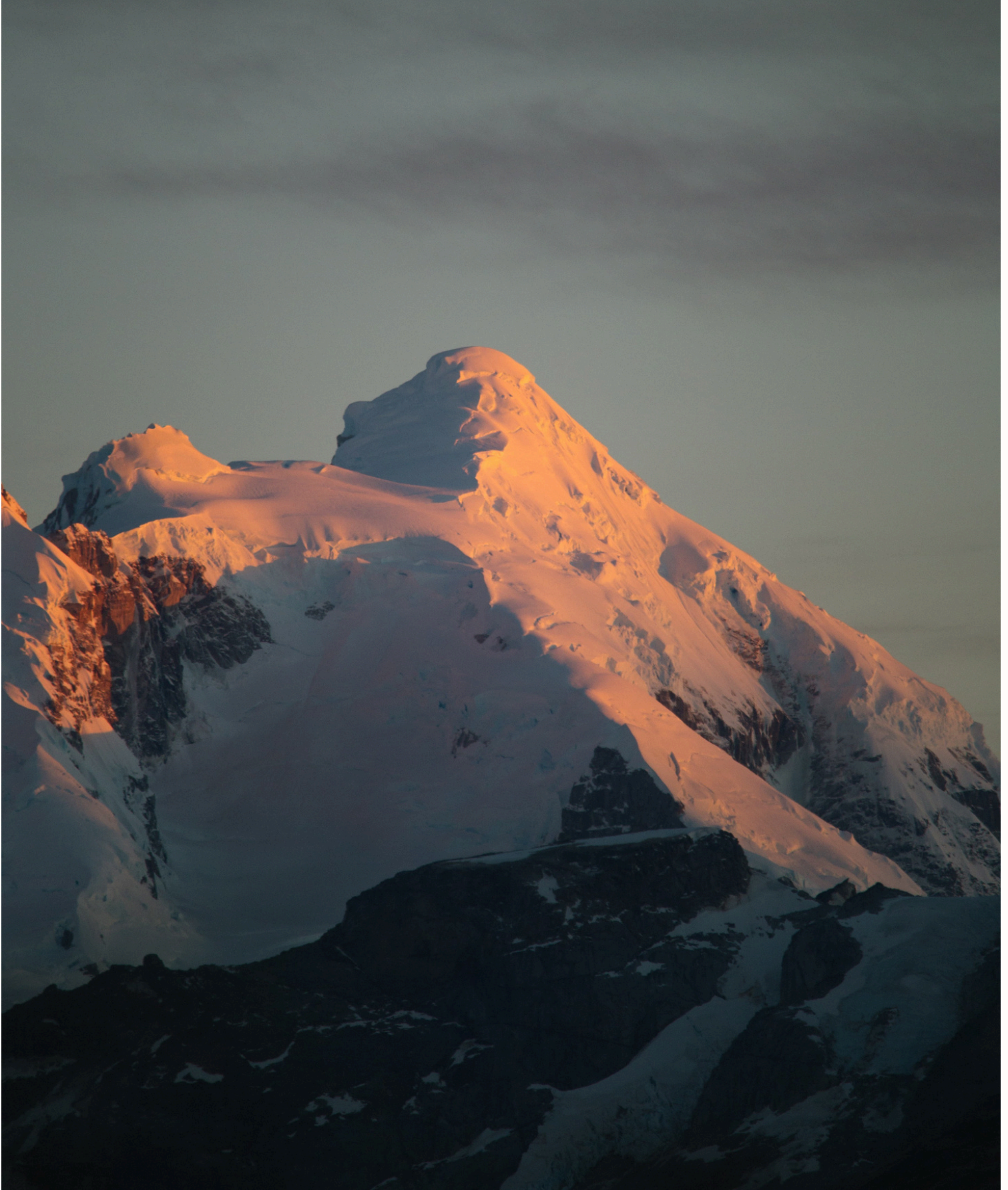


TREK WILD CHILE





INTRODUCTION

PATAGONIA NATIONAL PARK WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2017, WITH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HECTARES DONATED BY THE THOMPKINS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION.

