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TRIP DETAILS

5 days / 4 nts - Chile

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 1831

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Petrohue 1 nt

Bariloche 2 nts

Puerto Varas 1 nt

PRICES FROM \$1,246



Bariloche Lake Crossing

The Lake Crossing is justly famed for its beauty, and this circuit by boats and buses across the lakes to Bariloche in Argentina, and then back by coach after a day exploring the surroundings of Lake Nahuel Huapi, really gives you a great opportunity to enjoy this awesome scenery at its best.

Day 1: Puerto Montt - National Park Vicente Pérez Rosales

After arrival you will be transferred to Petrohué passing through the town of Puerto Varas - known as the ""City of Roses"" - on Lago Llanquihue with a beautiful view of the towering volcanoes Osorno and Calbuco. Continuing east along the shores of Lago Llanquihue past various beaches and Ensenada, you enter the National Park Vicente Pérez Rosales and make a stop at the famous Petrohué Falls with their emerald-colored water.

Go for a short pleasant walk on the trail to the bridges from where you will have great views of the thunderous rapids. Your tour continues, reaching Hotel Petrohué on the shores of Lake Todos los Santos shortly afterwards; a beautiful lake surrounded by an idyllic landscape, located right below the snow-capped volcano Osorno. Overnight in Petrohué. (D)



Day 2: Petrohué - Bariloche/Argentina

Today you will cut through the Andes by boat into Argentina, departing from the Petrohué Pier. The modern catamaran departs for the crossing of Todos los Santos Lake, also called "Emerald Lake" due to its deep green colors. During the navigation you can enjoy the magnificent view of the volcanoes Osorno, Puntagudo and Tronador.

After disembarking in Peulla there is time for lunch and/or a short walk before continuing the tour by bus to Puerto Frías. After a short stop at Chilean custom offices the journey takes you through a beautiful Andean rainforest up to an altitude of 911m / 2,990 feet above sea level. After passing the Argentinean border you will again board a boat which will take you across Lake Frías to the village of Puerto Alegre; from where you will continue in a bus through an Andean larch forest to Puerto Blest.

Here you will again embark a motor catamaran for your last crossing for today on Lake Nahuel Huapi; taking you to Puerto Pañuelo where the buses await you to shuttle you to your downtown hotel in Bariloche - the famous Argentinean Mountain Resort. Arrival at Bariloche around 10pm. Overnight in Bariloche. (B)

Day 3: Victoria Island / Argentina

After breakfast you will drive to Puerto Pañuelo to board a boat that takes you to Victoria Island at 11 km / 7 mi from the mainland. This island is the narrow and elongated home to a wide range of fauna and wildlife: native species such as cypresses, coihues and ñires cohabit with huge sequoias, thujas, eucalyptus, oak, and pine trees. Similarly, the fauna is a mixture of native and foreign species such as the native "pudu pudu" or dwarf deer cohabiting with the wild boar or jabalí, European deer, pheasants, and a variety of birds.



You will have time to take a walk and observe the rich flora and fauna. Afterwards you continue the boat trip to Puerto Quetrihue, located to the south of the homonymous peninsula and visit a spectacular dense forest solely made up of arrayán trees, recognizable by their cinnamon brown bark and round, dark green leaves. Due to the fact that it is almost the only tree species in the area, the surroundings have a bizarre coloring. While walking along set out trails, you will encounter individual trees that grow up to 15m / 49ft and are 650 years old. In the afternoon you return to Bariloche to stay overnight. (B,BL)

Day 4: Bariloche - Puerto Varas

Transfer to the bus station after breakfast. You board a regular international bus to Puerto Varas and cross into Chile passing Puyehue National Park and Lago Puyehue; the whole trip takes about 5 to 6 hours. Upon arrival at Puerto Varas you will be taken to your hotel. Overnight in Puerto Varas. (B)

Day 5: Puerto Varas - Puerto Montt

After breakfast you will be taken to Puerto Montt and for a brief city tour, including the colorful market of Angelmó on the seaside, before you are being transferred to the airport of Puerto Montt. (B)

Price per person

Type of Service	Hotels	Double	Single Suppl	Single	Season
PRIVATE	Petrohue (Lake Todos Los Santos)	\$1,113	\$404	\$1,633	12.12.08-30.04.09
	La Cascada (Bariloche)	\$1,172	\$353	\$1,660	15.09.09-01.09.09
	Cabañas del Lago (Puerto Varas)	\$1,224	\$368	\$1,729	01.10.09-30.04.10

Prices can change without notice

Tour includes: 4 overnights with breakfast, 1 dinner, 1 lunch box, transportation and excursions as mentioned, German or English speaking guide, entrance fees.

Not included: Air Fare, meals not mentioned, gratuities and personal expenses.

Notes:

-Prices per person in USDollars.

-Tour on days 2 and 3 is in Regular/English local guide. Transfer to hotel in Bariloche day 2 and all services on day 4 private without guide.

-Daily Departures excluding May 1st, November 25th, december 25th and January 1st

-In winter border crossing on day 4 depends on weather conditions; it may be closed because of excessive snowfall.

-Codes:

DBL = tour for 2 travellers with accommodation in one double or twin room.

SGL suppl = the supplement per person when two travellers use two single rooms as accommodation instead of one double or twin room.

SGL = tour for 1 traveller with accommodation in one single room.

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