



ARGENTINE

AUSTRAL ROUTE



Looking for a truly adventurous vacation exploring the legendary Carretera Austral? Then don't miss this spectacular itinerary that will take you to discover pristine places in Patagonia.



→ First day

TRANSFER IN | ESQUEL AIRPORT - ALVEAR SUITES.

→ Second day

LA TROCHITA + WELSH ROUTE

In the morning, transportation will pick you up from your accommodation and take you to the train station. The train departs at 10:00 AM, and the service includes a Spanish-speaking guide. The Old Patagonian Express is a true journey back in time. Since 1945, this narrow-gauge railway, declared a National Historic Monument, has traversed Patagonia. The route combines mountainous landscapes with Patagonian steppe, and the destination is Nahuelpan Station, a Mapuche-Tehuelche reserve. The train returns to the station at 1:00 PM, where transportation will be waiting to take you back to your hotel or the city center for lunch. In the afternoon, the guide will pick you up from your accommodation to begin a tour exploring the history of the Welsh settlers. The first stop on the tour is Trevelin, the mill town and epicenter of Welsh culture. The itinerary then continues to the Nant and Fall waterfalls area, a protected natural area featuring three waterfalls. Then, continuing towards Chile, you'll find the Nant Fach Mill, a replica of the old flour mills from the early 20th century. We will visit the museum, where you can see objects that were part of the daily lives of the first Welsh settlers. After the visit, we will explore Nant and Fall Vineyards, a family-run business that produces top-quality wines and is a pioneer in the Trevelin Valley.



→ Third day

LOS ALERCES NATIONAL PARK

The excursion begins at 9:30 a.m. and departs for Villa Futalaufquen, the administrative headquarters and headquarters of Los Alerces National Park. From there, we'll head to Puerto Limonao and, after a short walk, arrive at the Hostería Futalaufquen, an iconic building designed in the 1940s by the renowned Buenos Aires native Alejandro Gabriel Bustillo Madero. Next, we'll explore a rock face covered in cave paintings over 2,000 years old and, after a brief hike, ascend to the summit of a hill offering a privileged panoramic view of Lake Futalaufquen. We'll also visit Irigoyen Waterfall.





The next stage reveals the heart of the park: the Arrayanes River footbridge area. After crossing the waterway, an easy trail leads visitors to admire a "young" alerce tree estimated to be almost as old as the Industrial Revolution, as well as glimpse the Menéndez River and finally reach Puerto Chucao on Lake Menéndez, whose shore offers an unobstructed view of the majestic Torrecillas Glacier.

→ Forth day

CHOLILA VALLEY

We will depart from the Esquel Valley, an ecotone zone (a transitional area between bordering biomes), and enter a steppe skirting the entire La Hoya mountain range, passing alongside the La Trochita railway line, which provides access to the Leleque Museum, located 90 km away. The museum, commissioned by Rodolfo Casamiquela (an Argentine paleontologist, archaeologist, historian, writer, and professor), highlights the historical significance of the Tehuelche people for understanding national identity. After learning more about Mapuche and Tehuelche culture, we will continue our journey to the Cholila Valley, visiting the cabin of the internationally famous outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. From there, we will proceed to La Legal bar, where we will find artifacts typical of that historical period and enjoy a traditional afternoon snack.

→ Fifth day

RECEPTION AT FUTALEUFÚ, ADVENTURE AND TOUR IN EL LAGO YELCHO.

After breakfast and check-out, we'll depart immediately for the Chilean border at Futaleufú. There, a local guide will meet you and accompany you to the town of Futaleufú to begin an exciting day of adventure. You'll choose the activity that best suits your interests from the following exciting experiences: a) Rafting: Challenge the rapids of the world-famous Futaleufú River (bridge-to-bridge section). b) Spectacular Sailing: A tranquil and scenic journey along the waters of the Futaleufú River. c) Half-Day Hike: Explore the stunning trails around Lake Espolón or the Piedra del Águila area. d) Horseback Riding: A classic Patagonian excursion through the beautiful El Espolón area. After the activity, we'll stop for lunch (not included) in Futaleufú. In the afternoon, we'll embark on a scenic drive along the legendary Carretera Austral towards the Lake Yelcho region. To end the day, we'll check into the Hotel Yelcho.





→ Sixth day

HIKING AND NATIONAL PARKS

The day is dedicated to exploring the region's most spectacular trails, with half-day or full-day hike options. You can choose the experience that appeals to you most among these gems of Chilean Patagonia: a) Corcovado National Park: Challenging trails, including the route to Yelcho Glacier; b) Pumalín Sur National Park: Options in the El Amarillo Sector or on the trail to Chaitén Volcano, with breathtaking geological views; c) Pumalín Norte National Park: Choose the "Hidden Waterfall" trail or the trail among the majestic ancient Alerce trees. To make the most of your time on the trail, lunch will be a convenient boxed lunch. Dinner is included with your accommodation.

→ Seventh day

After breakfast and check-out, guests will continue their journey.

Option 1: Continuation of the trip through Chile

- Destination: Chaitén Pier
- Logistics: Private transfer to the pier to board the Naviera Austral ferry and continue the journey into Chile.

Option 2: Return to Argentina (via Esquel)

- Destination: Esquel
- Logistics: Return transfer to Esquel, including a final night's accommodation, for guests departing via Esquel Airport the following day.

Services included:

- ★ Round-trip transportation to your destination.
- ★ Excursion to the Cholila Valley: includes entrance fee, lunch, and snacks.
- ★ Full-day excursion to La Angostura National Park (PNLA): includes packed lunch and entrance fee to PNLA.
- ★ Excursion to La Trochita (the Old Patagonian Express): includes round-trip transportation.
- ★ Excursion along Route 259 with entrance fees to attractions included.
- ★ Two nights' accommodation with breakfast at the Hotel Yelcho, Patagonia, Chile.
- ★ Choice of adventure activity in Futaleufú.
- ★ Half-day or full-day hike, depending on selection, includes lunch.
- ★ Includes guides in Spanish or English

See rates and conditions

Excursions are subject to modification or cancellation due to weather conditions or other reasons determined by the organizing group.

