

CHILE ITINERARY 2026

Thursday 3/19: depart PDX (or other airport); in transit overnight

Friday 3/20: arrive at Balmaceda Airport by 5:00 pm, take a shuttle to Coyhaique. Group Welcome Dinner at Mamma Gaucha.

Overnight at Esquina Huella Patagonica

Saturday, 3/21: Morning meeting, chat with crew.

Day trip (hike) to [Cerro Castillo National Park](#). Talk with rangers about Chile's first IUCN Green-list park. Evening is free.

Overnight at Esquina Huella Patagonica

Sunday, 3/22: Morning meeting and depart for Futaleufu. Stop at [Reserva Rio Simpson](#) en route for 1-2 hour hike and chat with ranger or volunteer.

Overnight in Futaleufu / Hostal Las Natalias

Monday, 3/23: Meet with Futalefu River Keeper in the morning. Cultural scavenger hunt in the afternoon that ends in the Lago Espejo wetlands areas where we will meet with local community members of the [Futaleufu Environmental Committee](#) and discuss the new wetland protection act and designation.

Overnight in Futaleufu / Hostal Las Natalias

Tuesday, 3/24: Work with local outfitter Patagonia Elements and conduct an educational river float from the Argentina border to the Futaleufu Reserve where we will meet with the park rangers, eat lunch and have time hiking the interpretative trails within the Reserve.

Overnight in Futaleufu / Hostal Las Natalias

Wednesday, 3/25: Adventure Day. Students will have the option of rafting the world famous [Bridge to Bridge section of the Futaleufu](#) and/or going on a trek to [Lago Los Toros](#).

Overnight in Futaleufu / Hostal Las Natalias

Thursday, 3/26: Cultural day and final presentations at Hostal. We will spend the afternoon learning about local wool production and visit a couple of farms. The evening will be spent having a traditional asado and conducting the final presentations.

Overnight in Futaleufu / Hostal Las Natalias

Friday, 3/27: Drive to Coyhaique and stay at Hostal Huella Esquina. Stop enroute and hike the [Ventisquero Colgante](#) glacier trail at Quelat National Park.

Overnight at Esquina Huella Patagonica

Saturday, 3/28:

Start our journey back to the States from Coyhaique/Balmaceda Airport. Departure at any time.