

Chile Tours & Adventure Travel

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Rates

Santiago Private Tours			PAX	1	2	3	4+
Half day tours	Hiking	All *		220	130	100	90
	Rock climbing	Magic Forest		280	180	140	130
Full day tours	Hiking	All **		330	220	180	160
	Traverse hike	Darwin's Route		350	250	190	170
	Kayaking and hiking	Penguins' Island		410	290	210	200
	Rock climbing	Petorca Valley		400	270	220	190
	Winery Tour	Loma Larga Vineyards		320	230	180	170
Expeditions	Trekking 5 days 4 nights	Condor Circuit		1,700	1,100	800	700
	Rock climbing 2 days 1 night	Petorca Valley		520	410	380	370

* Santiago From The Heights, At The Feet of The Andes

** Hikes: Morado Natural Monument, Morado Hanging Glacier, Juncal Andean Park, Pacific Coast Gardens / Climbs: Painter's Palette, Provincia Mountain, La Campana Ascent

Adventure holidays	Patagonia	Southern Highway Tour	From a remote village on the north shore of Lake General Carrera: kayak marble caverns, horseback ride to ghostly mines and hike to the Northern Icefield.				
	5 days 4 nights	Puerto Sánchez, Lake General Carrera, Aysén					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
5,330	2,760	2,050	1,590	1,390	1,190	1,050	940

Custom trips

Let us design your trip. Modify one of our private tours, or pick a place or activity and we'll craft a trip tailor-made for you.

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Day tours from Santiago

Included

Half and full day tours include everything needed for each activity, except personal clothes and accident insurance.

All tours include

- Guide (english / spanish)
- Transport
- Box lunch
- Park entrance fees
- First aid kit
- Radio or telephone signal

Hikes

- Trekking poles
- Binoculars

If needed:

- Snow rackets
- Gaiters
- Headlamps

Individual box lunch

Cesar salad and ham & cheese sandwiches or tuna sandwiches with mayonnaise and tomato. Two cereal bars, cookies, fruit, peanuts, chocolate and water.

Menu can be adjusted to your needs. We've prepared vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and non-diary, among others.

Not included

- Accident insurance
- Personal clothing

Rock climbing

- Climbing assistant
- Petzl climbing equipment
- Climbing shoes

Kayak

- Assistant
- Inflatable double Kayaks
- Oars, dry bags and pumps
- Life jackets

HALF DAY HIKES

Santiago From The Heights

We'll have a superb panoramic view of Santiago from the top of an extinct volcano: Cerro Manquehue. This mountain is part of a green range that spreads into the valley, surrounded by the city.

Manquehue, which in Mapudungun language means “Place of Condors”, is the highest mountain inserted in the valley of Santiago. It is part of a stunning mountain range that spreads like an arm of the Andes towards the south-west alongside the north bank of the Mapocho River into the north-east zone of Santiago, down to the Metropolitan Park. Reaching an altitude of 1,635m (5,364ft), this mountain offer us gorgeous views of the capital city.

Perfect activity for those who seek a short but demanding 2-3 hours hike among nature. We can go hiking in the morning or even in the evening to contemplate the sunset and hike back illuminated by the twilight, moon and city lights –and headlamps if we need them–, you choose the time of the day that best suits you.

After a ninety minutes ascent we will reach the summit feeling privileged to be able to overview the city from one of the best vantage points available.

Note

For those who wish an easier hike there is an alternative route to the top of Manquehuito –Manquehue’s little brother– which also has lovely panoramic views.

