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Trip Name: Futaleufu Multisport Rafting (Campo Tres Monjas Week)

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Overview:

Whitewater Rafting in Chile:

Futaleufu Rafting: Futaleufu Multi-sport Chile Rafting Week

The Futaleufu River is known in whitewater circles as one of the most exciting and challenging rivers in the world. It is an exhilarating whitewater power storm, with a life force of turquoise champagne like water. Riding the spine of this river as it flows through this isolated portion of the glaciated Chilean Andes is an un-paralleled experience. This is one of the top river experiences in the World and one of the top experiences in South America. Put this on your bucket list. Once you feel the direct connection with this incredible power of Patagonian nature you will understand why it has earned its reputation as "The Greatest Whitewater on Earth" !!! The river's name is derived from a local Tuhuelche Indian word meaning "big big river" and it lives up to its namesake in every respect.

The Futaleufu Multisport Chile Rafting week descends the entire whitewater portion of the Futaleufu river. Over four full rafting days we descend from 1056 feet above sea level near the border with Argentina paddling to 160 feet above sea level at our take out near Lago Yelcho. One day we get to repeat one of the most fun and exciting sections from the previous day, before we continue down into a more challenging section called Casa de Piedra. The second time is always sheer fun. In addition to rafting the entire Futaleufu you will be able to schedule two full days of multi sport activities in this spectacular section of the river valley. From Campo Tres Monjas, there are four trail heads that allow you to venture out on foot, horseback, mountain bikes, to explore this magical paradise. You can also sea kayak on nearby lakes, sit on top kayak, or learn to whitewater kayak on the easier Rio Espolon or even stand up paddling. If you are an experienced kayaker you can kayak along with our raft trips or in distinct groups that match your experience level. Rafting in Patagonia has never been more comfortable or more customizable with the spectacular and strategic location of Expediciones Chile's Campo Tres Monjas.

[The Eco Campo Tres Monjas](#) located on a white sand beach at the confluence of the Futaleufu river and the Rio Azul. The RiverNest Cabins are hidden between the river bank and the Riparian forest of exotic looking Patagonian Trees. Each cabin is accessed by a private sand trail. After dinner you can enjoy a camp fire on the beach as you watch the moon rise between the impressive spires of Tres Monjas peak standing guard over head. There is a Sauna, flush toilets, a drying room for your river clothes, dining lodge, a selection of hot showers, including an exotic outdoor shower masterly hidden within huge natural boulders. All this is designed with great thought to harmonize with nature. On this week long trip you will be able to play hard during the day in the wilds of Patagonia and return to the comforts of sit down dinning, a cozy stove, sauna, and a warm bed. Rafting in Chile does not get any more exciting, wild and comfortable than this.

Your first day of rafting starts just minutes from the border where we pick you up. It is a introduction to Big Water (powerful class 3/4). It is a stunning journey along a remote seldom seen section of the Futaleufu. The guide is in the back of the raft on stern mounted oars for supplemental control. You will learn how to maneuver the raft as a paddle team, and test yourselves as the rapids increase from Class 3 to Class 4. Unusual trees, spectacular scenery, black granite gorge and pristine water..... the day ends on the white sand beach of Campo Tres Monjas. You baggage will be waiting at your RiverNest cabin. Snacks and pisco sour will be waiting in the dining room and the sauna will be hot. This will be your home in paradise for the week.

