

Bike Patagonia



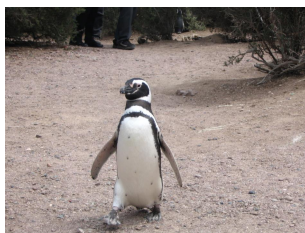
Wild Majesty

Magellan arrived in 1520 –

Darwin in 1832 –

Now – in the year 2017 – IT'S YOUR TURN !!!

And the astonishing thing is how little it has changed – the carved spires of Torres del Paine the blue glaciers and the stern magnificent loneliness.



At world's end –adventure begins -26 days from Santiago

including:

Pucon with the impressive Villarrica Lake & Mt Villarrica

Spectacular Lakes District of Chile

Bike the Carrera Austral with plenty of forests, rivers, waterfalls, lakes, fjords, mountains and glaciers along the way.

Los Glaciars & Fitzroy National Parks in Argentina

Stay 5 nights in Torres del Paine National Park' – stunning ..

This is your opportunity to visit the end of the world !

Latin Link Adventure offer you an this fabulous adventure to this remote and spectacular corner of the world.

Departure Dates	Cost from Santiago	
17Feb 2017 27Oct 2017	NZ\$14990 NZ\$14990*	
*Cost subject to airline increases and currency fluctuations		

Inclusions:

All airfares economy class between Santiago & Temuco, Puerto Montt-Balmaceda, Punta Arenas-Santiago, accommodation comfortable hotels & B&Bs, tours & sightseeing as per itinerary, services of experienced Tour Manager and local guides, all internal transport – taxis, buses, ferryboats etc,

Not included: tips ,bike hire,meals not specified , travel insurance,personal spending

To book: Send completed reservation form with deposit of \$500 to secure your place

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Information Sheet – Bike Patagonia 2017

Patagonia - the scenery in this part of the world is just stunning. Think of Queenstown and Central Otago then multiply it by 100 - minus all the people. Just plain spectacular.

We start out by flying from Santiago to Temuco to visit Pucon with its spectacular setting on Lake Villarrica with stunning Mt Villarrica. Explore off road paths on National Parks and protected areas, surrounded by Lakes, Volcanoes, Forests, Rivers and Hot springs

After a relaxing stop, travel overland through to the Lakes District

Crystal clear lakes, spectacular and imposing glaciers, remote and magnificent national parks, combined with endless snow-capped peaks of the Andes not to mention the condors, flamingoes and abundant bird life.

Follow Chile's Carretera Austral route. Though most of the trip involves gravel, winding curves and unpredictable weather, the rewards are enormous. It's no exaggeration to say that each kilometer offers picture-perfect vistas.

Hike or bike in the spectacular Fitzroy National Park amongst some of the most gorgeous mountain scenery in the world. Stay in the cute mountain town of El Chalten.

The glaciers of Perito Moreno in Los Glaciares National Park is just plain awesome, the size of Buenos Aires city and such vibrant hues of blue and green and sculptured icebergs all different sizes.

Then into the stunning Torres del Paine National Park where its granite pillars soar almost vertically above the Patagonian steppe with turquoise lakes, roaring rivers, creeping glaciers and dense forests create a bikers paradise. Enjoy 5 nights here right in the park in our stunning eco lodge

What really takes folk by surprise is the abundant wildlife, guanacos (from the camel family), foxes, condors by the score, flamingoes, rheas, penguins, seals, beavers, all in their natural habitat. Not to mention the geese, birds and ducks.

The trip is limited to 14 people only. The tour costs are based on a minimum of 6 people travelling.

Cost : NZ\$14990

Single room supplement \$1995

NB These costs based on you flying internationally to/from South America with LAN Airlines. Should you travel on another airline a surcharge may apply

There are no 'hidden surprises' on arrival. Here is our long list of inclusions.

