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**2016-2017 Season**

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**URL Link:** <http://www.exchile.com/HorsebackTrailRiding2.html>

### Trip Name: Ruta de Los Arrieros Lite (4 days)

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#### Overview:

This Patagonia "Route of the Cowboys" is a 4 day trail trip back in time that few people will ever have a chance to experience. It is sure to be a life changing cultural journey. We will visit small remote working ranches, outposts, and settlements without roads in Patagonia, Chile. We will be staying each night in different ranches or cabins with bed and linens and prepared meals. Our Horses will carry your lunch, personal gear but you can pack light. The accommodations are rustic country but, sanitary, ordered, and cozy. Our Chilean hosts are selected and trained by Expediciones Chile to ensure our high quality of service. They look forward to the few visitors they get at the remote homesites. A horseback riding vacation like no other. For a young family this is a true education!

**Hearty meals** served while sitting around a farmer's wood stove will give you a peak at the rare Patagonian way of life. Here life is similar to the frontier days of the American west over 200 years ago. The cultural and natural experience cannot be matched anywhere. This vacation is the REAL DEAL. It is an insider's look at Patagonia and its people. This is a very unique horseback riding vacation.

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[Overview Slide Shows and Video Gallery](#)

[Futaleufú Riding Week Video](#)

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#### Day by Day:

##### **Day 1 Friday: Depart your home town:**

Fly on an overnight 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 and connect with a flight to Esquel, Argentina. Take a taxi (45 minutes) to Trevelin, Argentina, a charming mountain village gateway just 45 minutes from the border and the Futaleufu River in Chile. Check into the hotel Casa de Piedra and walk to one of several superb restaurants. Unwind, relax, and get a good nights sleep.

### **Day 3 Sunday: Village of Futaleufu to Remote Lago Las Rosas**

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. Upon arrival in Futaleufu, we will meet your guides and gear up for an exciting cultural adventure in the remote Patagonian wilderness. We will head out of the village along the Rio Espolon, soon a tributary comes in the Noreste. Here we start up the Noreste valley as we climb up a steep incline to a high valley with a series of pristine turquoise lakes. You will experience incredible views with the peak Cerra Teta in the background. We arrive at a small off the grid ranch on Lago las Rosas. You will be spending a night in a rustic Patagonia ranch house on the lake. It is off the grid and it is a cultural opportunity that could well be a highlight of your trip to Patagonia. Enjoy the Patagonian culture as few ever do.

### **Day 4 Monday:Lago Las Rosas to the Upper Espolon river**

We will depart early in the morning for our ride near the ranch and cross a pure crystal clear creek coming from the high Andes that defines the border with Argentina. After the stream we ride uphill through a old growth forest up to a pass that gives us a stunning view of the mountains and lakes. We descend into the upper Espolon valley and stop at hour host Irma whose ranch house we spend the night. Behind the ranch house is the upper Espolon river which is good for fishing.

### **Day 5 Tuesday: Ride the forest along the shore of Lago Espolon**

Today we ride past the small settlement of Espolon visiting an the off the grid school and a small church surrounded by remote ranches. We soon arrive at the Espolon lake which we will see through the woods occasionally as we ride. At the end of the day we stop at a beautiful homestead half way down the lake. Here we will stay in our cushest accommodations of the trip, log lakeside cabins next to a gravel beach. The view across the lake is to the high snow capped mountains in a complete wilderness area that is rarely accessed by humans.

### **Day 6 Wednesday: Ride from the cabins to the end of the Lake and the waterfall**

From Nestors we have a five hour ride to the end of the lake. Where we can visit the powerful waterfalls that define the exit of the lake. The Espolon river as it departs the lake rips down the mountain to a lower valley. We then ride back to the village of Futaleufu along the Espolon river. We arrive in the late afternoon around 6 pm. Our vehicles will be waiting to take you to the border and where you will meet your taxi for a ride to Trevelin. Check into your hotel, take a shower and change clothes before enjoying your last night in ting week of horseback riding.

### **Day 7 Thursday: Return to Capital City**

You wake up in Argentina, there is plenty of time for breakfast and relaxation before you take taxi from you hotel to the airport in Esquel. back to Buenos Aires and connect on to an international flight to your home country. If you are departing to Bariloche you can pick up a morning bus from Esquel or arrange a private transfer direct from your hotel.

### **Day 8 Friday: Return home**

## **Accomodations:**

[Remote Ranches](#)

[Eco Camp Campo Tres Monjas](#)

## **Scheduled Departure Dates:**

**Price per Person : \$1995.00 USD**

[Activity Calendars](#)

**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 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: November to May  
Experience Needed: None Familiarity helpful  
Physical Challenge: Moderate High  
Cultural Experience: Maximum  
Nature Experience: Maximum  
Comfort Rating: High  
Max Trip Size: 6  
Min Trip Size: 2

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 recommend:**

Fly in: Buenos Aires - Esquel Argentina.

Fly out of: Esquel - Buenos Argentina

[Your Travel Route details](#)

**Lets GO!**

**Hold your spot Now!**

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