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**Trip Name: Threatened Rivers of Patagonia Safari**

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**Comments:**

**Overview:**

**The best Patagonian river in Chile and Argentina.  
Our favorite two rivers of Patagonia.**

This two week Patagonia Rafting Safari will take you to our favorite places in Patagonia not to mention favorite rivers. You will get to experience some of the greatest but threatened whitewater rivers in Chile and Argentina. In addition you will have the opportunity to participate in many multisport activities. The rivers we will run will include the Rio Fuy, Rio San Pedro, Rio Enco, Rio Neltume, and Rio Manso, scattered around the Lakes Region of Chile and the vast Pampa of Argentina. The Circuit route itself takes you through various ecosystems of Patagonia that are seldom traveled.

**Rafting:**

[Raft the Futaleufu Class V video \(1 min 50 secs\)](#)

[Rafting Slide show](#)

[Rafting Safety Rescue video \(1 min 12 secs\)](#)

**Maps:**

[Overview Map of Chile and Argentina](#)

[Patagonia Regional Map](#)

[Futaleufu River Valley Map](#)

[Campo Tres Monjas Map](#)

**Optional Multisport Activities:**

[Trekking Slide show](#)

[Mountain Bike Slide show](#)

[Sea Kayak Slide show](#)

[Kayak School Slide show](#)

[Learn to Kayak the Futaleufu - Nat Geo Trailer \(6 min 23 secs\)](#)

[Learn to Kayak the Futaleufu - Nat Geo Full video \(52 min 9 secs\)](#)

## **Extra Multisport Activities:**

[FlyFishing Slide show](#)

[Horseback Riding Slide show](#)

[Canyoning Slide show](#)

[All slide shows and videos](#)

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### **Day 1 Saturday: 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 Sunday: Arrival and Introduction**

You will arrive early in the morning to Santiago, Chile. You will be required to first clear customs and then switch terminals for your domestic flight to Osorno, Chile. The Expediciones Chile staff will be there to receive you at the airport or at your hotel in Osorno. From Osorno, it is a two-hour drive to the small village of Panguipulli, known as "The Village of Roses," on the shores of Lago Panguipulli with the volcano Chosuelo in the background. Here we take a stop for fuel. A forty five minute lakeside drive takes us to our destination. We will stay at a small cabin just a 100 meters away from the beach on the lake that provides awe-inspiring vistas. There will be time to rest or to check the fit your kayak for your adventure ahead.

### **Day 3 Monday: Rio San Pedro**

We drive outside town and put in at the [Rio San Pedro](#). This clear and warm river is our introduction to big white water. After getting our first taste of rafting in Chile we drive two hours on a remote road to the remote lakeside town of Chosuelo. The village takes its name from the volcanic snow capped peak overlooking Lago Panguipulli. Our comfy cabanas and inn is situated on the sandy beach of this sparkling warm lake. We have dinner on the porch overlooking the beach.

### **Day 4 Tuesday: Rio Fuy**

Our put in is at the bridge on the lower [Rio Fuy](#). This class 4 section starts off with instant whitewater frenzy. The most difficult rapid is with-in 500 yards, a 8-foot ledge ramp followed immediately by more class 4 action! As we approach Lago Panguipulli, the pace eases up and you find yourself in a scenic river valley surrounded by volcanic peaks. Rafting in Patagonia doesn't get better than this. The river swirls into Lago Panguipulli from where it is only a short paddle across the warm lake back to our black sandy beach and our lodge and cabins.

### **Day 5 Wednesday: Trekking the Volcano or Mountain Biking.**

After a hearty Chilean breakfast we are bound for the complete ascent of the snowcapped Volcano Chosuelo. The view is stunning, overlooking the valley, lakes and rivers below. Departing at 8:00 am you will be back on your lakeside lodge by 4:00 pm.

**Day 6 Thursday: Sea Kayaking or Sit on top kayaking on the lake.** After a relaxing Chilean breakfast we walk 50 yds to the beach for paddling around on sit on top kayaks, or sea kayaks on the lake.