- All economy flights on scheduled airlines as per itinerary
- All accommodation twin /double share with private bathroom
- All breakfasts, 19 lunches, 17 Dinners
- All transport costs, taxis, buses, trains etc
- All transfers to/from airport, bus stations
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as per itinerary
- All entrance fees into National Parks as per itinerary
- Services of local English speaking guides
- Services of professional Tour Manager
- Pre Departure Information Booklet plus complimentary phrase book

And exclusions:

- International flights to /from Santiago
- Travel Insurance. mandatory for travel to South America
- Food. (for lunches & dinners on days where not included, allow \$35 USD per day)
- Visas. no visas required for this spectacular journey
- Tips & gratuities to local guides allow US\$200
- Bike hire, available if required for additional NZ\$700, we suggest take your own in special bike carry bag

NOTE ON FLIGHTS

****International flights on LAN Airlines Auckland –Santiago –Auckland are in addition to costs stated above. As there can be seasonal specials on airfares these can vary between NZ\$1500 and \$2000 economy class & \$5700-\$6100 business class depending on when they are purchased. We will quote you the best airfares at the time of booking and keep you informed on any seasonal specials between time of booking and departure. Flights from Christchurch & Wellington no additional cost, flights from Dunedin or Queenstown additional \$125 return**

All flights are with Lan Chile. Please note baggage allowance on LAN is 2 pieces up to 23kg each on economy or 3 pieces business class

All flights are booked by Latin Link Adventure and all LAN flights are eligible for Qantas Frequent Flyer Points.

Day		Program	Overnight
1	Fri	<p><u>Auckland – Santiago-Temuco</u></p> <p>Depart Auckland for Santiago with LAN Airlines .Cross the dateline and gain a day , arriving midday. Afternoon departure on LAN Airlines to Temuco. On arrival transfer to our comfortable hosteria in Pucon,a small city located right next to Lake Villarrica and at the foot of the spectacular Mt Villarrica and in the vicinity of three parks and a large ski resort. Accommodation: Hostal Geronimo www.geronimo.cl</p>	Pucon
2	Sat	<p><u>Pucon</u></p> <p>Wed cycle from our hotel to Lake Caburgua and then towards Pucon's famous Hot Springs. The ride today is a combination of rolling hills with several short climbs at the second half of the road. Throughout today's ride our guide will help us identify several species of birds and trees as we cycle next to beautiful farms and enjoy views of the Villarrica volcano. With a little good luck, we will see smoke coming out of this active volcano.</p> <p>After cycling the rolling and sometimes hilly road to the hot springs, we will enjoy lunch and then a soothing soak in a hot mineral bath. Later wed take a short ride in the vans back to our hotel in Pucón 52km</p>	Pucon (B,L)
3	Sun	<p><u>Chile's 7 Lakes Route</u></p> <p>Departing from Pucón, we drive 8 kms by minibus to Palguín Bajo, where we start biking .The road leads us by the Palguín valley through the National Park Villarrica, with views of scenic waterfalls formed by basaltic rock, as we will pass several majestic snow-capped volcanoes such as Quetrupillan and Rucapillan. The vegetation changes from raulí (Nothofagus alpina) and hualle (Nothofagus oblicua) forests to araucarias as we ascend to Chinay, the higher point of the day at 1.250 m above sea level. From Chinay wed experience an exciting descent through the forest; jumping and dodging natural obstacles like roots and mud puddles. If this incites too much exertion, there is an option to visit the Geometricas Hot Springs on the way down. While riding downhill we have a wonderful view of Calafquén Lake, which is situated on the eastern border of Coñaripe, a town that was totally destroyed by the 1964 eruption of the Villarrica volcano (Rucapillan). The minibus will be waiting for us in Coñaripe to take us alongside the lakes Calafquén and Panguipulli to finally get to the National Reserve Mocho-Choshuenco . Wed stay at Huilo . Huilo, a private ecological initiative located next to the reserve. 45km,some single track Accommodation: Nothofagus Hotel &Spa http://huilohuilo.com/our-accommodation/nothofagus-hotel-standard-room</p>	Huilo Huilo (B,L,D)
4	Mon	<p><u>Huilo Huilo</u></p> <p>The area of Huilo Huilo was shaped for this huge volcano, today</p>	Huilo Huilo (B,L,D)

