



**ExChile - Welcome to the Greatest Playground on Earth!**  
**2017-2018-2019 Season**

**URL Link:** <http://www.exchile.com/KayakSchoolNewKayakerWeek.html>

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[Futaleufu River Map](#)

[Espolon River Map](#)

[Rio Azul River Map](#)

**Roll Videos:**

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**Overview:**

Although the Futaleufu is world famous for its big water, it also has two exceptional tributaries the Rio Espolon and Rio Azul which are ideal for paddling school classes and beginner kayak lessons. There are also Class II and Class III sections of the Futaleufu. A warm water lagoon, Lago La Paz is minutes away for roll practice. For beginning whitewater kayakers our kayak school offers the New Kayaker Week focusing on teaching you what you need to know to paddle your first thrilling whitewater rapids.

This kayak school class is designed for the first time paddler. Our kayak instruction program will introduce to you the basic kayaking strokes, boat control, wet exits, and the Eskimo roll, before we take you on moving water. The kayak lessons presented in this course will give you a solid foundation. Over the course of a week you will learn the basics of kayak eddy turns, peel-outs, ferries, and the fundamentals of edge control. The last two days of our kayak school are devoted to day-long kayak river trips, where we will put all of the paddling instruction fundamentals together.

This course is meant for beginner kayaking students, experienced kayakers that wish to strengthen their technique or sea kayakers that want to learn to roll and how to negotiate rivers. Paddling Instruction is from our Campo or our Cabins on the Rio Azul.

The [Eco Campo Tres Monjas](#) located on a white sand beach at the confluence of the Futaleufu river and the Rio Azul is where you stay.

## Day by Day:

### **Day 1 Friday: Depart your hometown**

Overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina

### **Day 2 Saturday: Travel to Trevelin, Argentina in Patagonia**

Welcome to the warmth of summer in the Southern Hemisphere with an early arrival in Buenos Aires. Change airports with a taxi or shuttle bus and catch another flight to Esquel, Argentina. Taxi 45 minutes to Trevelin, Argentina, a charming mountain village just 45 minutes from the border and from the Futaleufu River in Chile. If you prepay, ExChile can meet all of your transportation needs until we pick you up at the Argentine-Chilean border the following day. 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 night's sleep before the start of your trip the next morning.

### **Day 3 Sunday: Trip Pick up, Into Chile, Secret Lagoon, Taste of the Espolon**

After a relaxing night's sleep at a hotel in the quaint Welsh town of Trevelin, deep in Argentinian Patagonia, we begin this exciting trip with a taxi to the Chilean-Argentine border, where an ExChile representative meets you. We are now in the Futaleufu Valley. After you clear customs, your ExChile trip officially starts. A fifteen drive into Futaleufu where we will become familiar with your kayak, equipment, and safety procedures. We put in at the lagoon called La Paz just minutes from our base in the village of Futaleufu. We introduce you to the kayak strokes, the roll and all the fundamentals. After lunch we actually get our first taste of moving water on the easiest part of the Espolon River. After this first day on the river we drive 20 minutes to our Eco Campo Tres Monjas, your luggage will be waiting, settle in and enjoy a healthy family style meal before heading to bed.

### **Day 4 Monday: Secret Lagoon and Upper Rio Espolon**

We're headed back to the secret blue lagoon on the edge of the pristine Rio Espolon. We'll spend more time practicing our rolls in the comforts of the lagoon and once our confidence is built up, head off into the Class II moving water. We will practice the ferrying technique, crossing the Espolon several times, as well as strengthen our ability to identify river features such as tongues, waves, holes, and eddies. As the finale of the day we meet your first real rapid, Three Rocks class 2+. The take out is just after this rapid. Afterwards, we arrive at our Eco Campo Tres Monjas where we settle in and enjoy a hearty meal before heading to bed.

