

Expediciones Chile Fly Fishing Packing List (7 pages)



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Fly Fishing Packing List

We ask everyone to bring ONE children's book in English or Spanish to donate to the local library or rural school near where we operate. If anyone has desire to donate additional items that could help a school please contact our office. We will donate the shipping.

Overview:

Futaleufú river drainage is an alpine mountain environment; storms can blow in quickly, bringing with them cold, rainy spells. The fish may be easier to locate during these periods but be prepared it can be wet: bring rain gear and an extra-layer of warm clothes. On clear days the sun is intense; sun block and sunglasses are mandatory. Each evening you will be returning to the Isla Monita Lodge on Lago Yelcho, Adventure Lodge in Futaleufu or the CondorNest Ranch at the confluence of the Azul and the Futtaleufu.

If you are planning on combining your trip with other multi sport events be sure to download the applicable packing list to supplement your luggage.

If you are flying through Chaiten you will be flying on twin-engine prop planes, and they may charge excess baggage charges for over 15 kilos per person. Excessive baggage can be a liability, especially if it won't fit on the planes. Please pack as lightly and tightly as possible. Laundry facilities are available. Backpack bags that have a smaller day bag zipped to it are perfect for our fly fishing trips. See Jan Sport and Eagle Creek luggage. We recommend you carry your rod in a rod bag designed for the purpose. When flying in through Esquel, or Bariloche we fly only on commercial Jets but it is still best to pack light.

Label your bags with your name and the lost baggage address: YOUR NAME, Expediciones Chile, Gabriela Mistral 296, Futaleufú, Chile Fono (56) (65) 721-386

Print at the bottom of the tag in large letters: VIA PUERTO MONTT, or VIA ESQUEL or VIA BARILOCHE choosing the gateway city that is your destination by commercial jet plane. And your final destination: Isla Monita, Futaleufu Adventure Lodge, or CondorNest Ranch.

Activity	Expediciones Chile Provides
Fly Fishing	Fly Fisher's are responsible for bringing all personal fly fishing gear.

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You Provide

Dry land/casual clothing:

- Walking Shoes or light weight waterproof hiking boots
- Long pants (2)
- Shorts (and or swim suit) (2)
- Sandals
- T Shirts (2)
- Short Sleeved Shirt (2)
- Long sleeve shirt (2)
- Socks (4)
- Sun hat or ball cap
- Rain Jacket, hooded, breathable, waterproof GoreTex type
- Rain Paint, breathable, waterproof GoreTex type
- Capeline/polypropylene long sleeve shirt. (1)
- Pile jacket or wool sweater (1)

On the water list:

- GoreTex Waders (neoprene is our second choice)
- Wader Safety Belt (mandatory) as a safety measure when walking and wading in and around the rivers of the area.
- Wading boots, felt sole (or 5:10 rubber sole is our second choice)
- Gravel Guards
- Wader Repair Kit
- Neoprene socks if not included with your waders
- Fishing Vest
- Camelbak hydration pack (optional)
- synthetic socks or wool socks for warmth (3)
- Polypropylene or fleece long underwear tops (2)
- Polypropylene or fleece long underwear bottoms (2)
- Fleece vest or jacket
- Packable light weight rain jacket or foul weather shell (with hood)
- Hat for sun protection, water proof
- Ball Cap
- Wool or fleece fingerless gloves(1)
- Wool or fleece hat
- Polarized sunglasses with leash to see deeper into the water with retainers. (2)
- small backpack or bag to carry fishing gear and/or a change of clothes for after fishing/or carry while walk and wade fishing.

Fishing equipment/tackle:

- Fly Rod (s): For the large volume waters of the Rio Futaleufu we suggest rod a fast taper 6 or 7 weight rod that you are comfortable with in windy conditions, and something more beefy – a 9 or 10 weight rod for really large windy stretches. Spay rods are great fun on this water – bring it if you have it! Rod lengths should be 8 1/2 ft. at the shortest on up to 11ft in length.
- Fly Rod Light: For the smaller streams and tributaries in the Futaleufu Valley you may choose to bring a 4wt, for great dry-fly action but 5-6wt rods will work just fine.
- Make sure you have line weight that works with the rods you are using. You will want to have multiple leaders for floating and sinking options and two spools for each specific rod weight filled with floating and sinking tip lines and 100 yards of backing.

Suggested Flies:

A well rounded selection of flies is imperative since you will be in the Chilean frontier. Think BIG! You will be fishing for trout that are larger than at home, and they like big meals. Dry flies, nymphs, and streamers.

Your guides will help you with other specific flies we use here.

