

Chiloé Island & Puerto Varas

Thanks to being an island Chiloé has evolved a rich biology that impressed even Charles Darwin who travelled through the archipelago for his researches. Due to its agro-ecological characteristics and biodiversity, alongside its rural culture and traditional knowledge developed by its people, Chiloé has been internationally recognized by FAO as an Ingenious Agricultural Heritage site of the World, GIAHS. The GIAHS Chiloé Program aims to recognize and secure the dynamic conservation of globally significant agricultural systems of rural island communities.

Day 1. Puerto Varas

A representative of Patagonia Trails will be picking up at the airport and meet you in order to begin your trip. Depending on your time of arrival, we will visit the fish market of Angelmo and cross by a public boat to the Tenglo Island, a unique landmark of Puerto Montt from where we will go for an easy walk along the coast and countryside with amazing views of the whole Seno de Reloncavi.





Puerto Varas City

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After this we will visit the city of Puerto Montt with their view points before taking the road into Puerto Varas in the afternoon. The guide will also show you the town of Puerto Varas where you will be for the following days. No doubt you will love this scenic and pettit town. Accommodation at Hotel Solace or SIM.

Day 2. Osorno Volcano - Petrohue Falls

We will pick you at 9 am with the private transport to go and hike in the Vicente Perez Rosales National Park most visited park in Chile. We will take the road to Ensenada, along this road we will have the chance to see the Calbuco Volcano whose eruption took place on April 22nd 2015 and appreciate the consequences of mother nature , no doubt a very interesting landscape after the eruption.

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Volcan y Lago

Continue bordering the south side of the Lake Llanquihue. We will enter the park and arrive to the Osorno Ski resort from where we will have the chance to also see the secondary craters of this conic shape volcano. Drive to the starting point of the solitario trail.

Here we will join the natural trail which introduces us into the deep forest with lichens and ferns that slowly change the landscape into drier terrain and cross the lava flow of the last eruption in 1869 and the Calbuco as well! to finally arrive to the spectacular Petrohue River rapids that flows to the estuary of Reloncavi. This walk is only 6 kms long but very varied and a good evidence of the geology and native in the region.

Visit the Emerald Lake and at the end of the day we will drive back to your hotel. Arrive at 18 hs approx.(B,BL)





Day 3. Chiloé Island

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We will pack and depart to the Island of Chiloe with its rich history, culture and magic corners that your guide will share with you during the following days. Most tours take the main road to get to Castro the capital.

We believe that the secondary roads are much more fun and show the real country side, this is why we choose to take it easy and stop on the different churches along the coastal road which are full of histories and traditions as well as the mystical stories including Quemchi, Aucar, Tenaun, Dalcahue and of course the emblematic church of Castro.

Walking tour visiting the different Palafitos or Stilt Houses.
Accommodation at Hosteria in Castro or SIM.(B)

Day 4. Chiloé Island

This morning we can have different options for you to choose between.

Option A:

Visit the northern side of the Island and coastal beach of Puñihuil where a considerable amount of penguins arrive in late november, we would get a boat and approach where the penguins arrive to nest and hatch the babies. Communities of Chilean fishermen, introduced a law that encouraged groups of fishermen to join together and form a local organization. The management of marine areas was entrusted to these groups, with a trust agreement. One of these groups is the Viento Fuerte de Puñihuil union, fishing in the small bay of Puñihuil, in the northern coast of the Chiloé Island. To improve and protect the area, all the local fisherman work together on repopulation initiatives or





transferring predators, like starfish. If necessary, they introduce the species that the loco feeds on, like mussels, which they call choritos, and they organize a system of collective supervision with the members to avoid illegal fishing within the area they oversee. We will leave Puñihuil to visit Ancud, and Fuerte de San Antonio the last Spanish bastion before heading back to Pto Varas we shall visit the fish and food market,. Arrive at hotel at 6-7pm aprox. Accommodation at Hotel Solace or SIM.

Option B:

Get to the western side of the Island to visit the Chiloe National Park from where we can go for an easy hike and explore the way the first settlers did. Facing the Pacific vast ocean with its unique forest and shapes of trees. Drive back to Puerto Varas in the afternoon.

Day 5. Puerto Varas

Private transfer to airport. End of services.





Price

Price per person base

1 person only: U\$D 1.850

2 persons: U\$D 1.200 per person

4-6 persons: U\$D 1.110 per person

Ask for prices if more than 6!

Price includes: all private transfers, accommodation at Hosteria Castro and Solace Hotel standard room B&B. english speaking guide with knowledgeable information about Chiloe History and Culture. All guide's and driver's expenses. Ferry crossing at Chacao Channel, boat trip on Puñihuil Bay. Lunch box on day 2. All breakfast and entrances to National Park. Boat trip on Emerald Lake. Doesn't include: Dinners, lunches, spirits, tips, travel insurance, and extras not mentioned on the programme.

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