

Summer

# ADVENTURES IN JANUARY 7 nights





### → First day

TRANSFER IN - Esquel Airport – accommodation in Esquel.

# → Second day:

#### PIEDRA PARADA

Schedule: Start 9:00 AM - Return 7:00 PM. Includes: transportation from Esquel, Spanish-speaking guide, picnic lunch, and refreshments. The activity is low to medium difficulty.

We will leave Esquel early to visit Piedra Parada, the caldera of a volcano that erupted 50 million years ago. As we progress through the Patagonian steppe, we will make stops to recognize species of birds and flora that have adapted to extreme living conditions. We will also have panoramic views of the mountain ranges we are gradually moving away from. Leaving the asphalt behind, we will continue on a dusty gravel road that leads us to the Chubut River valley, which emerges like an oasis in the midst of so much aridity. Upon entering the Piedra Parada natural protection area, we are confronted with an imposing landscape, now recognized as a mecca for outdoor climbers. The place is a stage for spectacular horizons, in addition to birdwatching and identifying the characteristic flora of a transition zone between the steppe and the mountain range. After a walk through the area, we will enter the deep La Buitrera gorge, where we will explore its interior on an unforgettable and surprising hike of approximately 8 km. There, you can often see chinchillones running on almost vertical walls. After a snack, we will return, but not before making a stop in the idyllic town of Gualjaina, a small village with fewer than 1,000 inhabitants. The return to Esquel will be at dusk, with the sun setting behind the mountains, crowning the expedition with an unrepeatable spectacle

IMPORTANT: The tour is subject to modification or cancellation due to weather conditions or other factors determined by the organizers.

# → Third day:

#### **ICE TUNNELS**

Time: 7:45 AM

Includes: special transportation (4×4 vehicle) from Pousada Quime Quipan, communications team, and Spanish-speaking quide.

Heading into the adventure, we'll head in our 4x4 vehicles from Hostería Quime Quipan, located within Los Alerces National Park, toward Cerro La Torta. Among the remains of old firewood hauling vehicles, we'll climb through lenga forests and marshes, and cross mountain streams that gradually enhance the view from the top, toward the national park and Larga Lagoon. After approximately an hour of climbing, we'll reach the summit where we'll find the forest and leave our vehicles.







From there, the hike begins along the Yrigoyen stream, an incredible and inspiring landscape and after about 30 minutes on a low-difficulty trail we find a spectacular waterfall, the source of that stream, which gives rise to the famous waterfall of the same name located on Route 71, and just below it - the long-awaited and incredible ice tunnels.

IMPORTANT: Even if the tunnels are not formed, the same tour is offered, as the environment surrounding the area is admirable.

#### RETURN TO ACCOMMODATION.

# → Fourth day:

# LOS ALERCES NATIONAL PARK

Schedule: Start 10:00 AM - Return 6:00 PM. Includes: Transportation from Esquel, insurance, and a professional Spanish-speaking guide. Not included: Entrance fee to Los Alerces National

Park, lunch, and drinks.

Los Alerces National Park has three official entrances: north, central, and south. On this tour, we'll visit the surrounding areas of the latter two. We'll depart Esquel toward the central park, traveling along national route 259 and then provincial route 71. As we ascend the road, excellent panoramic views can be seen. Once inside the park's perimeter, we'll visit Puerto Limonao, where we'll disembark to enjoy the natural beauty and from there, walk without getting our heart rate up too much to Hostería Futalaufguen, an iconic building by the famous Alejandro Gabriel Bustillo Madero, dating back to 1944. On our return, we'll pass Villa Futalaufquen, home to the park's museum and administrative center, a perfect place to learn about the flora, fauna, and history of the area. We continue toward the intriquing mural with ancient cave paintings. After a ten-minute walk, we'll reach a natural viewpoint offering a distinct view of Lake Futalaufguen. The trail takes about 40 minutes and is of low difficulty. The central entrance stage concludes with a visit to the Irigoyen waterfall, located 6 km from Villa Futalaufguen (access takes 15 minutes). The adventure then continues to the park's southern entrance, where we'll find the Futaleufú Hydroelectric Complex, attractive for its curious design, complex engineering works, and the challenging nature of its construction. The route is circular, returning to the starting point. Finally, we'll visit the Amutui Quimey reservoir, the General San Martin dam, the Chimenea de Equilibrio, the machinery area, the tubular bridge, and then the well area. All hikes are of low difficulty.





