



Antilco Horse Trekking
Horse Riding Adventures in the Andes

Crossing the Andes - Chile into Argentina cabin/tent camp ride.

Day 1: Arrival day, pick up at Temuco airport 03.00 pm or Pucon 01.00 pm, welcome to the ranch, dinner at the ranch house.

Day 2: 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. Overnight at Antilco.

Day 3: Day 3: We cross the first of three mountain ranges on our trail towards Argentina. At night we stay in double rooms in cabins 5 minutes away from the natural hot springs in Rio Blanco Valley.

Day 4: We ride through virgin rainforests and dense stands of Coighue trees and bamboo crossing the 2nd range. The night we spent in a tent camp at a mountain farm at the Mapuche Indian community "Flor de Valle". This evening we will meet our supply truck.

Day 5: We ride along the slopes of Sollipulli volcano, overnight in the mountain lodge "Nevados de Sollipulli".

Day 6: 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 7: 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.

Day 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 we reach the outpost where Hernan lives with his horses.

Day 9: We enjoy a daylong farewell ride to cliffs and a viewpoint overlooking the area of our last day's rides.

Day 10: 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 all days except day four and seven.
Toilets on all days except day two and seven.
Swimming in lake: days two and six.
Natural hot springs: day three
Hot tubs: day five.

Accommodation

Night 1: double room at Antilco
Night 2: double room at Antilco
Night 3: double in cabin at Rio Blanco hot springs
Night 4: tent camp Flor de Valle
Night 5: double in mountain lodge "Nevados de Sollipulli"
Night 6: double in cabin on Lake Icalma
Night 7: tent camp cordillera Argentina
Night 8: double in cabin
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 cabins/ lodge. We serve wonderful Chilean and Argentinean wines for dinner. Not included: spirits at the bar of Sollipulli lodge. 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 packhorse in Chile and accompanying truck in Argentina.

The weight/volume limit for personal luggage is 6 kg/13 lbs/10 liters. We provide a pack roll in which all luggage should fit. You pack three bags, 6 kg/13 lbs/10 liters each, two for the Chilean leg, one for Argentina. 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.