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2010-2011-2012 season**

Trip Name: Journey Back in time: Espolon Crossing

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Overview:

Explore this large and dramatic alpine-style lake. High in a glacial basin, the scenery is spectacular. Sea kayak and trek to small settlements, waterfalls, and side creeks. Continue on to the isolated pueblo of Espolon, a little settlement in a world back in time, where roads and electricity have yet to arrive. You can beach, secure the sea kayak, and head off backpacking through this remote area. Sea kayak back to the take-out where you are picked up, and returned to Trevelin, Argentina for a speedy start on your journey home.

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

Day by Day:

Day 1 Sunday: 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 Monday: Travel to our Eco Camp Tres Monjas in Futaleufu, Chile

Early morning arrival in Buenos Aires. Change airports and catch another flight to Bariloche or Esquel, Argentina. We recommend flying into Esquel, as it will save roughly 6 hours. However, if flying into Bariloche, a luxury bus can take you on a beautiful drive along the Patagonian lakes and mountains to Esquel. Once in Esquel, we can arrange a private transfer to the Argentine border and pick you up once you clear customs. Upon your entrance in Chile, you'll be transported through the Futaleufu Valley and to our Eco Camp Tres Monjas. You'll have time to take a shower, get situated and maybe even catch a nap before dinner. Enjoy a good night's sleep before the activities begin tomorrow morning!

Day 3 Tuesday: Sea Kayaking - Crossing the Espolon

You depart early to Lago Espolon, in time to catch the early morning sounds and sights. You will put-in on the emerald green lake and sea kayak across its glassy waters, stopping for lunch at a beautiful waterfall and swimming hole, separated from civilization by virgin forests and Lago Espolon. As you sea kayak to the far side of the lake, approximately a three-hour journey you will be surrounded by massive mountains and endless blue sky. At the far side, you will beach your sea kayak where horses will be waiting to take you and your gear to our bed and breakfast in the town of Espolon. Outside the stars of the Southern Cross will be keeping watch as you turn off the oil lamps and go to sleep. You just might feel like you've been in a time machine and were transported 200 years back. Sea Kayaking in Patagonia doesn't get any better than this!

Day 4 Wednesday: Trekking - Upper Espolon Valley

You awake in your remote bed and breakfast to the warm hospitality of our Chilean hosts. After breakfast, you will pack your lunch for a full day of trekking in the remote alpine valley, which only a few outsiders have ever visited.

Day 5 Thursday: Trekking - Lago Pinto

In the morning you are welcome to go for a half-day hike to Lago Pinto, or just relax in the comforts of the Bed and Breakfast.

Day 6 Friday: Sea Kayaking - Crossing the Espolon Back/cross border to Trevelin, Argentina

Today you return to your sea kayaks, as you paddle back to the other side of Espolon Lake. After reaching the other side you will have an opportunity to stretch your legs and take a short hike to the headwaters of the Rio Espolon where you can see the incredible Espolon waterfalls. At 5:00 pm, the Expediciones Chile vehicle will pick you up at a small outpost to take you back to the Futaleufu Adventure Center for dinner and the last night celebration of your Chile sea kayaking vacation. 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 back the following morning.

Day 7 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 8 Sunday: Return home

Accommodations:

[Remote Ranches](#)

[Eco Camp Campo Tres Monjas](#)

[Wilderness Camping](#)

Price per Person: \$1395.00 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: Your described trip, guiding, instruction, activity equipment, local transportation, shuttles, all meals, wine with dinner, accommodations at our eco-camps, cabins, ranches or lodges, while on your trip. We offer a free pick up on Monday at the border with Argentina at the time you are expected to arrive. We offer a free drop off in Argentina on Fridays in Trevelin at the hotel you have reserved. See your packing list for specific clothing that your activity requires.

Not Included: Transportation to and from your home town, and your accommodations and meals in Trevelin Argentina or alternate trip pick up point. You can reserve and prepay on the web your transport from your final air destination, to and from your pick up-drop off point before and after your trip, or you can direct us to charge your visa card and do it for you. We highly recommend having exchile make hotel reserves in Trevelin. (room capacity in this small village is limited). 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:

Experience Needed:

Physical Challenge:

Cultural Experience:

Nature Experience:

Comfort Rating:

Max Trip Size:

Min Trip Size:

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:

In: Via Buenos Aires Argentina

Final Flight Destination airport: Saturday Bariloche Argentina

Ground Transport: Bariloche - Esquel/Trevelin hotel

Trip Start: Hotel in Trevelin Argentina Sunday 8:00 am

Out: Via Buenos Aires Argentina

Trip Finish: Hotel in Trevelin Hotel Friday 8:00 pm

Ground Transport: Trevelin hotel /Esquel - Bariloche

Return Flight Departure airport: Bariloche - Argentina

Lets GO!

[Trip Reservation steps!](#)

Thank you,

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