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TREK WILD CHILE



MARTHA'S PORTERS
IN 2017

INTRODUCTION

VENTURE WITH MARTHA INTO THE REMOTE AND WILD HEART OF CHILEAN PATAGONIA, WITH ITS GAUCHO RANCHING HISTORY, BEAUTIFUL RIVERS, STEPPE AND FOREST.

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

WALK FROM THE LOVELY LAGO JEINEMENI IN THE NORTH TO THE STUNNING AND HISTORIC VALLE CHACABUCO TO THE SOUTH, PLUS VISIT THE RESTRICTED VALLE VENTISQUERO AND ITS GLACIATED PEAKS ABOVE.

WE WILL TRAVEL WITH A HANDFUL OF PORTERS. THESE MEN AND WOMEN WILL NO DOUBT ENRICH OUR TRAVELS WITH THEIR CHILEAN WARMTH 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 MARTHA

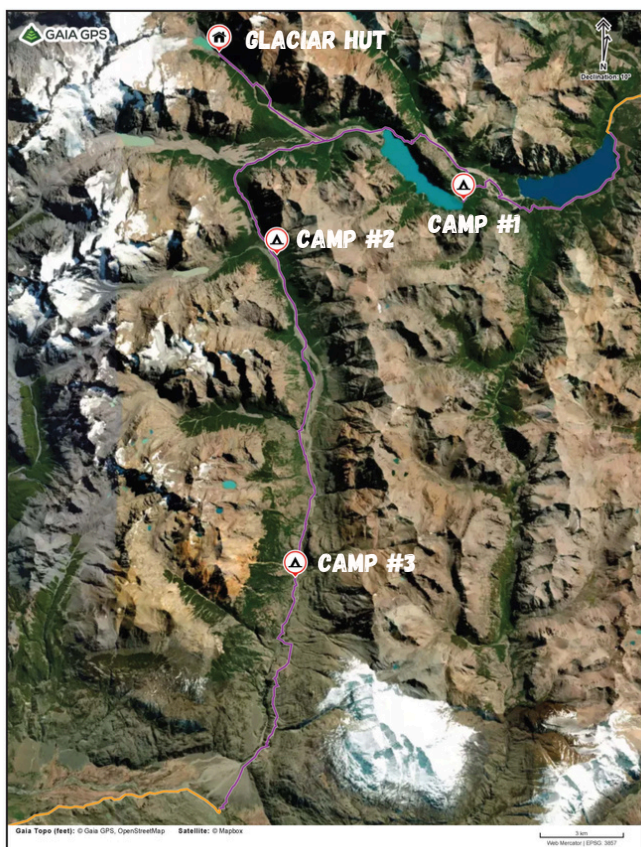
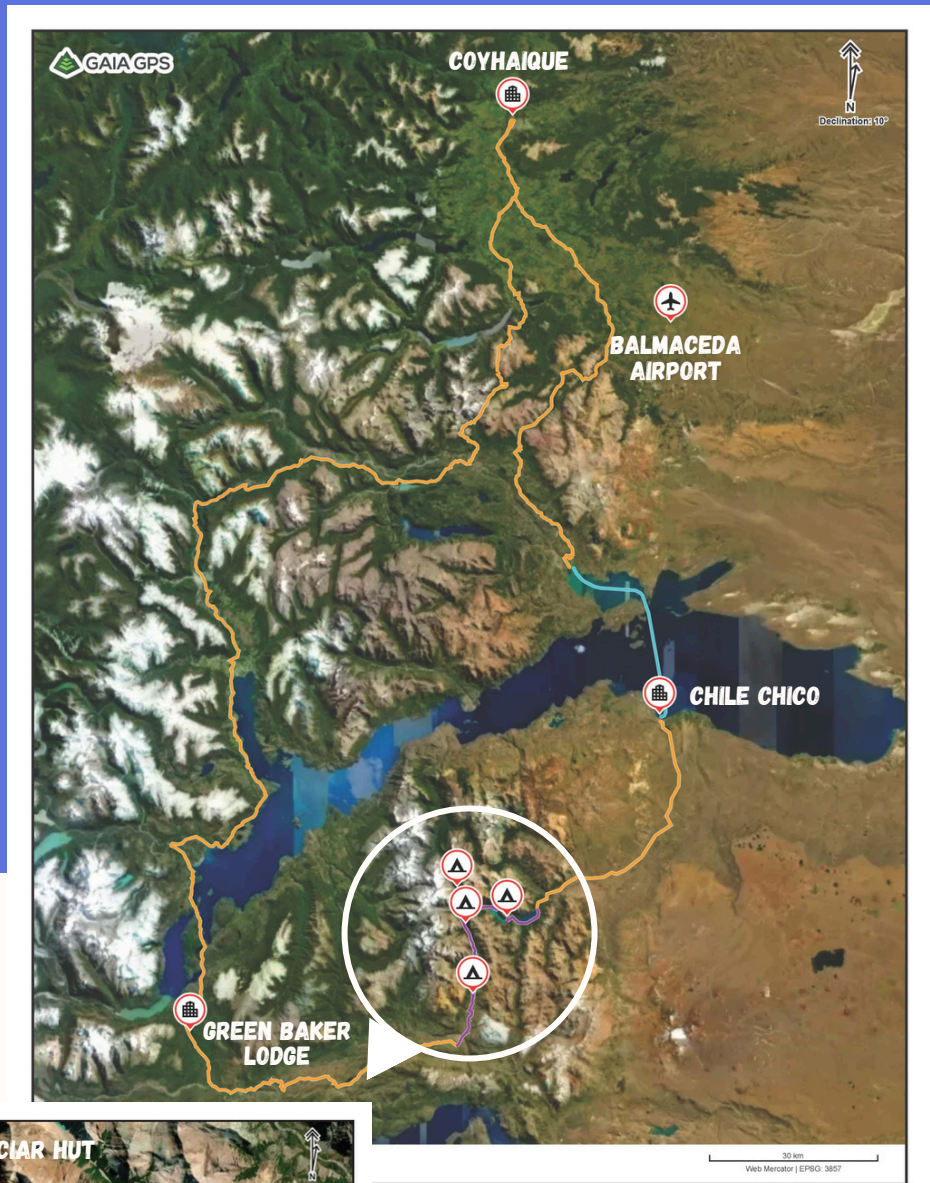
MARTHA MCCALLUM HAS CHOSEN TO LIVE, PLAY AND WORK CLOSE TO NATURE, YEAR-ROUND, IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES FOR MOST OF HER LIFE. YOU'LL ENJOY HER LOVE FOR EXPLORING AND TAKING CARE OF HER GUESTS IN EVERY WAY SHE CAN.