		<p>we will ride on the foothills of this giant enjoying incredible views of the andes, the Lanin volcano and the lake Neltume. The tough climb that we have to conquer for enjoying this view is going to be followed by scenic and fun downhill towards the Huilo Huilo waterfall who gives the name of this pristine area.</p> <p>Return to Huilo Huilo 35km</p>	
5	Tues	<p><u>Huilo Huilo -Puyehue</u></p> <p>Today an amazing single track is waiting for us. Starting right next from our hotel we will climb for a couple of kilometres and we'll find ourselves in the shoulders of the Casablanca Volcano where we can enjoy the immensity of the Andes and we'll look for that gem of trail. Find your own perfect line on the pyroclastic sand before entering to one of the greenest and fun trails of the tour</p> <p>35km Accommodation: Hotel Antillanca www.antillanca.com</p>	Puyehue(B,L,D)
6	Wed	<p><u>Puyehue -Puerto Varas</u></p> <p>Alongside Lake Llanquihue, where a unique landscape is waiting for us - the Osorno Volcano with its perfect cone. The side of the Volcano reaches the shore of the lake and we'll pass through the middle of this astounding landscape. Continue to Petrohue, attacking 50km in one of the most beautiful routes of the tour, passing through quaint little villages with a strong German heritage</p> <p>Upon completing the ride we'll head back with the vans to the charming german-style city of Puerto Varas</p> <p>Accommodation: Solace Hotel www.solacehotel.cl</p>	Puerto Varas (B,L)
7	Thurs	<p><u>Puerto Varas</u></p> <p>A free day , we can either bike around Puerto Varas and to the markets in Puerto Montt or its possible to do a day trip across to the picturesque island of Chiloé</p>	Puerto Varas (B)
8	Fri	<p><u>Puerto Varas -Coihaique</u></p> <p>Transfer to Puerto Montt airport for a LAN flight to Balmaceda</p> <p>Transfer to Coihaique</p> <p>Coihaique is the biggest city in the region and the commercial center for this part of Patagonia. We will spend the night in the town and you will have the opportunity to explore and enjoy city+life for the last time in many days</p> <p>Accommodation: Hostal Viento Sur www.hostalvientosur.cl/en</p>	Coihaique (B,D)
9	Sat	<p><u>Coihaique-Villa Cerro Castillo</u></p> <p>We will ride 40 km on paved road towards El Blanco. The town was a post for travelers and populated by farmers. There are just 500 people that live in the town today. In the afternoon we will continue to Villa Cerro Castillo. You will pass by the Reserva Villa Cerro Castillo and admire the interesting landscapes and peaks</p> <p>64km Accommodation: Cabanas El Tropero http://eltropero.cl</p>	Villa Cerro Castillo (B,L,D)
10	Sun	<p><u>Villa Cerro Castillo -Puerto Murta</u></p> <p>An early start today driving 50km and then start the ride</p>	Puerto Murta

		<p>The ride is on gravel and we will continue peddling past beautiful lakes, rivers, and through valleys until we finally reach Puerto Murta 50km Accommodation: Residencial Patagonia</p>	(B,L,D)
11	Mon	<p><u>Puerto Murta -Puerto Bertrand</u> Ride 23 km on gravel road to Puerto Tranquilo. This small port town is home to Lake General Carrera, the largest lake in Chile. Then head towards to Puerto Bertrand, a place where the famous and amazing Baker River starts. Along the route we will pass three lakes, during the summer months the lakes will rise and flood a lot of the area's farmlands. We will ride 25-35 km on gravel roads and cozy cabins will be awaiting us in the evening 48-58km Accommodation: Hosteria Puerto Bertrand</p>	Puerto Bertrand (B,L,D)
12	Tues	<p><u>Puerto Bertrand - Cochrane</u> we will begin cycling along Baker River. You will be able to admire the impressive rapids along the way. We will ride 62 km on gravel road, and cycle over a couple of demanding stretches as we head towards another bigger town. We will stay in a cozy hostel in Cochrane. This is the last town we will stop at with internet and telephone connection. After today we will be entering some of the most untouched places in Patagonia. Outside of Cochrane you can find San Lorenzo Mount, this is one of the highest peaks in the region (12,158 ft) and on a clear day you can see it in the distance. We will spend the night in Cochrane before delving further into Patagonia 62km Accommodation: Hostal Lago Esmeralda</p>	Cochrane (B,L,D)
13	Wed	<p><u>Cochrane -Caleta Tortel</u> Our destination today is Caleta Tortel. You will begin cycling after breakfast and will be traveling approximately 128 kilometers today in total. You will enjoy beautiful views along your 60-kilometer ride on gravel roads to Los Nadis. The rest of the trip will be a mixture of traveling by bike and by auto. Caleta Tortel is an incredible town built on steep stone cliffs and until 2003 was only accessible by water. Today the town is connected via boardwalks and when you arrive you will have to get a boat- taxi or walk along the boardwalks for about 30 minutes until reaching our final destination in a cozy hostel. 60km Accommodation:Hostal Brisas del Sur</p>	Caleta Tortel (B,L,D)
14	Thurs	<p><u>Caleta Tortel</u> During our rest day we will have the opportunity to visit Jorge Montt Glacier. We will enjoy a day trip by boat to see the northern portion of the Southern Ice Fields, which is the third largest fresh water reserve in the world. In the evening we will return back to Caleta Tortel</p>	Caleta Tortel (B,L,D)
15	Fri	<p><u>Caleta Tortel - Villa Ohiggins</u> We will need to start out early today because the journey today is 155km on gravel roads and water. We will begin the day by a transfer to Puerto Yungay where we will board a boat. This ferry will save us some distance peddling and also make the last leg of our adventure on the Carretera Austral more interesting! We</p>	Villa Ohiggins (B,L,D)