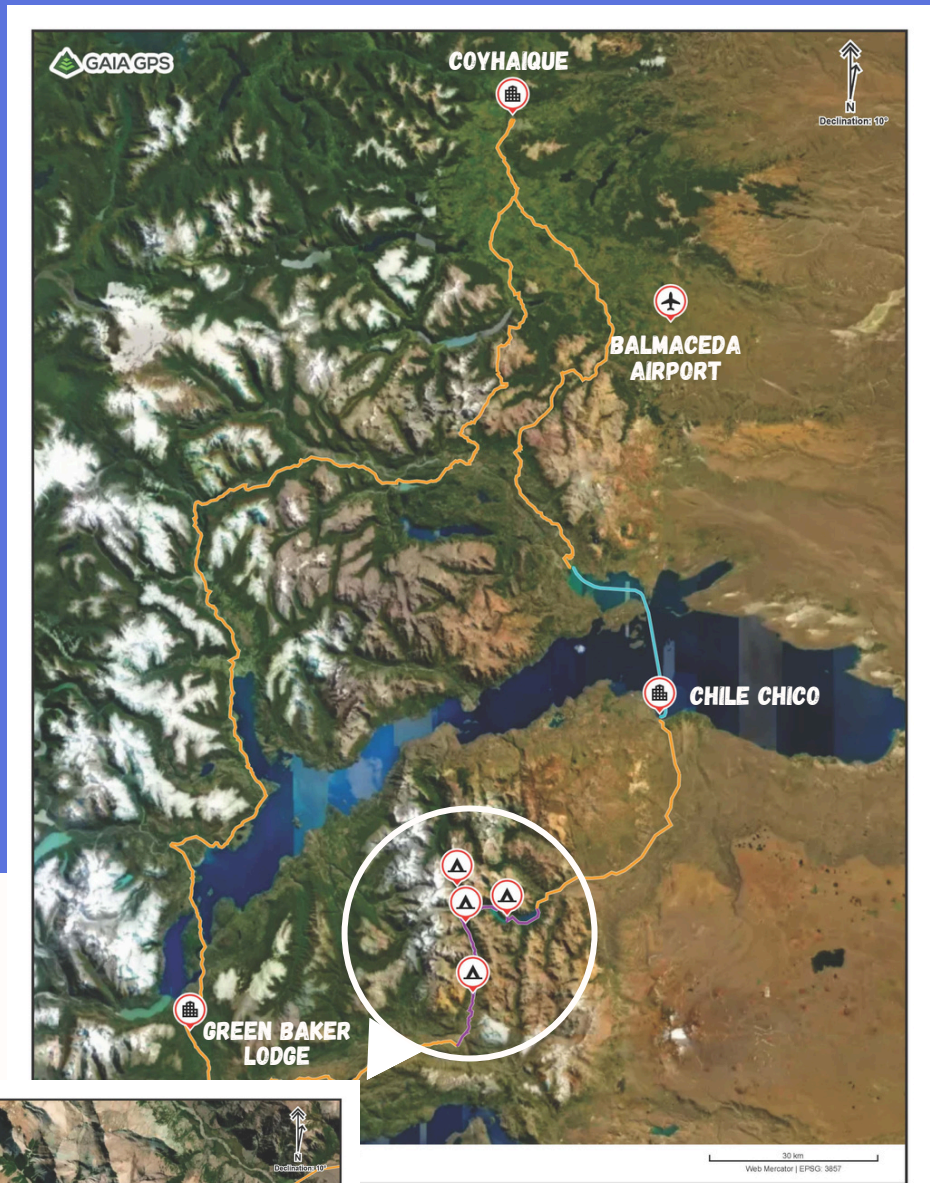
LET US GUIDE YOU INTO THE HEART OF CHILEAN PATAGONIA, WITH ITS GAUCHO RANCHING HISTORY, BEAUTIFUL RIVERS, STEPPE AND FOREST, AND THE WARM, INFORMATIVE AND HELPFUL CHILEANS WHO ARE SO PROUD OF THEIR CULTURE.

