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### **Trip Name: Trekking Ruta de los Arrieros**

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#### **Overview:**

Follow the "Trail of the Neighbors " by trekking Chile's famous Futaleufu River Valley. Our expedition trip departs from near the little town of Futaleufu and takes you to our Eco Camp Tres Monjas located at the confluence of the Futaleufu and Azul rivers. This is a circumnavigation of the Teta peak along side the Espolon lake. You will experience deep immersion of the Patagonia culture at a few remote ranches where we stay.

#### **[Overview Slide Shows and Video Gallery](#)**

### **Day by Day:**

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

Fly to Miami and connect on an over night flight to Buenos Aires Argentina. Welcome to the warmth of the southern Hemisphere in summer.

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

Early morning arrival in Buenos Aires. Change airports and catch another flight to Bariloche, or Esquel Argentina. From Bariloche, a luxury bus will take you on a beautiful drive along the Patagonian lakes and mountains to Esquel. IF you fly direct to Esquel you can arrive in Trevelin with some time to enjoy the area. Trevelin, Argentina is a charming mountain village gateway just 45 minutes from Futaleufu River in Chile. Trevelin is serviced by ground transport (Bus or private taxi) from the Jet ports in Bariloche (4 hrs) or Esquel (40 min). Check into a hotel in this charming village and walk to one of several superb restaurants. Unwind, relax, and get a good nights sleep before the start of you trip 8:00 am the next morning.

#### **Day 3 Sunday: Three lakes trek to Lago Las Rosas**

After crossing the border into Chile and arriving in the alpine village of Futaleufu, we'll begin our trek from town. We set off on a beautiful trail nestled between two Mountains headed towards two remote lakes. The first section

of this hike is uphill, leading us to outrageously beautiful vistas from which we'll have the opportunity to snap some pictures and fully enjoy our pristine surroundings. Upon reaching the lakes, we'll have a rare and fantastic view of Cerro Teta, one of the highest peaks in the Futaleufu Valley. Nearing the end of the today's trek, we will reach the Lago Las Rosas to a small off the grid ranch, a true Patagonia experience. This is much more spectacular than anything available in the National Parks as this area is rarely visited by travelers. This is going back in time. You can only get here by horse, boat, or by foot. We will check into our accommodations and have a tour of the humble Patagonian ranch. Your visit here will be like peeking into life from another era. Enjoy the Patagonian culture as few ever do. This is classic Chile horseback riding that few ever experience!

#### **Day 4: Monday: Trek Las Rosas to Settlement of Espolon**

We have a late breakfast and we start our trek to the Ranch of the Grandmother of our hosts on Lago Las Rosas. They reside in the small settlement of Espolon. We cross a stream of pristine pure water coming off a remote mountain that defines the border of Chile and Argentina just a few kilometers away as the crow flies. We then climb through a thick forest to an overview of the Lago Espolon Valley we drop down into the espolon valley

#### **Day 5: Tuesday: Trek to Irmes Ranch along the upper Espolon**

After waking up in a true Patagonian remote ranch we will have breakfast and begin our day of trekking by crossing a pristine mountain stream that flows directly from the surrounding high mountain peaks. This high alpine stream defines the border between Chile and Argentina. Our day will take us through a protected Coyhue forest as we build elevation on our way over a mountain pass that overlooks the Lago Espolon drainage. We will work our way over the pass and down towards Lago Espolon to our next remote ranch to be greeted by our host Senora Irma Gallardo. After a long day of riding through the Patagonian back country we will have some time to relax and unwind before having a traditional Chilean dinner.

#### **Day 6: Wednesday: Trek to Nestor's Cabin**

Today we wake early and depart on a beautiful trek to the Espolon Village. Part of what makes today special is waking up on Lago Las Rosas and trekking to Lago Espolon. This journey will take us lade side through enchanted forests and dramatic landscapes. We take our time today to really enjoy the remote water front beaches and pristine back country before arriving at one of the nicest traditional ranches on Lago Espolon. Nestor's Ranch is a comfortable, traditional Patagonia working ranch. He will welcome us with Chilean hospitality and spectacular food. After a day on the trail you will have the evening to relax and surely enjoy yourself as a true Patagonian Hauso.

**Day 7: Thursday: Trek/Climb up the Cerro Teta Climb return to our lodging on our lake.** The trail up Cerro Teta is not for the faint hearted, this is a rugged trail with an extraordinary reward. The time of the year will determine how high we can get on the peak. Incredible views of the Patagonian Andes. For those that want to rest we have a rest day in an incredible location at the lakeside cabin.

#### **Day 8: Friday: Day Trek to Devil's Throat Cascade Drive to Trevelin**

We will depart early in the morning for our trek along the far side of the lake with more unbelievable views of Cerro Teta. Today's trek takes us to the end of the lake, where the Espolon drains through a narrow, boulder-choked canyon with extreme force. The charging, violent cascade formed is called "The Devil's Throat" or "La Garganta del Diablo." Here we will be picked up and transferred to Trevelin Argentina.

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

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.**

### **Accomodations:**

[Eco Camp Campo Tres Monjas](#)

[Remote Ranches](#)

## Price per Person: \$2195.00 USD

**Special Flexibilities:** Exchile will be flexible to make your trip a total success. The actual program for your custom trip may 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, from your trip pick up point to your trip drop off point.

See the packing list of your activity, for the specific clothing that is required.

**Not Included:** En-route transportation, lodging, and food from your home town to the border with Chile and Argentina or other trip pick-up point. Laundry services, massage, additional alcohol are available but not included. You can reserve on our web page a pre-trip and post-trip hotel in Trevelin that includes the shared transfer to and from the border.

You can also ask our travel agent to prepay private ground transports between airport and from the airport to Trevelin, for an additional charge. 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:

Experience Needed:

Physical Challenge:

Cultural Experience:

Nature Experience:

Comfort Rating:

Max Trip Size:

Min Trip Size:

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.

## Recommended Travel Route:

**We recommend:**

Fly in: Buenos Aires - Esquel Argentina.

Fly out of: Esquel - Buenos Argentina

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**Lets GO!**

**Hold your spot Now!**

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*Thank you,*

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