

MARBLE AND HAND PAINTINGS

4 days/3 nights

Departure: Balmaceda airport, Chile

End of tour: El Chaltén, Argentina

Description

An excellent option to visit the marble caves and get to Mount Fitz Roy in one package. From Balmaceda airport you will be conducted along southern Austral Road in direction to lake General Carrera, the second biggest lake in Southamerica, shared with Argentina. In its Chilean part, close to the Icefields, you will get to see the famous marble caves. You will cross to Argentina in Chile Chico and visit hand paintings on the Argentinian Ruta 40, which leads you until El Chaltén, close to Mount Fitz Roy.

Itinerary

Day 1: From Balmaceda to Puerto Tranquilo

Reception in Balmaceda airport and transfer to Puerto Tranquilo village during five hours driving along the southern Carretera Austral, crossing a variety of different landscapes, driving along river Ibañez and then river Murta. You will get to lake General Carrera and after one hour driving along the emerald coloured lake, you will arrive in the small village Puerto Tranquilo. Lunch in Cerro Castillo village. Dinner and lodging in Puerto Tranquilo.

Day 2: Marble caves and glacier Exploradores

Early breakfast and at 9.00 o'clock start a half-day excursion to the marble caves, close to Puerto Tranquilo. You will go on board during 45 minutes to the caves and different formations in marble, on the shore of lake General Carrera. After lunch you will be driving to glacier Exploradores during the whole afternoon. This is a big glacier which tongue of ice falls in middle of a valley. At about 6 Pm you will return to Puerto Tranquilo for dinner and lodging. Includes box lunch to eat in a nice place along Valle Exploradores.

Day 3: Puerto Guadal, Chile Chico and Perito Moreno

Early breakfast and at 8 o'clock continue driving south until the end of lake General Carrera to take the international road to the border with Argentina. You will visit Puerto Guadal, Mallin Grande and Chile Chico along the most dramatic road in Patagonia, driving the southern shore of lake General Carrera up cliffs to the lake. You will arrive in Chile Chico for lunch aprox. at 13.00

o'clock and then cross the border to Argentina. Includes lunch in Chile Chico. Half and hour drive to perito Moreno for lodging. Dinner on your own.

Day 4: Hand painting caves and arrival in El Chaltén

After early breakfast continue south on Ruta 40 until the road that takes you to Cueva de las manos. Visit that caves for a couple of hours. Box lunch in the caves and continue south to El Chaltén, a small village at the feet of Mount Fitz Roy.

End of our services

Program Includes:

Transfer from Balmaceda until El Chaltén.

2 nights lodging in Puerto Tranquilo

1 night lodging in Perito Moreno, Argentina

2 nights dinner (in Puerto Tranquilo)

2 box lunch (Exploradores and Hand paintings)

2 lunch (Cerro castillo and Chile Chico)

Entrance to marble caves, Exploradores glacier and Cueva de las manos

Does not include:

Dinner in Perito Moreno

Tips

Wines and beverages

Highlights

Southern Austral Road (Chile)

Marble caves (Chile)

Glacier Exploradores (Chile)

Chile Chico (Chile)

Hand paintings at Río Pinturas (Argentina)

El Chaltén (Argentina)

Departures (October to April)

Every Wednesday

Price

US\$ 1.800.- per person