



Antilco Horse Trekking
Horse Riding Adventures in the Andes

Crossing the Andes - Chile into Argentina tent camp ride.

Day 1: Pick up in Pucon 09.00 am, we have breakfast and afterwards we take an initial ride through the Quelhue mountains and along Liucura River to evaluate your riding experience, get familiar with the saddle and tack, and determine which horses to take on our great adventure. Lunch at Antilco, time to pack the saddlebags. In the evening we ride to our first camp at Renahue.

Day 2: We cross the first of three mountain ranges on our trail towards Argentina. At night we camp beside the natural hot springs in Rio Blanco Valley.

Day 3: We ride through virgin rainforests and dense stands of Coighue trees and bamboo crossing the second range. The night we spent at a mountain farm at the Mapuche Indian community "Flor de Valle"

Day 4: We ride along the slopes of Sollipulli volcano, overnight on a clearing in a forest of ancient Araucaria trees.

Day 5: We cross the last range before Argentina and spend the night in a cabin at the shore of Lake Icalma. It's here where we meet our supply truck which besides food and beverage carries your second bag of personal items for the Argentinean leg.

Day 6: We ride to the border, after arranging custom formalities with the Chilean border control we cross the border 20 meters on foot, and greet Hernan and his wonderful Argentinean horses, which will bring us through the unique world of the Argentinean Andes for the next three days. We ride up to the top of Batea Mahuida Volcano with 6560 feet the highest point on our ride. Overnight in tent camp.

Days 7 and 8: We ride the valleys and cliffs of Argentina, watch condors pass us by and enjoy amazing views over the endless wide-open spaces of this uninhabited part of the world. On the evening of the 8th day we reach the outpost where Hernan lives with his horses and which marks the end of our journey. We celebrate the end of the trek with a typical Argentinean BBQ.

Day 9: After breakfast, we transfer back to Chile. We can bring you to Temuco city (1.00 pm) or Temuco airport (1.30 pm) or Pucon (3.30 pm).



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Sanitary equipment

Showers on 3 days, otherwise lake or river, Toilets on 4 days.

Swimming in lakes: day 6.

Natural hot springs: day 3.

Accommodation

Night 1: tent camp Renahue, overlooking Lake Caburgua.

Night 3: tent camp Rio Blanco hot springs

Night 4: tent camp Flor de Valle

Night 5: tent camp araucaria forest

Night 6: double in cabin on Lake Icalma

Night 7: tent camp cordillera Argentina

Night 8: tent camp cordillera Argentina

Night 9: double in cabin

Food

Complete food and soft drinks from dinner on the first day to breakfast on the last day. On the trail we have breakfast, a snack at midday and dinner at the campfire. We serve wonderful Chilean and Argentinean wines for dinner. In Chile and Argentina meals in general are heavily meat based but we frequently cater for vegetarians and vegans. Please let us know in advance of any restrictions or allergies.

Luggage

We provide all gear from spoon to tent; we use self-inflating mats and sleeping bags (comfort 2° C/36° F) from Chilean company Doite, Tents from Salewa, Robens and Doite.

Luggage is carried by packhorses in Chile and accompanying truck in Argentina.

The weight/volume limit for personal luggage is 6 kg/13 lbs./10 liters. You will pack two packages of 6 kg/13 lbs./10 liters each; on the last night in Chile we meet a supply truck that brings the second bag for the Argentinean leg of the ride. We provide waterproof bags that fit in our leather saddlebags.

All descriptions and facts detailed above describe the habitual ongoing of the ride, they do not provide a base for legal rights.