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Trip Name: Andes to the Ocean Sea Kayak Adventure

First Name:
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Number of People in the Group:
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Overview:

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Sea Kayaking Overview:

A life changing experience - as it has been described by some. We have what Magellan couldn't find, an all water route across the Andes to an active and recently exploded volcano on the coast Volcan Chaiten (May 2008). This is our most spectacular Patagonia sea kayaking trip.

On your first day upon arriving in Futaleufu we outfit you to your kayaks, and put in on the warm lake Lago La Paz. Here we go over the fundamentals of strokes, maneuvering, and rescue techniques. In the afternoon we will start packing up for the trip and stay in a bed and breakfast or pitch our tents in the riverside Campo Tres Monjas. The next morning we pack our gear into the sea kayaks and we put-in in the afternoon at the end of the whitewater on the Futaleufu River. Here we start your voyage down the last part of the Futaleufu river. The second day we start to cross Yelcho Lake, passing through a steep, isolated Patagonian fjord-like lake in the heart of the Andes. After several days we then enter the Yelcho River that winds along huge forested mountains. We will descend two rapids that are Class 2. In a sea kayak this is exciting and requires your full attention. Our voyage finishes very close to the Pacific coastline at a place on the river called old Chaiten, near the semi destroyed town of Chaiten, complete with a steaming volcano. Camp on white sand beaches, view magical waterfalls, experience the remarkable fishing or gaze at the towering glaciers high above. Each evening you will set up your own tent and help in preparing dinner. On this Chile sea kayaking odyssey you will experience: glaciers, scenic volcanoes, temperate rainforests, fjords, exotic wildlife, unique micro-climates, fishing, and a warm and welcoming Chilean culture at the beginning and end of the trip.

The Andes to the Ocean is our most challenging Chile sea kayaking expedition, as the experience can change from strong sunshine and delightful camping, into a rugged physical challenge of paddling into strong wind, waves, open water and wilderness camping in the rain. It is not for everyone. For those expert sea kayak groups that are experienced in rescue there is an unguided version.

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: Arrive Futaleufu. Kayak Class. 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 drive 15 minutes to our warehouse in the village and outfit each paddler with their kayak and equipment and start our class on a nearby protected lake. Here we will cover strokes, maneuvering, safety, self rescue and group rescue. This evening we will either stay in a bed and breakfast in town, or we will provide you with a spot to pitch your tent at our riverside Campo Tres Monjas.

Day 4 Monday: Beginning the Voyage

We will pack and prepare for our sea kayaking trip that starts after lunch. We start on one of the most visually stunning sections, the lower Rio Futaleufu Valley. Then it is off into the winding emerald serenity of Lago Yelcho, with its world-class trout fishing, steep glacial peaks, native trees and exotic birds. Sea kayaking in Chile gets no better than this! Before the evening arrives we will make camp on a white sand beach near Isla Monita. You'll feel like you're stranded on a deserted island in the heart of Patagonia, Chile - nothing but the breeze, the lake and our beach. If you can't find peace and quiet here, you won't find it anywhere.

Day 5 Tuesday: Sea Kayaking - Isla Monita to Río Correntoso

Numerous waterfalls tumble down the lush mountainsides as we silently sea kayak through this pristine Patagonia wilderness. The glass-like reflection shining off the water is only interrupted by the gentle wake from our boats. We sea kayak on until we reach a beautiful camp where the Correntoso River enters Lago Yelcho. Here we will find an incredible series of sand beaches and crystal clear waters. We'll set up camp on the beach and enjoy a wonderful meal under the southern stars. Trekking, fishing, and swimming opportunities abound. Outside your tent, you will be treated to a view of Ventisquero Yelcho - a giant glacier-crowned peak with ice extending to within 600' above sea level. Words can't describe this wonderful campsite.

Day 6 Wednesday: Sea Kayaking - Exit Lago Yelcho and Enter Yelcho River to El Campo Arbol Acostado

Within 3 hours of leaving the Río Correntoso, we'll be sea kayaking under the Puerto Cárdenas bridge and into the Río Yelcho. The change in scenery and water character is dramatic at this juncture of our Chilean sea kayaking adventure. We'll still have huge mountains surrounding the waterway, but the banks of the river will be densely covered with ferns, virgin temperate rain forest, and other impenetrable rain forest vegetation. For most of its length, the river is smooth and fast flowing - a Class I/II river with few obstacles. After arriving at a bend in the river, we will sea kayak down a lush, meandering section to El Campo Arbol Acostado (Camp of the Leaning Tree). At this camp there are curious winding trails, amazing fish and bird life, and incredible flora. To top it off, you can enjoy a stunning sunset view of El Trono del Diablo (Throne of the Devil), an impressive two-tiered glacier. Unwind in this site's solitude while taking in all its grandeur.

Day 7 Thursday: Sea Kayaking - Yelcho River to Chaiten Viejo Camp

An hour after departure, we'll encounter Tres Piedras - a Class II rapid with the impressive Volcán Michimahuida providing a glacier and snow covered backdrop. We will sea kayak between more mountains covered with virgin temperate rainforest. Charles Darwin and the Spanish Conquistadors agreed in their assessment of Patagonia, Chile and its forests - impossible to penetrate and breathtakingly beautiful. A leisurely afternoon paddle will lead us to camp close to the Pacific ocean but still on the river. We'll find ourselves near remote ranches by this point, but still well off the beaten path.

Day 8 Friday: Sea Kayaking - To the end of the river in Old Chaiten

In the morning, a 15 minute paddle takes us to Old Chaiten on the river. Here we take out. We load up and drive the few minutes to the coastal town of Chaiten. We can still see the effects of the Volcanic explosion in 2008. We pack up our gear and have a great seafood hot lunch. Now it is time to get the airport for a flight back to Puerto Montt, or spend the night in Chaiten or return to Futaleufu via a 3.5 hour spectacular drive and cross into

Argentina to spend the night at the same hotel you started the trip from. We make our way toward the border where your taxi awaits to take you to your hotel in Trevelin. Your trip officially ends at the border. 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 Sea kayaking before heading home the following morning.

Day 9 Saturday: Return to Capital City

You 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](#) [Wilderness Camping](#)

Price and Departure Dates

Length of Trip: 6 Active Days

Price per Person: Based on 4 pax \$2,295.00 USD

Price per Person based on 3 pax: \$200 USD Over base price

Price per Person based on 2 pax: \$350 USD Over base price

Unguided experienced Groups: 6 active days.

[Call our Office](#)

Included

Your described itinerary, guiding, instruction, specialized equipment, all transportation from your trip pick up point to your trip drop off point, and all meals.

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 other trips on before or after your trip we arrange exactly what you want.

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.

Trip Summary:

Trip Pick up spot: Border with Argentina and Chile

Trip Drop off spot: Your option of the Airport in Chaiten, or the Border with Argentina and Chile.

Experience Needed: None, familiarity with camping helpful

Physical Challenge: High

Needed: Tent and Sleeping Bag.

Season: Dec, 7 to March 31, 2018

Cultural Experience: Moderately high

Nature Experience: Maximum

Comfort Rating: Wilderness Camping

Max Trip Size: 14

Min Trip Size: 2

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

Lakes, rivers, and sites: Rio Futaleufu, Lago La Paz, Lago Yelcho, Río Yelcho, Pacific Ocean, Chaiten, 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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