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Chiloe - Island Revelations

Day 1: Puerto Montt/Castro - Chiloe Island

Pickup at the airport of either Puerto Montt or Castro for our transfer to the seaport town of Dalcahue. The town is named after native canoes called "dalcas". Dalcahue is still a thriving maritime centre for fishing, transport and aquaculture with boats of all types and colours at anchor along the waterfront. We can have lunch at the local market where fresh empanadas, fresh fish and island meat is offered. We'll visit the town church – one of 16 UNESCO World Heritage sites on Chiloe before driving through the countryside to the capital of Castro. Here we will see the emblematic "palafito" stilt homes where fishermen and seaweed collectors can park their boats underneath their homes. Castro's San Francisco church is also a UNESCO site and is a soaring gothic-style cathedral exclusively made of wood. We will check into a comfortable hotel located inside one of the palafitos; offering impressive views over the estuary. Overnight in Castro.



(Included meals: lunch)

Day 2: Castro - Quemchi - Aucar Island

After breakfast we will visit the bustling local market of the city. Seaweed, smoked shellfish, fresh vegetables, and hand made cheeses are all on display. We will then drive an hour to the small fishing hamlet of Quemchi, whose brightly painted boats lay at anchor along the waterfront. Further south of the village we will find the Isla Aucar, "Island of Sailor's Souls". Accessible only by a footbridge, the island is a small botanical garden planted by a long standing priest who ran the chapel grounds. Continuing down the coast through the forests and farmlands, we will visit small fishing villages where wooden boat building and a life at sea are still frequent. UNESCO churches dot this coast, reminders of the area's missionary past when the Jesuits and Franciscans arrived with the first Spaniards in the XXI century. Optional lunch in local restaurant or family. In the evening we'll return to Castro. Overnight in Castro.



(Included meals: breakfast, lunch)

Day 3: Quinchao - Castro - Puerto Montt

Today's excursion will be a short ferry ride away to visit the second largest island of the archipelago, Quinchao. The road goes along a high ridge in the middle of the island, offering panoramic views of the other islands of the archipelago and the glacier topped Andes to the East. The small town of Achao is home to the oldest of all the wooden churches- an intricately decorated and painted building made of the finest wood on the island. After lunch (not included) we will make our way back to Chiloe Grande and drop-off at the local airport or transfer back to Puerto Montt.

(Included meals: breakfast)

Price per person

Type of Service	Hotels	Double	Single Suppl.	Single	Season
Private	Galeon Azul (Ancud)	\$753	\$69	\$1,331	01.05.09-31.10.09
	Cabañas del Lago (Puerto Varas)	\$791	\$103	\$1,396	01.11.09-31.03.10

Prices subject to change without notice

Tour includes: 2 nights lodging in Palafito 1326 with breakfast, private transfers and excursions with bilingual driver & guide, roundtrip on ferry, entrance fees.

Not included: International and domestic Air Fare, airport taxes, meals not mentioned, beverages, gratuities and personal expenses.

Notes:

-Prices per person in USDollars.

-The services are subject to the availability & rates at the moment of the reservation

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