

Carretera Austral

14 DAYS

No one remains unchanged after experiencing Patagonia

Travelling through its extensive distances, admiring its natural wonders, feeling its earth and snows, and deciphering the mysteries hidden in its history and culture, one has the sensation of living through one of those unforgettable moments in life.

Maria Casiraghi, photographer and Patagonian local

These words sum up wonderfully the experience of travelling through Patagonia, made all that more exhilarating on motorbike. This expedition encompasses all the best that Patagonia has to offer, from the rugged beauty of the far south, the incredible vastness, awesome Andes, towering glaciers and staggeringly beautiful National Parks. See the best of Patagonian in this 14 day bikers adventure through this breathtaking landscape of ancient forests, tree-lined fjords, lakes, glaciers and towering volcanoes.

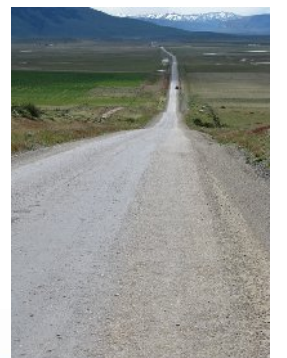
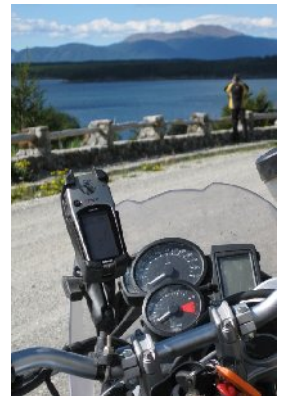
Week One

We begin this tour in the Chilean capital of Santiago, before flying to Pucon, deep within the Chilean lake district. Leaving Pucon we enjoy a wonderful ride through stunning alpine vistas across into Argentina and onto the world famous Seven Lakes Drive to Bariloche scenically located on the shores of lake Nahuel Huapi. From Bariloche we ride down through Los Alerces National park onto the township of Esquel at the foothills of the Western Chubut Province, and terminus of the legendary Patagonian Express train. Further south we ride, surrounded by stunning wilderness and silence stopping for one night near the remote settlement of Gobernador Gregores on the Patagonian Steppe. Embarking on the challenging ride across to the Chilean border, we reach Los Antiguos. From here we head into the Fjordlands of the Carretera Austral, skirt the second largest lake in South America and ride up through the mountains to Coyhaique.

Week Two

Leaving Coyhaique we take the breathtaking ride up through the pristine wilderness of Queulat national park to the remote settlement of Puyuhuapi, for a rest day by the lake in this most stunning region. Onwards we continue along the rough bush roads past settlers ranches across small bridges and wild rivers to the border town of Futaleufu then back into Argentina and the lovely Esquel. We head north back up to Bariloche but this time on the winding mountain bitumen roads, this amazing ride will feel even better after several days on the dirt. A full day in Bariloche can be spent visiting the picturesque town or riding in the mountains that surround the stunning Lake Nahuel Huapi. Returning once more across the border to Pucon via a different route which takes us along the Rio Negro and back across rugged plains to the volcano region of Pucon for our flight back to Santiago.

** this tour spends only a "half day" retracing our previous route, everyday is a new experience and a new route.*



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Tour Highlights

- The tranquil lakeside setting of Pucon
- World famous Seven Lakes Drive
- Stunning, mountains and Lakes around Bariloche, as well as great dining and world class chocolates
- Spectacular waterfalls, glaciers and mountain scenery on the stunning Carretera Austral
- Los Alerces National Park
- Some of the best riding on the planet.

The Route



What's Included

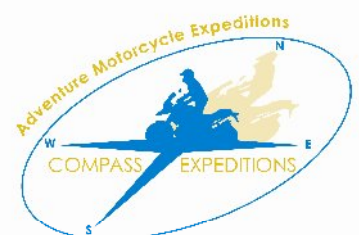
- Airport transfers
- Return flights Santiago– Pucon
- Motorcycle rental **BMW F 650 GS**
- GPS, with waypoints pre programmed in, for entire expedition
- Fuel
- Tolls
- Border paperwork
- 2 staff, one ride leader and support vehicle driver
- Support vehicle with passenger carrying ability
- Non alcoholic drinks on support vehicle
- Breakfasts everyday, lunches and dinners on all riding days
- Accommodation in excellent small hotels
- **Bonus nights** accommodation
- Pre departure material and route maps
- Access to satellite phones, pay per minute
- Compass Expeditions dress shirt and baseball cap
- Entrances to all national parks

What's not included

- International Flights
- Visas (if required)
- Personal spending money
- Lunches and dinners on non riding days
- Personal health insurance
- Tips and gratuities



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General Tour information

The following information is relevant to this tour, please read carefully and if you have more questions please email us on info@compassexpeditions.com

Ride profile

Grade Four



Please refer to FAQ page on our website for full details on our grading system

Total distance: 2700 Ks / 1690 Miles
Days on bike: 9

70% of this ride is on pavement, some sections of pavement can be potholed and narrow.

30% of this ride will be on dirt, most dirt is hard packed although there are sections that has loose gravel and can be rutted. Additionally we may need to cross a small number of shallow creeks, depending on weather conditions.

This ride is not suitable for off-road novices, although not technical, some off-road experience is required

Co-riders can be catered for, on difficult sectors Co-Riders can travel in support vehicle, space permitting.

Accommodation

- 14 nights hotels & 1 bonus night.
- Accommodations are generally 3 to 4 star hotels, for a list of our accommodation styles please refer to our FAQ page on our website.
- A flexible attitude is needed as standards are not always what we are accustomed to.

Single supplement : US\$ 700

Included meals

Breakfasts: 14
Lunches: 11
Dinners: 11

On everyday of the tour we provide breakfast, on all ride days we provide a picnic lunch that we prepare ourselves from our mobile kitchen, on all ride days we provide dinner in a reliable restaurant that we have used many times before.

General info

- Please note that you will need to be in **Santiago** one day prior to start of expedition.
- All prices are based on rental of **BMW F 650 GS** for **BMW 1150 GS** add **US\$ 840**
- For bookings of 60 days or less that have an "included flight" a surcharge of **US\$ 200** is added
- It is a requirement that all clients have appropriate insurance for this type of expedition.



Great Bikes

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