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Road Cycling Chile's Lake & Volcano District

14 days, 13 nights:

2009 Departure Dates

Dates:

Nov 07th-20th
Dec 04th-17th

Please contact Ecotours-Chile for more information on joining a 2009 Chile Road Cycling tour at the same price.

Pace & Distance: Group size:

30-60 miles. Suitable for all riders

6 minimum, 20 maximum

Cost:

US\$2,400 – \$2,780, depending on sign-up numbers. [See pricing details.](#)

Optional 4 day add-on trip to Patagonia will be updated on March 2009.

Itinerary:

From Temuco to Puerto Varas and back to Santiago.

[View detailed itinerary.](#)

Tour company:



Discover the Lake & Volcano District cycling Chile's southern backroads. Explore this fascinating part of the country dominated by clear-water lakes and amazing live volcanoes. Together with friendly locals, you will pedal alongside green rolling meadows, visit local ethnic villages (Mapuche) and relax in soothing natural hot springs.

This tour is for nature lovers. For 14 days you will be visiting protected wild areas and observe endemic birds, learn about some of the most active Chilean volcanoes, and hike through native temperate rain forest. And for those who are looking for some extra active sports in a pristine nature setting, this is surely the trip for you. In addition to road cycling, hiking on glaciers and mountain-biking in national parks provide more ways to experience the Lake & Volcano District.

The thermal waters of this area are some of the best in the world; due to the volcanic activity, you can find hot springs and thermal spas almost everywhere you go. Likewise, the cuisine is another highlight of the tour, with the ingredients that have made Chile known worldwide: wine, delicious produce and seafood from the Pacific Ocean.

Our tour starts in Temuco, the capital city of La Araucania, and from there we head off to the Andean areas of this untamed land, cycling almost entirely on quiet well paved roads that go alongside different lakes and volcanoes. We stay at 3☆ and 4☆ charming hotels and inns and enjoy hot springs 3 times during the tour.

This well supported cycling program has been especially tailor-made for CBC members. Feel free to invite your friends along too for the best possible deal. This trip is not to be missed!

CHILE ROAD CYCLING THE LAKE & VOLCANO DISTRICT

Detailed Itinerary

MEETING DAY / DAY ONE

We meet at noon at : Temuco's Airport

Hotel: Terraverde, 4☆. Av. Prat 0220, Temuco, La Araucanía.
Ph (56-45) 239 999, fax (+56-45) 239 455
<http://www.panamericanahoteles.cl/eng/temuco.html>

Meals: Welcome Dinner (Chilean BBQ)

Facilities: Satellite TV, internet access, laundry.

Features: A comfortable hotel, centrally-located.

Upon your arrival, our friendly staff will be waiting for you at Temuco's Airport and followed by driving to the city we'll check in at the hotel in Temuco. For people bringing their bikes today we'll check and assemble the bicycles to get them ready to start the itinerary on the next day. For those renting bikes we'll collect your sets and pedals and have the bike ready for you on the next morning.

The hotel is centrally located, close to Ñielol Hill (wild protected area), good shopping, an excellent local market and a selection of restaurants.

Dinner at a local restaurant at 8:30 pm

DAY TWO

Lautaro – Manzanar Hot Springs Hotel + additional mileage to Malalcahuello

CYCLING:

73 km / 46 mi + 32 km / 20 mi

Lodging: Hotel Termas de Manzanar, 3☆.
Km 18 Camino Internacional, Curacautín, La Araucanía.
Ph (+56 45) 88 12 00, fax (+56 45) 88 12 00
www.termasdemanzanar.cl

Features: Very nice old-fashioned hotel, built on the banks of the Cautín River.

