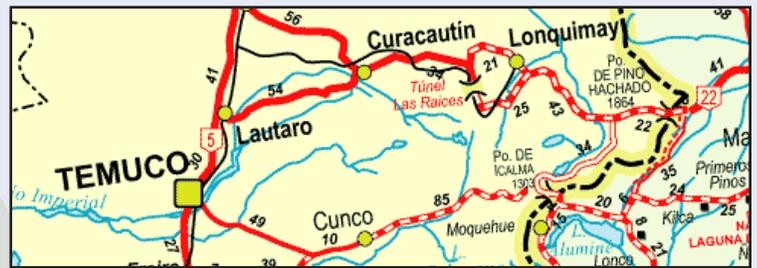


LONQUIMAY

THE TOWN, THE RIVER, THE VOLCANO



Located 900 meters above sea level, in the Andes Mountains, Lonquimay is a land of natural beauties, where centuries-old Araucarias predominate the landscape and snow capped mountains sit in the background. In winter, it is a backcountry ski and snowboarding paradise, whilst summer is warm enough for hikes and water sports.

During our 7-day-trip, we will not only be tourists in one of the most unexplored and beautiful places in Chile, but we will also be continually immersed in outdoor learning experiences.

Our base camp will be in Los Arenales, located near the town of Lonquimay. We will immerse ourselves in the Mapuche culture, which predominates in the area; learning their customs and language, and giving back to their community. We will also enjoy the outdoors with hikes to the Navidad crater, visit a lava valley, enjoy a kayak adventure on the Lonquimay river and visit the historic Ránquil area to hike up to its hidden lakes. This, and much more awaits us in beautiful southern Chile....

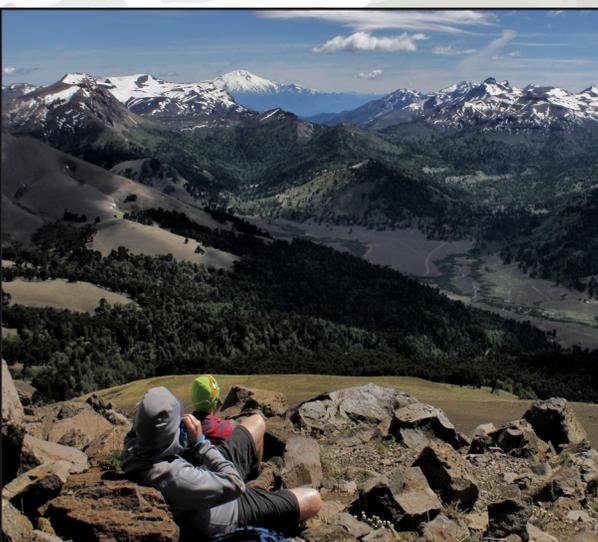
DAY 1 - SATURDAY

We will fly out of Santiago to Temuco. In Temuco, our first stop will be informative: we will visit the Museo Regional de la Araucanía to get an introduction of the Mapuche people, their history and culture. We will get information of the area we'll be staying at and situate ourselves on the map. We will then drive east towards Lonquimay. Upon arrival at our refugio in Los Arenales, a hearty dinner will be ready for us, prepared by our Mapuche hosts. We'll have time to settle down and rest for the next day.

* WWW Objectives applied: Cultural Awareness



DAY 2 - SUNDAY



We'll start the day with a basic outdoors crash course. This will cover subjects like how to pack for the outdoors, the 'leave no trace' concept, and wilderness first aid. We will then take all this knowledge with us and hike Las Mellizas. At the top, we will be able to enjoy the amazing 360° view of the nine volcanoes of the region. The afternoon will be spent in an outdoors survival workshop led by the Lonquimay Army Special Forces unit. We'll learn how to navigate using a compass, and other life-saving skills. We'll apply all this again back in Arenales.

* WWW Objectives applied: Leadership & Collaboration, Learning Life Skills, Environmental Education

DAY 3 - MONDAY

We'll start our day with a visit to El Naranjo public school. After their morning assembly, we will spend some time teaching Kinder and third grade Mapuche and Chilean students some basic English, and they will in turn teach us basic words and phrases in Mapudungún. In the afternoon we will begin our kayak adventure down the Lonquimay river. We'll be on the water for about three hours, having gone through a brief introductory kayaking class.

* WWW Objectives applied: Cultural Awareness, Service Learning, Leadership & Collaboration, Learning Life Skills



DAY 4 - TUESDAY



This morning we'll visit a school for children with disabilities in Lolén, on the outskirts of Lonquimay. They'll show us their bakery, and how they maintain the school self-sufficient through hard work and much effort. Back in Lonquimay we will walk around town, and visit Hector Neira's at his restaurant 'Rustiko', where we will eat some delicious pizza and piñón cookies! We'll spend the afternoon rappelling down hills in Arenales in basic and intermediate level courses.

* WWW Objectives applied: Leadership & Collaboration, Learning Life Skills, Cultural Awareness, Service Learning

DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

Day five starts with a morning volcano sighting trip. After a short drive through Cuesta Las Raices, we will arrive to the feet of the Lonquimay volcano, and get to hike to the top of the Navidad crater. Back at the bottom, we'll continue our journey into the lava valley, being able to see the fluorescent volcanic lagoons that formed from the eruption. The brave will have a chance to take a dip in the cold waters! On our way back to Arenales we'll stop by a local *ruka* (Mapuche home) where we'll be shown a little more about Mapuche life.

* WWW Objectives applied: Leadership & Collaboration, Learning Life Skills, Environmental Education, Cultural Awareness



DAY 6 – THURSDAY



The group will experience rappelling, the controlled descend off a vertical drop. Everyone will get a safety course and instructions on how to handle the rope, the harness, etc. Then each will get a chance to try rappelling from different altitudes assisted by our guide. Back in Arenales, we will start organizing a celebration to thank all those who were part of our journey.

* WWW Objectives applied: Learning Life Skills, Cultural Awareness, Leadership & Collaboration

DAY 7 – FRIDAY

This is our last day in the South. After cleaning up and packing, we will go to Alaska waterfall to close the trip and say good-bye to Lonquimay. Our vans will then take us back to Temuco airport to catch our flights to Santiago. On our way to there, we will stop by Curacautín's local fair to get some souvenirs.

* Weather in the south Andean region can be very unpredictable. Trip organizers reserve the right to make changes to the activities based on weather restrictions. Equipment for all weather conditions is included in the trip.

** Nido guides will inform the group of predicted weather conditions in Lonquimay and how to adapt their packing, closer to the date of the trip.

TRIP COST:

CLP \$750,000 (includes all meals/activities/land transportation)
+ flight (approx. CLP \$45,000).

YOU SHOULD PACK THE FOLLOWING:

- Warm, comfortable clothes
- Thermal base layers
- Sleeping bag
- Towel
- Hiking shoes and poles
- Extra pair of shoes
- Personal hygiene items
- Hat, gloves, scarf, warm accessories
- Sun glasses, sunscreen, hat/cap or similar
- Backpack for day trips
- Reusable water bottle
- Swimwear
- River shoes/crocs/sandals (not flip flops)
- Headlamp

OPTIONAL BUT RECOMMENDED:

- Camera or action cam
- Book
- Binoculars
- Running shoes/gear
- Marshmallows / snacks to share with the group