16	Sat	<p>will head towards Villa O'Higgins after the ferry crossing docks in Rio Bravo and have 92 km to go on gravel roads. Finally we will arrive in Villa O'Higgins and prepare for the lake crossing the following day. <i>Biking distance to be finalised as part of journey will be done by bus</i> Accommodation: Hosteria Fitzroy www.villaohiggins.com/fitzroy/index.htm</p> <p><u>Villa Ohiggins -Candelario Mansilla</u> Today we will begin our voyage across Lake O'Higgins and Lake San Martin. First we will have breakfast and be prepared to cross the ferry. We will have to ride 15 minutes down a gravel road and then board a ferry that will take us two and a half hours across Lake O'Higgins to Candelario Mansilla, where we will stop and enjoy the life of this remote Estancia for the evening. 5-10km Accommodation: Estancia Candelario Mansilla</p>	Candelario Mansilla(B,L,D)
17	Sun	<p><u>Candelario Mansilla -el Chalten</u> We will begin the day hiking/cycling 4-6 hours on a trail that isn't maintained very well; the distance is only 22 km. It will be difficult, but will add an aspect of true adventure and wilderness to your ride. Finally you will reach Lago Del Desierto and will board another boat to cross the lake. A transfer will meet you and as you come into El Chalten you will notice the amazing peaks that made this area famous. It is a short 40km ride to El Chalten Accommodation: Hotel Los Nires www.losnireshotel.com</p>	El Chalten (B,L)
18	Mon	<p><u>El Chalten</u> Day to explore. Long or short walk options amidst the stunning scenery of Fitzroy National Park are possible or relax in the peace and tranquillity of this lovely mountain town</p>	El Chalten (B)
19	Tues	<p><u>El Chalten -el Calafate</u> Drive to the other side of Lago Argentino to Calafate, time to explore the town this afternoon Accommodation: Hostal del Glaciar www.glaciar.com</p>	el Calafate (B)
20	Wed	<p><u>Full day tour to Perito Moreno Glacier</u> Full day tour to this amazing feat of nature. Surely one of the natural wonders of the world !!! THIS IS AWESOME !! The Moreno Glacier is one of the earth's few advancing glaciers. This 60-80 metre high, 4km long river of ice periodically dams the Brazo Rico of Lago Argentino. Towers of ice fall and break into icebergs !</p>	El Calafate (B)
21	Thurs	<p><u>Calafate – Torres del Paine National Park</u> Today we cross by bus from Calafate Argentina and reenter Chile and enter the spectacular Torres del Paine National Park You have heard about it – now see for yourself – Superb views of the famous Andean cordillera and lakes. You will be surprised at the wildlife in this area, Andean condors, flamingos, guanacos (llama family) wandering across the road, foxes, and many Canadian geese. Stay 5 nights in the park and enjoy the peacefulness and scenery. Our accommodation is in the eco sustainable Eco Camp Domes. www.ecocamp.travel/Domes/Superior</p>	Torres del Paine (B,L,D)

