

SAN RAFAEL GLACIER AND MALLIN COLORADO ECOLOGE

From and to Balmaceda airport

7 days/ 6 nights

Description

Visit one of the lesser known places in the world to enjoy virgin forests, lush green landscapes, emerald colored lakes and the Northern Ice Field glaciers. The areas that you will visit on this tour include some of Chile's most pristine and beautiful locations: Lake General Carrera and its famous marble caves, Baker River, and San Rafael Glacier. The Austral Road traverses one of the least populated areas in the world.

Itinerary

Day 1: Balmaceda – Lake General Carrera

After we welcome you at the Balmaceda airport, we will drive South along the Carretera Austral through valleys, forests, mountains and then along the shore of the enormous Lake General Carrera. It will be a full day trip, because we will stop many times along the road to take pictures. We will arrive in the evening to the Mallin Colorado Ecolodge, in time to check into your cabin and join us in the main dining room for dinner.

Day 2: Mallin Colorado Hike

After breakfast we will go hiking or horseback riding to the Mallin Colorado Lagoon. We will be traveling through native forests of coigues, lengas and ñirre with open views of the emerald colored waters of Lake General Carrera surrounded by high mountain ranges. We continue on to see the glaciers of the Cordón Contreras mountain range with its eternal snow in the background and lake Bertrand in the foreground. We will have lunch in the lodge followed by a free afternoon to take shorter walks and enjoy the landscape.

Day 3: Marble Caves and River Baker

After breakfast we will start a one-hour-drive north to visit the famous rock formations on the shores of Lake General Carrera called the Marble Caves. We will visit the peninsula of marble by boat and you will have the chance to take close up photos of the sculptural reflections of marble in the clear calypso waters of the lake. After the visit to this unique place, we will drive back to the lodge for lunch. After lunch we will drive south to see the Baker River and its confluence with Nef River, making a short stop in the small village of Puerto Bertrand on the shores of Lake Bertrand. We will overlook the river to view its rapids and appreciate the color and the power of the largest river in Chile, which is threatened by the proposed construction of hydro-electrical dams. After

that, we will arrive to the majestic point called La Confluencia, where the Baker River meets the Nef River and the Baker River's emerald colored waters are changed forever. We will come back to the lodge in the evening, for dinner and lodging.

Day 4: Driving from Mallin Colorado to Puerto Aisen

We start our trip to Puerto Aisen early in the morning, visiting Coyhaique downtown and several attractions on the road to the coast. Much of the trip along the paved road passes through extraordinary landscapes of dense forests between mountains and cliffs. In the afternoon we arrive in Puerto Aisen. Lodging and dinner

Day 5: Full day cruise to San Rafael glacier

Early in the morning, you will be driven to Puerto Chacabuco pier to take the cruise for a whole day to San Rafael Glacier. There you will get breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks. After navigating the fjords and channels, you will enter San Rafael Lagoon and take small boats to get closer to the ice walls and luckily see ice breaks in the clear water. Late arrival in Puerto Chacabuco and transfer to your lodge. Dinner included.

Day 6: Lamb barbecue in Parque Aiken

Morning excursion to Parque Aiken, where you will walk through dense and wet forests, with a nice blue lake and high mountains around. For lunch, a typical lamb barbecue in the quincho of the park. Afternoon free for a city tour in Puerto Aisen. Dinner and lodging .

Day 7: Transfer to Balmaceda airport

After breakfast, transfer to Balmaceda airport, aprox 3 hours.

End of our services.

Includes

Ground transportation to and from the airport and to all excursions.

3 nights lodging in Mallin Colorado Ecologde

3 nights lodging in Puerto Aisen

Full board during the whole trip

Excursion to the marble caves

Mallin Colorado Hike/Horsebackriding

Visit to river Baker confluence

Cruise to San Rafael glacier

Lamb barbecue at Parque Aikén

Does not include

Wines and beverages

Tips

Optional excursions

Rafting on river Baker

Visit to Patagonia park (Cochrane)

Highlights

Marble caves

River Baker

San Rafael glacier

Lamb barbecue

Prices: US\$ 2.600.- per person