



ROUTE OF THE PARKS, CARRETERA AUSTRAL

SELF DRIVE OR PRIVATE BILINGUAL GUIDE-DRIVER. YOU CAN CHOOSE!!

The invitation is to travel, discover and protect!! This is an epic journey through the immensity wilderness!! The Route of the Park is one of the last wild places, and a lung for the planet that encourages a deeper connection with nature and many local communities, offering dream places to explore, landscapes ranging from temperate rainforest, vast valleys, fiords, rivers, lakes, mountains and glaciers. Trekking is the main activity throughout the trip, but there are also places where you can stop and enjoy kayaking, rafting, biking, sailing and time to relax.

There is lot of flexibility to adapt the day according to your interest and suit your adventurous spirit.

DURATION

11 days / 10 nights

TRAVEL TIME

October to April

START

Puerto Montt

END

Balmaceda

NATIONAL PARKS VISITED

PN Hornopiren, PN Pumalin Douglas Tompkins, PN Queulat, PN Cerro Castillo, PN Patagonia

MAIN DISTANCES

KM TRAVELED: 1188 km (738 miles)

GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE: <https://goo.gl/maps/KxKHDAV81weQYYdn9>



INCLUDED

Driving by private Jeep Wrangler, including unlimited mileage, CDW insurance.

GPS navigation

10 nights lodging in hotels, based on double/single rooms, in middle class accommodations, including breakfast.

Ferries from Caleta Gonzalo to Hornopirén.

NOT INCLUDED

International and Domestic Flights

Entrance National Parks

Excursions

Meals

PRICES START FROM:

DOUBLE USD: **request a quotation**

SINGLE USD: **request a quotation**

Rates are referential, subject to modification

*****PRIVATE BILINGUAL DRIVER GUIDE FOR THE COMPLETE ITINERARY, USD350 PER NIGHT**

ITINERARY

Day 1 PUERTO MONTT TO HORNOPIREN

Your journey starts at Puerto Montt Airport in Chile's Lake District. Full day to visit the "City of Roses", Puerto Varas and Frutillar, situated on the shores of Llanquihue Lake with Osorno Volcano in the background to finally reach Hornopiren from where departs the ferries that connect with the Carretera Austral.

Overnight in Hosteria Catalina (Simple, clean Hostel)

DAY 2, HORNOPIREN TO CALETA GONZALO

Take three ferries, almost 4 hours navigation across the fiords reaching Caleta Gonzalo at Pumalin NP, it is home of the millenary Alerce (Fitzroya) trees and offer many trails to explore landscapes ranging from temperate green forest to glaciers.

Overnight in Caleta Gonzalo Cabins



DAY 3, CALETA GONZALO TO EL YELCHO

Time to explore Chaitén Volcano, last eruption was 2008.

There is a hiking trail that ascends the slope nearly 2000 feet, reaching the edge of its caldera. Later visit Chaiten city hit hard by the volcano and continue to Yelcho Lake.

Overnight El Yelcho Lodge

DAY 4, YELCHO TO PUYUHUAPI

Today you can choose between taking a boat for fly fishing in one of the best lakes for flyfishing or explore with the morning light the trail to the Yelcho Hanging Glacier. In this area, Patagonia Verde, it is possible to see the progressive erosion caused by large masses of ice that covered the territory during the last glacial period. Through a 3 km trail you can access several viewpoints and at the end have a panoramic view of the valley and the Yelcho, Hanging Glacier. Overnight Puyuhuapi Lodge & Spa

DAY 5, PUYUHUAPI LODGE & SPA

Time to enjoy the beauty and the silence of the fiord by kayak and relax in a complete thermal Spa. Overnight, Puyuhuapi Lodge & Spa

DAY 6, PUYUHUAPI TO COYHAIQUE

Queulat NP was first seen in the eighteenth century by Jesuits searching for the mythical City of the Caesars. Today it is attracted by its beautiful evergreen and Andean Patagonian forests, its waterfalls, fiords, jagged rock walls, abundant rivers, and famous hanging glacier. Continue through this scenic road until you reach Coyhaique, the capital and main city in this Region. Overnight, Patagonia House

DAY 7, COYHAIQUE TO CERRO CASTILLO

Only 1 hour drive to enjoy spectacular views of the Andes Mountains and time to ascent to Laguna Cerro Castillo with great view over the valley and the immensity. There is also a small museum and many viewpoints. Overnight, Cerro Castillo B&B

Day 8, CERRO CASTILLO TO PUERTO TRANQUILO

Today, your trip continues south on the Carretera Austral reaching the Chile's largest lake, Lago General Carrera, where it is recommending a visit to the Marble Caves, a unique geological formation made mostly of marble on the pristine shores of the lake. Continue through the shores of the lake to the confluence of the Baker and the Neff River. Overnight, Borde Baker Lodge



DAY 9, 10, PATAGONIA PARK

Vast valleys sculpted by the Chacabuco River form a natural corridor that, since ancient times, has been used for travel by nomadic peoples and a diversity of fauna. Once the site of big cattle ranches, today the grasslands have begun to recover after a century of overgrazing and are now home to one of the highest levels of biodiversity in the region. Take the days to explore the Patagonian steppe in all its splendor, active wildlife, spectacular lagoons and lakes, such as Cochrane and Jeinimeni, which nourish these landscapes of overwhelming beauty. All this helps to tell the story of one of the most important ecosystem restoration projects in the country. Overnight, Borde Baker Lodge.

DAY 11, Puerto Bertrand to Coyhaique

Early departure for 6 hours' drive back to Balmaceda Airport, passing again through the same beautiful route.

*****Flights from Balmaceda must be the latest one.**

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:

2 NIGHTS EXTENSION IN CHILE CHICO TO EXPLORE JEINIMENI MOON VALLEY.