### **Day 5 Tuesday: Roll practice/ Espolon standing wave/ Optional rafting on the Futaleufu.**

Today we're headed back to secret blue lagoon on the Rio Espolon. We'll spend more time practicing our rolls in the comforts of the lagoon and once our confidence is built up, head off into the Class II moving water, We will review the ferrying techniques and reinforcing the proper form and giving individual instruction to overcome any weaknesses. We will continue on past Three Rocks and onto Rosi's wall to just above the Surfing rapid. Afterwards, we arrive at our Eco Campo Tres Monjas where we join more advanced kayakers for happy hour and enjoy a healthy family style dinner. Option: Whitewater rafting day with roll practice in the afternoon when you return to Campo Tres Monjas.

### **Day 6 Wednesday: Lower Rio Espolon focus on Ferries/eddies/turns**

We return to the Espolon and we will repeat the previous section and continue on into the lower Espolon with its surfing waves. We will solidify our Ferries, eddy turns and start on our jet ferry techniques. The more adventurous and quick learners have the option to try out their kayak rolling skills in whitewater. We return to Campo Tres Monjas for a sauna and after kayaking happy hour.

### **Day 7 Thursday: Lower Espolon and Surfing waves**

We put in above Three Rocks rapid and will spend more time on the perfect standing waves of surfing rapid. This is a beautiful class room, pristine water, ideal eddies, glassy waves, and gorgeous mountains surrounding us. There is even a great rock bank to get out and eat lunch and sun on. If you were to design a teaching spot you could not come up with anything better. After lunch we descend into our most challenging rapids yet on the Class 3 lower. Tonight when we return to Campo Tres Monjas we are pulling out all the stops with a huge asado or open pit grill. We'll enjoy a fantastic night at the camp with Patagonian lamb and outstanding company on the beach under the stars.

**Day 8 Friday: Class II Upper Limite section of the Futaleufu and return to Trevelin, Argentina.** Today is our graduation day for our New Kayaker paddler we will paddle the Upper Futaleufu river from border to near town. After today, you will have the skills necessary to kayak Class II/III whitewater, as well as have the experience of having been on the Futaleufu. Not many can say that.

**For the one week trip** after the kayaking, we will have a little bit of time to change clothes and to make our way toward the border where your taxi awaits to take you to your hotel in Trevelin. Your trip officially ends at the border. 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**

You wake up in Argentina, where you can eat breakfast and relax before you take a taxi from your hotel to the airport in Esquel. Return to Buenos Aires, change airports, and board your international flight home.

**For the Optional Second Week**

**Day 8 Friday:** After paddling we take you into town and we provide you a humble bed and breakfast for Friday and Saturday night. Dinner is on your own Friday night.

**Day 9 Saturday: Day off** Meals are on your own. Night in the provided Bed and Breakfast.

**Day 10 Sunday: Rio Espolon**

We meet at our base in the village of Futaleufu at 11 am and head off to the Rio Espolon. We know which techniques need to be built on and, if accomplished, much can be achieved this second week.

**Day 11 Monday: Roll review in the morning and Lower Espolon Class III.**

**Day 12 Tuesday: Espolon Surfing 101 and combat roll practice.** We return to the Rio Espolon with the distinct goal of playing, and mastering the surf wave rapid. We want you to practice your rolls in the standing waves. After passing this test you will be ready to paddle the easiest section of the Futaleufu.

**Day 13 Wednesday: Rio Azul intro to Big Water**

Today we put in on the mini gorge of the lower Rio Azul. This run is technical class II/III paddling and there will be spots to practice ferries. When we get to the confluence with the Futaleufu, there is a pool at a small beach perfect for practicing rolls in an incredible setting. Once you have confidence in your rolls we eat lunch and practice our introduction into Big water moving water Class II on the Futaleufu at the confluence.

**Day 14 Thursday: On the Futaleufu**

Today we will utilize all of the techniques that we have practiced thus far. First, we warm up on the Azul in front of the Campo. We then practice again on the Big Water 101 eddies. After lunch, we paddle from the SchoolHouse rapid on the Futaleufu through Asleep at the Wheel, taking out just above the class V+ Terminator rapid. After an exciting day of paddling, we head back to town where we will have a little bit of time to change clothes and to take a small tour of Futaleufu. We will then make our way toward the border, where your trip officially ends and 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 kayaking before heading home the following morning.

