



12 Day Mountain Biking and Adventure in Chile and Patagonia

Chile is one of the longest countries in the world. 4300 km from the Bolivian border in the north to Cape Horn in the South. It encompasses practically every climate and scenic variation that the world has to offer. We travel to the South on this tour - to the lake district, a picture postcard paradise of mountains, volcanoes, lakes and ancient Valdivian temperate rain forests.

This holiday is all about mountain biking and adventure in some of the most beautiful countryside in the world. There's also some participation in the local culture of the country. It can be enjoyed by any one who leads a reasonably active life and loves to bike ride.

Day 1 Leave London LHR, evening flight**

Day 2 Arrive Santiago. Hotel Check in. Afternoon walking, local bus and underground tour of city This tour will include visiting the Plaza de Armas and the famous central market where a traditional lunch can be taken in the central market
Hotel: Santiago

Day 3 Fly south to Puerto Montt, then a short drive takes us to Puerto Varas. After settling into the hotel, and getting the mountain bikes fitted, we will take a warm up ride to Frutillar, a small village on Lake Llanquihue, just north of Puerto Varas, (about 15 miles total riding)
Hotel: Puerto Varas

Day 4 The morning will be spent white water rafting on the Petrohue river. After a 2 hour raft, and a picnic lunch, we will cycle approximately 20 miles from Lago Todos los Santos to the Ralun estuary, for the very energetic, we can continue cycling to Ralun or complete the remainder of the journey by coach
Overnight: lodge

Day 5 Today we will cycle along the eastern shore of Lake Llanquihue to arrive at Puerto Octay (about 48 miles). An optional canopy ride can be taken through the forest (additional cost to be confirmed at the time). The ultimate destination for the day is a hotel near Puerto Octay, on the north side of Lake Llanquihue, to get there we cycle past some beautiful local waterfalls.
Hotel: Puerto Octay

Day 6 We cycle from Puerto Octay towards the Termas de Puyehue (hot springs of Puyehue), through back

country paved and unpaved roads, through the lake district for about 40 miles, though there are options for longer or shorter routes, cycling all the way to the Termas or we can take the coach some of the way, which leaves time during the late afternoon and evening to take up some of the hot spring spa treatments or just relax in the various spa pools.

Hotel: Termas de Puyehue

Day 7 We start the day with a coach transfer to Panguipulli, where we have a picnic lunch. After lunch we cycle from Pullinque lagoon to Lican Ray, following lake Calafquen. This is approximately 55 miles of cycling, a great day finishing by coach at the town of Pucon.
Hotel: Pucon

Day 8 Today we cycle to the waterfall at Ojos del Caburga, visit the hot springs at Huife, then cycle or take the coach back to Pucon – about 20 miles of cycling all together.

Hotel: Pucon

Day 9 This is a rest day in the lovely town of Pucon. For the very energetic a 5 – 6 hour walk up the Villarrica Volcano – weather permitting. (additional cost approx US \$90.00) can be arranged. Or boating on lake Villarrica (additional cost US\$ 20.00)
Hotel: Pucon

Day 10 Drive back to Temuco, flight back to Santiago
Hotel: Santiago

Day 11 Morning free, then lunch time flight back to UK

Day 12 arrival at LHR

Essential Information:

What's Included :

All accommodation and breakfasts for 9 nights, some picnic (box) lunches where full day biking and excursions are taken, all excursions listed in itinerary except those listed as optional, where additional costs are itemised, support transportation for the entire trip, all transfers, all park entrance fees.

What's Not Included :

International airfares, travel insurance, lunches and dinners (unless stated in the above notes), gratuities for guides, alcoholic beverages, optional tours and personal expenses.

Practical information:

Since Chile is in the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons are the reverse of Europe. Summer temperatures therefore in Santiago between October and the end of March can reach 30 degrees centigrade, while in Puerto Varas and the lake district, temperatures are more likely to be around 20

– 25 degrees centigrade and of course as it is the lake district – it can rain at any time. In the Northern desert of the Atacalama, day time temperatures will be hot, while the nights quite cold.

From the end of October to March, Chile is three hours behind the UK, so watches need to be adjusted accordingly

Flights from and to the UK:

International flights from the UK are **NOT included in our pricing structure. All tours start and finish in Santiago.

Where possible we will co-ordinate arrival times, so that all clients either meet the remainder of the group in the hotel lobby, in the morning on day 2, or in the Arrivals hall of Santiago airport on Day 2.