Summary

- Activity: Hike / Climb
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Tour length: Half day
- Difficulty: Medium
- Season: All year round
- Total distance*: 4.8km (3mi)
- Max altitude: 1,635m (5,360ft)
- Elevation gain: 585m (1,920ft)

* Back and forth

Itinerary

Morning

- 08:30 Pick up at your hotel
- 09:15 Climb begins
- 11:00 Arrival to the top, lunch
- 11:30 Descent
- 12:30 Arrival to the vehicle
- 13:00 Back in your hotel

Evening (summer)

- 18:30* Pick up at your hotel
- 19:15 Climb begins
- 21:00 Arrival to the top, lunch
- 21:30 Descent
- 22:30 Arrival to the vehicle
- 23:00 Back in your hotel

* Winter evening pick up time at 15:30

Recommended

- Pre-hydration and good breakfast
- Hiking shoes
- Small backpack
- Long sleeves shirt if possible
- Shorts on summer
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Warm, windproof clothing on winter

Elevation profile annexed

HALF DAY HIKES

At The Feet of The Andes

Pochoco mountain invites you to enjoy its spectacular scenery that offers a magnificent view of Santiago and the imposing Andes Mountains.

Pochoco is well known among locals and frequented by mountain lovers. Located at the foot of the Andes in the sector of El Arrayan, at only minutes from the center of Santiago, Pochoco presents itself as an opportunity for those who are just starting in the world of mountaineering. Here you will enjoy a spectacular scenery that offers a magnificent view of the great capital city and the imposing Andes Mountain Range as a reward for the hard efforts to reach it's summit.

At the entrance is the Pochoco Observatory which belongs to ACHAYA (Chilean Association of Astronomy and Astronautic). During the ascent we can admire a surprising vegetation of species characteristic of dry environments, such as puyas and cactus, which are unique to north facing slopes in the area. In shadier areas that face southwards we will find dense bush cloaks, representative of Mediterranean climate.

The climb has a medium difficulty (easy for climbers standards), path has a bit of loose dirt, but you will be fine if you are in regular physical condition. We recommend to visit Pochoco from April to November, specially after the rain. Anyways, it's a pleasure to climb it all year round.

Summary

- Activity: Hike – Climb
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Tour length: Half day
- Difficulty: Medium
- Season: All year round
- Total distance*: 4.6km (2.9mi)
- Altitude: 1,700m (5,580ft)
- Elevation gain: 700m (2,300ft)

* Back and forth

Itinerary

- 08:30 Pick up at your hotel
- 09:20 Hike begins
- 10:30 Arrival to the top, lunch
- 11:00 Descent
- 13:00 Hike ends
- 13:30 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Pre-hydration and good breakfast
- Hiking shoes
- Small backpack
- Long sleeves shirt if possible
- Shorts on summer
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Warm, windproof clothing on winter

Elevation profile annexed

FULL DAY HIKES

Darwin's Route

Let's cross La Campana National Park hiking through the Chilean Palm Forest, and explore this lands of great biodiversity, like Charles Darwin did in 1834.

This activity offers the chance to contemplate and be enchanted by a rich biodiversity of flora proper to the Chilean mediterranean climate just an hour and a half from Santiago, set in the Coastal Mountain Range.

The excursion begins at the northern sector of La Campana National Park, which was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1985. From there we will head south towards Olmué –where our driver will be waiting us to return to Santiago–.

The first part of the tour consists of three hours hiking up through a beautiful trail surrounded by xerophytes and Chilean Palms (*Jubaea chilensis*), with gorgeous views of La Campana mountain on our right.

Following the trail we will reach the Ocoa Hill Pass, an excellent spot for lunch and rest while we enjoy the beautiful views that the place offers. Later we will begin our descent towards the traditional town of Olmué, passing among an oak of Santiago forest (*Nothofagus obliqua var. macrocarpa*) which is one of the northernmost relict trees, among other high trees.

We invite you to be part of this excursion of excellence and have an exciting encounter with nature. We hope your experience here will become a lifelong memory.

