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2011-2012-2013 season

Trip Name: Rafting Multisport CondorNest

Last Name:
First Name:
Email:
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in group:
Comments: One exclusive dinner and one exclusive breakfast at Condor

Overview:

Expediciones Chile-redefines an exclusive accommodation. We invite you to spend your unique vacation in the best kept secret of Patagonia, a magical place where hundreds of glacial lakes are connected by thousands of kilometers of pristine rivers, all flowing through the dramatic Andean Mountain range. Honeymoon vacation with us in the heart of this paradise, the Futaleufu River Valley. Be enchanted by its natural rhythms, where condors soar in southern thermals high above turquoise rapids thundering through rarely explored granite canyons.

Futaleufu River Rafting from our CondorNest Honeymoon ranch is an additional pleasure. Watch the sun rise between the impressive spires of Tres Monjas peak overlooking the area. Enjoy the energy of the group that you share the adventures with but each night retreat to you own exclusive accommodations at the CondorNest Luna de Miel. On one night you will have your own private chef fix you and your partner exclusive dinner at the CondorNest. Other meals you will join with the group.

Acclaimed as one of the most demanding rafting runs in the world, the Futaleufu River provides rafters the ultimate whitewater challenge. The river's name is derived from a local Mapuche Indian word meaning "big, big river" and it lives up to its billing in every respect. Since the early 1990s rafting in Chile has become synonymous with this river and it has beckoned an elite group of international rafters daring enough to tempt the Class V power of Futaleufu. The first time you connect to the intriguing power of this river you will know it is unlike any river you have rafted before. It has earned its reputation as The Greatest Whitewater on Earth!!!

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

Day by Day:

Day 1 Friday: Depart your home town: Fly to Miami and connect on an over night flight to Buenos Aires Argentina. Welcome to the warmth of the southern Hemisphere in summer.

Day 2 Saturday: Travel to Trevelin, Patagonia Argentina

Early morning arrival in Buenos Aires. Change airports with a taxi or shuttle bus and catch another flight to Esquel Argentina. Trevelin Argentina is a charming mountain village gateway just 45 minutes from the Esquel airport and 45 minutes from the Futaleufu River in Chile. Check into the Casa de Piedra hotel and walk to one of several Argentine restaurants with the Chilean Andes in view. Unwind, relax, and get a good nights sleep before the start of your trip the next morning.

Day 3 Sunday: Your trip starts. Raft from the near the Border to Campo Tres Monjas

After a relaxing night's sleep at a hotel in the quaint Welch town of Trevelin deep in Patagonia Argentina, we begin this exciting trip with a quick shuttle across the Chilean/Argentinean border and into the Futaleufu Valley. After clearing customs we go direct to the Futaleufu put in where we will meet your guides and rafts. After changing into our river gear, your luggage will be whisked away and magically show up at your tent or cabin at our river eco-camp before you arrive. After the introduction of whitewater and paddling skills we encounter a section of mild class II water flowing through the Las Escalas valley. A couple of hours later the river shows its wild side and we encounter "[Zeta](#)" and "[Throne Room](#)", two of the most challenging (Class V+) rapids on the Futaleufu. We study and will portage both. After the portages, we get into our first action, the section called "The Wild Mile" which contains [Tres Islas](#) (III), [Roller Coaster](#) (III), [Honorable Mention](#) (IV minus), [Wild Mile](#) (IV minus) and the climatic Thing. Here you will walk up to the CondorNest with its stunning views.

