

CHILE - CHILE'S LAKES DISTRICT EXTENSION



INTRODUCTION

Journey from Puerto Varas at the southern end of Chile's Lakes District to Chiloe Island, where you can follow the trail of Chiloe Island's UNESCO World Heritage listed wooden churches. In Puerto Varas and Frutillar you will see the influence of German settlers in the architecture of these towns. Admire the turquoise blue waters and stunning scenery around Lake Llanquihue, where you can get up close with the Osorno Volcano before seeing the stilted houses of the city of Castro. A boat ride into the sunken forest of the Chepu River Valley is a highlight before time exploring several townships on Chiloe Island.

This extension can be added to our [Signature Patagonia package](#). Contact us for more info.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

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DAY 1: Puerto Montt to Puerto Varas

From El Tepual Airport near Puerto Montt, the gateway of the Andean fjords, you will be transferred to Puerto Varas. Known as 'La Ciudad de las Rosas' or 'The City of Roses,' Puerto Varas is located on the shores of Lake Llanquihue at the southern end of Chile's Lakes District.

Characterised by traditional German architecture, manicured gardens and the pristine lakeside scenery, Puerto Varas is a prime location for adventure sports. Visitors can enjoy kayaking, sailing, rafting, fishing and sailing as well as canyoning, rock climbing and mountain biking. Today is an arrival day with no activities planned, so you are free to explore at your leisure.



DAY 2: Frutillar tour

Further around Lake Llanquihue is the city of Frutillar, the location of today's half day excursion. Enroute you will stop in the town of Llanquihue to visit a Memorial for German Colonists. Frutillar is known as the UNESCO city of music thanks to its year-round program of musical events. Founded in 1856 by German settlers, the city is undoubtedly one of Chile's finest. You will enjoy time to discover its beautiful houses and gardens, shop for souvenirs and take in magnificent views of the Osorno and Puntagudo volcanos. There's also an opportunity to visit the German Museum, which chronicles the life of the early settlers of Frutillar.



DAY 3: Osorno Volcano & Petrohue Waterfalls

Today you join a small group tour for a closeup look of Osorno Volcano and the Petrohue Waterfalls. Located on southeast shore of Lake Llanquihue, Osorno Volcano is a 2,652 metre tall conical volcano. The upper slopes are covered in glaciers and the view from the top is spectacular. The Petrohue Falls are located in Vicente Perez Rosales National Park, Chile's oldest National Park, on the eastern slope of the Osorno Volcano. You can take the opportunity to view the turquoise waters of the chute-type falls tumble into the Petrohue River from their source at the Todos los Santos Lake.



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DAY 4: Puerto Varas to Chiloe Island

You will enjoy a private guided tour of Chiloe Island. To get there, you will travel by road and ferry so you can enjoy the scenery and keep watch for birdlife on the crossing. On Chiloe Island you will visit the village of Chacao, on the southern shore of the Chacao Channel. After a coffee stop, admire the colourful wooden buildings of the village and the Iglesia San Antonio de Chacao church. Next you will cross the island to the city of Castro. There, colourful stilted houses called palafitos line the waterfront and you can discover its UNESCO world heritage listed churches.



DAY 5: Chepu & Muelle de la Luz

From your hotel in Castro you will be taken to Chepu to board a boat and travel into the sunken forest of the Chepu River Valley. Keep your eyes peeled for birdlife including herons and cormorants on your journey. If you're really lucky you might spot a Huillan (Southern River Otter) or a Coypu (which is a large semi-aquatic rodent). You will then sail towards the Pacific Ocean and disembark at a local beach before walking to the Muelle de Luz. The Muelle de Luz (Pier of Light) is a wooden structure made by a local sculptor which has impressive views over the Pacific Ocean. After time for photos we'll continue to a local rural house for an opportunity to see how the locals live and enjoy lunch before returning to Castro.



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DAY 6: Dalcahue, Curaco de Velez & Achao tour

Today you will tour Dalcahue, Curaco de Velez and Achao villages and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Dalcahue is a port city known for its UNESCO World Heritage listed Iglesia de Nuestra Senora de los Dolores (Church of our Lady of Sorrows). The town hosts a handicraft market where you can shop for woollen clothing. Curaco de Velez is a commune known for its naval history. It too has a UNESCO World Heritage listed church, Iglesia de Curaco de Velez, and the houses in this district are quite colourful. Finally, Achao is home to a third UNESCO World Heritage listed church, the Santa Maria de Loreto. The town also features a number of houses built with latch tiles, a sandy beach and several viewpoints from its surrounding hills including the Alto de Paloma. From these viewpoints keep your eyes peeled for the straight-billed curlew and the Chilean Flamingo. As you travel the roads between these towns watch for farmers who use traditional Indigenous practices that promote the conservation of natural resources.



DAY 7: Depart Castro

You will leave Chiloe Island after being transferred from your hotel in Castro for your next destination.



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Inclusions	<p>Inclusions Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Other meals where stated Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary</p> <p>Exclusions International and internal flights not indicated Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included</p>
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	<p>Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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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

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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.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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