FROM THE LOVELY JEINEMENI VALLEY IN THE NORTH TO THE STUNNING AND HISTORIC CHACABUCO VALLEY TO THE SOUTH, WE WILL TRAVEL WITH A HANDFUL OF CHILEAN GUIDES AND PORTERS FROM PATAGONIA HUTS. THESE MEN AND WOMEN WILL NO DOUBT ENRICH OUR TRAVELS WITH THEIR CHILEAN STYLE AS WELL AS LIGHTEN OUR LOADS OF TENTS, FOOD, FUEL AND COOKWARE.

**6 DAYS OF HIKING
3 NIGHTS CAMPING
2 NIGHTS IN HUTS
4 NIGHTS IN HOTELS**

MEET AND GREET

MAP ITINERARY



KEY

- ORANGE ROUTE - ROAD TRANSPORT**
- BLUE ROUTE - FERRY**
- PINK ROUTE - HIKING**

ITINERARY BREAKDOWN



DAY ONE AND TWO:

ARRIVING FROM NORTH AMERICAN CITIES INTO SANTIAGO, FLIGHTS CONTINUE TO BALMACEDA AIRPORT.

TRANSFER TO THE SOUTHERN CITY OF COYHAIQUE, CHECK IN AT PATAGONIA HOUSE FOR TWO NIGHTS, GIVING YOU THE CHANCE TO UNWIND AFTER FLIGHTS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THIS VIBRANT CITY.

MEET AND GREET WITH MARTIN, OUR PORTER COORDINATOR, AT PATAGONIA HOUSE AND HELP WITH BRINGING TOGETHER 6 DAYS OF MEALS FOR OUR GROUP INCLUDING YOU FAVOURITE CHOICES.

