

# **13 DAYS CYCLING THE LAKE DISTRICT OF CHILE & ARGENTINA**

## **DESTINATIONS**

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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Puerto Montt 🚗 PuertoVaras
Meals included	None
Accommodation	N/A

Travellers on our group flights will arrive to Puerto Montt airport today after connecting in Santiago de Chile. There will be a group transfer from the airport to our start hotel in the nearby town of Puerto Varas. For those people who have booked Land Only and made their own travel arrangements, you are welcome to meet the group transfer should you wish (and have informed us in advance) otherwise the meeting point is at the start hotel in Puerto Varas anytime in the afternoon/evening.

## DAY 2

Destination	Puerto Varas 🚲 Frutillar 🚲 Puerto Varas
Meals included	None
Accommodation	N/A

Our Lake District cycling adventure starts off today in scenic fashion as we navigate clockwise around the shore of Lago Llanquihue (the third biggest lake in South America) and stretch our legs for the more challenging days ahead. From the lakeside road we will enjoy spectacular views of the volcanoes and the Andean mountain range that lie just to the east. Volcanoes Osorno (2652m), Puntagudo (2190m), Tronador (3451m), Puyehue (2240m) and Calbuco (2015m) are all visible on a clear day. We'll cycle to the picturesque lakeside village of Frutillar, a German influenced settlement which is home to the modern 'Teatro del Lago' theatre. The ride ends here and after lunch we'll transfer back to Puerto Varas.

Today's ride will be mostly paved. (30 km paved and 4 km unpaved)

## DAY 3

Destination	Puerto Varas 🚲 Petrohue 🚲 [Ferry] Peulla
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

We follow the shoreline of Lago Llanquihue once more today but in an easterly direction past Puerto Chico and Ensenada, straight towards the imposing Calbuco and Osorno volcanoes. Gateway to the Andean Lakes, our journey from here across the mountain range takes us in to more remote and spectacular environments. We cycle onwards, following the banks of the emerald coloured Rio Petrohue towards the 'Saltos de Petrohue' waterfalls. Upon reaching 'Lago Todos los Santos' we are greeted by a beautiful setting and we'll swap our mode of transport in order to board an exclusive private catamaran ferry. Cruising across the lake is a wonderful and peaceful experience as we keep our eyes peeled for Andean condors flying overhead (journey time approx. 1.5/2 hours).

Today's ride will all be paved. It will consist of approx. 45 km on flat terrain and a climb for the last 15 km.

## DAY 4

Destination	Peulla 🚲 [Ferry] 🚲 Puerto Blest
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast we start cycling towards the Argentinian border which involves riding 20km with a steady incline

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before taking on a challenging climb (approx. 700m over 7.5km) to reach the frontier. There is then a short descent into Puerto Frias. Depending on how the weather has been in the proceeding days, the unpaved mountain roads can either be well compacted or sometimes loose and dusty. The final leg of today's iconic journey across the Andes is a short ferry crossing on Lago Frias followed by a 3km ride to your hotel in Puerto Blest.

Today is the most challenging day. 31 km unpaved. The border crossing involves a long steep climb on gravel followed by a fast downhill section.

### DAY 5

Destination	Puerto Blest [Ferry] Puerto Panuelo 🚲 Bariloche
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Puerto Blest is situated on the westernmost point of Lago Nahuel Huapi and from here we board a catamaran to take us to Puerto Pañuelo. Instead of cycling directly towards Bariloche, we will take a scenic route on a paved road that loops around via Punto Panoramico to enjoy an awe-inspiring view of the Argentinian Lake District. As we approach Bariloche we will board the bus for a short transfer (approx. 20 minutes), linking up with the lakeside main road.

Today's ride will be 15 km paved and 9 km unpaved.

### DAY 6

Destination	Bariloche
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

After several days of travelling, today is a free day allowing a well-earned chance to relax and take in the beautiful surroundings of the Lake District. You may wish to take a look around the centre of Bariloche, a ski and adventure sports hub with numerous chocolate shops. There are plenty of adventurous activities available should you wish to indulge, such as guided 'stand up rafting' on Rio Limay, or the opportunity to independently trek up Mount Campanario to enjoy beautiful views from the summit.

### DAY 7

Destination	Bariloche 🚲 Villa La Angostura 🚲 San Martin de los Andes
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast we'll transfer for approx. 1.5 hours around the northern edge of Lago Nahuel Huapi to bypass the busy Bariloche traffic and reach the starting point for another spectacular cycling route. The 'Camino de los Siete Lagos' (Seven Lakes Road) is an incredibly scenic route that winds its way northwards past lakes and forests connecting the alpine towns of San Carlos de Bariloche and San Martin de los Andes. Depending upon the exact start point, today involves us riding a total distance of around 52km through spectacular and rewarding landscapes. We will break the ride up with a lunchtime picnic stop and should therefore arrive in San Martin de los Andes in the afternoon. Entering the picturesque small town of San Martin involves a wonderful approach along the shore of Lago Lacar.

Today will be all paved. The last 17 km is a fast downhill section.

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### DAY 8

Destination	San Martin de los Andes 🚲 [Ferry] Port Fuy 🚲 Choshuenco Village
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast we will say goodbye to Argentina and cross back into Chile via the Huahum Pass. We will have a short transfer to the border before we start cycling up to Pirihueico Port, crossing the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve. We will make a stop for coffee and lunch at the port. From here we will take a barge (boat) that will sail us to Port Fuy, (approx 1.5hours). From here we will cycle to the village of Choshuenco.

