

NORTHERN PATAGONIA ODYSSEY

FROM \$2,170 • 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS • MODERATE TRIP Knowmad specializes in private and custom travel. Itineraries and physical difficulty are often flexible.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the lovely lakeside town of Puerto Varas and photograph the iconic Osorno Volcano
- Ride horseback (no previous experience necessary) or hike through the lush temperate rainforest of the Northern Patagonia
- Stay in a remote mountain lodge nestled in a serene valley filled with azure rivers and surrounded by massive granite peaks
- Get to know your Mountain Lodge hosts Tatiana and Horacio, Patagonian homesteaders living in the ways of generations past
- Meander the other-worldly countryside of mythical Chiloé before returning to your boutique palafito hotel perched above the tides

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 Puerto Montt – Chiloé

You'll be picked up at the Puerto Montt airport or at your hotel in Puerto Varas and head for approximately a half hour by ferry over the channel and to the island of Chiloé where you'll be welcomed with locally harvested oysters. Continuing on you'll stop at a lovely local family's home and small farm for a traditional Chilote meal. From there we'll head to the small fishing village of Dalcahue where the coast is lined with the traditional fishing boats that are still fundamental to the island's life and culture. Visit the traditional markets known for woven goods of local lambswool before we head to the town of Castro. Here you'll check in to a boutique hotel built in the palafito style - perched on stilts over the ebbing tide.

- L - Palafito 1326 (<http://www.palafito1326.cl/>)

DAY 2 Chiloé

After enjoying breakfast overlooking a tidal cove home to hundreds of black-necked swans, you'll make a short drive to the small town of Chonchi. Roam the sleepy village streets lined with traditional wood shingle homes and visit the UNESCO World Heritage church. This over-a-hundred year old church made without nails and in the style of an inverted boat is an architectural masterpiece that will have you asking about the interesting fusion of Jesuit and Animist faiths on the island.

From here you take a leisurely bike ride through the enchanting Chilote countryside. Rolling through small towns and villages you'll have the opportunity to meet locals and see how life continues for many on Chiloe as it has for centuries – don't be surprised when you pass an ox-drawn cart. We'll stop for a lunch of delicious empanadas and milcaos before continuing by bike or by van on to the mystical national forest and the dramatic pacific coastline. Enjoy dinner and the evening on your own after returning to Castro.

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DAY 3 Chiloé – Puerto Varas

Departing in the morning you will visit the sunken forest of Chepu on the island's west coast. The origins of many of the island culture's myths and legends derive from this mystical forest. Next head to the northern reaches of the island to a sheltered cove where you will motor aboard a small fishing boat spotting Humboldt and Magellanic penguins, as well as watching for otters, seals and myriad bird species. After a fresh-catch seafood lunch and visit in the town of Ancud, ferry back to the mainland and make the approximately hour and a half drive to the town of Puerto Varas for the evening.

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DAY 4 Puerto Varas

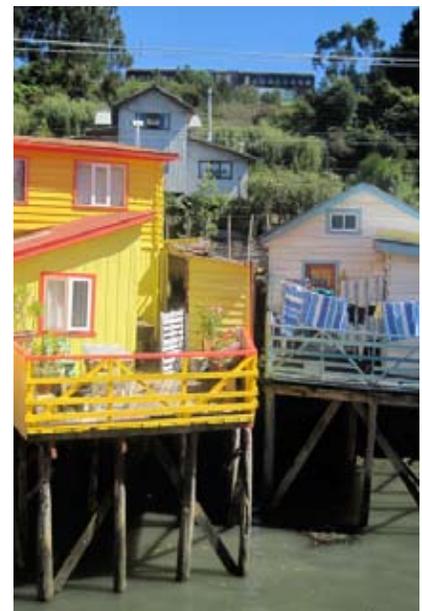
Enjoy a leisurely day exploring Puerto Varas. This lovely town nestled along the shores of Lake Llanquihue enjoys views to the idyllic Osorno Volcano and is a popular vacation destination for Chileans from the north. You will notice a significant German influence in the area owed to a large 19th century migration. There are no scheduled excursions during this day and you are encouraged to explore at your leisure. We encourage you to visit the colonial museum, wander the lakes shoreline, and sample kuchen pastries during your explorations. *If you've got energy to burn, choose to raft the Petrohue River or take a day of guided fly-fishing.

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DAY 5 Puerto Varas – Saltos del Petrohue - Cochamo

Today we'll depart from Puerto Varas and once-again travel back in time as we head into Patagonian wilderness. We'll stop in Perez Rosales National Park, Chile's second largest, and visit the volcanically-formed, turquoise Petrohue falls at the foot of the Osorno Volcano before entering the Reloncavi fjord and continuing on to the charming Campo Aventura Riverside Cottage where you'll enjoy a tasty dinner in their cozy, candle-lit restaurant. *Optional sea kayaking through the fjord.