Summary

- Activity: Hike across
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Tour length: Full day
- Difficulty: Medium
- Season: During all the year
- Total distance*: 14km (8.7mi)
- Elevation gain: 720m (2,360ft)
- Max elevation: 1,127m (3,697ft)

* One way trek

Itinerary

- 07:30 Pick up at your hotel
- 09:30 Hike begins in Ocoa Palms
- 13:00 Ocoa hill pass, lunch
- 13:30 Descent to Olmué town
- 16:00 Car ride back
- 18:00 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Pre-hydration and good breakfast
- Hiking shoes
- Medium backpack
- Long sleeves shirt if possible
- Shorts on summer
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Warm, windproof clothing on winter

Elevation profile graphic annexed

FULL DAY HIKES

Morado Natural Monument

An alluring hike up the river to the Morales Lagoon with breathtaking views of Mount El Morado photogenic south face and the glaciers that rest over the water shaped sedimentary rocks.

We'll take the road to the mountains through the canyon formed by the Maipo river: Cajón del Maipo, located in the southeastern portion of Santiago, until we get into the sector of Baños Morales, from where we will start our hike through the 30.09km² (7,435ha) protected area, declared Natural Monument in 1974.

The first section is the steepest of the route, nevertheless quite friendly. After about an hour hike up we will stop in the sector of Panimávidas Mineral Waters, where we can admire the stunning scenery that provides the nearby mountains and unique groundwater outcrops resting on stained bodies that tell us about the presence of mineral concentrations such as iron. Then, we continue walking by the now almost flat trail until we get to Morales Lagoon, propitious place to rest and recharge energies with a delicious lunch while we contemplate the mountains El Morado as a northern backdrop, Union to the east and northwest San Francisco and its namesake glacier.

If we are fast enough and feel the mountain impulse to go further, we could reach the best lookout of San Francisco glacier. One hour will take us from the lagoon to this viewpoint, last stop before heading back.

This excursion can be made all year round, even during snowy winters with the help of snowshoes, or in spring and summer, when the valley reflourishes.

Summary

- Activity: Hike
- Tour length: Full Day
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Difficulty: Medium
- Location: Cajón del Maipo
- Season: All year round
- Total distance*: 13.3km (8.3mi) *Back and forth
- Elevation gain: 620m (2,000ft)
- Max elevation: 2,500m (8,200ft)

Itinerary

- 07:30 Pick up at the hotel
- 08:15 Entering Cajón del Maipo
- 09:30 Baños Morales, hike begins
- 12:30 Morales lagoon, lunch
- 13:00 Start the descent
- 15:00 Ride back to Santiago
- 17:30 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Warm and windproof clothes
 - Sunglasses and hat
 - Medium backpack
 - Sunblock
 - Hiking shoes
 - Thermal shirt (long sleeves if possible)
- Winter**
- Sunglasses (important)
 - Winter hat*
 - Waterproof hiking boots
 - Parka or waterproof jacket
 - Gloves*
- * Please ask if needed

FULL DAY HIKES

Morado Hanging Glacier

Don't miss the opportunity to be surprised by this great pendant, one of the last glacier evidence still present in the Chilean Central Andes.

This spectacular glacier is located at an altitude of 3,260m (10,700ft) in the Andes Mountain Range. The access is through Cajón del Maipo, the most popular mountain corridor in Central Chile.

After two hours driving through imposing gorges and ravines, we'll reach Las Arenas Valley, where we could find fossils among a big rockery, and condors in the sky. We will stop near a bouldering area in Las Arenas Valley called Choriboulder, a wonderful place to start our hike up to the glacier lagoon.

Less than three hours hiking up the river through the valley, and after climbing a moraine, we will reach our destination. The prize: absolute amazement by the glacier that hangs from El Morado Mountain and melts into a sedimented lagoon with icebergs in an enclosed valley tucked deep between mountains.

We invite you to an intimate contact with Andean nature. Here you will contemplate pristine rivers, snow capped mountains and deep blue skies. You will breath fresh air and feel blessed by the energy of the great Morado Hanging Glacier.