Facilities: Licensed bar and restaurant, outdoor and indoor thermal water pools. Satellite TV and internet access, table tennis and pool table.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

We'll begin early in the morning by traveling 30 km (18.6 miles) in our private minibuses to the main square of the town of Lautaro. Then we'll get on the road-bikes and commence pedaling towards the Andean Mountain Range. The route passes through the middle of fields on smooth hills with beautiful views of the Llaima, Lonquimay and Tolhuaca volcanoes and an extensive green valley before the city of Curacautín (there are two short climbs and a fun descent before entering the city). From here, the road starts to ascend as we enter in foothills of the mountain range. We'll go bordering the Cautín River as the valley narrows after each meter we ascend until arriving at the plain of Malalcahuello village. Then, we'll check-in at the hotel Termas de Manzanar where a soothing thermal bath awaits for us. Dinner at the hotel around 8pm.



DAY THREE

Sierra Nevada – Liucura Customs + Pino Hachado

CYCLING:

58.5 + 23 km / 36.5 + 14 mi

Lodging: Hotel Termas de Manzanar, 3☆.
Km 18 Camino Internacional, Curacautín, La Araucanía.
Ph (+56 45) 88 12 00, fax (+56 45) 88 12 00
www.termasdemanzanar.cl

Features: Very nice old-fashioned hotel, built on the banks of the Cautín River.

Facilities: Licensed bar and restaurant, outdoor and indoor thermal water pools. Satellite TV and internet access, table tennis and pool table.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

The vans will take us to the Sierra Nevada Range through the Las Raíces tunnel - the longest tunnel in Chile (4,5 km / 2,8 mi). Here we'll set off on our second ride, traveling alongside the Lonquimay River by a fairly flat valley; this 32-mile section features one of the smoothest roads. We'll bike through the lands of different Pewenches indigenous communities, ascending along the international path Pino Hachado until reaching the Customs. The road is rolling with false-flat sections and a few small climbs and good down hills. If you want to pedal up some serious grades, it is possible to extend the route on 13.6 miles more, to the peak altitude of 6.181 feet; at the top you can enjoy the breathtaking scenery of the Andes. In the small village of Liucura, we'll arrive at the meeting point with the minibuses that will take us back to Termas de Manzanar Hotel. Dinner at the hotel around 8pm. While having dinner, we'll review the following days' route graphics and maps, and watch a slideshow of the best pictures of the trip.



DAY FOUR

Malalcahuello National Park

HIKING

6 km / 4 mi

Hotel: Terraverde, 4☆. Av. Prat 0220, Temuco, La Araucanía.
Ph (56-45) 239 999, fax (+56-45) 239 455
<http://www.panamericanahoteles.cl/english/temuco.html>

Facilities: Satellite TV, internet access, laundry.

Features: A comfortable hotel, centrally-located.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

From Malalcahuello we take a 15 km (9 miles) dirt road that enters the National Reserve Nalcas-Malalcahuello and travel through a phenomenal forest of araucarias (*Araucaria araucana*) that leads to Corralco, the mountain center located at the foothills of the Lonquimay volcano. We can take in the views of the fantastic peaks of the Andean Araucanía, such as Sierra Nevada (2.554 meters / 8.379 feet) and Llaima volcano, as well as the more distant landmark of the Lanín volcano (3.710 meters / 12.172 feet) to the south.

During the day we'll be hiking through the wonderful reserve, which is surrounded by native forests of very old araucarias. We will learn about Chilean volcanoes, as well as about the indigenous group Pewenches, who have a very close and interesting relationship with the araucaria tree. In the late afternoon we'll return to Temuco in the vans (2 hours). Accommodation at Terraverde Hotel in Temuco and dinner at a local restaurant with Italian food (around 8:30 pm).



DAY FIVE

Padre Las Casas – Cunco - Melipeuco

CYCLING

90 km / 56 mi

Lodging: Apart Hotel del Volcán, 3☆.
Fresia 430, Pucón, La Araucanía.
Ph (+56 45) 44 20 55, fax (+56 45) 44 20 53
www.aparthoteldelvolcan.cl

Features: A very comfortable hotel, centrally-located, next to restaurants and shops.

Facilities: Satellite TV, internet access and laundry.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch.