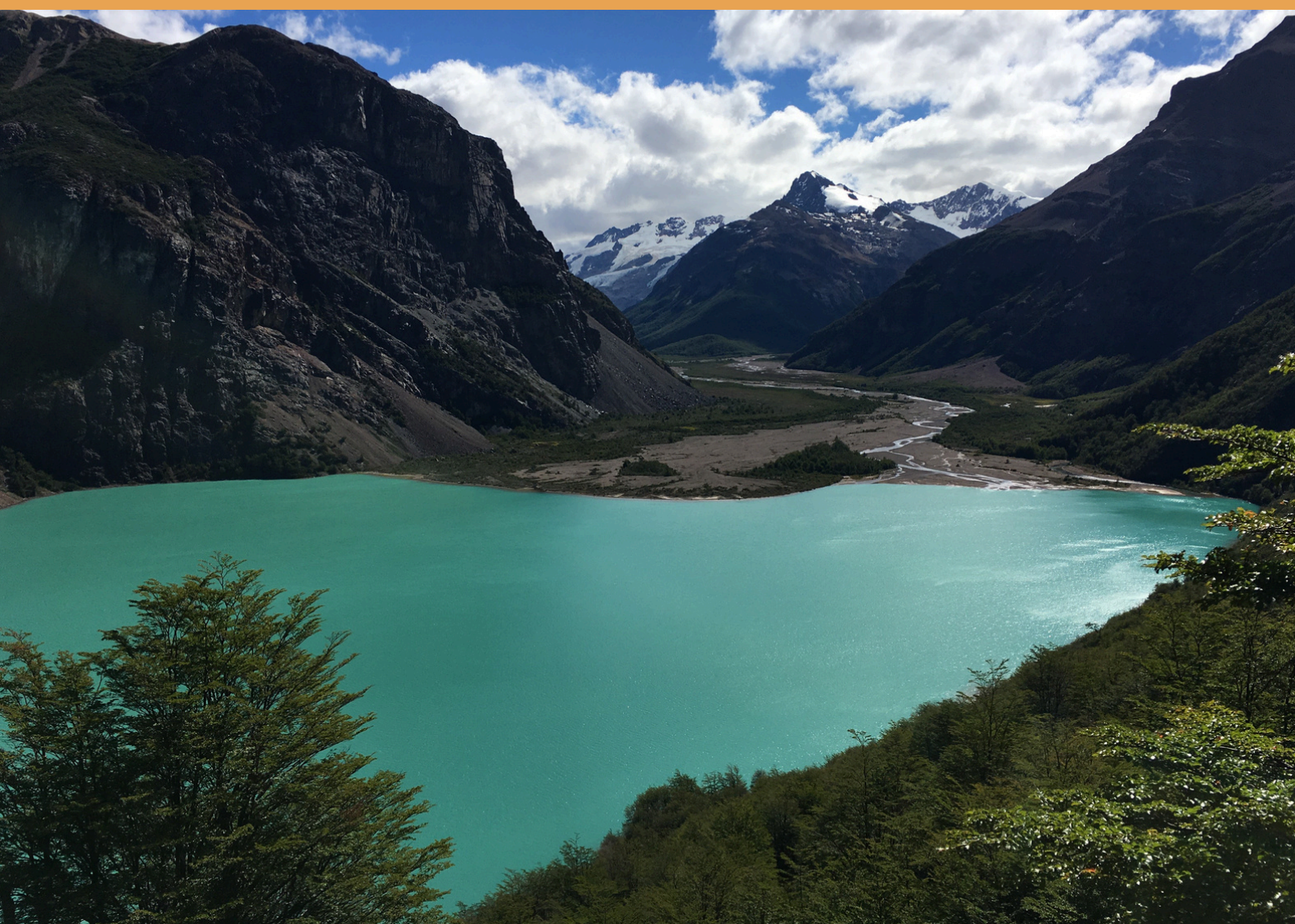


DAY THREE:

DRIVE SOUTH FOR 2.5 HOURS WITH YOUR GUIDE, PASS THROUGH CERRO CASTILLO NATIONAL PARK AND IBÁÑEZ PASS KNOWN FOR ITS STUNNING VIEWS OF THE CASTILLO MOUNTAIN RANGE AND RIO IBÁÑEZ BEFORE ARRIVING AT PUERTO IBÁÑEZ.

BOARD THE TEHUELCHÉ FERRY (NAMED AFTER THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN PATAGONIA) FOR YOUR 3 HOUR JOURNEY ACROSS GENERAL CARRERA LAKE (THE SECOND LARGEST LAKE IN SOUTH AMERICA). DOCKING AT CHILE CHICO ON THE LAKE'S SOUTHERN SHORE.

ENJOY YOUR NIGHT STAY AND DINNER COSTANERA APARTMENTS.





DAY FOUR:

CONTINUING DRIVING, MAINLY ALONG JEINEMENI RIVER (THE GEOGRAPHICAL BORDER BETWEEN CHILE AND ARGENTINA).

ONCE ARRIVING AT OUR TRAILHEAD, TREK ALONG THE VIBRANT TURQUOISE WATERS OF LAGO JEINEMENI TO OUR FIRST CAMPSITE AT RALEIGH CAMP, NEXT TO THE RIVER IN THE BEAUTIFUL VALLEY OF VALLE HERMOSO.

DISTANCE - 9KM

ELEVATION - PLUS 80M, MINUS 70M





DAY FIVE:



STARTING OUR CLIMB THROUGH LA GLORIA PASS FACING THE STEEPEST SECTION OF THE TRAIL TO HAVE STUNNING VIEWS OF LAGO VERDE AND THE VALLEY AHEAD. WALKING DOWN TO VALLE HERMOSO, BOASTING IMPRESSIVE VIEWS OF THE JEINIMENI MOUNTAIN RANGE. WE WALK THROUGH THE CANYON, BESIDES THE HANGING GLACIERS AS WE PROGRESS IN OUR HIKE TO ARRIVE AT THE RUSTIC HUT GLACIER, COURTESY OF PATAGONIAHUTS.COM, SETTLING INTO THE HUT FOR THE NEXT TWO NIGHTS.