**Day 15 Friday: Graduation day/on to Trevelin, Argentina**

Today we repeat the section of the Asleep at the wheel section of the Futaleufu. After the the kayaking, we will have a little bit of time to change clothes and to make our way toward the border where your taxi awaits to take you to your hotel in Trevelin. Your trip officially ends at the border. 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 16 Saturday:** You wake up in Argentina, where you can eat breakfast and relax before you take a taxi from your hotel to the airport in Esquel. Return to Buenos Aires, change airports, and board your international flight home.

**Day 17 Sunday: Return home**

## Accommodations:

[Campo Tres Monjas](#) (82 secs)    [CondorNest Ranch](#)    [Sendero Lodge](#) (30 secs)

## Price and Departure Dates

**One Week, Length of Trip:** 6 Active Days

**Price per Person:** Single Occupancy \$2,695.00 usd (if available)

**Price per Person:** Double Occupancy \$2,295.00 usd

**Second week** 6 additional Active Days

**Price per Person second week:** Single Occupancy \$2,395 usd (if available)

**Price per Person second week:** Double Occupancy \$1,999 usd

**Lite Version: Length of Trip** 4 Active Days

**Price per Person:** Single Occupancy \$1,880.00 usd (if available)

**Price per Person:** Double Occupancy \$1,630.00 usd

## Included

Your described itinerary, guiding, instruction, specialized equipment, and all transportation from your trip pick up point to your trip drop off point, all accommodation (RiverNest Cabins are double occupancy), all meals, and wine with dinner.

To see the gear that we provide, please check the [packing list](#) of your activity.

**Multisport Choices:** One day of rafting is offered as an option on the two week trip.

## Not Included

All pre and post-trip enroute transportation, food, and hotel(s).

Once you are on an ExChile trip, you should incur no extra expenses unless you'd like laundry services, massages, gifts, or alcohol beyond what is included. If you would like to add multisport activities that are not listed as options on your itinerary, we are happy to cater to your wishes, though these activities may be subject to an additional charge. These are Fly Fishing / Horseback Riding

## Contingencies

**Weather and River Flow:** ExChile will work to make your trip a total success, though your trip itinerary may vary based on unforeseen circumstances related to weather, river levels, or to other unpredictable variables. Given that the weather in Patagonia and the water level of the Rio Futaleufu can change, some runs may be dangerous at certain points in time. However, our experienced guide staff will work closely with you to determine the optimal substitute option, if relevant. If you have any concerns, please feel free to reach out to ask us more about potential risks and options.

**Transportation:** Expediciones Chile and G & G Travel and Tours are not financially responsible for travel complications associated with arriving at your trip pick up point or returning home from the trip drop off point. However, we will be your relentless ally 24/7 in offering our influence to help solve any issues that you may encounter en route. This is our part of the world and we are very well connected. Our clients provide significant business for the transportation services that we recommended and they know that we aggressively represent our guests in finding solutions while they are en route to ExChile trips. We also recommend purchasing travel insurance.

## Trip Summary:

**Experience Needed:** Flexibility

**Physical Challenge:** Moderate

**Season:** Dec, 7 to March 31, 2018

**Cultural Experience:** Moderately high

**Nature Experience:** Very high

**Comfort Rating:** Glamping at Campo Tres Monjas

**Max Trip Size:** 16

**Min Trip Size:** 4

**Regions Visited:** Remote Patagonia - Chile (Futaleufu) and Argentina (Trevelin)

**Lakes, rivers, and sites:** Rio Futaleufu, Rio Azul, Rio Espolón, Lago La Paz, Secret Lagoon, Campo Tres Monjas

[How to get to and From Patagonia](#) (Interactive)

[Our Recommended Route](#) (Through Esquel, Argentina ; Taxi to Futaleufu)

[Executive Option](#) (Through Puerto Montt, Chile ; Charter direct to Futaleufu)

[Transit through Chile](#) (Through Puerto Montt and Chaiten, Chile ; Public bus to Futaleufu)

**How to organize your en route in one step:** We recommend contacting Gilda ([G & G Travel and Tours](#)) who can help arrange all en route transportation and pre- and post-trip hotels for your ExChile trip. Give her a call to compare prices, as she often beats internet fares.

[Enroute Hotels](#)

**Let's GO!**

[Hold your spot now!](#)

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