

## Patagonia Argentina and Chile (South-North) (M-ID: 2444)

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**from €7,695.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

18 days

03/08/2024 - 03/25/2024 18 days

**A motorcycle trip to the end of the world: to the southernmost 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.**

### PROGRAM:

DAY 1: Departure Germany / Austria / Switzerland...

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DAY 2: Arrival Punta Arenas and transfer to Puerto Natales (Chile)

You will be picked up at the airport in Punta Arenas and transferred to the hotel in Puerto Natales in about three hours/250 km. Today or tomorrow you will get to know your motorcycle and get all the information you need to know about riding and the trip.

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DAY 3: Puerto Natales - Day Tour Torres del Paine National Park (Chile, 200km)

Similar to Los Glaciers Park, which we visited from El Chalten, is Torres del Paine National Park. The splendor of nature here is equally impressive. We will ride to the park early in the morning for an optional short walk. It is also possible to take a tour of the park. In any case, it is a nice start to this impressive journey through unforgettable nature. Return to Puerto Natales.

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DAY 4: Puerto Natales - Porvenir (Chile, 450km)

Off to Tierra del Fuego! And beware: it can be windy out here. There are clumps of trees everywhere among the yellow grasses. Most of them don't carry leaves but give the landscape an interesting atmosphere because of their large number of branches. We cross by ferry from Punta Arenas and enter the island of Tierra del Fuego. Porvenir is the largest city in the Chilean part of Tierra del Fuego.

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DAY 5: Porvenir - Ushuaia (Argentina, 450km)

Today is a long day of riding. We leave early and cross the

border into Argentina. The landscape is rugged, with lakes, rivers, glaciers, and icy mountains. The rivers are full of trout, salmon, and here and there a beaver. Penguins and sea lions can also be seen on rocky cliffs. We pass Lago Fagnano and continue to our destination: the southernmost city on earth, the end of the world. The town of Ushuaia is beautifully situated between the snow-covered mountain peaks of Tierra del Fuego. You have now arrived at the southernmost city in the world that can be reached by road. It is located at the 55th parallel and is only 1000 km away from Antarctica as the crow flies.

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DAY 6: Ushuaia - Rest day (Argentina, 100km)

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

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DAY 7: Ushuaia - Cerro Sombrero (Chile, 360km)

Half of the island of Tierra del Fuego is Argentine and that's where we are now. Just as the south of Chile can only be reached by Argentine roads, the Argentine part of Tierra del Fuego can only be reached by Chilean roads. We pass again the beautiful Lago Fagnano and will withstand the, on this side of the island constantly present, wind. The branches of the trees here all point in the same direction. They are formed by the wind. We will spend the night in the small village of Cerro Sombrero.

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DAY 8: Cerro Sombrero - El Calafate (Argentina, 480km)

We are getting more and more northern and this is not only

noticeable in the temperature. The landscape is changing as well. We make a crossing by ferry to get off the island of Tierra del Fuego. El Calafate is a place where many tourists come and this is also clearly visible. Suddenly one has again the choice from several restaurants and there are also again souvenir stores. They all come because of the glacier.

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**DAY 9: El Calafate Day Tour Glacier Perito Moreno (Argentina, 150km)**

Glacier Perito Moreno is one of the two glaciers on earth that is still shifting. The gigantic mass of ice is 30 km long and several km wide and shifts every day two meters into the lake. And you can hear that. Already from a distance, you can hear the mighty crunching and pushing of the millions of kilos and also the echo of it in the mountains. But only when you stand close to it do you get a really good picture of the giant. With great force, pieces of ice weighing several hundred kilos fall into the water in front of you. However, you can only approach the glacier at a distance of one kilometer, because of the danger of ice jumping around. This spectacle will leave a great impression on you.

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**DAY 10: El Calafate - Gobernador Gregores (Argentina, 350km)**

The first 30 km from El Calafate are paved. We pass the east side of the lake Lago Viedma and the biggest lake of Argentina Lago Argentino and follow the Ruta 40. We stop at the vital gas station in the small village of Tres Lagos. We then take the somewhat narrower Ruta 29 and rejoin the famous Ruta 40. Today, too, the route takes us through total desolation and along endless roads.

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**DAY 11: Gobonar Gregores - Puerto Guadal (Chile, 430km)**

A long day through one of the most remote areas of the country follows. It is the most deserted part of Ruta 40, this Argentine equivalent of Ruta 66 runs from the Bolivian border in the north to Tierra del Fuego in the south. Of these more than 4600 km, most are still unpaved, including our 400 km today. It is a great experience to ride in this emptiness. The only life around you is the nandus (a kind of ostrich) and the guanacos (a kind of llama). The low yellowish withered grass around you makes the prairie feel complete. Perito Moreno is the place where we arrive, here we refuel. We cross the border into Chile. We are now on the other side of the Andes in the Chilean part. Due to the effect of the Andes, this area is not as dry as Argentina on the east side. All of a sudden we are in a completely different world. A beautiful dirt road leads us along the shore of the beautiful lake Gral Carrera.

