



*Itinerary especially prepared for
Clients of Small Group Travel*

Pre-tour extension – Southern Lakes Crossing

DAY 1 Thursday 12 September 2013
Sydney / Santiago / Puerto Montt

Please be sure that your check-in luggage is securely locked prior to check-in and that you have no sharp objects in your hand luggage. This includes tweezers, metal nail files, sewing scissors, etc...

This morning you will depart Sydney on your flight to South America. As you cross the International Date Line you 'gain' a day, so you will arrive into Santiago also on Thursday. On arrival you will connect with your flight to Puerto Montt, in the Southern Lakes District of Patagonia. This area contains a series of magnificent lakes cutting through and strung along the foothills of the Andes. On arrival in Puerto Montt, a quaint little fishing town, you will be met and taken to your hotel in nearby Puerto Varas, a beautiful alpine style village on the shores of Llanquihue Lake. Here you will stay for two nights. (MEALS INFLIGHT)

CABANAS DEL LAGO, SUPERIOR ROOM

DAY 2 Friday 13 September
Puerto Montt / Puerto Varas

Today you will be taken on a tour of Puerto Montt, you will be taken to the viewing platform overlooking the whole Reloncavi Sound and the city of Puerto Montt. Then you head to the downtown, coastway, and the monument to the first German settlers. In the main square visit the redwood (alerce) Cathedral built in 1856 You will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon is at leisure. (BL)

DAY 3 Saturday 14 September
Puerto Varas / Southern Lakes Crossing / Bariloche

From Puerto Varas your crossing is a combination of bus and boat travel traversing this spectacular area. This morning you will be collected from your hotel and travel by coach the Vicente Perez

Rosales National Park. Here you will visit the famous Petrohue Falls and then cross Todos los Santos Lake, also known as “Esmeralda” (Emerald in English, because of its colour), seeing Margarita Island, Osorno Volcano, and the peaks of Puntagudo and Tronador mountains to Peulla where you stop to complete Chilean Immigration and Customs procedures. After lunch you cross the Vicente Perez Rosales Pass to the Argentine Immigration and Customs point.

You then travel by catamaran across Frias Lake to Puerto Alegre where you will reboard a bus to take you via a very impressive forest of Alerce, (the world’s oldest tree) to Puerto Blest. From Puerto Blest to Puerto Panuelo is again by boat, this time on the famous Nahuel Huapi Lake. On disembarkation at Panuelo you will be taken to your hotel in Bariloche for two nights. (B)

KENTON PALACE HOTEL, SUPERIOR ROOM

DAY 4 Sunday 15 September

Bariloche / Andes Scenic Tour

Bariloche, situated on the shore of the beautiful Lake Nahuel Huapi is an internationally recognised ski resort with steep streets, wooden chalets perched Swiss fashion upon a glacial moraine at the foot of Cerro Otto. Without a doubt, it is the best centre for exploring the Nahuel Huapi National Park and surrounding areas. This morning’s pleasant drive follows the southern shore of the Lake Nahuel Huapi. On a good day, you might catch sight of the highest mountain of the area El Tronador (The Thunderer), whose snow-capped peaks rise to 3,554 metres. The road then winds through the coyhue forest, an indigenous evergreen of the beech family. You then follow the southern edge of Lake Moreno under the steep cliffs of Mount Lopez to the spectacular Panoramic Point for a magnificent view looking back towards the Andes mountain range that you’ve just traversed. The breathtaking view includes Lake Moreno, the *Llao-Llao Hotel*, and the northern arm of the Lake Nahuel Huapi with Victoria Island in its centre. The peaks of the Andean Chain, including Mount Lopez, Capilla and Millaqueo rise to the west of the lakes. Your tour returns via Lake Moreno and Clover Lake to your hotel. (B)

DAY 5 Monday 16 September

Bariloche / Buenos Aires

You have the morning free to absorb this truly wonderful location and then after lunch be transferred to Bariloche Airport to connect with your flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival in Buenos Aires you will be met and taken to your hotel for five nights. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at a fabulous typical Argentine restaurant. (MEALS INFLIGHT, D)

** To enter Buenos Aires Australian passport holders must show their receipt US\$100 per person for your multi-entry Reciprocity Fee.*

MELLA BUENOS AIRES HOTEL, STANDARD ROOM

COST OF PRE TOUR EXTENSION

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Land Prices based on **TWIN SHARE** **AU\$1,150**

Airfares:

AIRFARES & TAXES AU\$480

Your Inca Tours Pre-tour extension includes:

- * Economy-class airfares throughout.
- * Accommodation in Tourist hotels with private facilities.
- * All *private* airport transfers as described with English speaking guides.
- * All *seat in coach* city and sightseeing tours as described with English speaking guides.
- * All admission fees on such tours.
- * Meals as indicated: (B = breakfast L = lunch D = dinner).
- * All ground transportation as described.
- * All touring vessels.
- * Re-confirmation of all onward flights when outbound transfers are included.
- * Porterage of 1 suitcase per person when transfers are supplied by Inca Tours.
- * All airport departure taxes payable from Australia.

Not included:

- * Airport departure taxes payable within South America.
- * Excess baggage.
- * Items of a personal nature.
- * Travel insurance.
- * Passport & visa costs.
- * Tipping.

Thank you for choosing SmallGroup Travel and Inca Tours and “feliz viaje” or happy travelling!

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