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Trip Name: Ruta de los Arrieros

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Overview:

This Patagonia "Route of the Cowboys" is a 6 day trail trip back in time that few people will ever have a chance to experience. It is sure to be a life changing cultural journey. We will visit small remote working ranches, outposts, and settlements without roads in Patagonia, Chile. We will be staying each night in different ranches or cabins with bed and linens and prepared meals. Our Horses will carry your lunch, personal gear but you can pack light. The accommodations are rustic country but, sanitary, ordered, and cozy. Our Chilean hosts are selected and trained by Expediciones Chile to ensure our high quality of service. They look forward to the few visitors they get at the remote homesites. A horseback riding vacation like no other. For a young family a true education!

Hearty meals served while sitting around a farmer's wood stove will give you a peak at the rare Patagonian way of life. Here life is similar to the frontier days of the American west over 200 years ago. The cultural and natural experience cannot be matched anywhere. This vacation is the REAL DEAL. It is an insider's look at Patagonia and its people. This is a very unique horseback riding vacation.

[Overview Slide Shows and Video Gallery](#)

[Futaleufú Riding Week Video](#)

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 and catch another flight to Bariloche, or Esquel Argentina. From Bariloche, a luxury bus will take you on a beautiful drive along the Patagonian lakes and mountains to Esquel. If you fly direct to Esquel you can arrive in Trevelin with some time to enjoy the area. Trevelin, Argentina is a charming mountain village gateway just 45 minutes from Futaleufu River in Chile. Trevelin is serviced by ground transport (Bus or private taxi) from the Jet ports in Bariloche (4 hrs) or Esquel (40 min). Check into a hotel in this charming village and walk to one of several superb restaurants. Unwind, relax, and get a good nights sleep before the start of you trip 9:00 am the next morning.

Day 3 Sunday: Village of Futaleufu to Remote Lago Las Rosas

After a relaxing night's sleep at a hotel in the quaint Welch town of Trevelin deep in Patagnia Argentina, we begin this exciting trip with a quick shuttle across the Chilean/Argentinean border and into the Futaleufu Valley. Upon arrival in Futaleufu, we will walk to our local ranch for an introduction to the art of horseback riding in Patagonia and the Chilean Corralero horse. We will also introduce you to the Chilean saddles and tack make sure all fits well and that your mount is suitable, then we load the horses and hit the trail. We will head out of the village along the Rio Espolon, soon a tributary comes in the Noreste. Here we start up the Noreste valley as we climb up a steep incline to a high valley with a series of pristine turquoise lakes. You wil experience incredible views with the peak Cerra Teta in the background. We arrive at a small off the grid ranch on Lago las Rosas. You will be spending a night in a rustic Patagonia ranch house on the lake. It is off the grid and it is a cultural opportunity that could well be a highlight of your trip to Patagonia. Enjoy the Patagonian culture as few ever do.

Day 4 Monday: Lago Las Rosas to the Upper Espolon river

We will depart early in the morning for our horseback ride near from the ranch and cross a pure crystal clear creek coming from the high Andes that defines the border with Argentina. After the stream we ride uphill through a old growth forrest up to a pass that gives us a stunning view of the mountains and lakes. We descend in to the upper Espolon valley and stop at our host Irma's ranch house where we spend the next two nights. Behind the ranch house is the upper Espolon river which destination wilderness fishing.

Day 5 Tuesday: Ride towards the volcano and the Ocean return to Irmas

After gearing up in the morning we are heading up into remote territory on a trail that continues for 5 more days to the ocean and towards the recently exploded volcano Chaiten. We will enjoy a half day ride up the volcano. You will be able to still see some evidence of the white ash in bare spots. This day trip you can make as long as you want. The trail gets smaller and more rugged the further we travel into this seldom seen area. We return for dinner at Irma's ranch.

Day 6 Wednesday: Ride the forest along the shore of Lago Espolon

Today we ride pass the small settlement of Espolon visiting an the off the grid school and a small church surrounded by remote ranches. We soon arrive at the Espolon lake which we will see through the woods occasionally as we ride. At the end of the day we stop at a beautiful homestead half way down the lake. Here we will stay in our cushest accommodations of the trip, lake side log cabins with easy access to a beautiful gravel beach. The view across the lake is to the high snow capped mountains in a complete wilderness area that is rarely accessed by humans.

Day 7 Thursday: Ride from the cabins to the end of the Lake and the waterfall.

From Nestors we have a five hour ride to the end of the lake. Where we can visit the powerfall waterfalls that define the exit of the lake. The Espolon river as it depart the lake rips down the mountain to a lower valley.

Day 8 Friday: Ride to Futaleufu/transport to Trevelin, Argentina

After a full breakfast, say goodbye to your Chilean hosts as we ride downstream along the Espolon river till we come to the town of Futaleufu. There should be enough time to spend an hour a two walking around Futaleufu and shopping for gifts. Around 6 pm our vehicles will be waiting to take you to the border and where you will meet your taxi for a ride to 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 horseback riding.

Day 9 Saturday: Return to Capital City

Depending on your connections you are now are in Argentina ready for an early departure in a cab from you hotel to the bus station in Esquel for the trip to Bariloche and your flight back to Beunos Aires. A private transfer can be arranged direct from your hotel to the airport in Bariloche. If you have a flight from Esquel you have the morning to enjoy and buy gifts in Trevelin before your 2 pm flight to Buenos Aires and the connection back to your home country.

Day 10 Sunday: Return home

Accommodations:

[Campo Tres Monjas river eco camp interactive map](#) / [Campo Tres Monjas RiverNest Cabins Slide Show](#)

[On the Trail Ranches](#)

[Milking and Making Cheese on your trek.](#)

[Herding Cattle at remote ranch.](#)

[Preparing wool on the ranch](#)

Price per Person:

Scheduled Departure Dates:

[Activity Calendars](#)

Price per Person: \$2295.00 USD *Price valid for a 4 person trip minimum*

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) 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 a 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:

Physical Challenge:

Cultural Experience:

Nature Experience:

Comfort Rating:

Max Trip Size:

Min Trip Size:

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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