The road we'll be biking on starting at Padre Las Casas is well paved, and cuts through farmlands in the rolling hills of La Araucania. This time will be riding with another volcano in front of us; we'll enjoy the landscape of Mapuche land, along with smooth hills and scenic Nothofagus tree forests in the middle of green meadows. As we approach the Llama Volcano (the most active volcano in South America) with constant ascents and descends, we'll arrive at Cunco (picnic lunch) and finally to the town of Melipeuco to end the third ride. We'll drive (two hours) to Pucón - the main adventure tourism destination in the Lake & Volcano District and check in at Apart Hotel del Volcan. Evening at leisure (dinner NOT included). We highly recommend for you to explore this nice touristy town with its many shops, restaurants, bars and cafes. Ask our guides if you need some local knowledge about dining and good shopping.



DAY SIX

NEW RIDE Pucón – Caburgua Lake – Huife Hot Springs

CYCLING

55 km / 35 mi

Lodging: Apart Hotel del Volcán, 3☆.
Fresia 430, Pucón, La Araucanía.
Ph (+56 45) 44 20 55, fax (+56 45) 44 20 53
www.aparthoteldelvolcan.cl

Features: A very comfortable hotel, centrally-located, next to restaurants and shops.

Facilities: Satellite TV, internet access and laundry.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

We'll cycle from Pucón to the village of Caburgua where we'll eat a snack at the beach of Lake Caburgua. The road today is a constant false-flat with a few rolling hills – just enough to get your legs going. Throughout today's ride our guide will help us identify several species of birds and trees as we cycle next to beautiful farms and enjoy views of the Villarrica volcano. With a little good luck, we will see smoke coming out of the active Villarrica volcano. After cycling to Huife, we will visit the Hot Spring Resort, have lunch there and enjoy a soothing soak in a hot mineral bath. Later we'll take a short ride in the vans back to Pucón, where we will have the rest of the day at leisure (dinner NOT included). Lodging at Hotel or similar



DAY SEVEN

Villarrica National Park by MTB + Hiking to Pichi Llancahue Glacier

CYCLING + HIKING

10 km / 6.2 mi + 6 km / 3.7 mi

Lodging: Apart Hotel del Volcán, 3☆.
Fresia 430, Pucón, La Araucanía.
Ph (+56 45) 44 20 55, fax (+56 45) 44 20 53
www.aparthoteldelvolcan.cl

Features: A very comfortable hotel, centrally-located, next to restaurants and shops.

Facilities: Satellite TV, internet access and laundry.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner.

Departing from Pucón, we drive 18 kms / 11 miles by minibus to Palguín Alto, where we start the Mountain Bike ride (supplied by operator and day rental included in rates). The road leads us through the Palguín valley in Villarrica National Park, with views of scenic waterfalls, as we will pass several majestic snow-capped volcanoes. The vegetation changes spectacularly as we ascend to Chinay, the highest point of the day at 4.101 feet above sea level. After approx 3 hours of a steady climb, we'll arrive at the Pichi Llancahue Glacier trail, where we'll take a good break and grab a bite of your on-route snack from the 4x4 support vehicle. Later we'll hike the trail (2 ½ hours round trip) that leads to a phenomenal glacier which is absolutely covered by the volcanic ashes of the Villarrica volcano. Once again you'll enjoy the stunning views of four volcanoes. Back to the head of the trail, we'll get on the bikes again and experience an exciting descent through the forest. After 30-45 minutes riding downhill we'll exit the park's boundaries. Return to Pucón and have dinner at a local restaurant.



