



MIRALEJOS
CHILE ADVENTURE
Horse Trekking Cochamó Valley
7 days / 6 nights

We have chosen this beautiful and relatively unknown area because we think it is a good representative of Northern Patagonia. It has huge granite walls which are the remains of ancient glaciers. It is also called the Chilean Yosemite by climbers from all over the world are starting to explore new routes. As we go deep into the valley we will cross many rivers and observe the exuberant nature and biodiversity on this corner of the planet. We will be able to listen to birds like chucaco and huet huet singing, see the Alerce --a tree that can live up to 3,500 years and reach 50mt / 164ft high. We will also find beautiful lakes by the homes of settlers who live all year round surrounded by nature and connected by paths that can only be used by horses or people on foot. The settlers use these paths to take their products to the nearest town or market. We will spend some time with them, listen to their stories and buy their 100% organic products. This is a trip that will take us through wild nature of Northern Patagonia.



Details of the Expedition

Horse riding + 1 day trekking	
Length:	7 days / 6 nights
Refuge:	2 nights
Camping:	4 nights
Level of difficulty:	Moderate, it does not need previous experience.
Place:	Northern Patagonia, Cochamó Valley.
Meeting Point:	Puerto Varas
End of Trip:	Puerto Varas
Departures:	On request from November to April.
Group Size:	2 to 8 people max.

Included

All meals from day 1 to day 7, including wine, appetizers and delicious food
All land and water transportation
2 nights in refuges and 4 nights camping
All gear for horses, trekking and camping (GPS, UHF Radios, handy, Satellite phone, maps, aerial photographs, tents for two, Thermo Rest mattresses, kitchen tent, awning, first aid kit and more)
Bilingual Guide (Spanish-English) accredited by Wilderness First Response with wide experience in horse riding and mountain trips.
Local Guide with horses raised and trained for mountain trips.
Primary Assistance Insurance

Not Included Air Trips, hotels in the city, accident or rescue insurance, personal equipment, tips or any other service not mentioned in this program.



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Day 1 Puerto Varas / Las Juntas

We will go to Cochamó, a town by the Reloncavi Estuary --the first fiord of the Patagonia-- and meet our local guide and his horses. You will be given safety instructions and we will begin our horse ride in the Andes Range through the valley with lots of vegetation and spectacular views of the granite walls surrounding it. We stay in a refuge close to the river with good food and spectacular views of the mountains around.

Day 2 Las Juntas / Arco iris

To day we'll have many chances to do hikes around the refuge, all of them very attractive- in special the Arco Iris hike that is one of the best viewpoints in Patagonia. It will take 7 hours and 900mts up and down to make the hike. Once in the refuge we will enjoy the good food to celebrate the day.

Day 3 Las Juntas / El Arco

This is a great day because at dawn we will be surrounded by granite walls and as we go up the valley we will see alerce forests. We will cross many rivers and ancient forests and visit a peculiar rock formation called El Arco (Arch). Free afternoon to explore and set camp

Day 4 Las Juntas / Vidal Gormaz Lake

We will go deeper into the Andean Range, go past a lake and some marshes where we will find traces of early settlers (early 1900's) and finally reach Vidal Gormaz Lake and meet a family who lives in the area and set camp in the family's property.

Day 5 Bahamondes Family / Torrentoso River

We ride for 4 hours and cross a river to get to the next family; from here we have the chance to go see rock paintings made by the indigenous people 800 years ago. We'll enjoy the free afternoon and the chance to sleep either in the tents or in the family's lodging.

Day 6 Torrentoso / El León

After drinking a mate and saying goodbye to the Bahamondes family, we will go down to Correntoso where we will have lunch and rest for one hour. We will then go up the Manso River valley and reach El León, a small village on the border with Argentina. We will set camp here and spend the afternoon with a local family.

Day 7 Crossing to Argentina

As we cross the border on this day, we say goodbye to our local guide and his horses and go through with the frontier paperwork -both in Carabineros de Chile and Gendarmeria Argentina. We will cross two large hanging bridges and we will visit a Chilean family who has their garden divided in two by the frontier. Here we will catch our bus that will take us to Bariloche.

Extra Day It is important to mention that if river water levels rise and depending on the weather conditions we might have to extend the trip one day.

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Cochamó Crossing 7d/6n	2	3	4 ~ 8
Prices in Chilean pesos	\$ 1.330.000	\$ 1.225.000	\$ 1.085.000
USD approx.	USD 2.660	USD 2.450	USD 2.170
Euros approx.	€ 1.785	€ 1.644	€ 1.456

Note: these prices correspond to high season, from 01.10.08 to 30.05.10
Prices in Chilean pesos; currency exchange valid on the booking day

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