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2010-2011 season

Trip Name: Coast of Fjords Sea Kayaking

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in group:
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Overview:

Located along the shores of the Golfo Ancud, at the base of an extinct volcano and a surrounding amphitheater of mountains lies the village Hornopiren. Its name means "oven of snow." During the winter, the reflection from the snow laden Andes keeps the village many degrees warmer than the surrounding countryside. From Hornopiren we embark on an vessel supported exploration of the coasts and fjords of the spectacular nature preserve, set aside by North American naturalist Douglas Tomkins, known as Parque Pumalin. Pumalin is the world's largest private park encompassing some 320,000 hectares of spectacular Patagonia wilderness. We will sea kayak Chile through glacial valleys and primeval temperate rainforests, experience thermal baths and encounter exotic marine life.

National Geographic International Adventurist: [Seven days to the Futaleufu - Trailer](#)

Slideshows: [Slide Shows](#)

Day by Day:

Day 1 Saturday: Arrival and Introductions

After meeting in Puerto Montt, we drive down the Southern Highway, and cross the Reloncaví estuary to Hornopirén. There we board our 50-foot support vessel and head for Los Ciervos Island. After stopping for lunch in a nice cove, we sail on to Llancahué Island, where we climb into our sea kayaks for instruction and practice. Afterwards, we camp for the night on this island.

Day 2 Sunday: LLANCAHUE ISLAND - QUINTUPEU FJORD

Now we begin the wild part of our sea kayak adventure. We put in near the entrance to Quintupeu Fjord, where the German battleship Dresden hid out during World War I. The sheer slopes, cut by countless waterfalls tumbling off the heights, are covered with lush vegetation that hangs over our heads. As we glide along under this lush canopy, we try to catch a glimpse of dolphins jumping near our kayaks. At nightfall, we camp at the end of the fjord.

Day 3 Monday: QUINTUPEU FJORD - CAHUELMO FJORD

We navigate down to Cahuelmó Fjord, stopping at the entrance to see if there are any sea lions at play. We don't stop for long though, because we want to paddle the far end of Cahuelmó in time to get up the river, or hike through the wild tidal flats. Finally, we take a relaxing dip in Cahuelmo Hot Springs before turning in for the night.

Day 4 Tuesday: CAHUELMO FJORD - PORCELANA HOT SPRINGS

Our goal for today's journey is Porcelana Hot Springs. On the way, we stop at the settlement of Huinay and hike up a glacial valley surrounded by snow capped mountains. From this village we cut straight across Comau Fjord to Porcelana, where we pitch camp in a lush green pasture and head for the tidal pools of hot water surrounded by magnificent scenery.

Day 5 Wednesday: PORCELANA HOT SPRINGS - COMAU FJORD

We paddle down to the end of Comau Fjord to Leptepu, passing by stunning snow-capped peaks on our way to a secluded corner in a setting of plunging waterfalls and virgin forests. We also see a lagoon, teeming with wildlife, which we can reach by kayak at high tide. In the afternoon we return to Porcelana and, of course, we don't fail to go for another long soak in our beautiful hot spring.

Day 6 Thursday: COMAU FJORD - HORNOPIREN - PUERTO MONTT

Early this morning we board our support vessel to navigate up Comau Fjord to Hornopirén, where we take the road back to Puerto Montt in time to catch the evening flight or bus to Santiago.

Day 7 Sunday: Return home.

Accommodations:

[Wilderness Camping](#)

Price per Person: \$1795.00 USD

Special Flexibilities: Exchile will be flexible to make your trip a total success. The actual program for your custom trip will vary according to the desires and skill level of your group, weather, or other factors. Patagonia has constantly changing weather patterns that might affect what day is best for a certain activity. If a certain part of your trip is not possible due to danger risks and weather extremes, our experienced guide staff will work with you to figure out the best possible option to substitute for the weather complications. If you have any concerns, please feel free to ask us more about the situations and what is guaranteed on the trip.

Included: Motorized support vessel with crew, all transportation according to the itinerary, for round trip Puerto Montt, all meals from lunch on day 1 to lunch on day, services of expert guides, cook and crew, fully equipped fiberglass sea kayaks with spray skirts, paddles and accessories, full camping gear, except for personal sleeping bag and pad, hot spring and park fees.

Not Included: Any type of insurance./ Gratuities and personal extras as communication cost, laundry, meals and drinks not stipulated in the program, and other personal items.

Trip Summary:

Season: 2010 Jan 10-15, Jan 24-29 - Feb 7-12, Feb 21-26

Experience Needed: No experience necessary, should know how to swim

Physical Challenge: Not particularly rigorous

Cultural Experience: High

Nature Experience: High

Comfort Rating: Moderate to Rough

Max Trip Size: 10

Min Trip Size: 6

Regions visited: Puerto Montt, fjords of Patagonia

Lakes, rivers and sites: Llancahue Island, Quintupeu Fjord, Porcelana Hots Springs, Comau Fjord, and Hornopiren

Travel Summary:

Days away from home:

In:

Final Flight Destination airport: Puerto Montt

Trip pick up point: Puerto Montt or Puerto Varas

Trip pick up date and time: Saturday 9:00 am

Out:

Trip drop off point: Puerto Montt or Puerto Varas

Trip drop off date and time: Thursday 7:00 pm

Return Flight Departure airport: Puerto Montt

Map: [Interactive Travel Map](#)

Travel Route Alternatives: [Traveling through Chile and, or Argentina](#)

Air Fare: [Online quote](#) +1.866.498.0530

Luxury Bus Tickets Chile & Argentina: [Information and reserves](#)

Lets GO!

Reserve your trip: [Credit Card deposit](#)

Travel Insurance: [Quote and or online purchase](#)

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Enroute guidance: [Print this and take it with you.](#)

Type of Clothes ready for your trip pick up:

Thank you,

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