

Patagonia Argentina and Chile (North-South) (M-ID: 2134)

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from €7,695.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

18 days

02/16/2024 - 03/04/2024 18 days

A motorcycle trip to the end of the world: to the most southern place on earth that you can reach by motorcycle. Patagonia is not only known for its magnificent nature, but also because its nature is particularly diverse.

For more than two weeks we ride through the beautiful dark green rainforest, along the mostly remote pampas fields. We ride over the magnificent Carretera Austral in Chile and over the infinite Ruta 40 in Argentina. Along countless azure lakes and the mighty snow-covered mountain peaks of the Andes, which run like a red thread through this journey. We make a day trip to the National Park Torres del Paine and see the impressive Perito Moreno glaciers up close. So we reach Ushuaia on the southern point of Tierra del Fuego, the southernmost city in the world: The end of the world. We explore Tierra del Fuego and finish the tour in Puerto Natales.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 ARRIVAL - TEMUCO/VILLARRICA - CHILE

Arrival in Temuco in Chile and 80Km transfer to Villarrica, the starting point of our motorcycle tour. Villarrica is a splendid place and is situated on the lake, in the vicinity are two national parks. In the afternoon you will get to know your motorbike and get all the information you need about riding and travelling.

DAY 2 TEMUCO - JUNE DE LOS ANDES - ARGENTINA

Today we leave Chile via a beautiful partly paved route over the Andes mountains. We follow the river Melipueco and see some small villages. Over its entire length, the border between Chile and Argentina is formed by the Andes Mountains. That means long pieces of no man's land. We follow a beautiful high pass and come to the Argentine part of the border. The border area is characterized by many native snake firs. In Argentina we follow the road parallel to the Rio Malleo and arrive in Junin de los Andes in the north of Patagonia.

DAY 3 JUNE DE LOS ANDES - SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE - ARGENTINA

Via Ruta 40 we follow the Andes mountains in southern direction. You will enjoy the ride from the magnificent view of the majestic mountains. We pass the tourist village Villa La Angostura. The Dutch Queen Maxima owns 2 parcels of land in Villa La Angostura, her brother Martin has a restaurant there. It is still about 80 km to San Carlos de Bariloche. The city is located in the heart of the National Nahuel Huapi Park and on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Bariloche is also called the Argentine Switzerland.

DAY 4 - SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE - ESQUEL - ARGENTINA

We're still in the Argentinian part of the lake district. In the morning you will be able to see one or more lakes almost all the time. We follow route 258 and El Bolson is the first place where we arrive after 130 km of pure nature. This place is known for its regular UFO sighting. Also this place is very nature-conscious and one finds here, in contrast to the rest of Patagonia, many vegetarian and biological restaurants. We'll stay here for lunch. Not much further we leave the big road and ride along a dirt road into the national park 'Los Alerces'. Here you will see more beautiful lakes this afternoon than you can count on one hand. The last 30 km after Esquel we ride again on paved roads.

DAY 5 - ESQUEL - PUYUHUAPI - CHILE

Early in the morning we continue our tour to the south. Before we arrive at the Chilean border, we still arrive in the small place Trevelin. The largest Welsh community in Argentina lives here and you can see that. Everywhere a dragon is depicted and the green-white colours of the Welsh flag can be found. The road will be unpaved here and

it will remain that way for the time being. Over a beautiful stretch we reach the border. It is a small border post consisting of a small house and a border post. A little further is the Chilean post, which seems much bigger. In Futaleufu we take a short break and prepare ourselves for the beautiful trip that is coming this afternoon. The rest of the day we ride on the Carretera Austral and you won't get tired of all the beautiful and magnificent nature on this route. After every bend a new lake, a waterfall or a river awaits us. Then there is also an almost constant view of the white peaks of the Andes. But it's deserted here. The only road users you may encounter are shepherds on horses with an entire herd of cows or sheep behind them. We spend the night in the village of Puyuhuapi. A lot of Germans have come to this area.

