

MALLIN COLORADO AND CALETA TORTEL

7 days/6nights

From and to Balmaceda airport

Description

Visit the southernmost area of the Austral Road. Visit the marble caves, take a horseback riding for half a day in a private property, drive to the remote village caleta Tortel with its Cypress passages in the end of river Baker. With all transportation, meals and lodging included, this is a full program to pamper you in the end of the world.

Itinerary

Day 1: Balmaceda – marble caves – Mallin Colorado

You will be greeted at the Balmaceda Airport and we will drive you about 5 hours (150 miles) to the lodge, along the extremely scenic Carretera Austral. Lunch will be provided with a view of magnificent mountain peaks. In the late afternoon we will take an excursion by boat to the Marble Caves near Puerto Tranquilo. You will arrive at the Mallin Colorado Ecolodge, in time to settle into your cabin before dinner is served.

Day 2: Mallin Colorado

Breakfast will be served in the main lodge. You may choose to walk or ride horseback to the Mallin Colorado Lagoon through native forests of Coigüe and Lenga, with excellent views of the Cordón Contreras Glaciers. Lunch will be provided and in the afternoon you will be free to explore the 3 kms. of Mallin Colorado pathways or simply enjoy the stunning view from either the patio of the main lodge or the deck of your cabin. Dinner will be served in front of the fireplace.

Day 3: Mallin Colorado – river Baker – Caleta Tortel

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM in the main lodge, so that we may get an early start on our drive to Caleta Tortel. We will visit the small village of Puerto Bertrand on lovely Lake Bertrand and watch as its waters flow into the exceptionally beautiful turquoise water of the Baker River. We will follow a short trail to witness the mighty power of the rapids at the confluence of the Baker River and the Nef River. We will then visit the town of Cochrane, famous for its delicious empanadas. In late afternoon we will arrive in Caleta Tortel. Originally accessible only by boat, the town consists in an ingenious network of footbridges, stairs and bridges that go over rocks, vegetation and marshes, connecting the piers with the houses and shops. Lodging will be in a rustic yet elegant lodge.

Day 4:

A free day in Caleta Tortel to walk around the hundreds of stairs and bridges made of Cypress wood, take photographs and enjoy the amazing views. Lunch and dinner in the lodge. Optional

tour could be a boat excursion to the Isla de los Muertos (half day) or Ventiquero Montt (full day).

Day 5: Caleta Tortel – Patagonia park – Mallin Colorado

After breakfast, we will visit the Chacabuco Valley where you will see guanacos, foxes, condors, flamingos, bandurrias and many other birds in a unique ecosystem which is more similar to the Argentinian steppe than Chilean Patagonia. We will arrive back at the Mallín Colorado Lodge for dinner and lodging. (420 kms.)

Day 6: Excursion of your choice from Mallin Colorado

Breakfast in the main lodge followed an excursion of your choice: a boat excursion on Lake Bertrand, a full day of hiking around Puerto Guadal, or rafting on the Baker River. Picnic lunch will be provided. Dinner will be served at Mallín Colorado.

Day 7: Transfer to Balmaceda airport

Breakfast at the lodge and then transportation will be provided to the Balmaceda Airport. It is a 5 hour drive with a stop for lunch on route. (240 kms)

End of our services

Includes

Transportation in Patagonia (aprox 1.100 kms)

4 nights lodging at the Mallín Colorado Ecolodge

2 nights lodging in Caleta Tortel

Full board during the whole trip

Walking/horsebackriding to Mallín Colorado Lagoon

Tour of the Marble Caves

Excursion to Caleta Tortel

Excursions to Puerto Bertrand, the Baker River, and Cochrane

Visit to Patagonia park

Does not include:

Wines and beverages

Tips for locals (cash)

Optional excursions

Half day boat tour Isla de los Muertos (Caleta Tortel)

Full day boat tour to glacier Montt (Caleta Tortel)

Full day to San Rafael glacier

Full day jet boat to Leones Glacier

Highlights

Marble caves

Mallin Colorado trails

River Baker confluence

Caleta Tortel village

Patagonia Park

Price: US\$ 2.600.- per person