SHE IS A HIKING GUIDE CERTIFIED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN MOUNTAIN GUIDES (ACMG) AND HAS GUIDED MANY TRIPS IN SOUTH AMERICA, AFRICA AND EUROPE.

THIS WILD CHILEAN PATAGONIA TREK HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF HER FAVOURITES.



MAP ITINERARY



KEY

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

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY	ACTIVITY	ACCOMMODATION	DISTANCE
#1	ARRIVE AT BALMACEDA AIRPORT	PATAGONIA HOUSE IN COYHAIQUE	1 HR VAN
#2	DAY IN COYHAIQUE	PATAGONIA HOUSE IN COYHAIQUE	-
#3	VAN & FERRY TO CHILE CHICO	HOSTERIA DE LA PATAGONIA	5 HRS VAN & FERRY
#4	VAN TO TRAIL HEAD. HIKE LAGO JEINEMENI TRAIL	RALEIGH CAMP #1	9KM
#5	HIKE TO VALLE HERMOSO AND IN VENTISQUEROS	GLACIAR HUT	13KM
#6	EXPLORING THE GLACIERS	GLACIAR HUT	6.5KM
#7	HIKE TO RIO AVILES	CAMP #2	11KM
#8	HIKE THROUGH RIO AVILES	CAMP #3	14KM
#9	RIO AVILES TO VALLE CHACABUCO FOR VAN PICK UP	GREEN BAKER LODGE	10.4KM 1.5 HRS VAN
#10	CONTINUE ON CARRETERA AUSTRAL TO BALMACEDA AIRPORT	-	5 HRS VAN

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 TO EXPLORE THIS VIBRANT CITY.

MEET MARTIN, OUR PORTER COORDINATOR, AT PATAGONIA HOUSE AND IF YOU WISH, HELP WITH BUYING AND PACKING 6 DAYS OF MEALS FOR OUR GROUP...INCLUDING YOU FAVOURITE CHOICES!