DAY 6 - PUYUHUAPI - COIHAIQUE - CHILE

The area today will be even more beautiful than yesterday. It is the second part of the impressive Carretera Austral through the beautiful dark green rainforest with its countless lakes and rivers. This is The Best Off of Northern Patagonia. We ride through two national parks: NP Queulat and Lago Las Torres. We ride slowly and stop more often to take pictures. So we can optimally enjoy all the beauty around us. In Coihaique we stay overnight in a hotel in the center.

DAY 7 - COIHAIQUE - PUERTO GUADAL - CHILE

We continue south on the unpaved Highway 7 and arrive in the province of Carrera. This is an abandoned area with only one path and this beautiful path leads us along the shore of the azure blue Lagos Buenos Aires. Half of the lake is located in neighbouring Argentina. From the southern point of the lake it is still a little bit to ride to Puerto Guadal.

DAY 8 - PUERTO GUADAL - REST DAY

Puerto Guadal is a village of about 500 inhabitants. The inhabitants of Puerto Guadal live mainly from agriculture and tourism. There are several attractions in the vicinity of the village which are easily accessible due to the location on the Carretera Austral. These include an abandoned copper mine, a waterfall and marble caves. We stay in a beautiful hotel by the lake.

DAY 9 - PUERTO GUADAL - GOBENAR GREGORES - ARGENTINA

Today we have a long route to take. A beautiful dirt road leads us along the shore of the beautiful lake Gral Carrera. We cross the border into Argentina. We are now on the other side of the Andes in Patagonia, Argentina. Due to the effect of the Andes, this area is much drier than Chile on the west side. Suddenly you're in a completely different world. Perito Moreno is the first place we arrive. Here we refuel and get some provisions, because it will also be the last place for the time being. A long day through one of the most remote areas of the country follows. It is the most abandoned part of the Ruta 40. This Argentinean equivalent of the Ruta 66 runs from the Bolivian border in the north to Tierra del Fuego in the south. Of these more than 4600 km the largest part is still unpaved, among which also our today's 400 km. It is a great experience to ride in this emptiness. The only life around you are the Nandus (a kind of ostrich bird) and the Guanacos (a kind of Lama). The low yellowish withered grass around one completes the prairie feeling.

DAY 10 - GOBERNADOR GREGORES - EL CALAFATE -

ARGENTINA

The second part of our journey through total abandonment, through infinite paths. We first take the somewhat narrower Ruta 29 and come back to the famous Ruta 40. So we get to a perhaps even more deserted part than yesterday. We stop at the vital gas station in the small village of Tres Lagos and follow the Ruta 40. We pass the east side of Lake Viedma and the largest lake of Argentina Lago Argentino. The last 30 km to El Calafate are fortified. El Calafate is a place where many tourists come and this is also clearly visible. Suddenly, one again has the choice of several restaurants and there are also souvenir shops again. They're all coming for the glacier.

DAY 11 - EL CALAFATE DAY TOUR GLACIER PERITO MORENO - ARGENTINA

The Perito Moreno glacier is one of the two glaciers on earth that are still shifting. The gigantic ice mass is 30 km long and a few km wide and moves two metres into the lake every day. And you can hear that. Already from a distance you can hear the mighty crunching and boiling of millions of kilos and the echo of it in the mountains. But only if you stand close to it you get a really good picture of the giant. Ice pieces weighing several hundred kilos fall into the water in front of you with great force. However, it is only allowed to approach the glacier at a distance of one kilometre due to the danger of ice jumping around. This spectacle will make a big impression on you.

DAY 12 - EL CALAFATE - CERRO SOMBRERO - CHILE

To Tierra del Fuego! And beware, it can be windy out here. We're getting more and more southerly and you can tell that not only by the temperature. The landscape is also changing. We cross by ferry to reach the island of Tierra del Fuego and spend the night in the small village of Cerro Sombrero.