### **Day 7 Friday: Crossing the Andes to a night out in Bariloche**

We will depart our quiet village and take a remote ferry across Lake Fuy, which is high in the Andes and surrounded by lush forest. Afterward, our drive will take us between two environmental extremes. After getting our passports stamped, we will drive from the mountains in Chile to San Martin de los Andes in Argentina. Here we will grab groceries and drive through the Nahuel Huapi National Park beside seven breathtaking lakes. We will serve lunch on our scenic drive through the park. We will then arrive into cultural Bariloche, Argentina early enough for everyone to enjoy a night on the town. The energetic city of Bariloche sparkles beside the giant lake of Nahuel Huapi. This night will be a special opportunity to enjoy a meal and evening out on your own. Explore the city and select from many incredible restaurants that feature the best in Argentine steak, fondue and wine. Allocate \$30.00 USD for an exquisite meal and wine and another \$25.00 USD for drinks and nightlife after your meal. Experience infamous Argentine culture.

### **Day 8 Saturday: Argentina Rafting: Rio Manso & National Park Nahuel Huapi to Trevelin**

After breakfast we drive south to the [Rio Manso](#) in National Park Nahuel Huapi. This class 3/4 gorge has engaging whitewater action making for an excellent day of Patagonia rafting. We traverse the national park where we will see

ancient Alerce trees. We take out at a remote border of Argentina and Chile. Here we have a late lunch at a real working ranch. We load up our safari mobile and drive south in to Patagonia with a quick stop at the artist community of El Bolson. Now the drive takes us out into the desert caused by the rain shadow of the massive Andes near Futaleufu. By nightfall we arrive at a remote farm house converted into a bed and breakfast situated in Argentina just a few miles from the Futaleufu River and the border with Chile. Our Argentine hosts will be waiting with a full on Asado prepared just for us. The stars are nothing short of spectacular.

### **Day 9 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 RiverNest 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. The excitement doesn't stop until we get to the confluence of the Futaleufu and Azul rivers as we take out on the unspoiled beach at our Camp Tres Monjas with the stunning peak of the same name standing guard. At our secluded camp you find your luggage in your cabin. You will be given a tour following trails to the sauna, showers, drying shed, bathrooms, and dining hall. This idyllic spot will serve as the take out and put in for your activities for the rest of the week's adventures. This setting is arguably one of the most stunning on the river. Relax in the sauna and ready yourself for a sit down meal.

### **Day 10 Monday: Rafting: Terminator Section and the Heart of the Futaleufu**

This has to be one of the most fun and action packed days 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 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. 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.

### **Day 11 Tuesday: Lower Futaleufu Rafting: The Heart of the Futaleufu and Casa de Piedra Section**

We take off from the beginning of the the Heart of the Futaleufu. This is the action packed section from the day before that 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. As we begin our final section of river today we will thread through the well named Mas o Menos 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 we finish this we return to the Campo and RiverNest cabins.

### **Day 12 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 Infierno 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](#)", hopefully you will be able to see and film one of our guides kayak these incredible world class rapids. We will portage both. We repeat the action packed section called "The Wild Mile". This time we will have fun and you will be relaxed enough to see the incredible scenery from the river. After the Wild Mile we arrive at the [Río Azul](#) Tonight, weather permitting we set up the dining tables on the beach. If you want you can have a massage scheduled after these four active days of rafting.

**Day 13 Thursday: Trekking around Tres Monjas or up the Tres Monjas.** After breakfast we set out on a trail for the planned Trek 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 option is the all day climb (8 to 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 camp to yourself to relax, swim, read on that beach, grab a massage or just take in the natural beauty...take the day off and do whatever. Just return in time for wine and snacks before dinner.

