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2017-2018-2019 Season

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Trip Name: Futaleufu Kayak Adventure Week Class 2/3 6 days

First Name:
Last Name:
Phone Number:
E-mail Address:
Number of People in the Group:
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Overview:

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[Top Five Rapids](#) (5 min)

Futaleufu Kayaking:

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[Futaleufu River Map](#)

[Espolon River Map](#)

[Rio Azul River Map](#)

During this week, we will explore the Class II/III sections of Rio Futaleufu river system, and work on developing skills that will enable us to paddle big volume water. The Futaleufu River and its tributaries, the Espolon and the Azul Rivers, contain 45 miles of exciting, pristine whitewater, of which 33% of the rapids are class II - III. The Espolon River has an exceptional surf wave and perfectly formed eddies for practicing the fundamentals of kayaking. The Azul River has class II-III+ rapids and a walkable class IV rapid. By the end of this week, we will set our sights on paddling the exciting "Terminator" section of the Futaleufu. However, we take out above the Terminator. Not only is this trip an adventure, but it is also an exceptional classroom for taking your kayaking to the next level.

[The Eco Campo Tres Monjas](#) is located on a white sand beach at the confluence of the Futaleufu river and the Rio Azul. The RiverNest Cabins are hidden between the river bank and the riparian forest, and each cabin is accessed by a private sand trail and surrounded by exotic Patagonian trees. After dinner, you can enjoy a campfire on the beach as you watch the moon rise between the impressive spires of Tres Monjas peak. At camp we have a sauna, flush toilets, a drying room for your river clothes, a dining lodge, and a selection of hot showers, which includes an exotic outdoor shower masterfully hidden between natural boulders. In this environment, you will have the opportunity to harmonize with nature. On this week-long trip, you will be able to play hard during the day in the Patagonian wild and return to the comforts of sit-down dining, a cozy stove, a sauna, and a warm bed. Kayaking in Chile does not get any more exciting, wild, and comfortable than this.

Example Day by Day:

Day 1 Friday: Depart your Hometown
Overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Day 2 Saturday: Travel to Trevelin, Argentina in Patagonia

Welcome to the warmth of summer in the Southern Hemisphere with an early arrival in Buenos Aires. Change airports with a taxi or shuttle bus and catch another flight to Esquel, Argentina. Taxi 45 minutes to Trevelin, Argentina, a charming mountain village just 45 minutes from the border and from the Futaleufu River in Chile. If you prepay, ExChile can meet all of your transportation needs until we pick you up at the Argentine-Chilean border the following day. 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 night's sleep before the start of your trip the next morning.

Day 3 Sunday: " Kayak School Initiation" - Kayak Roll and Stroke Tune Up

After a relaxing night's sleep at a hotel in the quaint Welsh town of Trevelin, deep in Argentinian Patagonia, we begin this exciting trip with a taxi to the Chilean-Argentine border, where an ExChile representative meets you. We are now in the Futaleufu Valley. After you clear customs, your ExChile trip officially starts. We will outfit you with your kayak and put in at a small, warm lake. In the morning, we will review your rolls, ferry angles, and basic skills, and we'll give your ExChile guides an opportunity to analyze your technique. In the afternoon, we put-in on the Class II/III section of the [Rio Espolon](#). On this magically clear, turquoise blue river, we will develop your moving water skills. We will then head back to Campo Tres Monjas after the day's paddling.

Day 4 Monday: Lower Rio Espolon

Today we put in at the previous day's take out on the [Rio Espolon](#). This Class II-III section is a bit more technical, and it has an excellent surf wave on which we can learn the advanced techniques of surfing.

Day 5 Tuesday: Paddling the Entire Rio Espolon

For our third day on the river, we will kayak the entire Rio Espolon from top to bottom, focusing on the skills we want to develop for the more technical water of the Rio Azul, namely: rolls on both sides, aggressive forward strokes, committed sweeps and stern draws, and of course, having fun!

Day 6 Wednesday: Rio Azul Class III Section

We are now ready to paddle a class III section of the Rio Azul, which is upstream of Campo Tres Monjas. The gradient on this river is steeper than that of the Espolon. We paddle to the confluence of the Azul and the Futaleufu, which is where we find and practice on Class II big water 101 eddies.

