



**ExChile Greatest Playground on Earth!**  
**2009-2010 season**

### **Trip Name: Honeymoon Rafting Multisport CondorNest**

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<b># in group:</b>
<b>Comments:</b> One exclusive dinner and one exclusive breakfast at Condor

#### **Overview:**

**Expediciones Chile-redefines an exclusive accommodation.** We invite you to spend your unique vacation in the best kept secret of Patagonia, a magical place where hundreds of glacial lakes are connected by thousands of kilometers of pristine rivers, all flowing through the dramatic Andean Mountain range. Honeymoon vacation with us in the heart of this paradise, the Futaleufu River Valley. Be enchanted by its natural rhythms, where condors soar in southern thermals high above turquoise rapids thundering through rarely explored granite canyons.

Futaleufu River Rafting from our CondorNest Honeymoon ranch is an additional pleasure. Watch the sun rise between the impressive spires of Tres Monjas peak overlooking the area. Enjoy the energy of the group that you share the adventures with but each night retreat to you own exclusive accommodations at the CondorNest Luna de Miel. On one night you will have your own private chef fix you and your partner exclusive dinner at the CondorNest. Other meals you will join with the group.

Acclaimed as one of the most demanding rafting runs in the world, the Futaleufu River provides rafters the ultimate whitewater challenge. The river's name is derived from a local Mapuche Indian word meaning "big, big river" and it lives up to its billing in every respect. Since the early 1990s rafting in Chile has become synonymous with this river and it has beckoned an elite group of international rafters daring enough to tempt the Class V power of Futaleufu. The first time you connect to the intriguing power of this river you will know it is unlike any river you have rafted before. It has earned its reputation as The Greatest Whitewater on Earth!!!

**National Geographic International Adventurist:** [Seven days to the Futaleufu - Trailer](#)  
**Slide shows:** [Slide Shows](#)

### **Day by Day:**

#### **Day 1 Friday: Depart your home town**

See if Gilda can help them with the flights. They will be in Buenos Aires Argentina. Welcome to the warmth of the Southern Hemisphere in summer.

#### **Day 2 Saturday : Travel to Trevelin, Patagonia Argentina**

Early morning departure from Buenos Aires, for a flight to Esquel, Argentina. From Esquel, you can arrive in Trevelin with some time to enjoy the late afternoon. Trevelin, Argentina is a charming mountain village gateway just 45 minutes from Futaleufu River in Chile. Esquel is serviced by ground transport (Bus or private taxi) from Esquel. Check into a honey moon cabin that we recommend in this charming village and walk to one of several superb restaurants. Unwind, relax, and get a good night's sleep before the start of your trip 9:00 am the next morning.

**Day 3 Sunday Dec 27,2009: Your trip starts. Raft from near the Border to Campo Tres Monjas/Night at CondorNest**

After a relaxing night's sleep at a hotel in the quaint Welch town of Trevelin deep in Patagonia Argentina, we begin this exciting trip with a quick shuttle across the Chilean/Argentinean border and into the Futaleufu Valley. We go direct to the Futaleufu put in where we will meet your guides and rafts. After changing into our river gear, your luggage will be whisked away and magically show up at your tent or cabin at our river eco-camp before you arrive. After the introduction of whitewater and paddling skills we encounter a section of mild class II water flowing through the Las Escalas valley. A couple of hours later the river shows its wild side and we encounter "[Zeta](#)" and "[Throne Room](#)", two of the most challenging (Class V+) rapids on the Futaleufu. We will portage both. After the portages, we get into our first action packed section called "The Wild Mile" which contains Tres Islas (IV), Roller Coaster (III), Honorable Mention (IV), Wild Mile (IV minus) and the climatic Thing. The excitement doesn't stop until we get to the confluence of the Futaleufu and Azul rivers as we take out on the unspoiled beach at our Camp Tres Monjas with the stunning peak of the same name standing guard. Our secluded camp, complete with sauna, showers and dining hall, will serve as the base for the rest of the week's adventures. This setting is arguably one of the most stunning on the river. Relax in the sauna and ready yourself for an elegant meal on the beach. **Lunch on the River/Dinner at Campo/Night at CondorNest**

