CHILE - CHILE'S LAKES DISTRICT EXTENSION



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DEPARTURE
Daily Oct-Apr (during the Patagonia season)
DURATION
7 Days
LOCATIONS
Chile, Patagonia

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.

ITINERARY

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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. Fruitillar 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. Enjoy time to discover its beautiful houses and gardens, shop for souvenirs and take in magnificent views of the Osorno and Puntiagudo volcanos. There's also an opportunity to visit the German Museum, which chronicles the life of the early settlers of Fruitillar. (B)



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 Vincente Perez Rosales National Park, Chile's oldest National Park, on the eastern slope of the Osorno Volcano. 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. (B,S)



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DAY 4: Puerto Varas to Chiloe Island

You will be collected from the hotel in Puerto Varas to begin the journey to Chiloe Island. Travelling from Puerto Varas by road until we reach the pier where you will board the ferry to cross over to Chiloe. While onboard you are free to walk around and enjoy the landscape and birdlife. The journey takes around 40-45 minutes before reaching the shores of Chiloe. On arrival we travel to Chacao, a small village located on the southern shore of the Chacao Channel. Enjoy a coffee break, while admiring the colourful wooden village buildings, followed by a short visit to the local church. From Chacao we continue the journey crossing the island to Castro, with beautiful views on offer of the islands landscape along the way. The journey takes around 1.5 hours. You will be dropped off to your hotel in Castro on arrival. Note: This is a private service with a Spanish speaking driver only.



DAY 5: Chepu & Muelle de la Luz Tour

From your hotel in Castro you will travel the route of the explorer Charles Darwin, visiting Chiloe National Park. The park is home to a large number of flora and fauna, such as the Chiloean fox, bushy tailed rat and sea otter Enjoy a walk along the 'El Tepaul trail' and see the visitors centre and museum of Traditions. (B,L)



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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. (B,L)



DAY 7: Depart Castro to Puerto Montt

You will leave Chiloe Island after breakfast, departing from your hotel in Castro by road and ferry back to Puerto Montt, ready for your next destination. (B)



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Inclusions	**Inclusions** Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Other meals where stated Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary **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	1 (easy 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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