DAY EIGHT

Villarrica – Lican Ray – Coñaripe – Panguipulli

CYCLING

91 km / 57 mi

Lodging: Marina del Fuy Lodge, 3☆.
Puerto Fuy Km 0, Panguipulli, Los Ríos.
Ph (+56 63) 197 24 26
www.marinadelfuy.com

Features: Lake-front boutique hotel with great views over Pirehueico Lake and the volcanoes Mocho and Choshuenco

Facilities: Licensed bar & restaurant, outdoor swimming pool and dock.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner at the lodge

Each day brings new beauty on this tour, and today is no exception. We will ride the shores of two beautiful lakes, Calafquén and Panguipulli, and will cycle three-quarters of the way around Villarrica, a majestic, snow-capped active volcano. We'll ride through the lake-side towns of Licanray and Coñaripe on roads bordered by green prairies and native forests; in this section there is one moderate climb of 4 km / 3 mi and then a nice descent. After the picnic lunch by the beach on Calafquén Lake, the road passes through green prairies with native forests, without many long ascends. This road is smooth and quiet as almost no vehicles drive here. At one point we should be able to see five volcanoes. After about 21 miles of cycling, we'll get to the town and lake of Panguipulli, meaning "land of lions." From this city we will drive 1.5 hours to the Natural Reserve Huilo Huilo, where we'll eat dinner and stay overnight at Marina del Fuy Lodge.



DAY NINE

Huilo-Huilo Nature Reserve

HIKING / CANOPY / HORSE RIDING

Lodging: Marina del Fuy Lodge, 3☆.
Puerto Fuy Km 0, Panguipulli, Los Ríos.
Ph (+56 63) 197 24 26
www.marinadelfuy.com

Features: Lake-front boutique hotel with great views over Pirehueico Lake and the volcanoes Mocho and Choshuenco

Facilities: Licensed bar & restaurant, outdoor swimming pool and dock.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner at the lodge

Huilo-Huilo Reserve boasts of nearly 155 miles of roads and trails that allow you to discover pristine beaches, streams, waterfalls and lakes. We can truly say that Huilo-Huilo is one of those places that "has everything you need". The Mocho and Choshuenco volcanoes, spectacular water falls, native forest, rivers and a wide array of activities ranging from canopy, horse-back riding, 4x4 overland and hiking trails for all levels.

Within the park we find four hiking trails, the Magnetic Stones trail (3-hour hike, medium), the Triful Route (3½-hour hike, medium), the Triful River (6-hour hike, difficult) and Quinchamáli Lookout-point (3-hour hike, easy) (additional cost of US\$25 each hike). Some of the highlights include a botanical forest, scenic clear-water lagoons, mighty waterfalls and amazing views of snow-capped volcanoes. Finally, a terrific way to experience the nature here is with the canopy tour (additional cost of US\$50); a group of platforms between 50 to 80 feet high are linked to each other by hanging bridges and suspended steel-wires. You'll literally feel like you are flying over the rainforest, rivers and canyons, as you glide across the cables, following a route that extends for 3 km /2 miles.



DAY TEN

Museo Moncopulli – Termas de Puyehue

CYCLING

52 km / 32 mi

Lodging: Termas Puyehue Hotel & SPA, 4☆.
Ruta 215 Km 70, Puyehue, Los Lagos
Ph (+56 2) 293 6000
www.puyehue.cl

Features: Luxury hotel with all the services of a world class Hotel & SPA.

Facilities: Licensed bar & restaurant, indoor and outdoor hot springs pools, jacuzzi, sauna, massage and beauty therapy, gym, mini golf, library, souvenirs shop, satellite TV and internet access.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner

Today we'll drive in the vans 160 km (100 miles) to the town of Osorno and then to the Moncopulli Museum (www.moncopulli.cl), where we will begin cycling. We will ride through rolling hills and beautiful beaches along Lake Puyehue, always on the lookout for wildlife and views of 4 volcanoes (Osorno, Puntagudo, Casablanca and Puyehue). With the lake on one side, green pastures and fields on the other, and the snow-capped Andes in the distance, this will be another picturesque day on our bicycles. The cycling today consists of small hills and long, flat stretches most of the day, but be sure to save enough energy to ride the final hill to the fantastic Termas de Puyehue Hotel where we'll spend the night.



DAY ELEVEN

NEW RIDE Termas de Puyehue – Argentinean Border (Climb)

CYCLING

50 km / 31 mi

Lodging: Termas Puyehue Hotel & SPA, 4★.
Ruta 215 Km 70, Puyehue, Los Lagos
Ph (+56 2) 293 6000
www.puyehue.cl

Features: Luxury hotel with all the services of a world class Hotel & SPA.

