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Trip Name: New Kayaker Week Light

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Overview:

Although the Futaleufu is world famous for its technical big water, there are many tributaries, sections and features in the Futaleufu river valley which are ideal for paddling school classes and beginner kayak lessons. There also several other rivers with-in two hours. There is an indoor pool one hour away just across the border in Argentina and hot springs 3 hours away near the volcano Chaiten. For beginning whitewater kayaker's and sea kayaker's, our kayak school offers three types of paddling courses that vary in intensity. Our New Kayaker Week focuses exclusively on kayaking, with a single day off for a multi sport activity of your choice. Our Learn to Kayak multi sport Week combines kayak lessons with a greater emphasis on multi sport activities. Lastly, for those who want to intensify their time on learning how to roll a kayak, or improve their kayak roll, we offer kayak rolling clinics from our paddling school...

This kayak school class is designed for the first time paddler. Our kayak instruction program will introduce to you the basic kayaking strokes, boat control, wet exits, and the Eskimo roll, before we take you on moving water. The kayak lessons presented in this course will give you a solid foundation that will allow you to rapidly make progress in the sport of whitewater kayaking. Over the course of a week you will learn the basics of kayak eddy turns, peel-outs, ferries, and the fundamentals of edge control. During the middle of the week we usually take a rest day from kayak lessons that will allow you the opportunity to take advantage of the numerous other optional multi sport activities in this spectacular Patagonia wilderness. The last two days of our kayak school are devoted to day-long kayak river trips, where we will put all of the paddling instruction fundamentals together...

A four day kayak instruction program that is a shortened version of our New Kayaker Week for those that don't have the time to spend a full week at our kayak school...

[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 can 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 the mountain village gateway just 45 minutes from Futaleufu River in Chile. Trevelin is serviced by a private transfer service from Bariloche (4 hrs) or street taxis from the Esquel bus station (20min) or airport (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: Secret Lagoon

This natural lagoon is the perfect setting for learning how to getting in and out of your kayaks and rolling. An explanation of each kayak roll, and which best suits you, along with practicing all the strokes we will need on the river, will be the focus of the day. We'll spend the night at the Campo Tres Monjas as we review our progress of the day's lessons. At the end of the day we will nose the kayaks out into the current and start to get the feel of how the kayaks respond to moving water.

Day 4 Monday: Secret Lagoon and into the Espolon.

We head off again to the secret blue lagoon located on the edge of the pristine Rio Espolon. We practice our rolls in the comforts of the lagoon and once our confidence is built up, head off into the moving water of the Espolon to learn to ferry, eddy turn, eskimo rescue and start our first class 2 down river run. We may have a chance to try our newly learned kayak roll with the back up of your instructor. You are learning to be the pilot of your craft.

Day 5 Tuesday: Rio Espolon Introduction to River Features

Today after reviewing our Class II/III moving water, our first real rapids that will test your skills learned so far in the course. We will practice the ferrying technique, crossing the Espolon several times, as well as strengthen our ability to identify river features such as tongues, waves, holes, and eddies. We will get our first chance to surf our first standing wave, on a safe part of the river. We will also run your first bigger rapid the Class 2/3 Three rocks rapid.

Day 6 Wednesday: Graduation Day/on to Trevelin, Argentina

Today is our graduation day for our New Kayaker - Lite class. We will let you loose, and go paddle the entire Rio Espolon, allowing for students to practice their skills in more radical environments, following their own lines, but having a professional safety net serving as a back-up. Each student will be monitored and advised on better techniques to emphasize in the future. 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 several 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 7 Thursday: 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 8 Sunday: Return home**Accommodations:**

[Eco Camp Campo Tres Monjas](#)

Price per Person: \$1495.00 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!

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Thank you,

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