**Day 4 Monday: Mountain Bike or horseback/to Benidictos**

Today we explore the Futaleufu Valley on Mountain Bikes or horseback riding upstream along the Wild Mile section of the river. Soft pastures juxtaposed with towering glaciers will, surely, remind you of scenes from the Sound of Music or Heidi. A short walk carrying your bike while your trail is cut into a black rock cliff takes you to a giant river pool. Within a mile the trail turns inland from the river and enters a native Coihue forest. Here you will climb some 400 verticle feet over two miles and arrive into a clearing at Benedictos remote Ranch. A massive lunch will be waiting and a tour of this off the grid ranch. Just allow enough time for the downhill ride back to the CondorNest ranch, where a dinner awaits. **Breakfast at Condor/Lunch at Benidicto/Cocktails and Dinner at CondorNest/Night at CondorNest**

**Day 5 Tuesday: Morning Hike/ Rafting to the heart of the Futaleufu/Night at CondorNest**

Breakfast at Campo. We cross the Futaleufu in our double canoes. Join the trail heading downstream for several hours to our put in just below the rapid Himalays. We jump in the rafts for an outrageous whitewater experience on the heart of the Futaleufu river! This is the most action packed section of whitewater - a virtual whitewater power storm! This section, from the Zapata swinging bridge to the Puente Futaleufu, includes five miles of Class IV+ rafting action. Rapids such as "[Entrada](#)", "[Pillow](#)", "[Tiburón](#)", and "[Mundaca](#)" with its must-see explosion hole, will keep you on your toes. This Class 4/5 section prepares us for the sections we have yet to do. As if this highly charged river trips wasn't enough, we'll take out in one of the most gorgeous sections of the Futaleufu, the Macal section, after we have ample time to soak in the beauty of snow capped mountains, glaciers and pristine forests on the lower section. After the trip we return to our Camp and take advantage of our sauna and massage and work out any sore muscles you might have after a big day of paddling. **Breakfast at Campo/ Lunch River/Dinner at Campo/Night at CondorNest**

**Day 6 Wednesday: Sea Kayaking Lago Lonconoa or Lago Espolon. Or Trekking to behind the Tres Monjas.**

Breakfast at Campo. After a good night's sleep, we awake and cross the river to the eco campo and a full breakfast and enjoy the morning before heading off with our kayaks to the gorgeous mountain lake, lago Loncanao. The lake is nothing short of breathtaking; deep blue and green hues darken with this lakes impressive depth. The lake is well protected from wind, which provides an extra level of comfort for a day of sea kayaking. We'll stop at a sandy shore and enjoy lunch. If time allows, we'll explore some of the numerous paths emerging from the dense forest surrounding the northwestern side of the lake. If we're lucky, we'll see some gauchos fishing along the side of the lake. Our vehicles will be waiting at the take out after the day's activities. We will make our way toward the border on our way to Trevelin after changing into dry clothes. Check into your hotel, take a shower and change clothes before enjoying your last night in Patagonia. There are a handful of outstanding and reasonably priced restaurants in Trevelin that we can recommend. Relax, recover and look back on the exciting week of rafting before heading back the following morning. **Breakfast at Condor/ Lunch Lake/Dinner at Campo/Night at CondorNest**

**Day 7 Thursday: Rafting Infierno to Campo**

Breakfast at campo This is the most demanding, committing, and hazardous section of the Futaleufu. The highlight of our Patagonia rafting program! To raft this section safely, the river levels must be correct, you must have rafted the "Heart" section with us and met all of our safety requirements. We put in at the Río Espolon bridge and raft to the confluence with the Futaleufu River. At the "[Gates of Infierno](#)", we enter the "Infierno Canyon" with several consequential and continuous Class V drops. After an exciting morning of rafting in the Inferno canyon, the river widens with spectacular views of Las Escalas Valley. After a section of mild class II water, the river returns to its wild side and we encounter "[Zeta](#)" and "[Throne Room](#)", two of the most challenging (Class V+) rapids on the

Futaleufu. We will portage both. After the portages, we get into an action packed section called "The Wild Mile", which contains a continuous stretch of Class III and IV rapids. Futaleufu river rafting does not get any better than the whitewater we have just experienced! After the Wild Mile we arrive at the [Río Azul](#) under the sentinel of the Tres Monjas peaks. Tonight, we are pulling out all the stops with a huge asado or open spit grill. We'll enjoy a fantastic last night at the camp with drinks, Patagonian lamb and outstanding company.

