



NORTHERN PATAGONIA – MOTORBIKE TOUR FROM MOUNTAINS TO SEA



The Lake District – Northern Patagonia *From San Martín de los Andes (Argentina) to Puyuhuapi (Chile)* **10 days** **Proposed Itinerary**

One of Argentina's most scenic regions, the **Lake District** occupies the northwest section of the Patagonian region. High, snow-packed peaks, a perfect white volcano mirrored in a still lake, chalk-white glacial streams cascading over polished granite, meadows filled with chin-high pink and purple lupine, fast flowing rivers, and thousands of lakes, with no houses, no piers, no boats: paradise on earth. Andean Patagonia's northern Lake District seems like one big national park: Lanín National Park, just north of San Martín de los Andes in Neuquén Province, combined with the neighboring Nahuel Huapi National Park, in Río Negro Province, with Bariloche as its headquarters, adds up to 2.5 million acres of natural preserve.



This is a trip to unveil the best hidden secrets of Northern Patagonia. We will start surrounded by millenary Araucarias in **Villa Pehuenia** and ride towards the Pacific Ocean fjords to enjoy the hot springs at **Puyuhuapi** and its exquisite sea-food. On the road we will enjoy the highlights of **Bariloche**, the **Seven Lakes** road and the **Enchanted Valley**, touring the Butch Cassidy and Sundance Kid route around **Cholila**. We will visit the **Alerces National Park**, a Natural Heritage Site, admire the powerful **Futaleufu River**, and catch a glimpse of Welsh traditions in **Trevelin**. On long ride back to **El Maiten**, we will follow the old-steam train "La Trochita" that is still active today. And of course, we will enjoy the most traditional Argentine food and hospitality.



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Highlights:

- San Martín de los Andes
- Villa Pehuenia and Moquehue and Lolog Lakes
- Bariloche and the Nahuel Huapi National Park and Moreno Lake
- El Bolsón, Epuyén and Cholila
- Futalaufquen Lake and Trevelin
- Futaleufú, Palena and Puyuhuapi Hot Springs
- Esquel, Maitén and the Trochita train.



Departure Months date from San Martín de los Andes: September to April
Tour ends in Bariloche.

Day 1- 210 km / 131 miles - San Martín de los Andes / Villa Pehuenia

Arrival to San Martín de los Andes. Preparation, briefing and departure to Villa Pehuenia.
Road: 80% paved.

Overnight in Villa Pehuenia.

Day 2 - 270 Km / 169 miles - Villa Pehuenia / San Martín de los Andes.

Road 60& paved, 40% gravel road exploring the Moquehue and Lolog lakes.

Overnight in San Martín de los Andes.

Day 3 - 216 km / 135 miles - Seven Lakes Road to Bariloche

100% paved road from San Martín de los Andes to Bariloche, scenic drive along the Seven Lakes Road.

Overnight in Bariloche

Day 4 - 268 km / 167,5 miles - Futalaufquen

60% paved road from Bariloche to Lake Futalaufquen, exploring Cholila and Los Alerces National Park.

Overnight in Futalaufquen.

Day 5 - 300 km / 187.5 miles - Toward the Pacific Ocean crossing the Andes.

80% paved road, driving through the Andes into Chile, crossing through Futaleufú and driving on the Austral Road to Puyuhuapu Hot Springs.

Overnight in Puyuhuapi

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Day 6 - Free Day

Enjoy Puyuhuapi and the spa and thermal waters or, trekking to the Queulat Glacier.

Overnight in Puyuhuapi

Day 7 - 276 km / 172,50 - Puyuhuapi / Esquel

80 % paved road, driving through Palena and Corcovado, visiting the Welsh Heritage town of Trevelin and enjoy a Welsh tea.

Overnight in Esquel.

Day 8 - 296 km / 185 miles

Drive north to Bariloche, through the Patagonian steppe, 80% paved, visiting Leleque and el Maiten, with a visit to the Old Patagonian Express, La Trochita and the Cuesta del Ternero.

Overnight in Bariloche.

Day 9 - 100 km / 62,5 miles

Driving around Bariloche, including views of the Tronador Volcano.

Time to rest at the hotel and enjoy a Patagonian lamb.

Overnight in Bariloche.

Day 10 - 228 km / 142.50 miles.

Drive through the Enchanted Valley to San Martin de los Andes and drop off motorbikes at San Martin Airport.

Motorbikes used for this trip:

- BMW G 310 GS
- BMW F 700 GS
- BMW F 800 GSA
- BMW R 1200 GSA

Included Services:

- a) Certified tour guide.
- b) Transfer from the airport to the hotel and return.
- c) Support vehicle for luggage, companions, fuel, snacks, back-up moto.
- d) Road Map
- e) Accommodation in 4* and 5* hotels/Inns/Lodges.
- f) Special Dinners
- g) Lunch during the itinerary
- h) National Park entrance fees.
- i) Quelat National Park Hike

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The tour does NOT include:

- International and Domestic Air Fare.
- Services and accommodation in Buenos Aires.
- Meals and any other extras not detailed in the itinerary.
- Fuel costs.
- Personal Insurance.
- Regular dinners
- Alcoholic Beverages.
- Tips and other personal expenses

Group size: Up to 12 pilots



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