Rafting:

[Raft the Futaleufu Class V video \(1 min 50 secs\)](#)

[Rafting Slide show](#)

[Rafting Safety Rescue video \(1 min 12 secs\)](#)

Maps:

[Overview Map of Chile and Argentina](#)

[Patagonia Regional Map](#)

[Futaleufu River Valley Map](#)

[Campo Tres Monjas Map](#)

Optional Multisport Activities:

[Futaleufu River Valley Multisport Overview \(1 min 05 secs\)](#)

[Trekking Slide show](#)

[Mountain Bike Slide show](#)

[Sea Kayak Slide show](#)

[Kayak School Slide show](#)

[Learn to Kayak the Futaleufu - Nat Geo Trailer \(6 min 23 secs\)](#)

[Learn to Kayak the Futaleufu - Nat Geo Full video \(52 min 9 secs\)](#)

Extra Multisport Activities:

[FlyFishing Slide show](#)

[Horseback Riding Slide show](#)

[Canyoning Slide show](#)

[All slide shows and videos](#)

Day by Day:

Day 1 Friday: Depart your home town: Fly to Miami and connect on an over night flight to Buenos Aires Argentina. Welcome to the warmth of the southern Hemisphere in summer.

Day 2 Saturday: Travel to Trevelin, Patagonia Argentina

Early morning arrival in Buenos Aires. Change airports with a taxi or shuttle bus and catch another flight to Esquel Argentina. Trevelin Argentina is a charming mountain village gateway just 45 minutes from the Esquel airport and 45 minutes from the Futaleufu River in Chile. Check into the Casa de Piedra hotel and walk to one of several Argentine restaurants with the Chilean Andes in view. Unwind, relax, and get a good nights sleep before the start of your trip the next morning.

Day 3 Sunday: Your trip starts. Raft from the near the Border to Campo Tres Monjas

After a relaxing night's sleep at a hotel in the quaint Welch town of Trevelin deep in Patagonia Argentina, we begin this exciting trip with a quick shuttle across the Chilean/Argentinean border and into the Futaleufu Valley. After clearing customs we go direct to the Futaleufu put in where we will meet your guides and rafts. After changing into our river gear, your luggage will be whisked away and magically show up at your RiverNest cabin at our river eco-camp before you arrive. After the introduction of whitewater and paddling skills we encounter a section of mild class II water flowing through the Las Escaleras valley. A couple of hours later the river shows its wild side and we encounter "[Zeta](#)" and "[Throne Room](#)", two of the most challenging (Class V+) rapids on the Futaleufu. We study and will portage both. After the portages, we get into our first action, the section called "The Wild Mile" which contains [Tres Islas](#) (III), [Roller Coaster](#) (III), [Honorable Mention](#) (IV minus), [Wild Mile](#) (IV minus) and the climatic Thing. The excitement doesn't stop until we get to the confluence of the Futaleufu and Azul rivers as we take out on the unspoiled beach at our Camp Tres Monjas with the stunning peak of the same name standing guard. At our secluded camp you find your luggage in your cabin. You will be given a tour following trails to the sauna, showers, drying shed, bathrooms, and dining hall. This idyllic spot will serve as the take out and put in for your activities for the rest of the week's adventures. This setting is arguably one of the most stunning on the river. Relax in the sauna and ready yourself for a sit down meal.

Day 4 Monday: Rafting: Terminator Section and the Heart of the Futaleufu

This has to be one of the most fun and action packed days of rafting, anywhere on earth. We take off from our sand beach at camp and head downstream to a couple of warm up rapids before the river takes on an extremely powerful nature, with the longest rapid on the Futa, the "[Terminator](#)" (Class V). After a careful scout and plan we will run this rapid. Just below, we'll have to negotiate the hole filled "[Khyber Pass](#)" (Class IV+) and the [Himalayas](#) (Class IV), with perhaps the biggest standing waves in the hemisphere with a huge pool below. After Lunch we run another complete section called the the Heart of the Futaleufu. This section, from the Zapata swinging bridge to the Puente Futaleufu, includes five miles of Class IV+ rafting action. Rapids such as "[Entrada](#)", "[Pillow](#)", "[Tiburón](#)", and "[Mundaca](#)" with its must-see explosion hole, will keep you on your toes. Though drop pool the pools are short and the action non stop. After the trip we return to our Camp and take advantage of our sauna and massage and work out any sore muscles you might have after a big day of paddling.