Summary

- Activity: Hike
- Tour length: Full day
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Difficulty: Easy
- Location: Cajón del Maipo
- Season: October to May
- Total distance*: 9.5km (5.9mi) * Back and forth
- Elevation gain: 640m (2,100ft)
- Max elevation: 3,260m (10,690ft)

Itinerary

- 07:30 Pick up at the hotel
- 08:15 Entering Maipo sector
- 10:00 Las Arenas Valley, hike begins
- 12:30 Lunch at the glaciers lagoon
- 13:00 Rounding the lagoon and walls of ice
- 13:30 Descent
- 15:00 On the road downhill
- 17:30 Back in your hotel.

Recommended

- Warm and windproof clothes
- Sunglasses and hat
- Medium backpack
- Sunblock
- Hiking shoes
- Thermal shirt (long sleeves if possible)

Winter

- Sunglasses (important)
- Winter hat*
- Waterproof hiking boots
- Parka or waterproof jacket
- Gloves*

* Please ask if needed

Elevation profile annexed

FULL DAY HIKES

Pacific Coast Gardens

Walking down the shoreline fresh wind blows on our faces. The rhythm of the waves set the pace as we pass through shrubs, cactus and rocks. Penguins, sea lions and seabirds give narrative to the immense ocean.

Puquén Bio-Park is located in the shoreline from the north side of Los Molles in Valparaiso Region until Pichidangui in Coquimbo Region. The park represents a unique scenic beauty thanks to its endemic flora and great biodiversity. Here visitors can admire flora represented by steppe shrub and abundant flowers that paint the landscape with a wide palette of colours. At the park we can also observe multiple geological formations that comprise the place. Among the main attractions, we will find a blowhole called Puquén, which in Molle language means “whale”. It consists of a sea cave produced by water erosion that when the tide is high water passes landwards through a vertical shaft resulting in blasts of water of amazing heights. Close to Puquén, we can admire the Lobera: an island where a huge colony of South American sea lions (*Otaria flavescens*) live. This is the perfect place to watch their activities and listen to their loud shouts. There is also another island where we can see a population of Peruvians boobies (*Sula variegata*) during their reproductive period (from November to February).

If the ocean conditions allow us, we can stop to enjoy a refreshing swim in a natural pool. This pool is a body of stagnant water about 4m (13ft) deep fed by the direct presence of big waves that gradually fill the pool. There is also an area where we can find giant rocks with fossil records of plants from the Triassic period.

Summary

- Activity: Hike
- Tour length: Full day
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Difficulty: Easy
- Location: Los Molles, Valparaiso
- Season: All year round
- Total distance*: 8km (5mi)
- Elevation gain: 40m (131ft)

* Whole circuit back to start point

Itinerary

- 07:30 Hotel pick up
- 09:30 Los Molles, hike begins
- 10:00 Blowhole and Sea lion Island
- 12:30 Natural pool and optional bath
- 14:15 Lunch time
- 16:00 Car ride back
- 18:00 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Pre-hydration and good breakfast
- Hiking shoes
- Medium backpack
- Long sleeves shirt if possible
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Warm and windproof jacket
- Swimsuit and towel in summer

FULL DAY HIKES

Juncal Andean Park

Frigid winds blow as we turn into the glacier's gorge. Without foreseeing we begin to step on ice that shines in between the fallen rocks of surrounding towering mountains.

The Juncal Andean Park is an ecological reserve created in 1911 by the Kendrick family. This private property, preservation of a pristine andean ecosystem, has an area of 13,796 hectares and is located in the middle of the Juncal valley, just two hours from Santiago to the north.

It has unique natural features and a remarkable beauty. In may of 2010 the park was designated "RAMSAR wetlands of international importance" such as other 11 recognized sites in Chile. Wetlands are a focus of conservation for its vital importance as a source of life, especially in harsh environments as the Juncal. This area has magnificent glaciers that are slowly receding as a result of the climate change.

