

TRIP DETAILS

7 days / 6 nts - Chile

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 1858

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Pto Tranquilo 1nt

Puerto Guadal 2 nt

Caleta Tortel 2 nt

Coyhaique 1nt



PRICES FROM \$1,137

Southern Carretera Austral

How it works: You receive a rental car with unlimited mileage, a road map and detailed itinerary, and hotels booked en route. [distance tables](#)

Day 1: Arrive in Balmaceda Airport - Pto Rio Tranquilo (195 km / 120 mi)

Pick up your car at the car rental desk at the Balmaceda airport. The dry Pampa will gradually give way to the green forests when crossing the pass at the National Reserve of Cerro Castillo. After descending you drive along the beautiful river Ibañez and cross a forest that is covered by thick layers of ashes from the volcano Hudson which erupted violently 1991. In the afternoon you arrive at your hosteria at Pto Rio Tranquilo.

Day 2: Pto Rio Tranquilo - Pto Guadal (65 km / 40 mi)



Breakfast at hotel. Before you drive on to Pto Gaudal, you have time to discover the natural surroundings of Pto Rio Tranquilo. A drive up the hardly explored "Valle Exploradores" is worth it, and even more exiting is a visit to the Marble Cathedral that lies off shore from Rio Tranquilo (by boat from Puerto Rio Tranquilo or from Puerto Bahía EL Marmol). In the afternoon drive around the lake and overnight at cabins close to Pto Gaudal.

Day 3: Lake General Carrera

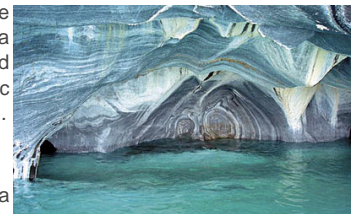
Breakfast at hotel. You will have time to discover the surroundings of Lake General Carrera. Overnight close to Puerto Gaudal.

Day 4: Puerto Guadal - Caleta Tortel (340 km / 212 mi)

Breakfast at hotel. The drive from Pto Gaudal to Cochrane is relatively short. On the way we will stop at the crystal clear Rio Baker and visit the beautiful National Reserve Tamango. From there we carry on to the more southern Caleta Tortel. This town has only wooden walkways, therefore cars have to be parked outside the town. Overnight in Caleta Tortel.

Day 5: Caleta Tortel

Breakfast at hotel. An early departure is advisable, to explore the southern most parts of the incredible Southern Highway. You could visit Villa O'Higgins or ask for some excursions in the area to get a deeper sense of this amazing place. The village of Tortel was only recently connected to the mainland by road; this unique village is completely built on wooden pillars rising from the water of the Pacific Ocean. The natural surroundings accompanying this drive are astonishing. Overnight in Caleta Tortel.



Day 6: Tortel - Coyhaique (420 km / 250 mi)

Breakfast at hotel. The drive to the capital of the region, Coyhaique, takes you along the Carretera Austral, passing the magnificent Lake General Carrera once more. Various lookout points along the way show you the fantastic landscape. In Cerro Castillo you should not miss out on a visit to the caves with prehistoric paintings. Overnight in Coyhaique.

Day 7: Coyhaique - Fly out from Balmaceda (40 km / 25 mi)

Breakfast at hotel. Drive back to the airport of Balmaceda to drop off the car and board your connecting flight.

Price per person

Category	Hotels	Vehicle Category	Double	Single Suppl	Single	Season
	Hotel El Puesto					

Standard	(Puerto Rio Tranquilo) Mirador de Playa Guadal (Puerto Guadal)	Hertz Y Kia Sorento or similar	\$1,216	\$385	\$2,265	01.09.09-31.03.10
	Entre Hielos Lodge (Caleta Tortel) Hosteria Coyhaique (Coyhaique)	Hertz K Mitsubishi L200 Katana or similar	\$1,100	\$385	\$2,072	01.09.09-31.03.10

Prices subject to change without notice

Tour includes: 6 nights incl. breakfast, 7 days car rental incl. unlimited free mileage, local tax, full CDW coverage, insurance PAI and SACA, roadmap and descriptions. Deductible regarding to general conditions.

Not included: International and domestic Air Fare, airport taxes, meals not mentioned, gratuities and personal expenses. In Chile car rental companies charge an additional airport service fee (Hertz rate: USD 6, - per day aprox.) when vehicle will be picked up from airport. This service charge is not included in the rates. This extra fee has to be paid directly to the rental agency.

Note:

- Prices per person in USDollars.
- Hertz categories: Y (Kia Sorento or similar) / K (Mitsubishi L200 Katana or similar)
- A 4x4 vehicle strongly suggested for this itinerary.

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