

DAG FÖR DAG PROGRAM
med reservation för ändringar

"ÖVER ANDERNA TILL CHILE"
Flyg till och från Bariloches flygplats i Argentina.

This trip is only suitable for experienced riders who are fit enough to canter for extended periods and spend long hours in the saddle. There are 5 to 8 hours riding a day.

Day 1 : On arrival there will be a late lunch followed by an afternoon ride. A chance to familiarize yourself with the horses, the tack and the way we ride.

Day 2 : A full day's ride on Estancia Huechahue with an "asado" lunch. Follow the Huechahue stream through its basalt canyons, riding as fast as you want across the water-meadows sending the plovers and ibis screeching, before returning over the top of Chenque Hill, where the Andes rise up behind you and the vastness of Patagonia stretches out before you.

Day 3 to Day 6 : Set out from Huechahue for Chile. The next 8 days will be spent crossing from the wide open spaces of Argentine Patagonia over the Andes to the thickly forested steep slopes of Chilean Patagonia. From Huechahue you will ride for 4 days up into the Andes through the Andean Steppes, you will ford rivers, pass through Indian reservations, ride over ridges from where you think you can see the Atlantic and through magnificent rocky gorges, you will gallop across water meadows and race along sandy tracks. Nights will be spent camping by streams and rivers under the spectacular stars of the Southern hemisphere.

Day 7 : At lunchtime, at the base of Lanin Volcano in a forest of Monkey puzzle trees you will reach the Argentine / Chilean border, where our Chilean partners will be waiting for you. After immigration and customs formalities you will wave goodbye to Argentina and the horse that has carried you to here and you will start down the western slopes of the Andes on your Chilean mount.

Day 8 : Continue riding down through the magnificent Southern beech forests, with spectacular views of lakes and volcanoes. The western slopes of the Andes are much steeper, the terrain very different. Reaching the final campsite at picturesque Puente Barras, where Loth and Pamela's families have been farming for generations.

Day 9 : Transfer back to Huechahue by road (about 3 hours). After a late lunch there will be a ride on the estancia. By now you will have heard of many places and you will be able to choose what you would like to see most.

Day 10 : A farewell ride on Huechahue before transferring to the airport.

16 to 25 January, 2012.

1 to 10 February, 2012.

21 February to 1 March, 2012.

INCLUDED

The price includes all accommodation, food and beverages.

The rate does not include travel or medical insurance (guests should ensure that they have adequate insurance), or gratuities (about 7 to 10% is suggested as a fair rate)

A deposit of 50% is required to confirm a reservation, full payment should be received 28 days prior to arrival.

These payments are non-refundable.

There is a single supplement of 20%. However this only applies if you are not prepared to share with another appropriate single guest.

How to get here :

You can fly to either Chapelco airport, San Martin de los Andes or Bariloche. Transfers between Huechahue and San Martin de los Andes are included. On arrival and departure days we will be providing Bariloche transfers. These will be timed to be at Bariloche airport for 16.00 flight departures or 14.30 arrivals. We can arrange transfers at other times – please ask for rates.

If you choose to end the trip in Chile, we can organize transfers from Puente Basas to Temuco in Chile for US\$130 per transfer and to Pucón for US\$30 per transfer.

What you need to bring : In Argentina the weather is generally hot and dry during the day with a maximum temperature between 22 and 35 deg. C. As we are at 700m and higher, it always cools down at night, generally to between 5 and 10 deg. C, it can be colder. It rarely rains - however it is necessary to be prepared with adequate raingear. In Chile we ride through beautiful rainforest consequently you must be prepared for rain.

The best way to dress is in layers - a T-shirt, shirt, pullover (or fleece which is light and dries quickly), and a jacket to give protection against wind and rain.

Trousers should be comfortable for riding - jodhpurs, jeans etc

Footwear that is SAFE for riding.

Swimwear.

Protection against the sun, which is very strong. Sun block, lip balm and if you do not intend wearing a hard hat, a hat with a wide brim (that stays on your head!) - also good if it happens to rain.

Whilst on the pack trip across the Andes we provide sleeping bags, thermorests and tents.

There is one night when you will not be met by vehicle at the camp site. For this night all camping gear including sleeping bags, tents and food are carried on pack horses. There will be no thermorests this night but you will use your saddle and sheepskin as the gauchos do. Each guest is provided with a set of saddle bags for their personal possessions - change of clothes, toiletries, camera etc. Jackets and pullovers can be tied to the back of the saddle. On all the other nights there will be a vehicle, however space in the vehicle is limited to one hand luggage size bag per person which we provide. In this bag you will need:

A change of clothes.

A light pair of shoes, eg. plimsolls - for when you want to take your boots off.

A set of thermal underwear - a light way of carrying extra warmth, hopefully unnecessary.

Rain gear – jacket and trousers. Please note that whilst the Argentine side is semi-desert, the Chilean side is rain-forest.

Swimwear.

Wash bag

Wet wipes.

Towel

A small torch.

The rest of your luggage will be transferred to Puente Basas to await your arrival, you will meet up with this on the border and have a chance to rearrange things.

If you are returning to Huechahue you may leave luggage at Huechahue.