We'll reach the park entrance alongside the intriguing and forgotten train railway that used to crossed the Andes. From here we will enter through the andean valley following a low slope trail by the eastern bank of the Juncal river. The path take us to a huge vega, a mountain oasis plenty of life due to the presence of water all year round, then we'll cross the "Monos de agua" river.

The last section of the path becomes less clear and steepest as we continue through a drawer that reveal the presence of this huge body of ice. In this last section we will begin to feel the steep moraine configuration, realizing that we are already on the glacier.

Summary

- Activity: Hike
- Tour length: Full day
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Difficulty: Medium
- Location: Towards Paso Libertadores
- Season: Nov to Apr
- Total distance*: 18km (11.2mi)
- Elevation gain: 600m (1,960ft)
- Max elevation: 3,000m (10,000ft)

* Back and forth

Itinerary

- 07:30 Hotel pick up
- 09:30 Arrival to park, hike begins
- 11:30 Lunch at "Monos de agua" river
- 13:00 Juncal Glacier lookout
- 13:30 Descent begins
- 17:00 Ride back to Santiago
- 19:00 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Pre-hydration and good breakfast
- Hiking shoes
- Medium backpack
- Warm and windproof jacket
- Sunglasses and hat
- Sunblock
- Hiking shoes
- Thermal shirt (long sleeves if possible)

FULL DAY CLIMBS

Painter's Palette

This excursion is an excellent opportunity to experience high altitudes and admire the wonderful views of the Andean immensity that rise up full of expression and personality.

El Pintor, which means The Painter, is a magnificent mountain that rises above 4,000m (13,123ft) from sea level. Of moderate technical difficulty, this colourful giant offer for those who came to meet it, an excellent view of deep valleys and huge neighbouring Andean peaks.

The ascent begins at La Parva ski center. The first section of the trek will bring us to the sector of Laguna Piuquenes at 3,599m (11,482ft), a lagoon that resembles the shape of an eye. After a short rest we will climb up 200m (656ft) more to a promontory named Falsa Parva. From this point we will continue a two hour hike following a practically flat trail that crosses through a desert, rocky landscape, to finally give our last efforts and attack the summit of El Pintor.

Fresh thin air and panoramic views of some of the highest American summits. We will distinguish huge mountains like Marmolejo, Piuquenes and Tupungato, as well as mount El Plomo, which with its altitude of 5,550m (17,795ft), rises from the north making a great impression with its glaciers, majesty and mystery.

Attention

This is a high mountain experience and requires good mental and physical condition. Atmospheric pressure decreases in high altitudes and may provoke altitude sickness: nausea and exhaustion resulting from shortage of oxygen.

Summary

- Activity: Hike - Climb
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Tour length: Full day
- Difficulty: Hard
- Location: La Parva Ski Resort
- Season: October to May
- Total distance: 17km (10.5mil)*
- Elevation gain: 1,200m (3,937ft)
- Max elevation: 4,200m (13,780ft)

*Back and forth without weekend ski lift

Itinerary

- 07:30 Pick up at your hotel
- 09:00 Beginning the ascent
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:00 Summit
- 14:30 Descent
- 17:30 Arrival to the vehicle
- 18:45 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Pre-hydration and good breakfast
- Sleep well previous night
- Hiking boots
- Medium backpack
- Warm and windproof clothing
- Long sleeves shirt if possible
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen

FULL DAY CLIMBS

Provincia Mountain

In the front line of the Andes overlooking the valley of Santiago, Provincia is one of the most popular summits between mountaineers.

Part of the mountain ridge of Sierra de Ramón, with a vertical drop of 1,700m (5,577ft), its summit is usually covered by snow in winter and spring.

This rock-giant challenges those who wish to experience the typical high mountain experience. Adding to the effects of the altitude, the hike up takes about 5 hours, so the climb is very exhausting and requires a high degree of physical ability. However, all efforts will be rewarded by the wonderful excursion: passing through an imposing sclerophyllous forest given by perennial vegetation representative of Mediterranean climate (peumos, boldos and quillayes among others species), with panoramic views of the city of Santiago to the west, we will reach up to where there is no more vegetation, different shades of rocky material are shown, condors usually overfly the sector and the impressive Andes appears from behind.