- B, D - Campo Aventura Riverside Cottage



DAY 6 Cochamo Valley

After a hearty breakfast the gaucho horsemen and your guide will have your horses saddled and ready. Sit back and relax as these amazing horses take you winding through lush temperate rainforest home to old-growth alerce trees, turquoise rivers and endless beauty. For those not keen on riding, enjoy hiking along the over 400 year-old trail once used by Butch Cassidy that eventually crosses the entire Andes range linking Chile and Argentina.

After a riverside trail lunch and an approximately 4-hour ride through the forest, the trail enters an open valley revealing enormous granite walls, waterfalls and natural amphitheatres. Nestled amongst them is a remote mountain cabin, your home for the next two nights. Along with your guide, local homesteaders from the neighboring cabin Tatiana and Horacio will be your hosts. Besides cooking delicious, locally grown meals they will give you an intimate window into the remote lifestyle of Patagonian horsemen and women.

The Mountain Cabin has two shared beds and can accommodate up to 8 guests at a time with two shared bathrooms. Hot water is available for showering by way of a wood-burning stove. There is no electricity.

- B, L, D - Campo Aventura Mountain Cabin

DAY 7 Cochamo Valley

Enjoy the unmatched serenity and captivating beauty that is Valle Cochamo. With massive granite domes the valley is often compared to Yosemite. Thrill-seekers won't want to miss the summit of spectacular Arco Iris peak, zooming down the natural waterslide is often a trip favorite, and enjoying the valley while spotting Andean condors from the cabin's terrace perch should not be missed.

Enjoy a Patagonian *asado* (barbeque) over an open pit fire in the evening and relax by candlelight.

- B, L, D - Campo Aventura Mountain Cabin

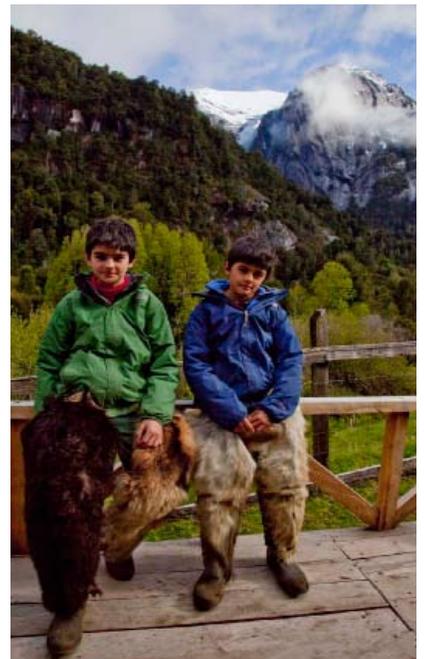
DAY 8 Cochamo Valley

Enjoy one-last breakfast cooked over a wood-fueled stove and say good-bye to Tatiana and Horacio before riding or hiking through the verdant, moss-covered temperate rainforest. Relax, unwind, or cast a line in the river back at the Riverside Cottage before a rousing farewell dinner.

- B, L, D - Campo Aventura Riverside Cottage

DAY 9 You'll be taken in the morning to the airport in Puerto Montt for onward flights.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2012 & 2013 SEASON COSTS \$2,170 per person (4 or more travelers) / \$2,170 per person (3 travelers) / \$2,260 per person (2 travelers). Additionally, regional airfare is estimated at \$440 (Lima/Cusco & Cusco/Lima—subject to change). Knowmad Adventures is happy to book and issue these tickets for you.

\$550 single supplement – rates quoted are per person, based on sharing double accommodations. If you request single accommodations you are required to pay the single supplement.

WHAT YOUR TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Personalized pre-departure support
- All ground transportation with professional driver
- Backcountry field arrangements as necessary
- All necessary equipment for adventure excursions
- Local excursions as indicated
- Airport transfers as indicated
- Expert leadership and guiding
- Additional guides and porters as needed
- All entrance fees where applicable
- Meals noted on program (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Lodging as noted in program

WHAT YOUR TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Visa, passport, departure/arrival and excess baggage fees (\$140 USD Chilean entrance fee to be paid to customs at airport)
- Trip insurance (we strongly recommend you obtain trip insurance offered by Knowmad Adventures, including trip cancellation insurance)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Optional tipping to local guides and staff
- Personal items
- Alcohol unless otherwise noted
- * Activities listed as optional and/or denoted with asterisk

TYPE Flexible Date Private Departures. You choose the date and your travel companions and we'll get you together with a group fellow, like-minded travelers for the Inca Trail portion of the trip. Private Inca Trail departures are also available; please inquire for pricing.

MODERATE TRIP More active trips that are suitable for most people in good health, these trips may also venture into remote territory and more rugged terrain. Activities include biking, hiking, horseback riding, wildlife viewing & cultural opportunities. *Optional kayaking.

