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## TRIP DETAILS

20 days / 19 nts - Chile

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 1861

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Petrohue 2 nts

Bariloche 1 nt

Esquel 1nt

Futaleufu 2 nts

El Pangué 2 nts

Coyhaique 1 nt

Lake General Carrera 2 nts

Estancia Telken 1 nt

Fitz Roy 2 nts

Calafate 2 nts

Torres del Paine 2 nts

Punta Arenas 1 nt



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## Grand Patagonia Drive

The dream self drive of Patagonia, combining the best of Chilean and Argentina Patagonia. This awesome itinerary starts from Puerto Montt with a quick view of the Lake District before heading across to Bariloche, then down through Futaleufu, Queulat National Park, Lake General Carrera, El Chalten and Fitz Roy, Perito Moreno and Torres del Paine and down to Punta Arenas.

**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 Puerto Montt - Petrohué (90km / 56 miles)

Pick up your car at the airport or the city office and then enjoy an attractive and short drive to the Lake Llanquihue, one of the largest lakes in South America. Delight in the beautiful views of the volcanoes Osorno and Calbuco during your ride along the shoreline. Petrohué is beautifully located on the shores of Lake Todos Los Santos in the Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park. Overnight in Petrohue (Dinner).

### Day 2: Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park



Breakfast at hotel. You have an entire day to discover the park with its attractive hiking trails and large variety of outdoor activities like rafting, kayaking, trekking or fishing. Overnight in Petrohue (Dinner).

### Day 3: Petrohué - Bariloche (410km / 255 miles)

Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy your breakfast and then depart to discover the Argentinean Lake District on the eastern side of the Andes. Passing through the marvelous Puyehué National Park, you will reach the border with Argentina and continue onwards to the city of Bariloche, located on Lake Nahuel Huapi and in the homonymous national park. Overnight in or close to Bariloche.

### Day 4: Bariloche - Esquel (183 km / 114 mi)

Breakfast at hotel. Continuing your journey to the south, you will pass through the town of El Bolson before reaching the junction with the Ruta 40, where you turn towards Esquel. The founding of the town dates back to the arrival of Welsh immigrants in Chubut in 1865. Overnight in or near Esquel.

### Day 5: Esquel - Futaleufú (191 km / 119 mi)

Breakfast at hotel. From Esquel you will drive further south, passing through the Los Alerces National Park. Take your time for a short exploration of one of the most beautiful national parks of Argentina. You will cross the border into Chile at Los Cipreses to reach Futaleufú in the afternoon. Overnight in Futaleufú

### Day 6: Futaleufú

Breakfast at hotel. Today you will have a day to discover Futaleufú and its surroundings or to participate in optional activities like white-water rafting on the Futaleufú River, considered the best river for rafting in Chile. Overnight in Futaleufú.

### Day 7: Futaleufú - El Pangué (180 km/112 miles)

Breakfast at hotel. From Futaleufú you pass by the crystal clear Lake Yelcho and descend to the Pacific Ocean. South of La Junta you will enter the Queulat National Park with its dense forests. Spend the night on the border of the park in the cabins of El Pangue. (B)

**Day 8: El Pangue and Surroundings**

Breakfast at hotel. Visit the village of Puyuhuapi with its carpet factory and spend time hiking in the Queulat National Park to visit the Hanging Glacier. Overnight in El Pangue.



**Day 9: El Pangue – Coyhaique** (240 km / 149 miles)

Breakfast at hotel. On the first miles of your trip today, the road continues on through the Queulat National Park and then ascends the Cuesta Queulat which offers spectacular views of the forests and the valley. Shortly before arriving at the capital of the Aysén region, Coyhaique, you will pass through the Simpson National Reserve. Overnight in Coyhaique.

**Day 10: Coyhaique – Lake General Carrera** (265 km / 124 miles)

Breakfast at hotel. A beautiful but long drive will call for an early departure. Your trip today will lead you to the immense Lake General Carrera. Stop for magnificent views from the various lookouts along a lengthy and virtually uninhabited stretch of the Carretera Austral. Don't miss a visit to the Marble Caves close to Puerto Tranquilo, ask for a boat ride at the gas station. You will spend the night right on Lake General Carrera.

**Day 11: Lake General Carrera**

Breakfast at hotel. Take delight in the beautiful landscapes and explore the surroundings of the lake. Overnight on Lake General Carrera.