We recommend to climb Provincia from April to November, specially in spring when the summit is still covered by not too much snow. A wide range of upland birds usually delight us during this ascent.

Summary

- Activity: Hike – Climb
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Tour length: Full day
- Difficulty: Hard
- Location: Las Condes, Santiago
- Season: During all the year
- Total distance*: 18.3km (11.4mi)
- Height difference: 1,700m (5,580ft)
- Max elevation: 2,750 (9,000ft)

* Back and forth

Itinerary

- 07:30 Pick up at your hotel
- 08:10 Climb begins in San Carlos
- 11:30 Lunch at Alto del Naranjo
- 13:30 Summit
- 14:00 Descent
- 18:00 Car ride back
- 19:00 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Pre-hydration and good breakfast
- Hiking shoes
- Long sleeves shirt if possible
- Shorts on sunny days
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Warm, windproof clothing for summit

Elevation profile graphic annexed

FULL DAY CLIMBS

La Campana Ascent

“We spent the day on the mountain top, and has never seemed the shortest time, Chile stretches at our feet like a panorama, immense limited by the Andes and the Pacific Ocean.”

– Charles Darwin from the summit of La Campana mountain.

We will revive the expedition that Darwin did over 180 years ago. The hike starts at the entrance of La Campana National Park in the southern sector of El Granizo, accessed through the town of Olmué (Region of Valparaiso), where we begin the ascent of La Campana by taking the path of “El Andinista” that goes through a perennial forest represented by boldos (*Peumus boldus*), litres (*Lithraea caustica*), bellotos (*Beilschmiedia miersii*) molles (*Schinus latifolius*) and canelos (*Drimys winteri*).

After walking around two hours the vegetation opens allowing us to admire the surrounding landscape and a subtle marine presence from the western horizon. Oak trees (*Nothofagus macrocarpa*) come into scene as we ascend by a meandering path.

At 1,260m (4,150ft) ASL, we will find an old quartz mine located in an open area, good time to rest and replenish energies for the second tranche. The last hour is more demanding, the slope increases and we start feeling tired as we approach the summit through granite rocks, finally reaching an elevation of 1,920m (6,300ft).

La Campana is one of the highest mountains in the Coastal Range, and its summit, one of the best places to see the country in these latitudes, with the imposing Andes Range to the east and the Pacific Ocean westward. Within this large field we can observe mount Aconcagua, the highest of America! and coastal cities like Valparaíso and Viña del mar.

Summary:

- Activity: Hike – Ascent
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Tour length: Full day
- Difficulty: Medium
- Location: La Campana National Park
- Season: All year round
- Total distance*: 10.8km (6.7mi)
- Elevation gain: 1,450m (4,750ft)
- Max elevation: 1,920m (6,300ft)

* Back and forth

Itinerary:

- 07:30 Pick up at your hotel
- 09:15 Start of the ascent
- 11:00 Rest near the quartz mine
- 13:00 Summit and lunch!
- 13:30 Descent
- 17:30 Ride back to Santiago
- 19:30 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Pre-hydration and good breakfast
- Hiking shoes
- Short feet nails
- Long sleeves shirt if possible
- Shorts on sunny days
- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Warm and windproof jacket for summit

Elevation profile annexed

DAY KAYAKING

Penguins' Island

Did you know there are penguins in their natural environment just two hours from Santiago? We invite you to kayak and explore the secrets of maybe the most beautiful area of the Chilean Coast.

By morning we are going to visit Zapallar beach, an exclusive village with a startling geography. Here we will have the opportunity to hike by the Boldo Natural Park, blanket by a relict forest product of the Humboldt oceanic current and its hills proximity to the sea that facilitate the condensation of coastal fog, bringing special conditions for its successful development. In this activity we can reach high altitudes to admire the beaches of Cachagua, Zapallar and Papudo among others.

