

# Andes to the Ocean

## Sea Kayaking Patagonia

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You will start your trip in the little village of Futaleufu where you will get a chance take a hike, see the culture of this area, and enjoy a night in our lodge before departing into the wilds.

**The Andes to the Ocean** sea kayak expedition: We have what Magellan couldn't find, a sparkling turquoise liquid path through the heart of the Andes. Darwin called this area the "Green Desert" because of its thick forests and impassable nature. This is one of our most rugged, spectacular and rewarding trips visiting a world seldom seen by humans. An adventurous spirit and the enjoyment of an intimate relationship with the natural world is required. Trips run from November 15th to April 15th.

**You start your paddle** in our stable two-man kayaks on the lower flat- water section of the Futaleufu that drains into Lago Yelcho. Traversing this isolated Patagonian fjord lake surrounded by towering glaciers takes two to three days. You will camp on sand beaches next to waterfalls and experience remarkable fishing. As you reach the exit of the lake and enter the Rio Yelcho, a class 2 river carries you along for several days as you paddle to the Pacific Ocean.

**Each evening** you will set up your own tent and relax while your guide prepares dinner. The experience can change from strong sunshine and delightful camping into a rugged physical challenge of strong wind, waves, rain, and open water. The Andes to the Ocean is our most challenging expedition, the ultimate badge of honor. Your final destination is the Pacific coastline, and the town of Chaiten where your hotel overlooks the bay. In case of a predicted strong storm we may substitute a more protected trip. \$1900 USD (6 days with a guide)

*"I have camped all over the world. The Andes to the Ocean trip contains two of the most beautiful camps I have ever experienced."* Chris Spelius

*"This trip changed my life."* Margaret Trew - England

### Our other Sea Kayak trips:

**Lago Yelcho loop:** Protected paddling, spectacular, beach camping, and fishing.

**Crossing of the Espolon:** Cross the lake. Stay at a ranch, fishing, hiking and culture.

**Rio Palena to the Ocean:** Rugged exploration for our Alumni's, Flatwater river to the ocean.

