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**2011-2012-2013 season**

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**Trip Name: Kayak Futaleufu Class 4/5**

**Last Name:**

**First Name:**

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**# in group:**

**Comments:**

**Overview:**

This is the ultimate week for advanced Class IV-V paddlers. Our aim will be to hit all of the major class V rapids on the Futaleufu, some more than once. On this trip you will have the opportunity to paddle the hardest lines on, Casa de Piedra, Terminator, Inferno Canyon, Zeta, and Throne Room.

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 your trip 9:00 am the next morning.

**Day 3 Sunday: Your trip starts. Kayak from the near the Border to Campo Tres Monjas**

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 select your kayak. 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.

#### **Day 4 Monday: Terminator Section**

You wake to the brilliance of life along the shores of the Futaleufu, with the jagged Tres Monjas peaks standing sentinel over the river and camp. After a delicious breakfast, you outfit your kayak and put-in at our beach for your first taste of the big water of the Futaleufu, the "Terminator" section. You will have the opportunity to warm up on numerous Class III rapids, and then have the option of walking, sneaking (IV+), or running the huge and impressive Class V "[Terminator](#)" rapid. From the "Terminator", we will kayak downstream on the Futaleufu to the Class IV "[Khyber Pass](#)", and on to some giant wave action in the Class IV "[Himalayas](#)". Here you will surf some of the biggest standing waves in the hemisphere! We will return to our Futaleufu kayak camp to relax in the hot sauna or on the naturally formed white sand beach.

#### **Day 5 Tuesday: El Corazón - Heart of the Futaleufu and Más o Menos & Casa de Piedra**

The kayaking this day is filled with the big exploding waves for which the Futaleufu is world famous. We put-in at the "Zapata's" Swinging Bridge and run the "Corazón" – the Heart of the Futaleufu - previously named "The Bridge-to-Bridge Section". Here you will kayak Futaleufu whitewater continuously through Class IV big water action, including "[Entrada](#)", "[Pillow](#)", and "[Mundaca](#)", one of the largest breaking wave-holes in the world. Unlike the previous day, we will pass the Futaleufu Bridge take out and continue on to the Class IV+ "[Más o Menos](#)", and the technical Class V "[Casa de Piedra](#)". Finally the river eases off for the beautiful and playful Class III "El Macal" section. After a big day of Futaleufu kayaking you will be ready to slip into the wood-heated sauna and ease your tired muscles. Kayak Chile's camp masseuse will be available for any of your sore muscles and joints.

#### **Day 6 Wednesday: Upper Futaleufu & Infierno Canyon**

For an exciting finale, we head to the remote and spectacular upper section of the Futaleufu River. Those paddlers who are ready for the committing Class V [Infierno Gorge](#) will put-in above the mini-gorge just outside of the town of Futaleufu, or on the [Río Espolón](#). Others will take a spectacular shuttle drive and enter the river below the Gorge. This visually spectacular section of river includes the Class V rapids "[Zeta](#)" and "[Throne Room](#)", which will test even the strongest of kayakers (See "The Extremists" video clip below.) Or, take the well-worn footpaths around the two rapids, and head into the "[Wild Mile Section](#)": four miles of continuous kayak Futaleufu whitewater action, which takes us right back to our tents and dry clothes at camp.

#### **Day 7 Thursday: Terminator Section**

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#### **Day 8 Friday: A La Carte Kayak Futaleufu Day - Repeat & Play More! - Back to Trevelin, Argentina.**

The group takes its pick for this day's Futaleufu kayak run. Return to "[Pillow Rock](#)" and "[Terminator Wave](#)" for some surfing and flat spinning? Or go back to the exploding chaos of "Mundaca"? Maybe after so many days of paddling you are ready for a trek up to the Tres Monjas, or a horseback ride to the Upper Futaleufu River? How about a day lounging on the beach, or reading a book? This day is yours to enjoy! After a full day on the river, our vehicles will be waiting at the end of today's run. We will grab our luggage and 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 in Argentina ready for an early departure in a cab from your 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**

[Your Travel Route details](#)

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*Thank you,*

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