After the hike the group will arrive to Las Cujas bay from where our assistant will be waiting with the kayaks over the white sand. From this quiet place we board and start paddling for about 20 minutes to reach the Natural Monument of Cachagua Island. It has registered 14 species of coastal and oceanic birds, making this protected area a fragile and unique ecosystem. Among these birds, there is one that can only survive thanks to the conditions offered by this island; The Humboldt Penguin. An endemic bird of the Humboldt current which inhabits almost the entire Chilean coast and the south of Peru. Here you can contemplate closely a population of these flightless birds. If we're lucky we can meet the Chungungo, the smallest marine mammal in the world, or also sea lions which often visit these island.

Experience with your family and friends a unique experience in direct contact with the delights offered by the central coast of Chile and meet the beautiful natural life that shelter these places.

Considerations

Due to changing sea conditions, which sometimes makes impossible the kayaking activity, Coigüe Expeditions reserves the decision to kayak in Zapallar Bay instead. However, it is always possible to watch Penguins with binoculars from the shoreline.

Summary

- Activity: Kayak and hike
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Tour length: Full day
- Location: Cachagua and Zapallar
- Difficulty: Easy
- Season: All year round
- Kayak distance: 2 miles

Itinerary

- 07:30 Pick up at the hotel
- 09:30 Arrival to Zapallar. Beginning of the trek
- 13:00 Arrival to Las Cujas beach. Lunch time
- 14:00 Kayaking by Cachagua Island
- 15:00 End of kayaking
- 16:00 Return back to Santiago
- 18:00 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Warm and windproof clothes
- Sunglasses and hat
- Medium backpack
- Hiking shoes
- Extra clothes to get wet
- Swimsuit and towel

DAY WINE TOURS

Loma Larga Vineyards

Horseback Riding & Wine Tasting, Casablanca Valley

Loma Larga Vineyards are the first to produce cold weather red wines in the Casablanca Valley. Wines that faithfully resemble its origin. Here you'll learn about the process by horse riding through the vineyards, visiting the cellar and tasting wine with a sommelier.

We invite you to enjoy a unique wine experience in Casablanca Valley, located between Santiago and Valparaiso, beautiful fertile lands of mild Mediterranean weather.

We'll horseback ride through the beautiful forests and vineyards of Loma Larga. After the ride, a sommelier of the winery will invite us to participate in the winemaking and visit the barrel cellar. The wine tour ends with a tasting at the guest house, between the garden, orchards and vineyards. In this instance the participants will learn about the characteristics and typicality of the wines by tasting different vintages such as Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc.

After the Loma Larga enotour, our passengers can choose to have lunch at Tanino Restaurant in Casas del Bosque Vineyards, which has an exclusive menu and excellent service in a friendly atmosphere surrounded by beautiful gardens and vineyards. Chef recommends sweetbreads and wagyu beef paired with a Pinot Noir Gran Reserva, also crab & basil ravioli with Sauvignon Blanc... delicious!

Summary

- Activity: Wine tour, horseback ride
- Tour Length: Half day with optional evening meal
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Winery: Loma Larga Vineyards
- Location: Casablanca valley, Valparaiso
- Distance: 76km (47mi), 1:30hr from Santiago
- Season: All year round

Itinerary

- 09:00 Pick up at your hotel
- 10:30 Arrival to Loma Larga vineyard
- 11:00 Horseback ride
- 12:00 Cellar and wine process tour
- 13:00 Wine tasting at the guest house
- 13:45 Optional lunch Tanino Restaurant
- 16:30 Back in your hotel
- 15:15 Alt. back in your hotel

Recommended

- Pants (required for horse ride)
 - Sunglasses
 - Sun hat
 - Sunblock
 - Warm clothes in winter
 - US\$20-30 per person for lunch at restaurant
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DAY ROCK CLIMBING

Petorca Ravine

Erosion was produced mostly by oxygen one million years ago, forming natural holes in the vertical rocks of the Petorca Ravine, drawing some of the most astonishing sport climbing routes near Santiago.