We are aware that 'Iberia airlines' fly from London, Heathrow on a Friday evening to Santiago, via Madrid at approximately 18.50. This flight arrives in Madrid (Spain) at 22.00. The connecting flight from Madrid to Santiago leaves at approximately 23.50 and arrives in Santiago at 09.50 am Saturday morning. At the time of writing, this flight costs approximately £750.00. Though clients must book and confirm these flights and details for themselves.

British Airways also have a flight to Santiago from London-Heathrow that goes daily via Buenos Aires. This flight is slightly longer and arrives in Santiago at approximately 13.00. The cost is approximately £900.00

KLM fly to Santiago at around the same time. Their flights go via Amsterdam.

Return flights back to London from Santiago leave Santiago around noon every day. Iberia Airlines return via Madrid, KLM via Amsterdam and British Airways return via Buenos Aires.

Please also be aware of the changes various airlines are making to baggage restrictions from 1st September, 2007. Ensure you check the type and weight of bags and suitcases that can be checked into the hold prior to travel, together with weight and size restrictions on hand baggage.

Passports and Visas:

All nationalities require a full passport that must be valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay to be presented on arrival to the country of arrival.

It is the duty of the client to ensure that all passports and visas are presented in good and up to date order before travelling. Currently no visa is required by British passport holders for entry into Chile, though this should be checked by all clients prior to travelling.

Vaccinations :

No vaccinations are required, no are any recommended prior to visiting Chile.

Accommodation:

During our trip, we stay in 3* hotels and good quality hostals. Rooms are twin or double and have private bathroom facilities.

The costs of this trip are based on 2 people sharing a double or twin room.

Single clients booking and wishing to stay in a single room, must, where required be prepared to pay a single room supplement, otherwise be prepared to share with another client (of the same sex).

Lunches and dinners:

Box or picnic lunches are provided on hike and excursion days throughout the tour. As all other lunches and dinners are taken in restaurants, their cost is not included. A good dinner with wine or a drink costs approximately 10 – 15000 pesos.

The Group, Staff and Support:

This tour will be lead by an expert English speaking Chilean tour guide assisted by an English guide. Where necessary additional guides will be employed e.g. fishing guides, local mountain guides etc.,

The minimum age of clients is 16 years. Maximum number of clients in group : 12

Making a Booking:

To make a booking for this or any of Chile Inside Out's other holidays, you must send us a completed booking form together with a deposit of £250.00. We will then invoice you for the remainder of the cost, which you must pay no later than 10 weeks prior to departure. If the booking is made less than 10 weeks prior to departure, then the full payment must be made on booking. The booking is not accepted and no contract exists until the date shown on the confirmation issued by 'Chile Inside Out' has been received. A photo copy of current holiday insurance must also be supplied with the booking form. Details of international flight bookings must also be made available when the final balance of the holiday is paid, so that 'Chile Inside Out' can co-ordinate arrival and departure meeting times.

Cancellation:

Cancellation of the holiday must be made in writing to Chile Inside Out. If you cancel your booking more than 8 weeks before departure, we will not refund your deposit, but the deposit may be transferred to another holiday in our programme. A transfer fee of £40.00 is payable on transfer, provided that you notify us un writing within 2 weeks of your cancellation, telling us which holiday you wish to transfer to. If you subsequently cancel the holiday to which you have transferred, we will retain your full original deposit.

If you cancel your booking after you have paid the cost in full, the following cancellation charges will apply:

Between 40 and 60 days before departure: 40% of the holiday cost, between 29 and 59 days before departure: 60% of the holiday cost and between 15 and 28 days before departure: 80% of the holiday cost. 14 days or less before departure (or failing to join the holiday at the start of the tour) 100% of the holiday cost. If you do not pay the balance of your holiday within 8 weeks of departure, your booking will be terminated and you will lose your deposit.

Our Responsibility to you:

We will let you know as soon as we can if, through no fault of 'Chile Inside Out' or you, we are forced to significantly alter the holiday time table in any way. Before booking and not less than 30 days prior to departure, the prices featured may change. We reserve the right to impose surcharges, once you have booked, however no surcharges will be imposed within 30 days of departure, and will only be due to transportation costs, fuel surcharges, airport fees, or extreme changes to currency exchanges.

If you have a complaint about the holiday, you must make it known at the earliest opportunity so that our local representatives can take appropriate action at the earliest opportunity.

If we need to cancel the holiday, due to insufficient client bookings, we will do so, no later than 56 days before departure.

This holiday will only change, if due to unusual and unforeseen circumstances beyond our control and changes could not have been avoided even if all due care and attention had been taken.

Chile Inside Out is aware of its obligations to provide the client with the services agreed by both parties when signing the contract. We are responsible agents who support 'eco-tourism' and who wish to maintain the delicate balance between tourism and nature at all times.

For more details see: www.chileinsideout.com