

ECO GIRA DE ESTUDIO MTB CARRETERAAUSTRAL—CAETATORIEL-PATAGONIA

Mt.bike Carretera Austral – Puerto Bertrand – Confluencia Río Baker y Neff – Cochrane – Los Ñadis – Caleta Tortel – Outdoor Gastronomy – Camp Skills – Local Comunity – Bicycle basic mechanics workshop

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Carretera Austral is recognized as one of the most important engineering projects in Chile, which in the recent history of our country managed to unite by land the southern area of the Lakes Region and the entire Aysén Region with the rest of the National territory. This route travels about 1,240 km from Puerto Montt to the town of Villa O'Higgins at south, finding in its southern end an alternative road that borders the magnificent Baker River and that takes us to the small town of Caleta Tortel.

Also, the Carretera Austral has been recognized as one of the most beautiful roads on the planet, because in its journey we can appreciate the beauty of the purest landscapes of our country, adorned by immense native forests, rivers, lakes, valleys, and huge mountains crowned by eternal ice. It is like this as every year thousands of travelers from all the world come to enjoy these magnificent landscapes, many of them by vehicle, motor homes, by motorcycle, as backpackers, and the more adventurous, by bicycle.

Pared Sur Camp invites you to be part of this adventure, so that together we can ride the southern stretch of the Carretera Austral by bicycle, which will allow us to see beautiful corners of Chilean Patagonia, bordering a large part of the Baker River, enjoying funny camps nights, marveling with the immensity of the landscapes and getting to know our beautiful south until arriving at the town of Caleta Tortel, an emblematic coastal village located on the side of the Baker delta, famous for having no streets, but beautiful wooden footbridges.

BIKE RIDE BY CARRETERA AUSTRAL 7D/6N

<u>DAY 1:</u> PANORAMIC JOURNEY BY THE CARRETERA AUSTRAL - LUNCH IN PARED SUR CAMP - ASSIGN THE BYCICLES – BIKE RIDE TO THE "DESAGÜE" BRIDGE - CAMPING CERRO COLOR - DINNER WITH COLONOS - CAMP.

Nov 3 at 04:30 am. EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT: students will become familiar with the use of the bicycle, driving rules and hazards associated with the activity. In addition, students will be introduced to the use and handling of camping stuff that we will use during our program days.

Flight to Balmaceda airport. Reception of the group and transfer by Carretera Austral Sur in private bus making some stops on the route at Cerro Castillo and Valle del Río Ibáñez, among others. Transfer to Pared Sur Camp to have lunch and perform a first pedaling of approx. 18 km to get acquainted with the activity, bicycle handling and safety regulations. We will visit the Hanging Bridge of the General Carrera Lake drainage and the Contreras Cordon Viewpoint. Arrival at Cerro Color Campsite to set up the first camp (workshop for the assembly of tents) and enjoy a delicious dinner with a couple of settlers. (17 km from MTB approx.)

<u>DAY 2:</u> RIDE BY CARRETERA AUSTRAL TO THE SOUTH – PUERTO BERTRAND – BAKER RIVER –BAKER AND NEFF CONFLUENCE – CAMP SITE "EL MANZANO".

Nov 4 at 09:00 am. EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT: students will learn to value different aspects of nature conservation and care, identify geomorphological aspects of the region, learn to recognize the importance of environmental awareness, learn to develop leadership skills to work as a team and develop social skills and fellowship in an atmosphere of communion through the experience of a camp with tasks designated in a democratic sense.

At morning we will enjoy a complete breakfast to start the ride to the south passing through Puerto Bertrand and the beginning of the great Baker River, the largest and most beautiful in Chile. We will make our first stop in Puerto Bertrand, a beautiful town located on the shores of the Lake. Later we will continue to the sector of the Confluence of the Baker and Neff Rivers to make a small trekking where we will find a spectacular waterfall and the confluence of 2 rivers of different color and enjoy a delicious lunch. In the afternoon we will move to the Baker Pioneers Museum and set up our camp, learning some rules of "Leave No Traces". Between all we will prepare a rich dinner and we will enjoy an entertaining bonfire. (32 km of MTB approx.)

DAY 3: BIKE RIDE AT CARRETERA AUSTRAL – TREKKING TO BAKER AND CHACABUCO RIVERS CONFLUENCE – COCHRANE CAMPSITE

Nov 5 at 09:30 EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT: Students will know the importance of Outdoor Environmental Education and the creation of environmental awareness to care for the environment. We can identify the advantages and disadvantages of living in such isolated cities as Cochrane, the largest in the southern area of the Carretera Austral.

After preparing and enjoying a delicious breakfast and set down the camp, we will start our bicycle trip to the south. We will stop at the confluence of the Baker and Chacabuco rivers and trek down to the beach located just in front of the sector where the company Endesa intended to install a dam on the Baker. We will walk back to our bicycles to enjoy a delicious snack. We will continue our trip along the Carretera Austral while we enjoy beautiful views of the river

until we reach the town of Cochrane, we will walk through its streets and get to know its buildings and services. Finally we will move to the place where we will set up our camp and prepare a delicious dinner.

<u>DAY 4:</u> BIKE RIDE AT CARRETERA AUSTRAL -ESMERALDA LAGOON – BARRANCOSO RAVINE – LOS ÑADIS RIVER – CAMPSITE.

Nov 6 at 09:00 EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT: in the longest stretch of the expedition, students will reinforce values such as empathy, teamwork, solidarity. We will know the importance of the Baker River in the Colonization and livestock boom of the region.

After the breakfast and later set down the camp, we will continue towards the south by the Carretera Austral. On the way we will visit the Esmeralda Lagoon, rivers, beautiful landscapes and the Cuesta del Barrancoso. In the afternoon we will arrive at the camp of Lili Schindler where we will set up camp and after dinner we will know important historical antecedents on the Baker River as axis of the development of the region.

