

Chile - Chile's Lakes District Extension

Trip Code
CLFTLDE
Departure



Introduction

Journey from Puerto Varas at the southern end of Chile's Lakes District to Chiloe Island, where you can follow the trail of Chiloe Island's UNESCO World Heritage listed wooden churches. In Puerto Varas and Frutillar you will see the influence of German settlers in the architecture of these towns. Admire the turquoise blue waters and stunning scenery around Lake Llanquihue, where you can get up close with the Osorno Volcano before seeing the stilted houses of the city of Castro. A boat ride into the sunken forest of the Chepu River Valley is a highlight before time exploring several townships on Chiloe Island.

This extension can be added to our [Signature Patagonia package](#). Contact us for more info.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

Itinerary

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From El Tepual Airport near Puerto Montt,

the gateway of the Andean fjords, you will

be transferred to Puerto Varas. Known as

La Ciudad de las Rosas' or 'The City of

Roses,' Puerto Varas is located on the

shores of Lake Llanquihue at the southern

end of Chile's Lakes District. Characterised

by traditional German architecture,

manicured gardens and the pristine lakeside

scenery, Puerto Varas is a prime location for

adventure sports. Visitors can enjoy

kayaking, sailing, rafting, fishing and sailing

as well as canyoning, rock climbing and

mountain biking. Today is an arrival day

with no activities planned, so you are free to

explore at your leisure.



DAY 2: Frutillar Tour

Further around Lake Llanquihue is the city

of Frutillar, the location of today's half day

excursion. Enroute you will stop in the town

of Llanquihue to visit a Memorial for

German Colonists. Frutillar is known as the

UNESCO city of music thanks to its year-

round program of musical events. Founded

in 1856 by German settlers, the city is

undoubtedly one of Chile's finest. Enjoy

time to discover its beautiful houses and

gardens, shop for souvenirs and take in

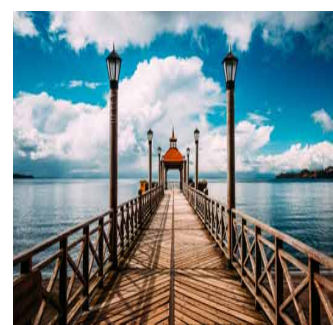
magnificent views of the Osorno and

Puntiagudo volcanos. There's also an

opportunity to visit the German Museum,

which chronicles the life of the early settlers

of Frutillar. (B)



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Today you join a small group tour for a close-up look of Osorno Volcano and the Petrohue Waterfalls. Located on southeast shore of Lake Llanquihue, Osorno Volcano is a 2,652 metre tall conical volcano. The upper slopes are covered in glaciers and the view from the top is spectacular. The Petrohue Falls are located in Vicente Perez Rosales National Park, Chile's oldest National Park, on the eastern slope of the Osorno Volcano. Take the opportunity to view the turquoise waters of the chute-type falls tumble into the Petrohue River from their source at the Todos los Santos Lake. (B,S)



DAY 4: Puerto Varas to Chiloe Island

You will be collected from the hotel in Puerto Varas to begin the journey to Chiloe Island. Travelling from Puerto Varas by road until we reach the pier where you will board the ferry to cross over to Chiloe. While onboard you are free to walk around and enjoy the landscape and birdlife. The journey takes around 40-45 minutes before reaching the shores of Chiloe. On arrival we travel to Chacao, a small village located on the southern shore of the Chacao Channel. Enjoy a coffee break, while admiring the colourful wooden village buildings, followed by a short visit to the local church. From Chacao we continue the journey crossing the island to Castro, with beautiful views on offer of the islands landscape along the way. The journey takes around 1.5 hours. You will be dropped off to your hotel in Castro on arrival. Note: This is a private service with a Spanish speaking driver only.



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From your hotel in Castro you will travel the

locations of the explorer Charles Darwin,

Chilean Patagonia National Park. The park is

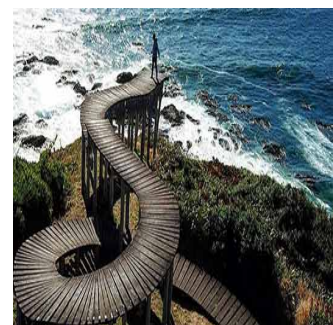
home to a large number of flora and fauna,

such as the Chiloean fox, bushy tailed rat

and sea otter Enjoy a walk along the 'El

Tepaul trail' and see the visitors centre and

museum of Traditions. (B,L)



DAY 6: Dalcahue, Curaco de Velez & Achao

Tour

Today you will tour Dalcahue, Curaco de

Velez and Achao villages and enjoy lunch at

a local restaurant. Dalcahue is a port city

known for its UNESCO World Heritage

listed Iglesia de Nuestra Senora de los

Dolores (Church of our Lady of Sorrows).

The town hosts a handicraft market where

you can shop for woollen clothing. Curaco

de Velez is a commune known for its naval

history. It too has a UNESCO World

Heritage listed church, Iglesia de Curaco de

Velez, and the houses in this district are

quite colourful. Finally, Achao is home to a

third UNESCO World Heritage listed

church, the Santa Maria de Loreto. The

town also features a number of houses built

with latch tiles, a sandy beach and several

viewpoints from its surrounding hills

including the Alto de Paloma. From these

viewpoints keep your eyes peeled for the

straight-billed curlew and the Chilean

Flamingo. As you travel the roads between

these towns watch for farmers who use

traditional Indigenous practices that

promote the conservation of natural

resources. (B,L)



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 You will leave Chiloe Island after breakfast, depart from your hotel in Castro by road and ferry back to Puerto Montt, ready for your next destination. (B)



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotels

Inclusions

- Private airport transfers
- Accommodation with breakfast daily
- Other meals where stated
- Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary

Inclusions

Exclusions

- International and internal flights not indicated
- Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable)
- Travel Insurance
- Beverages
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities for tour guides/drivers
- Any items not mentioned as included
- 1 (easy adventure)
- A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
- Prices are based on per person, twin share.
- Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
- All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Difficulty Rating

Single Surcharge

Notes

Price Dependent upon Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability