CHILE - PUCON EXTENSION



TRIP CODE
CLFTPE
DEPARTURE
Daily Oct-Apr (During the Patagonia Season)
DURATION
4 Days
LOCATIONS
Chile, Patagonia

INTRODUCTION

Travel to the heart of Chile's Lake District and the town of Pucon with this Chimu Adventures' Pucon extension.

Shadowed by the Villarrica volcano and located on the shores of Lago Villarrica, Pucon is an adventure capital and the gateway to surrounding national parks and nature reserves such as Parque Nacional Huerquehue and Parque Ojos del Caburgua.

You will enjoy a guided hike along the trails of Parque Nacional Huerquehue and have the opportunity to see the Ojos del Caburgua waterfalls across two days exploring the natural surroundings of the area.

After your excursions you will visit the Huife Thermal Baths where you can relax and ease any aches of your weary limbs from all the hiking to complete your journey.

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.

Want to treat yourself to a bit of luxury? Check out the Vira Vira Lodge Extension.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive Pucon

You will arrive at the centre of Chile's Lake District in the town of Pucon. Somewhat of an adventure hub, Pucon is situated on the shores of Lago Villarrica and sits beneath the shadow of the active volcano that shares the lake's name. The town will be your base to see Villarrica volcano at a distance and to access some popular hiking trails and hot springs nearby. There is a plethora of additional activities not included in this tour also available to enjoy during a stay in Pucon. These activities range from scaling Villarrica to its peak, skiing and snowboarding (seasonal and weather dependent) to white water rafting, kayaking, sailing and fishing. There's so much to do in this small town. After you arrive, perhaps head to Playa Grande and see the black volcanic sands that make up the town's main beach. There are also steamboats which offer cruising on the lake from the main jetty. Back in town, head to Pucon's Plaza de Armas. The square has a whimsical feel and is often entertained by street performers. The plaza is also home to some wooden sculptures of the Mapuche, Patagonia's Indigenous inhabitants.



DAY 2: Parque Nacional Huerquehue

After breakfast you will travel to Parque Nacional Huerquehue. This national park stretches 27,500 acres and is home to a number of hiking trails that wind between ancient Araucaria trees (known more affectionately as monkey puzzle trees) and towards lakes, lagoons and waterfalls. You will take a five hour trek on one of these trails to Salto Trifulco and Nido de Aguilas, two waterfalls with fantastic vantage points. As you hike, keep your eye out for woodpeckers, which are often found looking for food in the trees. Enjoy a boxed picnic lunch before finishing the trek and returning to Pucon.



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DAY 3: Parque Ojos del Caburgua

Today you will join a small group tour to Parque Ojos del Caburgua. Enroute you will stop at two lookout points, the Mirador Quelhue and the Mirador de Peces. At Mirador Quelhue you will enjoy some of the best views of the Villarrica volcano. Mirador de Peces is located at a fish farm where you can see rainbow trout in the Liucura River and the area is surrounded by native flora. Parque Ojos del Caburgua a popular nature reserve named after the beautiful waterfalls that flow into Laguna Azul. Ojos del Caburgua means the 'eyes of Caburgua' and the waterfalls were given this title because when viewed from above the fifteen to twenty metre high waterfalls appear to be a pair of eyes, one blue and one green. There's time to enjoy a swim and a boxed picnic lunch before heading to Lago Caburgua. This lake is situated in a glacial valley overlooked by Villarrica volcano and features two beaches. Your final stop for the day is the Huife Thermal Baths. Located at a resort, these hot springs provide the chance to relax and enjoy the outdoor pools or to take advantage of a number of natural therapies such as reiki, therapeutic massage, reflexology and hydromassage before you return to your hotel.



DAY 4: Depart Pucon

You will be transported to the airport for your onward flight.



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Inclusions	**Inclusions** Private airport transfers to/from Temuco Airport Accommodation with breakfast daily Other meals where stated Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary Selected Entrance Fees **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
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	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.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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