Day 5 Tuesday: Lower Futaleufu Rafting: The Heart of the Futaleufu and Casa de Piedra Section

We take off from the beginning of the the Heart of the Futaleufu. This is the action packed section from the day before that includes five miles of Class IV+ rafting action. Rapids such as "[Entrada](#)", "[Pillow](#)", "[Tiburón](#)", and "[Mundaca](#)" with its must-see explosion hole, will keep you on your toes. As we begin our final section of river today we will thread through the well named Maso Manos rapid getting ready for the magical and daunting rapid Casa de Piedra. Casa, as commonly called by our expert guides, is a long class V rapid appropriately named for the house size rock that must be navigated before flying past the helicopter eddy and down through a maze of truck size holes and waves. The take out is at a spectacular cliff wall with towering glaciers in the distance. After we finish this we return to the Campo and RiverNest cabins.

Day 6 Wednesday: Rafting Infierno to Campo

This is the most demanding, committing, and hazardous section of the Futaleufu, the highlight of our Patagonia rafting program! It is also optional. If you feel that you have had enough with the previous sections a multisport activity can be scheduled. To raft this section safely, the river levels must be correct, you must have rafted the "Heart" section with us and met all of our safety requirements. We put in at the Río Espolon bridge and raft to the the confluence with the Futaleufu River. At the "[Gates of Infierno](#)", we enter the "Infierno Canyon" with several consequential and continuous Class V drops. After an exciting morning of rafting in the Inferno canyon, the river widens with spectacular views of Las Escaleras Valley. After a section of mild class II water, the river returns to its wild side and we encounter "[Zeta](#)" and "[Throne Room](#)", hopefully you will be able to see and film one of our guides kayak these incredible world class rapids. We will portage both. We repeat the action packed section called "The Wild Mile". This time we will have fun and you will be relaxed enough to see the incredible scenery from the river. After the Wild Mile we arrive at the [Río Azul](#) Tonight, weather permitting we set up the dining tables on the beach. If you want you can have a massage scheduled after these four active days of rafting.

Day 7 Thursday: Trekking around Tres Monjas or up the Tres Monjas. After breakfast we set out on a trail for the planned Trek around the Tres Monjas peak. One trek takes us around the backside of the Tres Monjas peak crossing creeks and through Coyhue forests (4 hours). The most challenging option is the all day climb (8 to 12 hours) up the the Monjas and through the enchanted forest of rare Lenga trees that have adapted to the thin soil high on the mountain. Their fight for survival coupled with their vulnerability contribute to a fascinating environment and an exciting hike! You can experience an incredible view of the area just beneath the dramatic spires. If you just want a day at camp to yourself to relax, swim, read on that beach, grab a massage or just take in the natural beauty...take the day off and do whatever. Just return in time for wine and snacks before dinner.

Day 8 Friday: Multisport option day: Further Trekking /Mt Bike /Sea Kayak or learn to roll a kayak.

1. Trekking up to the scenic overlook Piedra de Aguila. Finish in the village of Futaleufu.
2. Mt Biking from Camp into the village of Futaleufu.
3. If you want to Sea Kayak we have one man and two man kayaks for exploring either Lago Espolon or Lago Lonconao depending which way the wind blows. Afterwards we return to the village of Futaleufu.
4. If there are three or more interested in learning to whitewater kayak this can be an option. Most Fridays, we have our head of instruction a former Olympian teach our Rafting Multisport guests the essential points of this exciting sport in a non-threatening environment. This is an opportunity to try this exciting sport first in a lagoon, then on gentle moving water on an introduction section of the Rio Espolon. We finish in Futaleufu.

After the activities we will have a little time to change clothes and to take a small tour of Futaleufu. We make our way toward the border where your taxi awaits to take you to your Hotel in Trevelin. Check into your hotel, take a shower and change clothes before enjoying your last night in Patagonia. There are a handful of outstanding and reasonably priced restaurants in Trevelin that we can recommend. Relax, recover and look back on the exciting week of rafting before heading home the following morning.

