

ROUTE 40 & CARRETERA AUSTRAL



TRIP CODE

LAR40

DEPARTURE

24/12/2021, 21/02/2022

DURATION

7 Days

LOCATIONS

Not Available



INTRODUCTION

Departing from El Chalten this tour is a great option for people wanting to visit these remote and unspoilt regions of Chile and Argentina. Due to the strength and durability of our vehicles we are able to visit these areas where conventional transport is unsuitable. Let us take the stress out of the journey while you enjoy the lakes, mountains and waterfalls of the region. Discover the Carretera Austral and explore the stunning landscapes of the Futaleufu Valley and the majestic Queulat Hanging Glacier. Finally discover the vast Patagonian steppe as we travel down Argentina's infamous route 40.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: El Chalten - Gobernador Gregores

Pre tour meeting: a pre tour meeting in El Chalten will be held at our joining hotel at approx. 6:30pm the night prior. Please ensure you are already in El Chalten. This tour is operated under our group travel brand, Viva Expeditions. Viva specialises in guided small group tours to Latin America. A free morning allows time for a short hike in the Los Glaciares National Park. After lunch, we continue north on the famous Route 40, paralleling the remarkable Andean mountain range. Enjoy the landscapes of the Patagonian Steppe. We spend the night in Gobernador Gregores, a small town with links to the old caravan trail. Meals: (B), (D)



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DAY 2: Gobernador Gregores - Route 40

Today we make a special visit the Cuevas de las Manos (Cave of the Hands) which one of the most important archaeological sites in Patagonia. The caves feature paintings that are the most ancient artistic expressions of the native people of the subcontinent. The paintings were done by the first settlers of these lands, ancestors of the Tehuelche people (or Patagones), and date back to different periods from 9300 to 3300 years ago. The site was declared World Heritage by the UNESCO in 1999. Meals: (B), (L), (D)



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DAY 3: Route 40 - Coyahique

Today we cross back into Chile's remote southern region. The Carretera Austral (Southern Road) is a remote, unspoiled region of intense natural beauty and is often referred to as one of South America's best road trips. We then continue our journey to Coyhaique where you can walk the viewpoint circuit around this city - considered the "big smoke" of the Carretera Austral. Meals: (B), (L), (D)



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DAY 4: Coyahique - Queulat National Park

A short drive from Coyhaique town is the wonderful Coyhaique Reserve where we will enjoy a morning hike (8km/5mi) to the Lago Verde - Green Lake. Our afternoon drive is filled with lush pastures, mirror lakes and snow capped mountains as we follow the Rio Simpson. As we venture through two more valleys we pass through several small country towns that were created when building the road access through this rugged area. We finish the day with a windy 33 curves as we descend from 500m/1500ft to sea level. Meals: (B), (L), (D)



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DAY 5: Queulat National Park

In such a remote and rugged area, you might just like to snuggle up in your cabin, but today you'll have the opportunity to hike to a nearby waterfall, take navigation to a personally owned island in the fjords or try a little sea kayaking (weather permitting). Meals: (B), (L), (D)



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DAY 6: Queulat National Park - Futaleufu

Take the rare opportunity to get up close and personal with a spectacular hanging glacier in the Queulat National Park. Nature at its finest! We will take a hike to get close to the spectacular Hanging Glacier which is the magnificent centre piece of the park. Enjoy being surrounded by virgin evergreen forests made up by species like coihue, tepa, tepuala, and Chilean rhubarbs. We will visit the fishing village of Puyuhuapi, located on the edge of the Chilean Fiords in a setting of incomparable beauty. Continuing, we'll stop along the way to take photos and admire the spectacular natural vistas. Wild rivers flow through lush forests, waterfalls tumble along steep cliff faces, and the world is reflected in mirror like lakes. We cross the mighty Futaleufu river and finish this day at a wonderful local lodge in the small town of the same name. Run by a local Chilean family this accommodation gives you a special feeling of this welcoming town. Meals: (B), (L), (D)



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DAY 7: Futaleufu - Bariloche

Crossing back into Argentina we have a short stop in Trevelin, a small town with links to Welsh immigrants. We also pass through the town of Esquel where the famous "Old Patagonian Express" still runs. We'll weave through the green valley and arrive into the resort town of Bariloche, nestled peacefully on the shores of Nahuel Huapi Lake. Your tour ends in Bariloche this evening Meals: (B), (L), (D) 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.




INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Standard

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Inclusions	Standard accommodation with breakfast daily All national park entry fees Excursions as mentioned in itinerary 6 lunches 7 dinners Added pre or post tour package in El Chalten and Bariloche Exclusions International airfare Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Any items not mentioned as included Gratuities for guide/drivers
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Willing to share options guaranteed. Contact us for more information.
Notes	Not Available
Price Dependent upon	Departure date, seasonality and availability

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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

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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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