		Yet another stunning day	
22	Fri	<p><u>Torres del Paine</u></p> <p>Our day starts early, with an energetic breakfast, then we will begin our drive to Estancia Lazo a typical family ranch from Patagonia, its here where we began our ride along the edge of Lago Sarmiento and then entering a spectacular single track to reach Laguna verde, our journey continues along this spectacular trail until a technical downhill Trail with an amazing view of the lakes and rivers. After this downhill ride, our vans will be waiting us with fruits, isotonic drinks, dry fruits and some local beer to share our first day experience in the National Park</p> <p>Return to Ecocamp 44km</p>	Torres del Paine (B,L,D)
23	Sat	<p><u>Torres del Paine</u></p> <p>This day our goal is the impressive view of Torres del Paine from Laguna Azul we start with a warming pedalling, then we enter the trails that lead us to visit spectacular places like the West side of Lago Sarmiento, trails near the Nordenskjold lake and later into the incredible Valley of guanacos, where we will find ourselves with hundreds of these beautiful animals. Back in Ecocamp</p>	Torres del Paine (B,L,D)
24	Sun	<p><u>Torres del Paine</u></p> <p>After another good breakfast we prepare for this big day where we visit the spectacular Rio de las Chinas Valley we will ride our bicycles by an old off-road path, we will continue towards the hidden Valley, passing through Laguna Cebolla and started to go towards Cañadon Macho a nice and fast trails to finish our day with a lot of adrenalin.</p> <p>We ended up sharing our classic snack at the end of the trail.</p> <p>We drive back to Ecocamp for the relaxing time and for a nice dinner.</p>	Torres del Paine (B,L,D)
25	Mon	<p><u>Torres del Paine</u></p> <p>Rise very early to appreciate the fantastic Sunrise and then we go to start our last day ride, this ride has an special taste, we will ride surrounding Laguna Azul, some nice forest, and open trails, most of the time by single tracks, our intense ride will have as a reward the spectacular view of the Dickson glacier.</p> <p>Back in Ecocamp a nice Cordero al Palo will be waiting for us... A special dinner for an epic ride.</p>	Torres del Paine (B,L,D)
26	Tues	<p><u>Torres del Paine -Punta Arenas -Santiago-Auckland</u></p> <p>Today take a bus through this rugged, mountainous area, geographically remote from the rest of the country. Through the wilderness this four-hour bus ride through magnificent scenery to Punta Arenas, situated on the Magellan Strait.</p> <p>This is the liveliest and most interesting city in this far corner of the world, featuring many mansions and other imposing buildings dating back to the wool boom of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Transfer to the airport for your LAN Airline late afternoon flight to Santiago. Connect on the Santiago-Auckland flight</p>	(B)

28	Thurs	<p>Arrive Auckland early this morning</p> <p><u>Note about the Itinerary</u></p> <p>This itinerary is subject to alteration on occurrence of any unpredictable conditions and circumstances which may arise in this delightfully chaotic continent. Please remember also that we are travelling in countries, where things do not always go as planned. The main thing is to be flexible and open to change. You will be kept up to date with changes.</p>	
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A note about the Ecocamp Domes in Torres del Paine National Park

Patagonia EcoCamp design was inspired on the traditional Kawesqar hut resembling an igloo and a dome at the same time. The instinctive engineering ability of the Kawesqar can be easily understood these days. The semi-hemispherical structure of the EcoCamp domes is formed by a number of isosceles triangles that provides uniform distribution of the stress caused by severe wind loads. Wind speed in Patagonia often surpasses 160-180km per hour which makes traditional straight and flat walls extremely vulnerable if the structure is meant to be light. Other significant aspect is that rounded bodies minimize the external surface in contact with the cold environment allowing less exchange of temperature with the warm interiors. Finally, semi-hemisphere gave Kawesqars the maximum internal space in relation to the surface they had to cover with valuable and sometimes scarce animal skins. These domes in Torres del Paine have vitrified wooden floors and are 2m/6.5ft high with a diameter of 4m/12ft, allowing plenty of space for sleeping comfortably. They are resistant to the strongest Patagonian winds, rains, and snow and come equipped with , fleece sheets, blankets, and feather quilts. There are round windows in the ceiling to observe the stars of Patagonia before falling asleep. Guests can fall asleep looking up at the star-lit sky from their cozy bed and wonder at nature's immensity as they hear the wind hurtling outside. Each Superior Dome has comfortable queen-size or twin beds, a propane heater and a private bathroom with a sophisticated composting toilet. Electricity is very limited inside the domes, meaning hairdryers are not permitted, but laptops and cameras can be charged.

Inside Superior Domes

~Spacious 23 m² / 250 ft² area~Private fully-equipped bathroom,~Comfortable Queen-size or twin beds ~State of the art composting toilet,~Decoration made of natural fibers,~Propane heater in bedroom



