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2011-2012-2013 season

Trip Name: Andes to the Ocean Horseback

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Overview:

Nat Geo Intl/Discovery visits the Futaelufu.

[Movie for Mac](#)

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Overview:

This just might be one of the most challenging and spectacular horseback trips available, but note it is not for everyone. We offer those with a spirit for adventure, once each year the chance to join our week long equestrian journey across the Andes. This trail was once the only link between Chaiten and Futaleufú; used by locals and police officials up until 1975, when the Carreterra Austral finally opened. On this trip we will camp out in the Patagonia wilderness and at isolated ranches. When we say you will experience sights and terrain rarely seen or traversed by humans this is not marketing hype. We insist you read the trip reports from previous alumni to understand what this experience may be like. The trip crosses small rivers and streams without bridges. Inclement weather can really increase the challenge. (unlikely during this time of the year). The ride takes us over a mountain pass towards the recently exploded Chaiten volcano. The farmers in this area had to evacuate for a season while the ash from the volcano was washed away by winter rains. We have only recently opened this route again, and it is a chance to experience terrain and the raw power of nature at its best. This Patagonia horseback riding vacation is

a very unique experience we want to share with those who love long horseback expeditions into remote wilderness with a unique cultural experience to boot. Without question, an equestrian vacation like no other!

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

Slide shows: [Slide Shows](#)

Day by Day:

Day 1 Friday: Depart your home town

Fly to Miami and connect on an over night flight to Buenos Aires Argentina.

Day 2 Saturday: Travel to Trevelin, Patagonia Argentina

Early morning arrival in Buenos Aires welcome to the warmth of the Southern Hemisphere in summer. 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 9:00 am the next morning.

Day 3 Sunday: Three lakes trek to the Espolon valley /Patagonia Culture.

After crossing the border into Chile and arriving in the alpine village of Futaleufu, we'll begin our ride from town. We set off on a beautiful trail nestled between two Mountains headed towards two remote lakes. After departing town the first section of this ride 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 little, isolated settlement of Espolon. This is going back in time. You can only get here by horse or boat. We will check into our accommodations and have a tour of the 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! From this point on we will be going to even more remote areas.

Day 4 Monday

Day 5 Tuesday

Day 6 Wednesday

Day 7 Thursday

Day 4-7: Sunday to Thursday: Traversing the Andes on Horseback

The next five days will be spent crossing the Andes Mountains from the Argentine border to the Pacific Coast. Participants will ride through temperate rain forests, remote river valleys, and high mountain passes. We will see overhanging glaciers, extinct volcanoes, and waterfalls, and traverse rivers and streams. In the higher elevations the group will likely encounter cooler temperatures and one year we had a snowstorm, even though the trip is taking place in the high Patagonia Summer. The horseback riding traverse will involve wilderness camping and staying near isolated ranches in very remote regions. All of the gear will be carried on pack horses. There will be times where the trip is between two rivers with no bridges. A rainstorm can cause for a lay over day while the river comes down.

Day 8: Friday: Last Night Celebration

The group will arrive at the hot spring Termas Amarillo near Chaiten on Friday mid-day. We take a soak in the hot springs and reminisce about our trip This is a horseback riding vacation you won't soon forget!

Return A: We stay at the hot spring in a simple cabin for the night and have a celebrations dinner. The next morning (Saturday) we take the ferry back (12 hour) to Puerto Montt.

Return B: After a soak in the hot spring we meet a vehicle at the hot spring and drive back to the Border with Argentina and cross in to Trevelin for a night out on the town and a well deserved hotel room.

Day 9 Saturday: Flight back to Capital city.

Return A: Depending on when your flight departs, you'll have time to explore the port city of Puerto Montt. Take a look around, do some shopping or just enjoy a nice lunch before departing to Santiago and on to home.

Return B: Grab a taxi in the morning to the Airport in Esquel and fly direct back to Buenos Aire Argentina. Connect to an international flight for the return back to your home country.

Day 10 Sunday: Return home

Accommodations:

[Remote Ranches](#)

[Eco Camp Campo Tres Monjas](#)

[Wilderness Camping](#)

[Town Bed and Breakfast](#)

Price per Person (groups of 3 or less): \$2795.00 USD
Price per Person (groups of 4 and more): \$2595.00 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: 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 our 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: **January 24th to January 30th,**
Experience Needed: Intermediate/Advanced
Physical Challenge: Moderate/to very high depending on weather.
Cultural Experience: Extreme
Nature Experience: Extreme
Comfort Rating: Moderate/Low
Max Trip Size: 10
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.

Recommended Travel Route:

In: Via Buenos Aires Argentina

Final Flight Destination airport: Saturday Bariloche or Esquel Argentina
Ground Transport: Bariloche - Esquel airports to Trevelin hotel
Trip Start: Hotel in Trevelin Argentina Sunday 8:00 am

Out: Via Buenos Aires Argentina

Trip Finish: Hotel in Trevelin Hotel Friday 8:00 pm
Ground Transport: Trevelin hotel to Airports at Esquel or Bariloche
Return Flight Departure airport: Bariloche or Esquel- Argentina

Lets GO!

[Trip Reservation steps!](#)

Thank you,

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