DAY 13 - CERRO SOMBRERO - USHUAIA - ARGENTINA

Half of the island Tierra del Fuego is Chilean and that's where we are now. Just as the south of Chile can only be reached via Argentine roads, the Argentine part of Tierra del Fuego can only be reached via Chilean roads. And here is our goal: The southernmost city on earth, the end of the world. We've got about 400 km to go. We pass by the beautiful Lago Fagnano and will withstand the constant wind on this side of the island. The branches of the trees here all point in the same direction. They are shaped by the wind. The village of Ushuaia is beautifully situated between the snow-capped peaks of Tierra del Fuego. You have now arrived in the southernmost city in the world, which can be reached by roads. It lies on the 55th latitude and is only 1000 km away from Antarctica as the crow flies.

DAY 14 - USHUAIA - REST DAY - ARGENTINA

You can use this day to explore the charming place, photograph the colorful cottages or get to know the friendly inhabitants. There is also the possibility to go by boat to Puerto Williams. This place is a little more to the south. Even more south than Puerto Williams you really can't get. On the way you can see penguins and sea lions.

DAY 15 - USHUAIA - PORVENIR

It's a long riding day today. We leave early to return to Lago Fagnano, defy the strong wind and cross the border to Chile. Povernir is the largest city in the Chilean part of Tierra del Fuego. The landscape is rough, with lakes, rivers, glaciers and icy mountains. The rivers are full of trout, salmon and a beaver here and there. Penguins and sea

lions can also be seen on the rocky cliffs.

DAY 16 - PORVENIR - PUERTO NATALES

We cross with the ferry to Punto Arenas and leave the island Tierra del Fuego. Between the yellow grasses there are now groups of trees everywhere. Most of them have no leaves, but their large number of branches gives the landscape an interesting atmosphere.

DAY 17 - PUERTO NATALES - DAY TOUR NATIONAL PARK TORRES DEL PAINE

Similar to the Los Glaciers Park, which we visited from El Chalten, is the Torres del Paine National Park. The splendour of nature is just as impressive here. We ride into the park early in the morning and take an optional short walk. It is also possible to make a tour through the park. In any case it is a beautiful conclusion of this impressive journey through unforgettable nature. Back in Puerto Natales

DAY 18 -PUERTO NATALES - END OF JOURNEY - DEPARTURE

You get a transfer to the airport in Puerto Natales for the flight to Santiago de Chile. It is possible to extend the trip with additional nights in Santiago de Chile. The flights are exclusive but can be reserved through us.

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| Countries | Argentina |
| | Chile |
| Category | Motorcycle Tour |
| Terrain | Combo On-/Offroad |
| Vehicle | motorcycle rent incl. |
| Tourguide / Coach | yes (guided) |
| Accommodation | Hotel / B&B or similar |
| Flight to / from | no, not incl. |
| Ferry | yes, incl. |
| Support vehicle (luggage/service) | yes |
| Level of difficulty | medium |
| | difficult |
| Customer payment protection | yes |
| Special | Winter escape |
| * PRICING | Minimal without optional extras, see pricing |

Pricing

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| per rider in shared twin/double room incl. Honda CB 500 X or equivalent (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) | €7,695.00 |
| per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider) | €4,995.00 |
| per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room") | €950.00 |
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| Motorcycle upgrade to CF 800MT (surcharge) | €500.00 |
| Motorcycle upgrade to BMW F 750 GS (surcharge) | €650.00 |
| Motorcycle upgrade to BMW F 850 GS (surcharge) | €650.00 |
| Motorcycle upgrade to Yamaha T7 700 (surcharge) | €650.00 |
| Motorcycle Upgrade to Honda CRF 1000 Africa Twin (surcharge) | €650.00 |
| Motorcycle upgrade to BMW R 1250 GS (surcharge) | €1,400.00 |

Included

Transfers Temuco Airport & Puerto Natales - Hotel and back

17 hotel nights

Rental motorcycle incl. liability insurance

Border permits for the rental motorcycle

Motorcycle transport to the beginning / end of the trip

Ferry and toll

Multilingual (NL/EN/DE/SP) guide on the motorcycle (If there are less than 5 riders, the guide will be in the escort vehicle).