#### **Breakfast Campo/Lunch River/ Dinner Campo Fiesta /Night at CondorNest**

#### **Day 8 Friday: Rafting Terminator Section/cross border to Trevelin, Argentina**

For our last day of rafting on the river we've managed to somehow save the best for last. We are taking off from camp as the rest of the luggage is loaded into our vehicles. We are headed to a section of the river called the Terminator section. You must have previously rafted the "Heart" section with us and met all of our safety requirements because the Futaleufu river takes on an extremely powerful nature, with the longest and largest rapid on the Futa, the "[Terminator](#)" (Class V). Rafting in Chile does not get better than this! Just below, we'll have to negotiate the hole filled "[Khyber Pass](#)" (Class IV+) and the [Himalayas](#) (Class IV), with perhaps the biggest standing waves in the hemisphere. If this wasn't enough, one final pass down the Heart of the Futaleufu will be sure to leave you with a day of rafting that you won't soon forget. After we finish this section, we will have rafted the entire length of the Futaleufu! Our vehicles will be waiting at the take out as we make our way toward the border on our way to Trevelin after changing into dry clothes. Check into a honeymoon cabin that we recommend and take a shower and change clothes before enjoying your last night in Patagonia. There are a handful of outstanding and reasonably priced restaurants in Trevelin that we can recommend. Relax, recover and look back on the exciting week of rafting before heading back the following morning. **Breakfast Campo/Lunch River/ Transport to Trevelin.**

#### **Day 9 Saturday: Return to Capital City**

Enjoy the morning in Esquel and take a mid day luxury bus to Bariloche. Where you can spend the next several days. Or take an earlier bus to the town of El Bolson spend several hours at the artist fair and grab a later bus into Bariloche. Make sure you could the first class bus tickets from the link listed below in Travel Summary

Depending on your connections you are now are in Argentina ready for an early departure in a cab from you hotel to the bus station in Esquel for the trip to Bariloche and your flight back to Buenos Aires. A private transfer can be arranged direct from your hotel to the airport in Bariloche. If you have a flight from Esquel you have the morning to enjoy and buy gifts in Trevelin before your 2 pm flight to Buenos Aires and the connection back to your home country.

#### **Day 10 Sunday: Return home**

#### **Accommodations:**

[Eco Camp Campo Tres Monjas](#)

[Condornest](#)

#### **Price per Person: \$3195.00 USD Optional private chef available**

**Special Flexibilities:** Exchile will be flexible to make your trip a total success. The actual program for your custom trip will vary according to the desires and skill level of your group, weather, or other factors. Patagonia has constantly changing weather patterns that might affect what day is best for a certain activity. If a certain part of your trip is not possible due to danger risks and weather extremes, our experienced guide staff will work with you to figure out the best possible option to substitute for the weather complications. If you have any concerns, please feel free to ask us more about the situations and what is guaranteed on the trip.

**Included:** Your described trip, guiding, instruction, activity equipment, local transportation, shuttles, all meals, wine with dinner, accommodations at our eco-camps, cabins, ranches or lodges, while on your trip. We offer a free pick up on Sunday mornings at 9 am in Trevelin at your hotel, and drop off to your hotel in Trevelin, Argentina on Fridays at 9 pm. See the packing list of your activity, for the specific clothing that is required.

**Not Included:** Transportation to and from your home town, and your accommodations and meals in Trevelin, Argentina or alternate trip pick up point. You can reserve and prepay on the web for your transport from your final air destination, to and from your pick up/drop off point before and after your trip, or you can direct us to charge your visa card and do it for you. We highly recommended having Exchile make hotel reserves in Trevelin. (room capacity in this small village is limited). Expediciones Chile is not financially responsible for your travel complications getting to your trip pick up point and from the drop off point, HOWEVER, we will be relentless allies in offering our services to help solve any issues that you may encounter.

## Trip Summary:

Season: December 6th to April 6th

Experience Needed: None

Physical Challenge: High

Cultural Experience: Moderate High

Nature Experience: High

Comfort Rating: High

Max Trip Size: 16

Min Trip Size: 4

Regions visited: Remote Patagonia Chile and Argentina

Lakes, rivers and sites: Futaleufu river, Rio Azul, Rio Espolon, Lago Lonconao, Lago Esplon, Secret Lagoon, Campo Tres Monjas, Futaleufu Chile, Trevelin Argentina.

## Travel Summary:

Days away from home:

**In:**

Final Flight Destination airport: Bariloche or Esquel Argentina

Trip pick up point: Trevelin Hotel Argentina

Trip pick up date and time: Sunday 9:00 am

**Out:**

Trip drop off point: Trevelin Hotel Argentina

Trip drop off date and time: Friday 9:00 pm

Return Flight Departure airport: Bariloche or Esquel Argentina

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Map: [Interactive Travel Map](#)

Travel Route Alternatives: [Traveling through Chile and, or Argentina](#)

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*Thank you,*

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