DISTANCE - 13KM
ELEVATION - PLUS 440M, MINUS 350M



DAY SIX:

THIS DAY INVOLVES MOUNTAINEERING TO THE BASE OF THE GLACIER AND FOLLOWING A CIRCUIT AROUND ITS LAKE. STOPPING AT THE PICTURESQUE HANGING GLACIER OF PUNTA GUANACO PEAK. THE HIKE IS STEEP AND ASCENDS ERODED ROCK AND GULLIES UNTIL IT ARRIVES NEAR THE SERAC BAND OF GUARDAPARQUES GLACIER SHOWCASING STUNNING LAKES AND WATERFALLS.

**DISTANCE - 6.5KM
ELEVATION - PLUS 300M, MINUS 300M**



DAY SEVEN:

DEPART VALLE HERMOSA, WE WILL WALK THROUGH FOREST BRINGING US TO THE LAGUNA ESCONDIDO. HERE, WE WILL TAKE A MOMENT TO ABSORB THE VIEWS AT THE CAMPSITE WHILE LUNCHING.

CONTINUE TO THE OPEN STEPPE OF THE VALLE AVILES. WE WILL CAMP IN A PEACEFUL MEADOW NEXT TO RIO AVILES WHERE THE SITE OF AN OLD RANCH IS STILL STANDING.

DISTANCE – 10.4KM

ELEVATION – PLUS 175M, MINUS 160M



DAY EIGHT:

CONTINUE OUR HIKE IN THE VALLE AVILES. WE WILL ROUND CORNERS AND FIND NUMEROUS GREAT NEW VISTAS THAT BECOME THE DISTINCTLY PATAGONIAN WIDE OPEN AND GOLDEN GRASSLANDS AS WE NEAR THE MAIN VALLE CHACABUCO TO SET UP CAMP FOR THE LAST TIME.

DISTANCE – 14.3KM

ELEVATION – PLUS 235M, MINUS 545M

DAY NINE:

FOR YOUR LAST DAY OF HIKING, ENJOY THE VALLEY VIEWS FOR ANOTHER 10KM BEFORE REACHING THE TRAILHEAD WHERE YOU WILL BE MET BY A DRIVER. VISIT THE LODGE AT VALLE CHACABUCO FOR A WELL DESERVED CELEBRATORY DRINK BEFORE HEADING NORTH UP THE CARRETERA AUSTRAL HIGHWAY TO GREEN BAKER LODGE FOR THE NIGHT.

DISTANCE – 10.4KM

ELEVATION – PLUS 195M, MINUS 480M



DAY TEN:

FOR YOUR FINAL DAY, SIT BACK AND RELAX WHILE ENJOYING THE SCENERY ON YOUR 5-7 HOUR ROADTRIP ON THE ALWAYS ADVENTUROUS CARRETERA AUSTRAL BACK TO BALMACEDA AIRPORT FOR YOUR ONWARD FLIGHTS TO SANTIAGO.



FAQS

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

FROM THE MOMENT YOU LAND AND DEPART FROM BALMaceda AIRPORT THE FOLLOWING IS INCLUDED:

- ALL TRANSPORTATION
- ALL MEALS
- ALL ACCOMMODATION
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR GRATUITIES ARE INCLUDED

WHAT LEVEL OF FITNESS IS NEEDED?

IDEALLY, PARTICIPANTS ARE OVER 20 YEARS OLD AND CAN ENDURE LONG DAYS WITH A BACKPACK AND BE IN REASONABLY GOOD HEALTH.

PLEASE ADVISE US OF FOOD ALLERGIES AND HEALTH CONCERNS, AND BRING NECESSARY MEDICATIONS. MARTHA MAINTAINS CURRENT CERTIFICATIONS IN WILDERNESS FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

WHAT ARE THE WEATHER CONDITIONS?

THIS HIKE WAS SELECTED DUE TO THE LOW LEVEL OF HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TERRAIN. ALTHOUGH WE ALWAYS NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR AN DEMANDING WEATHER CONDITIONS IN TERMS OF RAINFALL, LOW TEMPERATURES AND WIND, THESE BEING THE MAIN DANGERS.