**Day 14 Friday: Multisport option day: Further Trekking /Mt Bike /Sea Kayak or learn to roll a kayak.**

1. Trekking up to the senic overlook Piedra de Aguila. Finish in the village of Futaleufu.
2. Mt Biking from Camp into the village of Futaleufu.
3. If you want to Kayak we have one man and two man kayaks for exploring either Lago Espolon or Lago Lonconao depending which way the wind blows. Afterwards we return to the village of Futaleufu.
4. If there are three or more interested in learning to whitewater kayak this can be an option. Most Fridays, we have our head of instruction a former Olympian teach our Rafting Multisport guests the essential points of this exciting sport in a non-threatening environment. This is an opportunity to try this exciting sport first in a lagoon, then on gentle moving water on a introduction section of the Rio Espolon. We finish in Futaleufu.

After the activities we will have a little time to change clothes and to take a small tour of Futaleufu. We make our way toward the border where your taxi awaits to take you to your Hotel in Trevelin. 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 15 Saturday: Return to Capital City**

Depending on your connections you are now are in Argentina ready for an early departure in a cab from you hotel to the airport in Esquel and for your flight back to Buenos Aires.

**Day 16 Sunday: Return home**

#### Accommodations:

[Campo Tres Monjas river eco camp interactive map](#) / [Campo Tres Monjas RiverNest Cabins Slide Show](#)

[Town Bed and Breakfast](#)

**Scheduled Departure Dates:** [Activity Calendars](#)

Price per Person: \$4295.00 USD *Double Occupancy RiverNest Cabin*  
Single Occupancy if available \$200 usd

**Special Flexibilities:** Exchile will be flexible to make your trip a total success. The actual program for your custom trip may vary according to the weather, desires and skill level of your group, 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 itinerary activities, guiding, instruction, activity equipment, transportation and shuttles for all scheduled activities, all meals, wine with dinner, all accommodations (based on double occupancy) as described in your itinerary from your trip pick up point and through to your drop off point after the trip. See the packing list of your activity, for the specific clothing that is required for you to bring.

#### Not Included:

All en-route transportation, food, pre-trip hotel(s) from your home town to your trip pick up point.

All en-route transportation, food, lodging, post-trip hotel(s) from your trip drop off point back to your home town.

Once you are traveling on a exchile trip you should have no extra expenses unless you are desiring, laundry services, massage, gifts, or additional alcohol beyond what is included. If you want to add activities that are not listed as options on your itinerary we are super flexible to cater to your wishes. However extra activities may be subject to an additional charge if not included on your day by day intinerary.

**How to organize your En-route in one step:** We can have Gilda ([G & G Travel and Tours](#)) our recommended travel agent arrange all en-route transportation, pre and post trip hotels for your exchile trip or trips. Give her a call and compare prices. She often beats internet fares.

Expediciones Chile and G & G Travel and Tours are not financially responsible for your travel complications getting to your trip pick up point and back home from the trip drop off point, **HOWEVER, we will be relentless allies 24/7** in offering our influence to **help solve any issues** that you may encounter in route. This is our part of the world and we are extremely well connected. Our clients provide significant business for the transportation services we recommended, they work with us and they know that we aggressively represent our guests in finding solutions while they are in route to exchile trips. We recommend purchasing travel insurance.

### Trip Summary:

**Season:** January

**Experience Needed:** None but is helpful.

**Physical Challenge:** Moderately high

**Cultural Experience:** Moderately high

**Nature Experience:** High

**Comfort Rating:** High

**Max Trip Size:** 16

**Min Trip Size:** 4

Regions visited: Corridor of Andean Lakes. Complete cirucuit of Northern Patagonia Chile and Argentina  
Lakes, rivers and sites: Rio San Pedro, Ruy Fuy, Rio Enco, Rio Manso, Bariloche, San Martin de Los Andes, Trevelin, Futaleufu, Rio Azul.

### Recommended Air Travel Route:

**We recommend:**

Fly in: Osorno Chile

Fly out of: Esquel - Buenos Aires Argentina

**Alternative:**

Fly out of: Chaiten - Puerto Montt - Santiago

[Your Travel Route details](#)

### Lets GO!

[Hold your spot Now!](#)

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