



ExChile Greatest Playground on Earth!
2010-2011-2012 season

Trip Name: Andean River Odyssey

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Overview:

This Chile sea kayaking vacation crosses the Andes Mountains and much of the country of Chile reaching a final destination located along the South Pacific Ocean. This is a shorter version of our Patagonia River Odyssey expedition; here we put-in below the whitewater section of the Figueroa and Palena rivers.

National Geographic International Adventurist: [Seven days to the Futaleufu - Trailer](#)
Slideshows: [Slide Shows](#)

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 your trip 9:00 am the next morning.

Day 3 Sunday March 14: Your Trip Starts at The Greatest Playground on Earth! Futaleufu Chile

Awake to a breakfast at your hotel and prepare for the 9 am pick up. Organize the clothes that you will need for your first day of our water route through the Andes. As we drive to the border (45 minutes) we see the National Park Los Alerces, whose virgin forests are the headwaters of the Futaleufu. We cross over the Futaleufu river and in several hundred yards cross into Chile. We drive direct into the charming village of Futaleufu and start packing and fitting the kayaks for our trip. Once we have packed up we start in the afternoon to put in at Lago Lonconao to test our systems and for sea kayak safety 101. We take out on the other side of the lake and drive to eco camp Campo Tres Monjas. Sauna, outdoor hot showers and a beautiful sand beach on the river.

Day 4 Monday March 15: Beginning the Voyage - Rio Rosselot into Rio Palena.

Today you will wake up at the beautiful Campo Tres Monjas. After breakfast an early departure driving down the Yosemite like lower Futaleufu river valley. We continue driving south on the Southern Highway till we cross the Rio Rosselot on a swinging bridge. Here we slide our single or double sea kayaks into the waters before kayaking into the main flow of the Palena. The river flows through open country, past active homesteads making their space in

the Patagonia frontier. In the afternoon we take out and camp near the home of a local settler – a fitting welcome to the wilds of Patagonia Chile.

Day 5 Tuesday March 16: Sea Kayaking, Hot Springs and White Sand

After we break camp today, we will enter the strong current of the lower Palena River. This day's paddle is a short one, marked by a towering glaciated peak called Volcan Melimoyu. Just past mid-day we will camp on a white sand beach across from a virgin hot spring, giving us the opportunity to relax our sore muscles and enjoy the scenery of this spectacular site. This is one of the most idyllic camps you probably will ever experience. Sea kayaking in Chile doesn't get much better than this!

Day 6 Wednesday: Sea Kayaking, Nearing the Ocean

Departing our sandy campsite, we will sea kayak through huge bends in the river as it starts to slow in its journey towards the Pacific. Here the water really rises, with the high tide backing the river up. The forest is nearly impenetrable and we understand why Darwin called this the "Green Desert". We will find a nice little place to camp on river right, with a little shelter to cook under. Here we will set up our tents, as the enormous peaks rising straight up from the water's edge look over our shoulders.

Day 7 Thursday: Sea Kayaking - Raul Marín Balmaceda

In the morning we sea kayak for twenty minutes where we'll find a narrow channel overhung by dense vegetation, which will lead us to the Pitipalena estuary. If you were not in Patagonia Chile, you would think there would be crocodiles in this jungle channel. We will continue paddling to the isolated village of Raul Marin Balmaceda. Accessible only by boat, this storybook village is unplugged from the "real" world. It is built on a broad sand spit between Palena and the Pitipalena estuary. Porpoise's may play with us as we approach the town beach. The tides will determine if we are paddling against the current or if we get a free ride into town. We will get pampered with a stay in the village's comfortable cabins, and enjoy fresh seafood and Chilean wines.

Day 8 Friday: Sea Kayaking around Raul Marin Balmaceda

To day we'll explore the stunning marine environments of the estuary and the Pacific Ocean beyond. Weather permitting, we'll sea kayak to the offshore islands to visit sea lion colonies and kelp goose rookeries, or head up the estuary to visit more hot springs near the base of another glaciated volcano; otherwise, we'll explore the area in day trips, returning to our cozy cabins and feasting on fresh seafood every night. This is Chile sea kayaking at its best! Sometimes in extreme tide conditions we will rent a boat to accompany us for safety. We return to our Bed and Breakfast where our sea kayaking Chile celebration dinner awaits, along with out comfortable beds, enjoying a good nights sleep to be ready for tomorrows trip back home.

Day 9 Saturday: Depart Raul Marin Balmaceda

After breakfast. We depart at 10:00 am from Marin, taking a 1-hour boat ride, with sea kayaks on board, to where the road and our Expediciones Chile vehicle is waiting. We drive the five hours to Futaleufu, take a break and cross into Trevelin Argentina to your hotel and trip drop off point.

Day 10 Sunday: Wake up in Trevelin, call a cab to take the Luxury bus from Esquel back to Bariloche.

Connect with a flight back to Buenos Aire and back to home.

Day 11 Monday: Return home

Accommodations:

[Eco Camp Campo Tres Monjas](#)
[Wilderness Camping](#)

Price per Person: \$2395.00 USD

Special Flexibilities: Exchile will be flexible to make your trip a total success. The actual program for your custom trip will vary according to the desires and skill level of your group, weather, 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 trip, guiding, instruction, activity equipment, local transportation, shuttles, all meals, wine with dinner, accommodations at our eco-camps, cabins, ranches or lodges, while on your trip. We offer a free

pick up on Sunday mornings at 9 am in Trevelin at your hotel, and drop off to your hotel in Trevelin, Argentina on Fridays at 9 pm. See the packing list of your activity, for the specific clothing that is required.

Not Included: Transportation to and from your home town, and your accommodations and meals in Trevelin Argentina or alternate trip pick up point. You can reserve and prepay on the web your transport from your final air destination, to and from your pick up-drop off point before and after your trip, or you can direct us to charge your visa card and do it for you. We highly recommended having exchile make hotel reserves in Trevelin. (room capacity in this small village is limited). Expediciones Chile is not financially responsible for your travel complications getting to your trip pick up point and from the drop off point, HOWEVER, we will be relentless allies in offering our services to help solve any issues that you may encounter.

Trip Summary:

Season:

Sunday March 14- Saturday March 20, 2010

Sunday March 13-Saturday March 19, 2011

Experience Needed: Some sea kayak experience recommended

Physical Challenge: Moderate

Cultural Experience: Maximum

Nature Experience: Maximum

Comfort Rating: Medium to Rough

Max Trip Size: 8

Min Trip Size: 2

Regions visited: Patagonia Argentina and Chile, Futaleufu river valley, Palena river valley, Pacific Ocean
Lakes, rivers and sites: Lago Lonconao, Rio Futaleufu, Rio Rosselot, Rio Palena and the Pacific ocean

Travel Summary:

Days away from home:

In:

Final Flight Destination airport: Bariloche Argentina

Trip pick up point: Trevelin Hotel Argentina

Trip pick up date and time: Sunday March 14th, 2010

Out:

Trip drop off point: Trevelin Hotel Argentina

Trip drop off date and time: Saturday March 20, 2010

Return Flight Departure airport: Bariloche or Esquel Argentina

Map: [Interactive Travel Map](#)

Travel Route Alternatives: [Traveling through Chile and, or Argentina](#)

Air Fare: [Online quote](#) +1.866.498.0530

Luxury Bus Tickets Chile & Argentina: [Information and reserves](#)

Lets GO!

Reserve your trip: [Credit Card deposit](#)

Travel Insurance: [Quote and or online purchase](#)

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Type of Clothes ready for your trip pick up:

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