Escort vehicle and luggage transport with driver/mechanic

Travel insurance certificate

Travel guide

Not included

Scheduled flight Germany/CH/AU - Temuco / Puerto Natales - Germany

Deposit for the motorcycle: US \$ 1200.00 (only credit card payable on site)

Petrol

Entrance fees

Optional excursions

Food and drinks (travel fund 750,- Euro to be paid on site*)

International health and accident insurance incl. repatriation

Travel cancellation insurance

*Pocket money: € 1200,- (This amount is an indication of how much money you will need for this trip. It includes food, drinks, souvenirs, optional excursions and gasoline).

Everything that is not specified under services

More details

Minimum number of participants: 8

Maximum number of participants: 12

Maximum number of passengers: 2

Motorcycles:

For the motorcycle trip in Patagonia we ride Honda CB 500 X cc or equivalent motorcycles. The liability insurance for the motorcycles is 300, - € per trip and is included in the price. Damages to the motorcycle are insured, but with an excess / own risk of 1200, - €. This insurance is valid in Chile as well as in Argentina. Upgrade of the motorcycle is possible for an extra charge.

Level of difficulty for all travelers:

A combination of three factors can make this trip considerably more difficult. First, the distances are longer than other trips, 4650 km in total. Second, about 20% of the trip is on dirt roads (almost 1000 km). And third, there is the strong crosswind in the extreme south. This trip is really only something for experienced riders who are proven not to be afraid of long gravel roads. In addition, all factors together make the trip physically demanding, so a good physical condition is required.

Offroad:

About 20% of the route we ride on unpaved roads. Most of them are well-trodden gravel roads, so it's not very difficult. But you have to take good care in the curves and watch out for the median. Since the dirt roads are flat and well traveled, it is difficult to prepare. In a basic training for off road you will learn the basic techniques of off-road riding. You will learn how to ride through pits, mud and over steep hills. This does not happen in Patagonia. But it is good to take part in a training beforehand to find out if off-road riding suits you. It would be a pity if you realize on the way that you don't like long riding over dirt roads. This can completely take the fun out of the trip. On the other hand, the endless roads give other participants the opportunity to ride too fast. It goes without saying that this is very dangerous. The tour guide will not allow it. The distances are extremely long on some days. Especially Argentina is a vast empty country where the accommodations are far apart.

Climate:

Actually, we ride through two different climates. Along the Carretera Austral in Chile there is a rainy maritime climate. Here, we ride through subtropical rainforest, the prospect of rain is very high. On the other side of the Andes are the vast, parched pampas fields. Here it almost never rains. In the south, on Tierra del Fuego, it can get very cold. After all, we are only 3800 km away from the South Pole. It is also a high plateau and therefore extra cold in the evenings. So be prepared for different weather conditions. A good motorcycle suit, preferably waterproof is certainly recommended.

Clothing:

A helmet, a warm motorcycle jacket, good gloves, good, sturdy motorcycle pants and sturdy, high (mountain) shoes or boots are all mandatory. Because of the extreme temperature differences, it can be practical to wear a motorcycle jacket with removable lining. In colder areas you can wear, for example, thermal underwear. Make sure you have good gloves (no summer gloves!). Furthermore, a good pair of sunglasses is useful and a helmet with a visor that protects against the dust. If your motorcycle clothing is not waterproof, you should also take a rain suit.

Single room:

Fortunately, there are still places on Earth where no one lives. During this trip we pass these areas. This also has consequences for the availability of hotels. Room availability is limited in two places during this trip. If you have booked a single room, you must take this into account in advance. Depending on the size of the group, there is a possibility that you will not get a single room for these 2 nights.

Travel Fund:

For this trip you will pay 750,- Euro to the tour guide upon arrival. Petrol, lunch, entrance fees for: Torres del Paine NP, Glaciares NP and Fin del Mundo Park etc. will be paid from this en route. This travel fund will be kept by the guide and will be replenished as needed during the trip.

Visas:

For both Chile and Argentina it is not necessary to arrange a visa in advance. In Chile, a "Tarjeta de Turismo" (tourist card) is issued free of charge at the border upon entry. You need a passport with at least 6 months validity.

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