Facilities: Licensed bar & restaurant, indoor and outdoor hot springs pools, jacuzzi, sauna, massage and beauty therapy, gym, mini golf, library, souvenirs shop, satellite TV and internet access.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner

With Lake Puyehue on one side, green pastures and fields on the other, and the snow-capped Andes in the distance, this will be another picturesque day. The cycling today consists of a constant climb. The first leg of 8 km / 5 miles starts at Puyehue Hotel, climbing to the Chilean Custom, and then the second leg of 42 km / 26 miles climbing the hills of the Andes Mountain Range. We'll ride a smooth windy road through Puyehue National Park until reaching the border with Argentina (altitude: 4.255 ft). Return to Puyehue Hotel in the vans, rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the thermal Spa.



DAY TWELVE

NEW RIDE Frutillar – Puerto Octay – Las Cascadas

CYCLING

69.5 km / 43.2 mi

Lodging: Hotel Bellavista, 4★.
V. Pérez Rosales 060, Puerto Varas, Los Lagos
Ph (+56 65) 23 20 11, fax (56 65) 23 20 13
www.hotelbellavista.cl

Features: Opposite the beautiful lake Llanquihue and overlooking Osorno volcano.

Facilities: Licensed bar & restaurant, satellite TV and internet access.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch.

The ride today will go alongside the northeast coast of Lake Llanquihue, the second largest lake in Chile. We'll start cycling from Frutillar, a small quaint German-style village with great views of Osorno Volcano and Lake Llanquihue. The road is smooth and quiet across small rolling hills. We'll pass by Puerto Octay and Las Cascadas, also two small villages with a strong German character. Return to Puerto Varas and check in at Hotel Solace. Rest of the evening at leisure. Puerto Varas is a lovely touristy city with great shopping, restaurants and a Casino (dinner NOT included). Ask our guides if you need some local knowledge on eating out and good shopping.



DAY THIRTEEN

Puerto Varas – Ensenada – Petrohue Falls

CYCLING

58 km / 36 mi

Lodging: Hotel Bellavista, 4☆.

V. Pérez Rosales 060, Puerto Varas, Los Lagos
Ph (+56 65) 23 20 11, fax (56 65) 23 20 13
www.hotelbellavista.cl

Features: Opposite the beautiful lake Llanquihue and overlooking Osorno volcano.

Facilities: Licensed bar & restaurant, satellite TV and internet access.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

This trip of a lifetime is about to end. In the morning, the minibuses will take us to Lake Llanquihue, where a unique landscape is waiting for us - the Osorno Volcano with its perfect cone. The side of the Volcano reaches the shore of the lake and we'll pass through the middle of this astounding landscape as we travel to the village of Ensenada. We will start pedaling from Puerto Varas to Petrohue Falls, attacking 36 miles in one of the most beautiful routes of the tour. Upon completing the ride, we'll visit the Petrohue falls (\$4 USD) and head back with the vans to the charming german-style city of Puerto Varas, our last destination, and let ourselves to relax and enjoy a farewell dinner (seafood restaurant). Accommodation at Hotel Bellavista.



DAY FOURTEEN

Puerto Varas – Puerto Montt Airport – Santiago

Meals: Breakfast

After breakfast, the transportation will take you to Puerto Montt Airport to catch your flight back to Santiago. You can catch your flight back home or take some of the add-on trips. End of services



THE FINE PRINT

Pricing: Base on DBL room occupancy

US \$ – \$

6 – 9 cyclist **US\$ 2780,00**

10 – 12 cyclist **US\$ 2530,00**

13 – 15 cyclist **US\$ 2480,00**

16 – 20 cyclist **US\$ 2400,00**

We ask for a deposit of **US\$ 500,00 pp**. All prices are net

Single room supplement: **US\$ 550,00**

This quote is guaranteed until December 17th 2009.