Lunch on the River/Dinner at Condor/Night at CondorNest

Day 4 Monday: Triple Crown of Rafting: Terminator Section, the Heart of the Futaleufu, and Casa de Piedra Section

This has to be the most fun and action packed day of rafting, anywhere on earth. We take off from our sand beach at camp and head downstream to a couple of warm up rapids before the river takes on an extremely powerful nature, with the longest rapid on the Futa, the "[Terminator](#)" (Class V). After a careful scout and plan we will run this rapid. Just below, we'll have to negotiate the hole filled "[Khyber Pass](#)" (Class IV+) and the [Himalayas](#) (Class IV), with perhaps the biggest standing waves in the hemisphere with a huge pool below. After Lunch we run another complete section called the Heart of the Futaleufu. This section, from the Zapata swinging bridge to the Puente Futaleufu, includes five miles of Class IV+ rafting action. Rapids such as "[Entrada](#)", "[Pillow](#)", "[Tiburón](#)", and "[Mundaca](#)" with its must-see explosion hole, will keep you on your toes. Though drop pool the pools are short and the action non stop. As we begin our final section of river today we will thread through the well named Maso Manos rapid getting ready for the magical and daunting rapid Casa de Piedra. Casa, as commonly called by our expert guides, is a long class V rapid appropriately named for the house size rock that must be navigated before flying past the helicopter eddy and down through a maze of truck size holes and waves. The take out is at a spectacular cliff wall with towering glaciers in the distance. After the trip we return to our Camp and take advantage of our sauna and massage and work out any sore muscles you might have after a big day of paddling. **Breakfast at Condor/Lunch on the river /Cocktails and Dinner at CondorNest/Night at CondorNest**

Day 5 Tuesday: Mountain Bike or horseback/to Benidictos

Today is an Multisport day with pre-arranged options available. Today we explore the Futaleufu Valley on Mountain Bikes or horseback riding upstream along the Wild Mile section of the river. Soft pastures juxtaposed with towering glaciers will, surely, remind you of scenes from the Sound of Music or Heidi. A short walk carrying your bike while your trail is cut into a black rock cliff takes you to an a giant river pool. Within a mile the trail turns inland from the river and enters a native Coihue forest. Here you will climb some 400 verticle feet over two miles and arrive into a clearing at Benidictos remote Ranch. A massive lunch will be waiting and a tour of this off the grid ranch. Just allow enough time for the downhill ride back to the CondorNest ranch, where a dinner awaits. **Breakfast at Condor/ Lunch at Benidicto/Cocktails and Dinner at CondorNest/Night at CondorNest**

Day 6 Wednesday: Rafting Infierno to Campo

This is the most demanding, committing, and hazardous section of the Futaleufu, the highlight of our Patagonia rafting program! It is also optional. If you feel that you have had enough with the previous sections a multisport activity can be scheduled. To raft this section safely, the river levels must be correct, you must have rafted the "Heart" section with us and met all of our safety requirements. We put in at the Río Espolon bridge and raft to the the confluence with the Futaleufu River. At the "[Gates of Infierno](#)", we enter the "Infierno Canyon" with several consequential and continuous Class V drops. After an exciting morning of rafting in the Inferno canyon, the river widens with spectacular views of Las Escalas Valley. After a section of mild class II water, the river returns to its wild side and we encounter "[Zeta](#)" and "[Throne Room](#)", two of the most challenging (Class V+) rapids on the Futaleufu. We will portage both and have an opportunity to watch a safety kayaker run them. After the portages, we get into an action packed section called "The Wild Mile", which contains a continuous stretch of Class III and IV rapids. Futaleufu river rafting does not get any better than the whitewater we have just experienced! After the Wild Mile we arrive at the [Río Azul](#) under the sentinel of the Tres Monjas peaks. Tonight, weather permitting we set up the dinning tables on the beach. **Breakfast at Campo/ Lunch River/Dinner at Condor or Dinner with rafters at Campo/Night at CondorNest**

Day 7 Thursday: Trekking around Tres Monjas

Today is an Multisport day with pre-arranged options available. A trek is planned around the Tres Monjas peak. One trek takes us around the backside of the Tres Monjas peak crossing creeks and through Coyhue forests (4 hours). The most challenging choice is the all day climb (12 hours) up the the Monjas and through the enchanted forest of rare Lenga trees that have adapted to the thin soil high on the mountain. Their fight for survival coupled with their vulnerability contribute to a fascinating environment and an exciting hike! You can experience an incredible view of the area just beneath the dramatic spires. If you just want a day at Condor to yourself to relax, swim, read or just take in the natural beauty...take the day off and do whatever. **Breakfast at Campo/Lunch on the trail/Dinner at Condor/Night at CondorNest**

