart of their culture. You will learn about their daily life, gain a wonderful insight into their culture and enjoy a traditional Mapuche meal Meals: (B), (L)

#### DAY 6: Pucon - Day at Leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure here where it is possible to organise numerous outdoor activities such as a one day hike up the Villarica Volcano to reach the fiery crater or take the bus out to Huerquehue National Park and experience the amazing lakes trail. You could enjoy kayaking, mountain biking, horse riding, fishing, white water rafting and even sky diving, or simply relaxing by the lake admiring the beauty of your surroundings. Meals: (B)

#### DAY 7: Pucon - Santa Cruz

Journeying north we pass through small villages and past picturesque lakes and mountains to arrive into Santa Cruz, located in the heart of Chiles Wine Region. On the way we will stop from lunch at the impressive Salto de Laja waterfalls. Meals: (B), (L), (D



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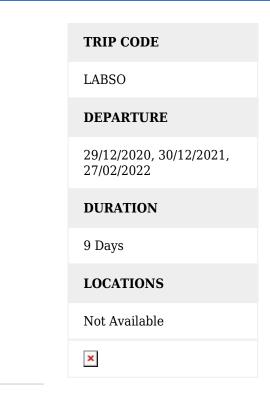


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#### DAY 8: Santa Cruz - Santiago

Enjoy the Colchagua Valley, famous for producing some of Chile's finest wines. During this day we will visit a winery, with wine tasting and wine making included. Of interest is the Cabernet Sauvignon variety which thrives during the grape growing season due to the hot sunny climate in this part of Chile, and the Carmenere variety that was thought to be extinct until rediscovered in Chile in 1994. We also visit the Colchagua Museum, known today as one the most complete Museums in South America. An afternoon drive brings us into Santiago. Santiago, Chile's capital and largest city, lies in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Andes and the Chilean Coastal Range. Founded in 1541, Santiago has been Chile's capital since colonial times. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city and although it features many colonial buildings, it has grown into a modern metropolis and the cultural centre of the country. Meals: (B), (L), (D)



#### DAY 9: Depart Santiago

Your tour ends after breakfast. Depart Santiago with wonderful memories, and a new respect of our wonderful planet courtesy of Patagonia. Meals: (B) Note: The information regarding itinerary is given in good faith and is subject to change and /or cancellation, due to weather / political and / or country instabilities and general safety / road conditions etc. Any such changes and/or cancellations which are in our control will be decided by the crew and will be discussed with the group beforehand whenever possible.



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# **INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

Accommodation

Standard



Inclusions	Standard accommodation with breakfast daily All national park entry fees Excursions as mentioned in itinerary 4 lunches and 1 afternoon tea 4 dinners <b>Exclusions</b> International airfare Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Any items not mentioned as included Gratuties for guide/drivers	TRIP CODE
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Single Surcharge	Willing to share option guaranteed. Contact us for more details.	LOCATIONS
Notes	Not Available	Not Available
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 remain 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

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travels by guides and staff.

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