Day 7 Thursday: Rio Azul Mini Canyon to the Futaleufu

Today we will put in upstream of the mini gorge on the Azul, which is a beautiful, polished granite section filled with Class III+ rapids.

Day 8 Friday: Graduation on the Futaleufu

Today we will utilize all of the techniques that we have practiced thus far. First, we warm up on the Azul in front of the Campo. We then practice again on the Big Water 101 eddies. After lunch, we paddle from the SchoolHouse rapid on the Futaleufu through Asleep at the Wheel, taking out just above the class V+ Terminator rapid. After an exciting day of paddling, we head back to town where will have a little bit of time to change clothes and to take a small tour of Futaleufu. We will then make our way toward the border, where your trip officially ends and 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 kayaking before heading home the following morning.

Day 9 Saturday: Return to Capital City

You will wake up in Argentina, where you can eat breakfast and relax before you take a taxi from your hotel to the airport in Esquel. Return to Buenos Aires, change airports, and board your international flight home.

Day 10 Sunday: Return Home**Accommodations:**

[Campo Tres Monjas](#) (82 secs)

[CondorNest Ranch](#)

Lodge Based (call our office)

Price and Departure Dates

Full Trip: 6 Active Days

Price per Person: Single Occupancy \$2,695 usd (*if available*)

Price per Person: Double Occupancy \$2,295 usd

Scheduled Departure Dates: [Activity Calendar](#)

Lite Trip: 4 Active days (*First four days of this Itinerary*)

Price per Person: Double Occupancy \$1,630 usd

Scheduled Departure Dates: [Activity Calendar](#)

Included

Your described itinerary, guiding, instruction, specialized equipment, and all transportation from your trip pick up point to your trip drop off point, all accommodation (*RiverNest Cabins are double occupancy*), all meals, and wine with dinner.

To see the gear that we provide, please check the [packing list](#) of your activity.

Not Included

All pre and post-trip enroute transportation, food, and hotel(s).

Once you are on an ExChile trip, you should incur no extra expenses unless you'd like laundry services, massages, gifts, or alcohol beyond what is included. If you would like to add multisport activities that are not listed as options on your itinerary, we are happy to cater to your wishes, though these activities may be subject to an additional charge. These are Fly Fishing / Horseback Riding / Canyoning

Contingencies

Weather and River Flow: ExChile will work to make your trip a total success, though your trip itinerary may vary based on unforeseen circumstances related to weather, river levels, or to other unpredictable variables. Given that the weather in Patagonia and the water level of the Rio Futaleufu can change, some runs may be dangerous at certain points in time. However, our experienced guide staff will work closely with you to determine the optimal substitute option, if relevant. If you have any concerns, please feel free to reach out to ask us more about potential risks and options.

Transportation: Expediciones Chile and G & G Travel and Tours are not financially responsible for travel complications associated with arriving at your trip pick up point or returning home from the trip drop off point. However, we will be your relentless ally 24/7 in offering our influence to help solve any issues that you may encounter en route. This is our part of the world and we are very well connected. Our clients provide significant business for the transportation services that we recommended and they know that we aggressively represent our guests in finding solutions while they are en route to ExChile trips. We also recommend purchasing travel insurance.

Kayak Trip Summary:

Experience Needed: Roll on one side. Class II - III Experience

Physical Challenge: Moderate

Season: Dec 3- April 6

Cultural Experience: Moderately

Nature Experience: High

Comfort Rating: Glamping at Campo Tres Monjas

Max Trip Size: 8

Min Trip Size: 4

Regions Visited: Remote Patagonia - Chile (Futaleufu) and Argentina (Trevelin)

Rivers: Rio Futaleufu, Rio Azul, Rio Espolón, Secret Lagoon, Campo Tres Monjas

[How to get to and From Patagonia](#) (Interactive)

Our Recommended Route (Through Esquel, Argentina ; Taxi to Futaleufu)

Executive Option (Through Puerto Montt, Chile ; Charter direct to Futaleufu)

Transit through Chile (Through Puerto Montt and Chaiten, Chile ; Public bus to Futaleufu)

How to organize your en route in one step: We recommend contacting Gilda ([G & G Travel and Tours](#)) who can help arrange all en route transportation and pre- and post-trip hotels for your ExChile trip. Give her a call to compare prices, as she often beats internet fares.

Enroute Hotels

Let's GO!

[Hold your spot now!](#)

Thank you,

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