Most of the time, you will find that the smaller sizes of flies we are used to back home are a bit too small, but that does not mean do not bring a selection of smaller sizes from size 14-20. Most of the time you will enjoy casting a bit larger fly due to the windy conditions and apparent heavy or turbulent water of the Rio Futaleufu. For streamers and nymphs weight is important. Due to the fast flows and turbulent backwashes on our river you will need weight to get your artificial down to where the fish are. Beaded eyes and / or weighted bodies both work well. Bring lead putty or split shots to take your streamer right to the bottom on some of our bigger pools. The water is very clear so long leaders are good to have, along with plenty of tippet.

Nymphs: Size 12-6

Prince, hare's ear, pheasant tails, zug bug, copper johns, bead head varieties of nymph stage flies are great. Black, brown stone fly nymph.

Streamers: Size 4-8

Olive wooly buggers, Black wooly buggers, with green, red or silver flash if you can find them.
 Olive bunny leach, Black bunny leach.
 Muddlers, Kiwi Muddlers, Olive sculpin, Olive Matuka, Black Matuka,
Little Rainbow Trout, Clousers, Deceivers.

Dry flies: Sizes 6-18

Elk hair caddis, grass hoppers, may flies, PMD's, blue winged olive, large attractors, sofa pillow, Royal wolf, Grey wolf,
Terrestrials
 Chernobyl ants, black ants, winged ants.
 Dragonfly Patterns
Other terrestrials such as beetles, crayfish and mouse patterns.

Other Fishing Items :

spare rod tips (2)
 Line cleaner
 Floatant
 Extra leaders 9ft-14ft
 Polypropylene yarn for strike indicators
 Weight
 Extra tippet 2x-4x-6x
 Fish net (optional)
 Personal dry bag for float fishing trips (optional)
 Fishing vest or fanny pack system to carry tour equipment

For Horseback Riding (check your itinerary to see if this is included)

- Comfortable, long pants
- Small fanny pack or back pack (listed in optional extra stuff)

Toiletries

- Towel (1)
- A small shower kit that hangs from a hook
- Hairbrush or comb
- Toothpaste (small travel tubes are ideal), toothbrush, dental floss
- Small bar of soap, shampoo & conditioner (one sample/travel size bottle is perfect for a week of fishing)
- Antiperspirant/ Deodorant
- Skin lotion
- Insect repellent
- Extra contact lens and enough lens liquid and cleaning solution. Some people have found that wearing light-weight, sturdy, plastic glasses helps protect their contacts from being flushed out by the big waves.
- Tampons or sanitary napkins (enough for the entire trip)

Sun Protection

- Sunscreen (Waterproof 30 spf minimum)
- Sun block – zinc oxide
- Lip balm containing sun block
- Sunglasses (2)
- Retainer Leashes for Sunglasses, floating (2)

Documents

- Photocopy of Airline ticket and Passport. Pack these separately in case you lose the originals (also leave a copy at home with a friend or family member).
- Photocopy of Travel insurance plan.

Medical

We have taken all precautions with food, water & sanitation conditions to prevent illness. We have had excellent results. The drinking water at Isla Monita lodge, our Adventure Lodge, CondorNest Ranch and our Campo Tres Monjas comes from pure closed mountain springs This will be the best water you will have tasted. However, elsewhere in Chile and Argentina we recommend bottled water and to wash your hands as often as possible.

We recommend coming prepared with a small **personal first aid kit** that includes:

- Your own prescription medications
- Aspirin or Ibuprofen
- Antihistamine for anyone with allergies
- Vitamins if you take them
- Anaphylaxis kit if you have severe reactions to bee stings
- Decongestant
- Band-Aids
- Antibiotic Ointment

Medications for traveler's diarrhea (TD):

- Peptol Bismol (bottle or tablet)
- Imodium (loperamide). Loperamide is an over-the-counter anti-motility agent.
- As an extra precaution, you may choose to bring a prescription antibiotic. Ciprofloxacin and loperamide are effective against the bacteria, E.Coli, the most common cause of TD. Consult your doctor to obtain antibiotics.

Optional Extras

- Money belt (worn around waist or around neck)
- Spanish dictionary, maps, books, journal and pens
- Camera or Video Camera. Go digital.
- Extra Batteries
- Sewing kit (optional)
- Travel Alarm Clock (optional)
- Favorite snacks. Power Bars are not available in Patagonia.

BAGGAGE TAGS

If Futaleufu is your destination you can cut out and use these baggage labels for your luggage. They will fit into your baggage tags or can be taped to your baggage with clear packing tape. To make them waterproof you can use clear packing tape or laminate them.

#1 Print your name on the tags

#2 Print at the bottom of the tag in large letters VIA PUERTO MONTT, or VIA ESQUEL or VIA BARILOCHE choosing the city that you will fly through by commercial jet plane.

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