DAY THREE:

DRIVE SOUTH FOR 2.5 HOURS THROUGH STUNNING CERRO CASTILLO NATIONAL PARK AND IBÁÑEZ PASS BEFORE ARRIVING AT PUERTO IBÁÑEZ.

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

MEET OUR PORTERS, AND ANDRES, OUR PATAGONIA HUTS GUIDE FOR OUR DAY ABOVE THE GLACIAR HUT.

WE'LL ENJOY DINNER IN CHILE CHICO AND STAY AT HOSTERIA DE LA PATAGONIA.





DAY FOUR:

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

TREK ALONG THE VIBRANT TURQUOISE WATERS OF LAGO JEINEMENI TO OUR FIRST CAMPSITE AT RALEIGH CAMP NEXT TO THE RIVER.

DISTANCE – 9KM

ELEVATION – PLUS 80M, MINUS 70M





DAY FIVE:

START OUR DAY CROSSING LA GLORIA PASS WITH STUNNING VIEWS OF LAGO VERDE. WALKING DOWN TO VALLE HERMOSO, BOASTING IMPRESSIVE VIEWS OF THE JEINIMENI MOUNTAIN RANGE.

WE WALK THROUGH A NARROW CANYON AS WE MAKE OUR WAY TO THE RUSTIC GLACIAR HUT, 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 WITH ANDRES TO THE BASE OF THE GLACIER AND FOLLOWING A CIRCUIT AROUND IT'S LAKE. THE PICTURESQUE HANGING GLACIER OF PUNTA GUANACO PEAK IS WHERE WE STOP. THE HIKE IS STEEP AND ASCENDS ERODED ROCK AND GULLIES UNTIL IT ARRIVES NEAR THE SERAC BAND OF GUARDAPARQUES GLACIER WHERE LAKES AND WATERFALLS ARE VISIBLE. THEN WE HAVE THE OPTION TO WALK ON THE GLACIER WITH CRAMPONS, ROPES AND HARNESSSES. WE'LL RETURN VIA THE SAME PATH TO GLACIAR HUT FOR DINNER

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





DAY SEVEN:

DEPART GLACIAR HUT AND TRAVERSE VALLE HERMOSA TO VALLE AVILES AND ITS OPEN STEPPE LANDSCAPE. WE WILL CROSS RIO AVILES MULTIPLE TIMES AND PASS THROUGH SOME OLD RANCH CAMPS UNTIL WE FIND OUR RIVERSIDE CAMPSITE.

**DISTANCE – 11KM
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 BROAD VALLE CHACABUCO TO SET UP OUR FINAL CAMP.

**DISTANCE – 14KM
ELEVATION – PLUS 235M, MINUS 545M**

DAY NINE:

OUR FINAL HIKE OF 10KM TO ENJOY THE EVER WIDENING VALLEY AND HERDS OF GUANACOS BEFORE REACHING CASA PIEDRA WHERE OUR DRIVER WILL BE WAITING.

VISIT THE LODGE AT VALLE CHACABUCO FOR A WELL DESERVED CELEBRATORY CERVESA BEFORE HEADING NORTH UP THE CARRETERA AUSTRAL TO GREEN BAKER LODGE FOR DINNER AND THE NIGHT.

DISTANCE – 10KM

ELEVATION – PLUS 195M, MINUS 480M



DAY TEN:

SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SCENERY WITH 5 STUNNING HOURS OF GREAT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE VIEWS ALONG THE ALWAYS ADVENTUROUS CARRETERA AUSTRAL BACK TO BALMACEDA AIRPORT FOR OUR 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?

ITS GOOD TO BE UP FOR TRAVELLING WITH MINIMAL COMFORTS, WITH YOUR SLEEPING BAG, PAD, AND OTHER NIGHTTIME NECESSITIES. EXPECT WALKING THROUGH MANY RIVERS, SOME LONG DAYS ON UNEVEN RIVER ROCK AND HAVE THE GEAR AND KNOWLEDGE TO KEEP DRY IN THE RAIN. 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?

IN FEBRUARY, TEMPERATURES ARE IN THE HIGH TEENS AND TWENTIES (CELCIUS), WITH LOW TEENS AT NIGHT. IN MARCH, EXPECT DAY TIME TEMPERATURES IN MID TEENS, WITH SINGLE DIGIT LOWS OVERNIGHT AND MANY LESS PEOPLE TOO. THE CHANCE OF RAIN IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH IS 10%.