Day 9 Saturday: Return to Capital City

Depending on your connections you are now in Argentina ready for an early departure in a cab from your hotel to the airport in Esquel and for your flight back to Buenos Aires.

Day 10 Sunday: Return home

Accommodations:

[Interactive map of Campo Tres Monjas river eco camp](#) / [Campo Tres Monjas](#)

Price per Person :

Scheduled Departure Dates: [Activity Calendar](#)

Price per Person: \$3295.00 USD *Double Occupancy RiverNest Cabin*

Single Occupancy if available \$200 USD

Special Flexibilities: Exchile will be flexible to make your trip a total success. The actual program for your custom trip may vary according to the weather, desires and skill level of your group, or other factors. Patagonia has constantly changing weather patterns that might affect what day is best for a certain activity. If a certain part of your trip is not possible due to danger risks and weather extremes, our experienced guide staff will work with you to figure out the best possible option to substitute for the weather complications. If you have any concerns, please feel free to ask us more about the situations and what is guaranteed on the trip.

Included: Your described itinerary activities, guiding, instruction, activity equipment, transportation and shuttles for all scheduled activities, all meals, wine with dinner, all accommodations (based on double occupancy in a RiverNest Cabin) or as described in your itinerary from your trip pick up point and through to your drop off point after the trip. See the packing list of your activity, for the specific clothing that is required for you to bring.

Not Included: All en-route transportation, food, pre-trip hotel(s) from your home town to your trip pick up point.

All en-route transportation, food, lodging, post-trip hotel(s) from your trip drop off point back to your home town.

Once you are traveling on an exchile trip you should have no extra expenses unless you are desiring, laundry services, massage, gifts, or additional alcohol beyond what is included. If you want to add activities that are not listed as options on your itinerary we are super flexible to cater to your wishes. However extra activities may be subject to an additional charge if not included on your day by day itinerary.

How to organize your En-route in one step: We can have Gilda ([G & G Travel and Tours](#)) our recommended travel agent arrange all en-route transportation, pre and post trip hotels for your exchile trip or trips. Give her a call and compare prices. She often beats internet fares.

Expediciones Chile and G & G Travel and Tours are not financially responsible for your travel complications getting to your trip pick up point and back home from the trip drop off point, HOWEVER, **we will be relentless allies 24/7** in offering our influence to **help solve any issues** that you may encounter in route. This is our part of the world and we are extremely well connected. Our clients provide significant business for the transportation services we recommended, they work with us and they know that we aggressively represent our guests in finding solutions while they are in route to exchile trips. We

recommend purchasing travel insurance.

Trip Summary:

Trip Pick up spot: The Border between Futaleufu Chile and Esquel Argentina.

Trip Drop off spot: The Border between Futaleufu Chile and Esquel Argentina.

Alternative Trip Drop off spot: Futaleufu for a transfer to Chaiten and flight back to Puerto Montt Chile.

Season: Nov 15 to April 15

Experience Needed: None but is helpful.

Physical Challenge: Moderately high

Cultural Experience: Moderately high

Nature Experience: High

Comfort Rating: High

Max Trip Size: 16

Min Trip Size: 4

Regions visited: Remote Patagonia Chile and Argentina

Lakes, rivers and sites: Futaleufu river, Rio Azul, Rio Espolon, Lago Lonconao, Lago Esplon, Secret Lagoon, Campo Tres Monjas, Futaleufu Chile, Trevelin Argentina.

Recommended Air Travel Route:

We recommend:

Fly in: Buenos Aires - Esquel Argentina

Fly out of: Esquel - Buenos Argentina

Alternative:

Fly in: Santiago - Puerto Montt - Chaiten

Fly out of: Chaiten - Puerto Montt - Santiago

[Your Travel Route details](#)

Lets GO!

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Thank you,

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