Today's ride will be 21 km paved and 13 km unpaved gravel. It will mostly be downhill.

### DAY 9

Destination	Choshuenco Village [Bike] Panguipulli Village 🚲 Pucon
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Today we start the day by cycling to Panguipulli Village. Here we will have lunch before a transfer Pucón Town (approx. 1 hour). We will stay in a downtown hotel, located by the feet of Villarrica Volcano (2840 m).

Today will all be paved. During high season there may be more traffic than usual in this area.

### DAY 10

Destination	Pucon
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today is at leisure for you to choose from doing organised activities or having some time out. There are numerous nearby hot springs (termas) and spas in this part of Chile meaning Pucon is the perfect place to soothe away any bike-induced aches and pains! Your tour leader will be able to advise which local agencies to use depending upon what you would like to do. There is also a nice beach in Pucon just a short walk from the hotel, and there are lots of restaurants and bars to choose from.

Should the local conditions permit then today is the perfect opportunity to climb to the crater of a live volcano! Villarrica Volcano (2840m) is situated just outside of the town and most recently erupted in March 2015. Obviously, this activity comes with its risks and so the local tour company will only take groups if the conditions are totally safe. All equipment can be rented, meaning that you only need to bring your own waterproof walking trousers. The early morning ascent takes around 4 hours and involves wearing crampons to cross a glacier before a memorable and unique descent after reaching the crater (this isn't for the faint hearted!). Depending upon the amount of snow at the summit, the normal way of getting down the volcano is to sledge down a specially crafted series of compacted snow and ice channels. This is a special experience from start to finish but should only be undertaken if aware of the challenges.

If you wish to cycle today then you can take your bike out and the tour leader will recommend some routes.

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### DAY 11

Destination	Pucon 🚗 Concu 🚲 Conguillio National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Departing Pucon, we transfer northwards after breakfast to the town of Cunco. From here the cycling starts with a 33km stretch of paved road towards Conguillio National Park, stopping for lunch in Melipeuco. Shortly afterwards is the turn off to enter the national park where the road eventually becomes unpaved and dusty in places. From the entrance we will take a short walk to the Truful Truful waterfall. Afterwards we will carry on cycling for 7km until we reach our accommodation for the night.

The scenes that we encounter today are vastly different from the rest of the tour. Clouds rise up from surrounding valleys and quickly change form whilst passing over the volcanic lava. Llaima Volcano (3125m) dominates the skyline and we spend the night in a remote and charming eco-lodge. The property restricts energy use as part of its self-sufficiency, meaning that electricity and hot water are not available during the night.

Today's ride will be 45 km paved and 6 km unpaved gravel.

### DAY 12

Destination	Conguillio National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

It is our last day of cycling today as we continue riding further within Conguillio N.P. and see several beautiful lagoons (Laguna Arco Iris, Laguna Verde) and Conguillo Lake. We will also visit the parks interpretation centre in order to find out about how the park was formed. (Please note that this may not be possible as sometimes the centre is closed during our visit). We will then walk for an hour through the native forest to see ancient monkey-puzzle trees. Tonight will be the last evening all together with group and staff, so it is the perfect opportunity for a last meal and drinks to look back on what will have surely been a fantastic journey.

Today will be a loop ride which will all be unpaved gravel. The way out will be mostly going uphill and the return will be mostly downhill.

### DAY 13

Destination	Conguillio National Park 🚗 Temuco Airport
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Our adventure ends this morning after breakfast. In the afternoon those on the group flight will be transferred to Temuco airport for their evening flight. Land only bookings can join this transfer if flight timings are similar to the group flight timings (please see the Transfer Details section below). Please note that the accommodation inside Conguillio National Park is in a very remote location and not close to the city of Temuco.

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### Inclusions

#### WHATS INCLUDED

All breakfasts, 9 lunches and 1 dinner included  
12 nights hotels all en suite  
Tour leader throughout  
Local bike hire  
Two South American countries  
Cycle across the Andes  
Iconic Andean Lakes  
See Monkey Puzzle Forests  
Ride the 'Seven Lakes Road'  
Cycle alongside Lago Llanquihue  
Active volcanoes & lush forests  
Free time to visit Bariloche & Pucon  
Ride in Conguillio National Park  
Superior twin share accommodation  
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

### Fine Print

#### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

##### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$555 deposit per person.  
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1110 per person within 28 days.  
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.  
Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)  
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected  
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests  
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab  
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)  
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking  
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur

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OPTIONAL TOURS	Day 10: Pucon; optional hot springs or trek up Villarica Volcano
EXCLUSIONS	International Airfares Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
HOTEL LIST	Puerto Varas.- Casa Kalfu Hotel (or similar) Frutillar - Casa Kalfu Hotel (or similar) Petrohue - Hotel Peulla or Natura (or similar) Puerto Blest - Hotel Puerto Blest (or similar) Bariloche - Cacique Inacayal Lake & Spa Hotel (or similar) San Martin de los Andes - Hosteria Monte Verde (or similar) Choshuenco Village - Hosteria Rucapillan (or similar) Pucon - Alpes Apart Hotel (or similar) Llaima Volcano - La Baita Conguillio Ecolodge (or similar)
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	<p>Accommodation The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.</p> <p>Single Supplement A single supplement is available upon request for \$1,200 per person.</p> <p>Triple Share Not available.</p> <p>Children Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.</p> <p>Tour Documentation Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.</p> <p>Activity Level 3 Moderate You are moderately fit and possess a spirit of adventure. Some previous experience is required for most activity based trips.</p>

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