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**DAY 12: Puerto Guadal - Rest Day (Chile)**

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 that are easily accessible due to its location on the Carretera Austral. These include an abandoned copper mine, a waterfall, and marble caves. We stay in a nice hotel by the lake.

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**DAY 13: Puerto Guadal - Coihaique (Chile, 310km)**

We continue to the north. From Puerto Guadal it is a short ride to the southern point of the shore of the azure Lagos Buenos Aires Lake. This is a deserted area with only one path and this beautiful path takes us along the shore of Lagos Buenos Aires. Half of the lake is in neighboring Argentina. Via the unpaved Highway 7, we leave the province of Carrera. In Coihaique we spend the night in a

hotel in the center.

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**DAY 14: Coihaique - Puyuhuapi/La Junta (Chile, 280km)**  
The area today will be super beautiful again. We will ride through two national parks: NP Queulat and Lago Las Torres. It is a part of the impressive Carretera Austral through the beautiful dark green rainforest with its countless lakes and rivers. This is The Best Of Northern Patagonia. We ride slowly and stop often to take pictures. This is the best way to enjoy all the beauty around us. We spend the night in the village of Puyuhuapi. Many Germans have moved to this area.

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**DAY 15: Puyuhuapi/La Junta - Esquel (Argentina, 230km)**  
Early in the morning, we continue our tour to the north. For part of the day we will ride on the Carretera Austral and you will not be able to get enough of all the magnificent nature on this route. After every turn, there is another lake, waterfall, or river waiting for us. Then there is also an almost constant view of the white peaks of the Andes. But it is deserted here. The only road users you might meet are shepherds on horses with a whole herd of cows or sheep behind them. In Futaleufu we take a short break and prepare for the onward journey. Over a beautiful stretch of road, we reach the border, which on the Argentine side consists only of a small house and a border post. We still arrive in the small village Trevelin. Here lives the largest Welsh community in Argentina and it shows. Everywhere a dragon is depicted and the green and white colors of the Welsh flag can be found. The road becomes unpaved here and it will stay that way for the time being.

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**DAY 16: Esquel - San Carlos de Bariloche (Argentina, 320km)**

We are still in the Argentine part of the Lake District. The first 30 km from Esquel we ride on paved roads. Not much further we leave the big road and ride on a dirt road into the national park 'Los Alerces'. Here we will see more beautiful lakes this morning than you can count on one hand. We follow Route 258 and reach El Bolson. This place is known for its regular UFO sightings. Also, this place is very nature conscious and you can find many vegetarian and organic restaurants here, unlike the rest of Patagonia. Now we have 130 km of pure nature ahead of us before we arrive in San Carlos de Bariloche. You will be able to look at one or more lakes almost all the time. San Carlos de Bariloche is located in the heart of the National Nahuel Huapi Park and on the shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Bariloche is also called the Argentinean Switzerland.

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**DAY 17: San Carlos de Bariloche - Junin de los Andes (Argentina, 250km)**

After about 80 km we pass the tourist village of Villa La Angostura where the Dutch Queen Maxima owns 2 plots of land and where her brother Martin has a restaurant. Via Ruta 40 we follow the Andes Mountains in the northern direction. You will enjoy the magnificent view of the majestic mountains on the way.

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**DAY 18: Junin de los Andes - Villarrica (Chile, 220km)**  
In Argentina, we follow the road parallel to the Rio Malleo in the north of Patagonia. We come to the Argentine part of the border and follow a beautiful high pass. The border environment is characterized by many native snake firs. Along its entire length, the border between Chile and Argentina is formed by the Andes Mountains. This means long stretches of no man's land. We arrive back in Chile via a beautiful partly paved route over the Andes Mountains.

Villarrica is a beautiful place and is located on the lake, in the vicinity are two national parks.

Unfortunately, an impressive motorcycle trip comes to an end.

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DAY 19: Transfer Villarrica - Temuco - Departure (Chile)

You will have a transfer of 80 km to the airport in Temuco for your flight home.

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Day 20: Arrival Germany / Austria / Switzerland...

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- Changes to the route can be adapted to the respective current on-site conditions -

This trip is offered in two directions. From Temuco/Villarrica via Ushuaia to Puerto Natales (north-south) and vice versa (south-north):

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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
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

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**

Everything that is not listed under services

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).

## **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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