



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

## Trip Name: Isle of Myths and Monsters Sea Kayaking

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### Overview:

Immerse yourself in the fascinating, cultural experience of Chiloe Island as we sea kayak silently through the mysterious byways of this archipelago, where Spain once maintained its last stronghold of colonial power in South America. Here the magic of traditional culture lives on. Our sturdy kayaks emulate the spirit of the fragile dalcas; in which the natives traveled many centuries ago. Today there still vestiges of this original Araucanian way of life, in harmonious combination with the influences of German immigrants in the late 1800s and of modern-day Chile. On every lovely island we visit, you'll see moss-covered old wooden churches gracing the seaside, as well as palafitos (stilt houses) that are 20 feet and more in the air when the tide is out, but nearly awash when it's in. Savor a rich curanto and other typical cuisine to delight your palate. Wander through the local market of Castro. What more can we say? This is the opportunity of a lifetime to enjoy a fantastic adventure at the other end of the Earth

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## Day by Day:

### Day 1: ANCUD - PUÑIHUIL - CASTRO

Reception at the bus terminal of Ancud, then we will drive west to visit the place of Puñihuil in the Pacific side of the main island. This is a group of islands that serve as breeding habitat for Magellanic and Humboldt Penguins as well as many other marine birds. Visit the colony by zodiacs. After our pic-nic lunch, we drive to Castro in the interior sea of the archipelago and arrival to a picturesque stilt house hostel. We'll have dinner in a nice sea front restaurant. (L,D)

### Day 2: CASTRO - SEA KAYAK DALCAHUE CHANNEL - CASTRO

Morning transfer to the sea kayaking center near the cultural port of Dalcahue. Full day of sea kayaking paddling in Dalcahue channel, on the way we see great numbers of local seabirds including black-necked swans, three kinds of seagulls, oyster catchers, grebes. Then we continue across the Channel to Quinchao Island for a visit to the lovely San Xavier church and cemetery. Pic-nic lunch. For the rest of the afternoon, we visit various picturesque locations along the channel, until we finally return to the Sea Kayak center. In the evening we drive back to Castro. Dinner. Lodging in the hostel.(B,L,D)

### **Day 3: CASTRO - SAN JUAN - TENAUN - MECHUQUE ISLAND**

This morning we will drive to the picturesque fishing village of San Juan with the famous shipyards and wooden church. From here we will paddle north visiting sea side hamlets till we get to the nice town of Tenaun in order to catch a motorized vessel and cross to Mechuque in the little archipelago of Chauques. Dinner and lodging in a family house at this beautiful town. (B,L,D)

### **Day 4: MECHUQUE - AÑIHUE - TAUCOLON - VOIGUE**

Today we start early for a full day of sea kayaking among the waterways and islands of Mechuque, Voigue, Añihue and Taucolon, visiting villages and churches as we go. We pay special attention to the traditional culture of this area, celebrated in the songs and dances of Chilean folklore. In particular, we watch for palafito stilt houses with brightly colored fishing boats tied up in their "basements". In the evening, we get back to Mechuque. Dinner and lodging in our guest house (B,L,D)

### **Day 5: MECHUQUE - TENAUN - COLO - AUCAR - QUEMCHI - ANCUD**

We cross back to Tenaun in our vessel and drive through a beautiful coastal road in the interior sea of the main island, visiting cultural highlights and villages as Colo, Aucar, and Quemchi, before we get to Ancud in order to catch the bus back to Puerto Montt or Pto. Varas. (B,L)

### **Day 6 : Return home.**

## **Accommodations:**

[Wilderness Camping](#)

## **Price per Person: \$1295.00 USD**

**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:** All transportation according to the itinerary, for round trip Ancud, vessel crossing to Mechuque Island, all meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on day 5, two nights in the stilt house hostel in Castro, two nights in the Mechuque guest house, services of bilingual expert guide, fully equipped fiberglass sea kayaks with spray skirts, paddles and accessories, regular bus ticket from Ancud back to Puerto Montt.

**Not Included:** Any type of insurance./Gratuities and personal extras as communication cost, laundry, meals , drinks and transportation out of program and other personal items. Expediciones Chile is not financially responsible for your travel complications getting to our trip pick up point and from the drop off point, but we will be relentless allies in offering our services to correct any issues that you may encounter.

## **Trip Summary:**

Season: December through March  
Experience Needed: Should know how to swim  
Physical Challenge: Not particularly rigorous  
Cultural Experience: High  
Nature Experience: High  
Comfort Rating: High  
Max Trip Size: 8  
Min Trip Size: 3

Regions visited: Archipelago of Chiloe, Patagonia, Chile

Lakes, rivers and sites: Dalcahue, San Javier de Quinchao, Curaco de Vélez, Mechuque Island, Chauques Islands, Añihué, Taucolón, Voigüe

## Travel Summary:

Days away from home:

**In:**

Final Flight Destination airport: Puerto Montt  
Trip pick up point: Ancud  
Trip pick up date and time:

**Out:**

Trip drop off point: Puerto Varas  
Trip drop off date and time:  
Return Flight Departure airport: Puerto Montt

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Map: [Interactive Travel Map](#)

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

Air Fare: [Online quote](#) +1.866.498.0530

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*Thank you,*

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