<u>DAY 5:</u> BIKE RIDE AT CARRETERA AUSTRAL – LOS ÑADIS RIVER – BAKER RIVER – "VAGABUNDO" AREA – CAMPSITE LOS ÑADIS RIVER.

Nov 7 at 09:00 EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT: students will know the last stretch of the Baker River. In the afternoon we will share dinner with Lili Schindler and her husband Lorenzo and we will know what life is like in such a remote corner of Patagonia.

After breakfast, we will leave our camp to take our bicycles and go to the junction of the Carretera Austral and pedal south to the sector of El Vagabundo. In this place we will leave the bicycles and return by vehicle to Campo de Lili Schindler to enjoy a delicious dinner in the Patagonian style and learn about the life history of the homeowners, their relationship with the environment and the way of life offered by the Patagonia.

<u>DAY 6:</u> TRANSFER TO VAGABUNDO – BIKE RIDE CARRETERA AUSTRAL – CALETA TORTEL – PARED SUR CAMP – DINNER AT PARED SUR CAMP.

NOV 8 at 08:00 EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT: on the day we meet the purpose of the trip, students will know the way of life of the unique Caleta Tortel, one of the most isolated villages of Carretera Austral.

We will have breakfast early in the morning and we will dismantle the camp, load the truck and leave Lili's place to move to El Vagabundo. We will take our bicycles and prepare for the last pedaling of the expedition, arriving past noon at Caleta Tortel. We will visit its footbridges, we will know the waterfront, plaza de armas, emblematic buildings (firefighters, school, municipality, etc). We will have lunch in Tortel and in the afternoon we will take the vehicle that will take us back to Pared Sur Camp, where we will enjoy a delicious dinner and a restful night.

<u>DAY 7:</u> PARED SUR CAMP – CERRO CASTILLO – MUSEO Y SITIO ARQUEOLOGICO – AEROPUERTO.

Nov 9 at 07:00 EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT: students will learn to recognize historical and archaeological aspects of local heritage.

Early departure from South Wall via Carretera Austral to Villa Cerro Castillo where we will visit the cave paintings of the "Alero de las Manos" and the old school declared a national monument. Lunch and transfer to Balmaceda Airport to board the flight that will take us back to Santiago.

price of the program \$895.000.- CLP

NOTE: This program is subject to changes or adjustments depending on weather conditions or other causes of force majeure.

NOTE: this program will be developed in EXPEDITION format, where we need the students to understand that they are part of a TEAM to carry out the trip, cooperating actively in tasks such as installation and dismantling of camps, preparation of meals, cleaning and maintenance of bicycles, etc. The trip takes place with free luggage bicycles, the load is carried by a truck of support expeditions.

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- All-round creation and production. Exclusive programme of ParedSurCamp.
- 7 days according to plan already described.
- 5 nights accommodation in Rustic Camp, assembled and disassembled among all participants, in tents for 3 or 4 people equipped with mats and pillows.
- 1 night of accommodation (last night of the program) in Panoramic Domes in Pared Sur Camp.
- All meals at the Pared Sur Camp style based on buffet breakfasts, lunches or rich picnic lunch, dinners accompanied with soda and juices. The meals will be prepared by all the members of the program, organizing the work democratically in the field.
- Transfer in a private bus from the school to the airport at the beginning of each programme.
- Air transfer for the section Santiago-Balmaceda-Santiago via Latam or Sky.
- All transfers according to the tour in private bus.
- bicycle availability for every day of the program
- Support vehicles throughout the journey; expedition truck to carry luggage and camping equipment, minibus and 4x4 truck for logistic support, bicycle mechanic and support for the participants.
- Radio communication, first aid kit and an integral security plan design.
- Service of tour guides, chef and camp assistants
- Trip insurance.
- Exclusively for teachers single tents.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- Nothing that is not detailed or stipulated in the programme.
- Transfer not considered in the tour.
- Extras of any type.
- Transfer from the airport to the school back in Santiago.
- Expenses for damage in the facilities or loss of assigned equipment.
- Costs associated to evacuation due to health problems, injuries or others.
- Additional costs for reprogramming of flights in special cases or force majeure.

LIST OF SUGGESTED CLOTHES AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- Regular clothes outfit for the bus trip, there and back.
- Medium size backpack for carrying snacks and warm clothes during the excursions.
- Backpack or big bag for carrying their belongings during the trip.
- Water bottle, ideally for use on the bicycle. CamelBack works good to.
- Comfortable sneakers and spare pair of shoes.
- Sandals for the shower.
- 4 or 5 pairs of warm socks for the activities and 2 pairs of regular socks.
- Anorak for cold weather and rain. Plastic cape for the rain.
- 2 comfortable pair of pants for pedal or walk, trekking pants, tracksuit or similar.
- Thermic pants or similar.
- 4 or 5 synthetic t-shirts for the activities. Cotton t-shirts for tours and camp.
- 1-2 long sport panties (synthetic, not cotton).
- 1-2 polar fleece jackets (or similar), one lighter than the other. It can also be replaced by woollen jackets.
- Woollen cap or similar that protects head, neck and ears.
- Gloves for bike, personal helmet.
- Lantern (ideally small, with spare batteries).
- Sunscreen for face, body and lips.
- Sport Sunglasses
- Toothbrush and toothpaste, wet towels, hygiene products.
- First aid kit with medications and daily use hygiene products. Insect repellent.
- Towel and swimming suit.
- Cameras, storage cards, spare batteries and charger.
- Sleeping bag.
- ID card.
- It is not necessary to bring household utensils (cup, dishes, cutlery, etc.), nor tent or mat; these are provided by Pared Sur Camp.