Bike hire US\$ 250,00

TREK 1.5 2009 Road Bikes

Frameset	
Sizes	50, 52, 54, 56, 58cm
Frame	Alpha Black Aluminum
Fork	Bontrager Race, carbon; SpeedTrap compatible
Wheels	
Wheels	Bontrager SSR
Tires	Bontrager Select, 700x25c
Drivetrain	
Shifters	Shimano Sora STI, 9 speed
Front Derailleur	Shimano Sora
Rear Derailleur	Shimano Tiagra GS
Crank	FSA Vero 50/34
Cassette	SRAM PG950 11-26, 9 speed
Pedals	Nylon body w/alloy cage
Components	
Saddle	Bontrager Race Basic
Seat Post	Bontrager Carbon, Infinite Angle Adjustability
Handlebars	Bontrager SSR VR Bend OS, 31.8mm
Stem	Bontrager Race Lite OS, 7 degree, 31.8mm
Headset	Aheadset w/semi-cartridge bearings, integrated, sealed, alloy
Brakeset	Alloy dual pivot w/Shimano Sora STI levers



If you rent one of our great bikes, feel free to bring your own pedals, seat and seat post (27,2 mm). Also remember you **MUST** bring your own helmet and two water bottles.

Riding wait policy 90 minutes.

In order to ensure that the timing and logistics of the rides and tour go more smoothly, please be informed that from the time that it takes for the first rider to complete a ride, the transportation vehicles will wait a maximum of 90 minutes for the remaining cyclists to finish riding. After this point, the riders yet to reach the finish line will have to get into the vans and be transported in the vehicles to reunite with the group.

Activities included

Road cycling, mountain biking, hiking and hot springs.

Packing your Bike

If you bring your own bike (which is highly advisable), make sure they have tires of at least 28 cm size. Although the road surfaces are normally in fine shape, one never knows what condition they will be in after the winter. Pack your bike well in a cardboard box that we can easily dismantle for its transportation during the tour (NO big hard cases please!). Cascade Bicycle Club members also can get a discount at Crateworks.com on cases are perfect for our tour (as they fold down flat and provide excellent protection for the bikes). Standard size bike hard-cases are welcomed, nevertheless if they are extremely oversized they might have to be shipped to Puerto Varas (last city in the tour) **at your own cost** (USD \$50 approx).

Non Standard Wheels

If your wheels size is different than 700, you **MUST** bring your own parts (tires, tubes and spokes). Likewise, if your wheels have any special features make sure you bring your own special spokes.

Packing Tips

We advise you to bring clothing for warm and cold weather; also including helmet and cap, brightly colored cycling jerseys, arm and leg warmers, base layers, windbreaker, booties, gloves, two pairs of sneakers, a waterproof jacket and any other waterproof item, sunglasses, bathing suit and sandals. Don't forget your camera!

Trip Inclusions

- Professional bilingual guide.
- Private transportation with trailer & bicycle rack system (one vehicle for ten and under, two for fourteen riders & up).
- Mechanic over 16 pax
- Basic insurance
- Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner; on-route snacks include: mineral water, energy drinks, trail-mix, fresh fruit and gourmet sandwiches).
- All activities according to the itinerary.
- Entrance fee at hot springs.
- Gratuity at restaurants & hotels.
- 1 free pax from Cascade Club on DBL room from 10+ pax.
- Group size of 6 to 20 people.

Trip Exclusions

- Airfares and Airport taxes
- Cycle parts (some parts available for sale)
- Beverages & cocktails on menus
- Laundry
- Bike rental available upon request - Bike rental: US\$300 for the whole tour.

Optional Trip Extension

Experience the utter beauty of one of nature's most awesome natural wonders- Patagonia!



Torres Del Paine National Park 4D/3N Tour:

Day 1: Take a flight from Puerto Montt to Punta Arenas. Reception at airport and transfer to Puerto Natales with the possibility to see diverse flora and fauna on the way (Aprox 02,00 hrs drive). At afternoon arrive to Puerto Natales a picturesque town by the shore of Ultima Esperanza Cove. Lodging at Hotel Cisne de Cuello Negro

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Day 2: Tour towards Torres del Paine National Park, visiting Milodon cave. Continue to Pehoe Inn at Pehoe Lake with a wonderful view of the Paine horns. You'll be able to admire the beauty of Sarmiento, Figueroa, Nordenskjold and Pehoe Lakes, the typical mountains and height of Paine Massif including Paine towers, Big Paine, Almirante Nieto Mountain, Indian Head and others. Dinner and lodging at **Pehoe Inn** inside National Park Torres del Paine.

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Day 3: Excursion to Grey Lake area where the visitor will be able to admire huge ice flows, and beautiful scenery created by mother nature. You'll be able to visit awesome Waterfalls, Paine River, Toro Lake, Serrano and Grey River. Lodging and dinner at Pehoe Inn.

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Day 4: Transfer to Punta Arenas on comfortable and modern vehicles, passing to Puerto Natales for Lunch and city tour. Arrive to Punta Arenas in time to take flight to Santiago.

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Add-on Pricing Patagonia Tour Patagonia 4D/3N:

4-6 pax: 1150 USD

7-9 pax: 1000 USD

10-11 pax: 940 USD

12+ pax: 880 USD

SGL SUPP: 230 USD



Included:

- Private Services only for CBC group.
- Lodging at mentioned hotels Cisne de Cuello Negro and Pehoe Inn inside TDP NP.
- English speaking Guide
- Meals as specified on itinerary
- Comfortable and modern vehicles

Not Included- Your flight to Punta Arenas; this can be arranged when you book your entire flight package

PS: If you need transfers and hotel for one extra night in Santiago when arriving from Punta Arenas, please contact Ecotours.

Payment options

Due to customer feedback, Ecotours Chile now accepts payment with credit cards through Pay Pal. However, please be aware that paying through this system has a charge of 3% of the total amount paid. The wire transfer payment method to our account in New York, USA is available through your bank also. If you have any doubts about payment options, please contact:

ccosignani@ecotours.cl

Cancellations

Cancellation must be received by email to the following address: ccosignani@ecotours.cl

If for any reason it is necessary to cancel a reservation, the following will apply: Cancellations more than 90 days before trip departure, loss of 50% of deposit. Cancellations between 42 and 90 days before trip departure, loss of full deposit. Cancellations within six weeks of departure will result in forfeiture of full payment.

There will be no refunds once a tour has commenced. We strongly recommend you take out travel, accident, medical, baggage and cancellation insurance. We advise against discounted airfares that carry restrictions.

Sign Up

To sign up, please email Cristian Cosignani – ccosignani@ecotours.cl and he will send the Registration Form for the tour. If want to phone us, please contact Cristian at +56 – 2 – 4758430 or at his mobile +56 9 84590631.

Visa

No advance Visa application is needed for entry into Chile. United States and Canadian citizens entering Chile for tourism purposes will be charged a \$130.00 cash-only processing fee payable on arrival. Make sure you have US currency in hand to pay please

Weather notes

We suggest visiting the web for current conditions in Chile and doing your own research on this topic. www.meteochile.cl/reg09.html and www.meteochile.cl/reg10.html or www.accuweather.com (click on the world weather section)

Generally the weather in this area is very similar to Northern California, specially the coast side. Late October and November (spring time in the southern hemisphere) present milder temperatures with some scattered rain. During December you can start feeling the beginning of the summer with temperatures around 50°F / 81°F. In January and February temperatures range between 60°F / 95°F. Remember that you are visiting the Lake & Volcano district, so always expect some rain! Finally, in Chile there are no insects or animals that represent a threat to human beings.

Rider Testimonials on an Ecotours Chile experience

I want to thank the whole crew at Eco Tours Chile for providing us with an opportunity to see rugged, spectacular and freindly Chile this fall. The Lakes and Volcanoes District were just perfect to visit by bicycle and your team did an outstanding job of providing fun and safe routes for us to enjoy. Your on-road guide Ernesto is a true national treasure and a cyclists cyclist- he went out of his way to give riders of all abilities the chance to ride as much (or as little) as they wanted to during the tour.