Day 8 Friday: Sit on Top Kayak or learn to roll a kayak. Upper Rio Espolon

Today is an Multisport day with pre-arranged options available. The upper Rio Espolon is a clear Class II river lined with sand beaches. A perfect learn to kayak environment. Three rocks rapid and Rosi's wall are class 2 rapids that can be descended by first timers after a few hours of instruction to build your confidence. It is amazing how such small rapids can be so exciting when you are in your own little kayak. If you are more cautious a sit on kayak is for you. If you ever wanted to learn to whitewater kayak this is the place to take a lesson learning how to roll and see if this sport could be for you. We will practice the ferrying technique, crossing the Espolon several times, as well as strengthen our ability to identify river features such as tongues, waves, holes, and eddies. As the finale of the day we meet your first real rapid, Three Rocks class 2+. The take out is just after this rapid. After we finish this section our vehicles will be waiting at the take out as we make our way toward the border on our way to Trevelin after changing into dry clothes. Check into your hotel, take a shower and change clothes before enjoying your last night in Patagonia. There are a handful of outstanding and reasonably priced restaurants in Trevelin that we can recommend. Relax, recover and look back on the exciting week of rafting before heading home the following morning.

Day 9 Saturday: Return to Capital City

Depending on your connections you are now in Argentina ready for an early departure in a cab from your hotel to the bus station in Esquel for the trip to Bariloche and your flight back to Buenos Aires. A private transfer can be arranged direct from your hotel to the airport in Bariloche. If you have a flight from Esquel you have the morning to enjoy and buy gifts in Trevelin before your 2 pm flight to Buenos Aires and the connection back to your home country.

Day 10 Sunday: Return home

Accommodations:

[CondorNest Private Ranch](#) \$3,795 with Private chef

Price per Person:

Special Flexibilities: Expediciones Chile will be flexible to make your trip a total success. The actual program for your custom trip may 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: Your described trip, guiding, instruction, activity equipment, local transportation, shuttles, all meals, wine with dinner, accommodations at our eco-camps, cabins, ranches or lodges, from your trip pick up point to your trip drop off point.

See the packing list of your activity, for the specific clothing that is required.

Not Included: En-route transportation, lodging, and food from your home town to the border with Chile and Argentina or other trip pick-up point. Laundry services, massage, additional alcohol are available but not included. You can reserve on our web page a pre-trip and post-trip hotel in Trevelin that includes the shared transfer to and from the border.

You can also ask our travel agent to prepay private ground transports between airport and from the airport to Trevelin, for an additional charge. Expediciones Chile is not financially responsible for your travel complications getting to your trip pick up point and from the drop off point, HOWEVER, we will be relentless allies in offering our services to help solve any issues that you may encounter.

Trip Summary:

Season: December 6 to April 6
Experience Needed: None - Active person
Physical Challenge: Moderate High
Cultural Experience: Moderate High
Nature Experience: Very High
Comfort Rating: High
Max Trip Size: 16

Min Trip Size: 4

Cities: Buenos Aires and Esquel

Regions visited: Remote Patagonia Chile and Argentina

Lakes, rivers and sites: Futaleufu river, Rio Azul, Rio Espolon, Lago Lonconao, Lago Esplon, Secret Lagoon, Campo Tres Monjas, Futaleufu Chile, Trevelin Argentina.

Recommended Travel Route:

We highly recommend:

Fly in: Buenos Aires - Esquel Argentina.

Fly out of: Esquel - Buenos Argentina

[Your Travel Route details](#)

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Thank you,

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