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2011-2012-2013 season

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Trip Name: Kayak Chile Week Class 2/3

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Overview:

During this week we will explore the numerous Class II/III tributaries of the Rio Futaleufu and work on developing skills that will enable us to paddle bigger water. By the end of this week we will set our sites on paddling the exciting "El Macal" section of the Futaleufu...

Our whitewater kayaking season begins in October in San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina - sometimes referred to as the "Switzerland of South America" for its spectacular skiing, scenery and vibrant night life. In December we start our Futaleufu kayaking season on one of the greatest "big water" rivers in the world from our private Tres Monjas Eco-Camp at the Rio Azul and Futaleufu confluence. There you will find the latest play and river running boats, sit-down gourmet dining, native wood sauna, on-staff masseuse, white sand beaches and deluxe platform tent camping. Our season continues on the Futaleufu River through the month of April.

[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 9:00 am the next morning.

Day 3 Sunday: Upper Rio Espolon

You wake up to the brilliance of life at the Futaleufu with the jagged Tres Monjas peaks standing sentinel over the river and camp. After a delightful breakfast, we take a short drive to the put-in on the Class II/III section of the spectacular [Rio Espolon](#). On this magically clear turquoise blue river you'll have a chance to warm up those winter muscles, review your rolls, ferry angles and basic skills, and give your Kayak Chile guides a chance to analyze your

technique. This is a beautiful run to the little town of Futaleufu. We head back to the Kayak Chile Eco-Camp after the day's paddling.

Day 4 Monday: Lower Rio Espolon

Today we put-in at the previous day's take out on the [Rio Espolon](#). This Class III section is a bit more technical, and has an excellent surf wave to practice on. Afterward we will head out off the Espolon for our first (Class III) taste of big water paddling on the Futaleufu.

Day 5 Tuesday: Entire Rio Espolon (or Rio Azul)

For our third day on the river we will kayak the entire Rio Espolon from top to bottom, focusing on the skills we want to develop for the bigger water of the Futaleufu: bomber rolls on both sides, aggressive forward strokes, committed sweeps and stern draws, and of course, having fun! Water levels permitting, we may run a stretch of the Class III [Rio Azul](#) that winds its way through a spectacular canyon at the foot of the Tres Monjas Peaks.

Day 6 Wednesday: Futaleufu: El Macal Section

Onwards to the turquoise waters of the mighty Futaleufu! Put-in below the impressive "[Casa de Piedra](#)" on the gorgeous Class III "El Macal" section. Here, surrounded by vertical cliff walls and glacier crowned peaks, we will practice all of our big water skills as we work our way down this introductory stretch of the Futaleufu. We return to camp to relax on one of our white sand beaches or take a soothing hot sauna.

Day 7 Thursday: Kayak the Río Palena (or Rio Tigre)

We will take a scenic drive to the [Rio Palena](#) on the border with Argentina, where we have an ox-cart waiting to help us to the put-in on this Class III/III+ kayak run. It's a gorgeous drive through a valley with a slightly different eco-system than the Futaleufu Valley. Water levels permitting, we may run a section of the spectacular [Rio Tigre](#), a nearby tributary of the Palena. We return to the Kayak Chile river camp along the banks of the Futaleufu for a hearty dinner. 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.

Day 8 Friday: Futaleufu: Repeat of El Macal Section/on to Trevelin, Argentina

Return to "El Macal" for a final day of paddling. "Every Man's (and Woman's) Surf Wave" is the perfect place to let it rip! The rapids on this run are both challenging and forgiving, and the scenery is some of the best on the river. Our vehicles will be waiting at the end of today's run. Our luggage will join us as we make our way toward the border on our way to Trevelin. 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 kayaking before heading back the following morning.

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

Accommodations:

[Eco Camp Campo Tres Monjas](#)

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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Thank you,

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