Lastly, I was very impressed with the amazing value of the tour and the level of accommodation provided, plus the fabulous local contacts Eco Tours has obviously established over the years. Without spoiling it for future guests, I would rank our two-night stay in Huilo Huilo as one of my favorite all-time vacation experiences. Thank you for introducing South America to our members- a destination we look forward to visiting again soon!

Peter Verbrugge
Cascade Bicycle Club
Seattle, WA.

Other Important Information:

Airline Information

We highly recommend getting the Chile Airpass ticket with Lan Airlines, which includes the international flight from Seattle to Santiago (Chile) and the domestic flights Santiago(SCL)-Temuco(ZCO)/Puerto Montt(PMC)-Santiago(SCL). This Airpass is definitely less expensive than buying the flights separately and what's more important it is very flexible if there are some unexpected last minute changes. Lan Airlines contact information and suggested flight numbers will be informed ASAP by EcoTours Chile.

Flight Plan

Cascade Bicycle Club recommends Elizabeth Holmes Travel for booking airfare. Contact Sarah Ferris Scott at 206-647-8361 or visit www.elizabtholmes.com. If you plan to redeem frequent flier mileage make sure to book your flight early, as seats are limited. It is also a good idea to try and arrive one day early, in case of missed flights and to help to any jet lag.

Itinerary

14 days & 13 nights. Tour starts a Saturday (NOV date) and Friday (DEC date) in Temuco's airport and finishes in Puerto Montt's airport unless you decide taking one of our great add-on tours. See detailed itinerary for further information.

Altitude sickness

There is nothing to be worrying about altitude sickness. We will never get higher than 6,000 feet (second days ride).

Currency issues

In Chile, the local currency is called peso.

The current exchange rate is \$1 USD = \$550 Chilean Pesos (CLP).

Travel checks are not convenient because only few places accept them and the exchange rate is 10% lower than dollar bills. Most credit cards are accepted at shops, restaurants and hotels. The most common cards are Master Card, Visa and Dinners Club. American Express is less commonly accepted than the others. There is no need to bring a large amount of cash; there are ATMs almost everywhere we go on the tour. The maximum amount of money that you can withdraw per day is equivalent to USD \$400 (\$200.000 CLP).

Gratuities

In Chile the gratuity for hospitality services is normally 10% of the bill. In Chile people usually tip in restaurants, hotels and the local staff of guides. You shouldn't tip taxi drivers, baggage carriers and bar tenders, they do not expect any tips. At the end of the trip gratuity for the crew for a job well done is highly appreciated. Please see the Cascade Bicycle Club FAQ on the tours page for guidelines.

Food

Food in Chile is great and healthy. Likewise, it is one of the highlights of this tour. Great wine, fresh and flavorsome produce, seafood and all kinds of meat (beef, pork, chicken, lamb and wild boar) will be part of the daily menus. We are prepared to cater vegetarian and gluten free food, however if you are vegan you may have to be flexible because in Chile we have very limited vegan options.

Insurance

Any policy you purchase should, at the very least, cover trip cancellation, loss of baggage, accident/life coverage, travel delays, and non-refundable airline tickets. Carriers for travel insurance include Travel Guard and Travelex. You may also consider insurance that covers emergency medical evacuation. Search the web to find the best deal that suits your needs- read the fine print

Safety

Chile is by far one of the safest countries in South America in terms of public health and crime. We are proud to affirm that our police is one of the least corrupt in the world; they are always friendly and helpful.

Road Safety

Besides your own on-road safety gear (helmet, rearview mirrors, bright colored jerseys and gloves) we provide a support vehicle that drives at the rear of the group with a road-sign that alert other drivers the presence of bike riders on the road. Drivers in Chile are used to bicycles on the road, so they shouldn't bother you while riding. All our staff communicates by radio at all times.