DEPARTURES October through April; can be set up to match your dates.

LENGTH 9 days – 4 nights comfortable hotels, 4 nights cabins

BEGIN | END Santiago, Chile

SUMMARY

The Northern Patagonia and Chilean Lakes District is home to immense natural beauty as well as distinct and varied cultures. At only a couple hours flight from Santiago it is an ideal travel destination with access to both charming towns and breathtaking remote landscapes. On this 9-day itinerary you will experience the variety of cultures and settings that exist in the region. Discover the magic and traditional cultures of Chiloé, visit the lakeside town of Puerto Varas and explore temperate rainforest and emerald rivers on a historic trail linking Chile to Argentina. Stay in a *palafito* boutique hotel perched on stilts above the tides, a riverside cottage and a cozy homesteaders cabin as you travel from the Chilean coast through southern towns and to the Andean highlands.

The Northern Patagonia Odyssey will take you to the places that bring fame to the region's name as well as to lesser-known places of intrigue. Rated as physically moderate you will bike, hike, kayak, and horseback ride while gaining an intimate perspective into the varied cultures of modern Chileans, traditional Chilotes, and remote Patagonian horsemen. This itinerary is ideal for those looking to do a little of everything.

AIR TRAVEL

INTERNATIONAL

Airfare is not included in the land cost of our trips. You may arrange your international airfare independently, or we are happy to offer our feedback and assistance in helping you book it.

REGIONAL

If booked by Knowmad Adventures, internal airfare for this trip (Santiago/Puerto Montt, Puerto Montt/Santiago) averages \$250, however this is an approximation and the airfare is subject to change upon booking. If you would like to arrange your own regional flights, please consult us prior so we can verify the departure and arrival times.

WEATHER & WHEN TO GO

The Southern Hemisphere the seasons and climate are reversed from those in the Northern Hemisphere. While the United States and Europe are experiencing winter, in Chile it is summer. Patagonian weather is unpredictable. Expect sunshine as well as some rainy, windy South Pacific weather. The average temperature in this region from October through April is about 55 °F. Please also note that some of the activities are weather dependent.

Prior to your departure, we provide you with a detailed pre-trip information packet, which includes a recommended pack list, information about the regions you'll be visiting, suggested readings, and up-to-date health information including any recommended vaccinations.

| MONTH | AVG. TEMP. & RAINFALL | MONTH | AVG. TEMP. & RAINFALL |
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| January | 57°F 3.7" | July | 43°F 9.4" |
| February | 57°F 3.8" | August | 44°F 8.5" |
| March | 54°F 4.1" | September | 46°F 6" |
| April | 50°F 5.9" | October | 49°F 5" |
| May | 47°F 9.6" | November | 53°F .5" |
| June | 44°F 9.2" | December | 56°F 4.2" |

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE



WINE COUNTRY Bike from vineyard to vineyard on gentle country roads, tour the cellars, taste fine wines, eat gourmet cuisine and stay in charming boutique hotels. With premier wine growing valleys just an hour from Santiago, a few days in wine country is an ideal extension to your adventure and a good example of the diversity of landscapes and lifestyles within Chile.

ATACAMA DESERT Looking for unique? Earth's closest thing to Mars, Atacama will not disappoint. Your trip to this surreal landscape offers countless cultural and adventure excursions to choose from during the day, while spending nights in a true oasis, the Tierra Atacama boutique hotel and spa. Return for a dip in the pool and enjoy a local cabernet with gourmet cuisine. Don't forget to take advantage of the world's best moonscape and stargazing.

EASTER ISLAND A tropical paradise with history, culture and mystery at every beautiful turn, a visit to Easter Island – the world's most isolated speck of land - will captivate any traveler. Meander through the picturesque countryside dotted with volcanoes, and learn about the mysterious Moai statues erected by the original Polynesian tribes who inhabited the island. Still today little is known about the statues or

their creators. While circumnavigating the island on visits to the diverse Moai sites, you'll have opportunities to relax on deserted, white-sand beaches, explore volcanic caves with petroglyphs and walk the rim of a seaside volcano.

IS IT FOR ME?

Enjoy biking, hiking and horseback riding while getting an intimate perspective into the varied cultures of modern Chileans, traditional Chilotes and remote Patagonian horsemen. Ideal for those looking to do a little of everything.

Knowmad has vast knowledge and operating capacities in Peru; this is a private trip and we are happy to modify excursions, accommodations, and the flow of the itinerary to perfectly suit your travel style and interests.

REFERENCES

Don't take our word for how great our trips are. We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travelers.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Ready for the trip of a lifetime? Signing up is easy. Call us at 1-877-616-8747 or email travel@knowmadadventures.com and reserve your spot. Or simply download our registration form from www.KnowmadAdventures.com/contact, fill it out, and send it back to us along with your trip deposit.

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