

Class IV-V

Trips in The Futaleufu
River Valley



Kayak Futaleufu Lite – Class IV-V

This trip is a shortened 4-day version of our Kayak Futaleufu week. Get all the thrilling Futa whitewater you can handle in four action packed days.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Arrival and Introductions

Arrive at either of our entry points in Chile or Argentina, the gateways to Patagonia. Connect with our representative and travel to the remote riverside town of Futaleufu, surrounded by majestic mountains. Here you will find your accommodations at our Tres Monjas Eco-Camp. A hearty meal, hot sauna, and wonderful views welcome you to Kayak Chile's base camp on the Futaleufu.

Day 2: Terminator Section

You wake to the brilliance of life along the shores of the Futaleufu, with the jagged Tres Monjas peaks standing sentinel over the river and camp. After a delicious breakfast, you outfit your kayak and put-in at our beach for your first taste of the big water of the Futaleufu, the "Terminator" section. You will have the opportunity to warm up on numerous Class III rapids, and then have the option of walking, sneaking (IV+), or running the huge and impressive Class V "Terminator" rapid. From the "Terminator", we will kayak downstream on the Futaleufu to the Class IV "Kyber Pass", and on to some giant wave action in the Class IV "Himalayas". Here you will surf some of the biggest standing waves in the hemisphere! We will return to our Futaleufu kayak camp to relax in the hot sauna or on the naturally formed white sand beach.

Day 3: El Corazón – Heart of the Futaleufu

This day is filled with the big exploding waves for which the Futaleufu is world famous. We put-in at the "Zapata's" swinging bridge and run the "Corazón" – the Heart of the Futaleufu – previously named "The Continuous Section". Here you will find plenty of Class IV big water action, including "Entrada", "Pillow", and "Mundaca", one of the largest breaking wave holes in the world. This nonstop Class IV section will keep your adrenaline pumping and the evening air filled with good cheer and plenty of fireside stories.

Day 4: Corazón, Más o Menos & Casa de Piedra

Like the previous day, we put-in at the swinging bridge at “Zapata,” but we will pass the Futaleufu Bridge take out and continue on to the Class IV+ “Más o Menos”, and the technical Class V “Casa de Piedra”. Finally the river eases off for the beautiful and playful Class III “El Macal” section. After a great kayak day on the Futaleufu river you will be ready to slip into the wood-heated sauna and ease your tired muscles. Kayak Chile's camp masseuse will be available for any of your sore muscles and joints.

Day 5: A La Carte Kayaking – Repeat & Play More!

The group takes its pick for the day's kayak run. Return to “Pillow Rock” and “Terminator Wave” for some surfing and flat spinning? Or go back to the exploding chaos of “Mundaca”? Maybe after so many days of paddling you are ready for a trek up to Tres Monjas, or a horseback ride to the Upper Futaleufu? How about a day lounging on the beach, or reading a book? This day is yours to enjoy!

Day 6: Departure

Wake up for an early breakfast and drive back to Chaitén, Chile and your flight to Puerto Montt, or relax for a couple of hours and take our shuttle to Esquel, Argentina. As you catch a final view of the Río Futaleufu; surrounded by hanging glaciers and snow capped mountains, take a moment to reflect upon all of the amazing sights and experiences of this past week. After all these years we are still stunned that views like these exist.



INCLUDED:

All meals, lodging, transportation, guides and kayaks while paddling with us. Round trip transportation between Futaleufu and Puerto Montt or Esquel. See the packing list for specific details. The actual program for your individual trip will vary according to the desires and skill level of your group, the water levels, weather, or other factors.

TRIP OVERVIEW:

Experience Needed: Class IV Kayak

Physical Challenge: Medium

Cultural Experience: Medium Low

Lodging: Camp

Comfort Rating: Medium

Days away from home: 8

Days with us: 6

Max Trip Size: 14

Price: \$1095.00 USD

Region: Futaleufu and Palena River Valleys, Patagonia Chile

Lakes, Rivers, Sites Visited: Pacific Ocean, Chaiten, Rio Espolon, Futaleufu, Escalas Valley, Futaleufu Village

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