The one that begins at the Tambores waterfall, for example, is approximately 100 meters long, and from there continues to the Cauce Viejo trail, where we will enter through the Pojones viewpoint, following a small stream in the middle of the forest, which will finally lead to the old bed of the Futaleufú River.

# → Fifth day:

**MORNING FREE** 

**CANOPY** 

Schedule: Starts at 1 p.m. – transfer to Pueblo Alto. Includes: transfer to Pueblo Alto Lodge, insurance, Spanish-speaking guide, and security team.

The equipment supports up to 120 kg. The activity takes place at Pueblo Alto Lodge, 35 km from Esquel, 11 km from Trevelin, and 5 km from Los Alerces National Park. The local treetop adventure consists of 8 stations, 5 cables, and a total route of 2 km. The cables are double, specially fixed for maximum safety, accompanied by reinforced pulleys for use with steel cables. Furthermore, it includes comfortable harnesses, safety gloves, and helmets with side protections. All of these materials are approved for intensive use in this activity. During the circuits, you can spot different specimens of native vegetation such as ñires, coihues, and Maitenes, as well as enjoy magnificent views of Cordón Situación, Lake Futalaufquen, the Arroyo Fontana basin and canyon, the distant Cerro Tres Picos massif, and, of course, the majestic Andes mountain range.

# → Sixth day:

**WELSH ROUTE** 

Schedule: Start 2:00 PM - Return 7:00 PM. Includes: Transportation from Esquel and Trevelin, insurance, Spanish-speaking guide, and tickets to Nant y Fall waterfalls, the Nant Fach vineyard, and

This journey brings together the history, production, flavors, and landscapes that make Route 259, which connects Esquel, Treveline, and the border with Chile, a delight in itself. The starting point is Trevelin, the Welsh word for "the mill town," the epicenter of regional Welsh culture, home to the centuries-old Bethel Chapel and the octagonal main square. The itinerary continues to the Nant y Fall waterfalls, a protected natural area with three waterfalls: Larga, Mellizas, and La Petiza. The route is easy and accessible to people of all ages and physical conditions. Then, continuing toward Chile, you'll visit the Nant Fach mill, a faithful replica of those that existed at the beginning of the 20th century, a period when the valley was renowned for producing high-quality wheat. The museum features artifacts that were part of the daily life of the Welsh pioneers. To finish the tour, we'll pass through the Nant y Fall vineyards, a family-run business that has managed to produce excellent wines, pioneering this crop in the Trevelin Valley.

## → Seventh day:

TRANSFER OUT - 2h20 PM - Esquel Airport.

# Services included:

- ⊕ 7 nights accommodation with breakfast.
- & Excursion to Piedra Parada with lunch included.
- **®** Los Alerces National Park and Futaleufú complex.
- Welsh Route tour with entrance fees to Nant y Fall waterfalls, Nant Fach windmill, and tulip field included.

# Rate per Person

Base Single USD 607.480. Base Doble USD 537.480. Base Triple USD 551.480.

- \*Dollar. Official sale at Banco Nación at the time of payment.
- \*Reservations will be confirmed upon payment of 50% of the services; the full balance must be paid 15 days before check-in. All accommodations include Wi-Fi, breakfast, and reception service. Subject to availability at the time of booking.

Please note: Tours are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or other issues determined by the organizing group. Rates may change without notice.

Booking policies: Once the reservation is made, the guest has 72 hours to pay 50% of the total amount, and the remaining balance 60 days before arrival. Individuals wishing to share, if they do not cover the requested number of rooms, must pay the difference between the requested and the specified number of rooms. For example, if you request a triple room and there are only two guests, you will be charged for the double room.

Cancellation policies: voluntary cancellation by the customer must be formalized in writing and sent via email. Additionally:

- The amount of the first installment is equivalent to the payment of the Agency and Brokerage Service Fee (as per Article 2, Paragraph 7, of Law No. 14,046/20) and will not be refunded under any circumstances, including in the event of unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.
- Cancellation by the passenger: up to 60 days prior, 50% refund or credit for another trip; cancellation between 60 and 30 days prior, 25% refund of the total amount already paid or credit for another trip; cancellation between 30 and 1 day prior, no refund or credit.
- Cancellation due to COVID-19 or a serious infectious disease: regardless of the date, no refund is provided, but the amounts paid may be used as credit within the following 365 days. In the event of cancellation by the passenger due to COVID-19 or a similar infectious disease, a positive test result and medical certificate must be presented to obtain the benefit of item 2.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Advance booking is recommended.