**Day 12: Lake General Carrera – Estancia in Argentina** (290 km / 180 miles)

Breakfast at hotel. After breakfast, start to drive east towards the border town Chile Chico. The views of the lake are beautiful but the road has many curves, so drive care fully. Once you have entered Argentina, the landscape changes into the typical pampa that covers almost all of Argentinean Patagonia. Visit the small town Perito Moreno. From there it will be a short drive south to the Estancia Telken, run by a family of British and Dutch descent.

**Day 13: Estancia Telken – El Chaltén** (535 km / 335 miles)

Breakfast at hotel. Today, you will set out for an especially long trip to El Chaltén, almost all the way on the Route 40, the "Patagonian Highway". Chaltén is situated at the feet of the Fitz Roy Mountain Range. Overnight at Chalten.

**Day 14: Los Glaciares National Park - Fitz Roy**



Breakfast at hotel. Participate today in one of the hikes that start from El Chaltén to visit the wonderful national park and the Southern Ice Field. You can also join a boat trip to the Viedma Glacier in the morning. Overnight at Chalten.

**Day 15: El Chaltén - El Calafate** (250 km / 155 miles)

Breakfast at hotel. You will drive around Lake Viedma today to reach another huge glacier lake called Lago Argentino. You will spend the night on the shores of the lake in the village El Calafate.

Overnight in El Calafate.

**Day 16: Los Glaciares National Park - Perito Moreno**

Breakfast at hotel. Visit the magnificent glacier Perito Moreno, a true natural spectacle; a trek on the ice can be organized. Overnight in El Calafate.

**Day 17: El Calafate - Torres del Paine National Park** (348 km / 216 miles)

Breakfast at hotel. You will drive into Chile via Cerro Castillo through the vast steppe or Pampa and arrive in one of the most beautiful national parks of the American continent – Torres del Paine. Enjoy the view of the Torres on your way to your hostería. Overnight in or close to the Torres del Paine National Park.

**Day 18: Torres del Paine National Park**

Breakfast at hotel. You will start early to make the most of this day. Visit some of the various sites within the park, navigate to the Grey Glacier in a boat or trek on one of the shorter trails to experience this magnificent landscape first hand. Overnight in or close to National Park Torres del Paine.

**Day 19: Torres del Paine - Punta Arenas** (410 km / 255 miles)

Breakfast at hotel. On this approx. 4 to 6 hour drive to Punta Arenas, you can visit the Milodón Cave where scientists discovered the remains of a gigantic sloth. To experience Patagonian wildlife, visit the Penguin Colony at the Otway Sound before arriving in Punta Arenas. Overnight in Punta Arenas.



**Day 20: Punta Arenas - Drop off**

Breakfast at hotel. Your long Patagonian Adventure ends in Punta Arenas; where you will return your car at the airport or the downtown rental office. (B)

**Price per person**

Category	Vehicle Category	Double	Single Suppl.	Single	Season
	Hertz				

Standard	(K, Mitsubishi L200 Katana or similar)	\$5,199	\$1,249	\$9,975	01.10.09-31.03.10
	Hertz (Y, Kia Sorento or similar)	\$5,448	\$1,249	\$10,220	01.10.09-31.03.10

*Hotels quoted on this program:* Terra Luna Lodge (Puerto Guadal); Estancia Telken (Santa Cruz province); Lunajuim (El Chalten); El Patagon (El Calafate); Mirador del Paine (Torres del Paine); Estancia Rio Verde (Punta Arenas area); [Petrohue](#) (Lake Todos Los Santos); Ayres de Nahuel (Bariloche); Hosteria Canela ( Esquel); Hotel El Barranco (Futaleufu); Cabañas El Pangue (Lake Risopatron); Hotel Belisario Jara (Coyhaique)

Prices subject to change without notice

**Tour includes:** 19 nights incl. breakfast (and dinner at hotel Petrohué), 20 days car rental incl. unlimited free mileage, local tax, full CDW coverage, insurance PAI and SACA, drop off costs, international permission to cross into Argentina with vehicle, roadmap and descriptions. Non-guided transfer Airport-Hertz city office. Deductible as per car rental 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 published above. This extra fee has to be paid upon returning the car.

**NOTES:**

- Prices per person in USDollars.
- Please keep in mind that: the 24 hrs rule apply for the car rental, which means that the drop off hour of the car has not to be later than the pick up hour, otherwise we have to charge an extra day of car rental. For 4x4 vehicle only!
- Hertz categories: K (Mitsubishi L200 Katana or similar) / Y (Kia Sorento or similar)

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