

9

DAYS

ENCHANTING
LAKES

PATAGONIA

NOT
INCLUDEDDAILY
(EXCEPT ON
SUNDAYS
FROM
SEPTEMBER
TO APRIL)

BREAKFAST

SPANISH
AND
BILINGUAL
(English,
German,
Italian,
French)**DAY 01** BARILOCHE

Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Departure from the hotel for a half day sightseeing tour of Bariloche and its outskirts. Travel by bus along Bustillo Avenue bordering the Nahuel Huapi lake towards Playa Bonita. We will continue to Campanario Hill, where a chairlift will take you to the summit. Enjoy a complete overview of Nahuel Huapi lake, the mountain peaks of the Andean Range and the city. The tour continues to the San Pedro and Llao Llao peninsulas. Visit San Eduardo Chapel and admire the view of the Llao Llao Hotel and Puerto Pañuelo, the boarding pier for most lake excursions. Cross the bridge connecting Nahuel Huapi and Moreno lakes and then proceeding to López Bay. Enjoy a breathtaking view of Nahuel Huapi Lake from the panoramic point, a natural balcony facing the Moreno lake. Return to Bariloche. Accommodation.

DAY 02 BARILOCHE / SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES

Breakfast. Departure to San Martín de los Andes along the Seven Lakes road (*). This scenic route that borders the northern margin of Nahuel Huapi lake will first take us to Villa La Angostura, a little village surrounded by lush forests and towering mountains. The road has mountain stretches and goes through dense lush woods with huge coihues (a typical patagonian tree). The tour continues along the Seven Lakes road, visiting Correntoso, Falkner and Villarino lakes, among others. Arrive in San Martín de los Andes, a lovely alpine village located by the Lacar lake shore. Accommodation.

DAY 03 SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES

Breakfast. Departure to Quila Quina, located 18 km (11 miles) away, where you can still see the ancient houses belonging to the Mapuche Curruhuinca group (Indian tribe). Visit the Arroyo Grande cascade, a source of carbonated mineral water, and admire the rupestrian paintings of the area. Continue to Chapelco Ski Center to appreciate the panoramic view of the Lanin volcano and Lacar lake. Return to the city of San Martín de los Andes. Accommodation.

DAY 04 SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES / PUCON

Breakfast. Early departure by bus from San Martín de los Andes to cross the Andes Range towards Chile through Tromen mountain pass. This fascinating landscape will remain for ever in your heart. While ascending through Lanin National Park, the landscape will change constantly, until you, rise above the tree-line in the mountain slope. Close to the route, the Lanin volcano, 3,776 mt high (12,388 feet), stands high above the rest of the surrounding mountains with its majestic conical snow-capped peak. Native Araucaria trees, known by some as the Monkey Puzzle Tree, dominate the landscape. Upon arrival in Pucón, transfer to the hotel.

DAY 05 PUCON

Breakfast. DAY 05 of active excursions to explore Pucón. Some options are climbing the local Villarica Volcano, rafting in the Trancura river or visiting the Huife hot springs. Accommodation.

DAY 06 PUCON / PUERTO VARAS

Breakfast. Regular bus transfer along the Panamerican highway southwards to Puerto Varas, passing by the city of Valdivia. Great views of the Andes and the snowcapped volcanos leading your way. Accommodation.

DAY 07 PUERTO VARAS / PUERTO MONTT / FRUTILLAR / PUERTO VARAS

Breakfast. Departure to Puerto Montt, capital of the Chilean Lake District, founded in 1853 by German settlers. City tour visiting the main square and historical monuments, the port, including Angelmo fish market, where there is a large handicraft market full of crafts and lots of fresh shellfish. Continuation to the lakeside town of Frutillar. Sightseeing of the village. Return to Puerto Varas. Brief city tour, to discover the city known as the 'City of the Roses' due to the wide variety of roses everywhere. Accommodation.

DAY 08 PUERTO VARAS / PEULLA / BARILOCHE LAKE CROSSING

Breakfast. In the morning you will go along the southern shore of the lake to Ensenada. Even the most experienced adventurers will stop to take a few photos while approaching the Osorno Volcano. The first real stop, however, will be at Petrohue Falls (entrance fee not included). This rapids and waterfalls were formed a long time ago by the cooled lava from the volcano towering behind them. They form an impressive sculpture of extruded volcanic rock shaped by thousands of years of thundering water flow. Later, we will board the catamaran and get ready to cross Todos Los Santos lake (All Saints Lake), surrounded by high mountains whose lower slopes are thickly forested. As you get close to Petrohué river, your eyes will be captured by the impressive size and proximity of the ice-capped Osorno volcano on the back. The rest of the morning will be spent sailing. Southwards, high above the forested shore, you will see the peculiar shape of Puntagudo volcano and a series of waterfalls. Upon arrival in Peulla, at the eastern end of the lake, you will have time for lunch (optional). This is the heart of Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park. Here you may enjoy a lovely hike to the Cascada de la Novia (Bride's Cascade) a native growth Valdivian Rainforest, quite an amazing vegetation for these southern latitudes. In the afternoon we will continue by bus through Pérez Rosales pass to Argentina. On the Argentine side, you will board a ferry to go across Frías lake, followed by a short bus ride to Puerto Blest from where the final sailing across Nahuel Huapi lake. At last, you will arrive in Bariloche. Upon arrival at Puerto Pañuelo, transfer to hotel in Bariloche. Accommodation.

DAY 09 BARILOCHE

Breakfast. Departure. Transfer to the airport.

NOTE:

(*) will depend upon weather conditions.
Alternative along R40.



Enchanting Lakes

Argentina - Chile

An unforgettable circular tour around the lake district in the Argentine and Chilean Patagonia. Visit the first class tourist centres of Bariloche and San Martín de los Andes, the marvelous buildings made of stone and wood and the beautiful surrounding landscapes. Enjoy the incredibly beauty of the Seven Lakes Route, cross the Andes Mountain Range to Pucón, with its lush forests, and the Villarica Volcano, which dominates the place, and then continue to the lake crossing. An incredible experience with breathtaking views.