There is an incredible hidden ravine two hours north of Santiago, where you can climb **one of the most amazing rock formations in Chile**, with routes for newbies and experienced climbers in a tranquil, temperate environment. At the bottom, along the ravine, there is still a brook which remind us of the bigger river that washed the conglomerate and basalt rocks for millennia; leaving oxygen bubbles on its walls, and thin sand along the shore.

There are several recently equipped single pitch sport climbing routes ranging from very easy to 8a (5.13b), and a bouldering zone inside dry river pools with caves and polished stones. This is the perfect place to learn new skills and enjoy the day climbing with our young though experienced guides Miguel and Ivano.

During spring and early summer you can climb over the small lagoon formed due to melted snow from the Coast Range. If you choose to spend the night there, then we'll enjoy dinner by a wood fire and sleep over the sand in our tents. Or we could even vivac in summer, sheltered by the great walls, covered by the clear night sky full of stars.

Note

Climbing **guides are certified wilderness first responders** with experience in traditional and sport rock climbing. Regularly they work in [Fundación Deportelibre](#) (Freesport Foundation) transforming forgotten areas into outdoor gyms, where they offer climbing courses and other activities for local people. The guides are sponsored by brands like Petzel, which ensures quality equipments in every trip.

Summary

- Activity: Rock climbing
- Start / End: Santiago City
- Tour length: 1 or 2 days
- Location: Petorca
- Difficulty: All levels
- Season: Year round
- Climbing: Sport single pitch and bouldering

Itinerary

- 07:30 Pick up at the hotel
- 09:30 Arrival to Petorca Valley
- 10:00 Sport climbing after short hike
- 13:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Sport climbing or bouldering
- 17:00 Ride back to Santiago
- 19:30 Back in your hotel

Recommended

- Sunglasses
 - Sun hat
 - Hiking shoes
 - Medium backpack
 - Shorts
 - Warm jacket
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Expeditions

TREKKING

Condor Circuit

Traversing the Chilean Central Andes from the foothills green forests towards a unique high mountain lunar landscape at the base of Big Headless Volcano. We'll find hot springs, lava fields, lagoons and inspiration on our way through the land of our national bird, the condor.

A five days immersion in the Andes Mountains of the Maule Region of Central Chile. The trek covers 50 miles (80km) of trail starting from the forests of Radal Siete Tazas National Park, famous for the Claro river pools and waterfalls. We'll start ascending east passing by Mount Colmillo del Diablo ("Devil's Fang") towards Descabezado Grande Volcano ("Big headless"). Then we'll southbound the volcano's western lava fields, cross ravines, rest in natural hot springs, camp near a temperate lagoon, and hike over lunar-like landscapes shaped by pumice stone, with great peaks in the horizon such as Manantial Pelado ("Cleared Spring"). Finally we'll turn west to Altos de Lircay National Reserve, where tree species of Mediterranean climate from Central Chile and Southern trees like coigües and lengas converge.

We will be assisted by local porters and their horses so we can enjoy the path with little weight on our backs. We invite you to explore the wonders of the Chilean Central Andes through the idyllic and dramatic Condor Circuit Trek, and draw a □ shaped line over this spectacular and unfrequented Andean valleys where mountain lions, foxes, pudús and condors can be seen.

Program

Day 0 (Meeting)

We will arrange a reunion two days before the expedition so we can know each other beforehand, clear out every doubt and check our equipment. The venue will be at the customer's hotel.

Day 1 (Radal 7 Tazas National Park - Ánimas Lagoon)

At 4:00am in the morning we will pick up the passengers at their hotel in Santiago and head south to Radal 7 Tazas National Park, for an estimated 5 hours car ride. This protected area since 1981 is located in the Maule Region. Its main attraction is the course of the Claro River, with waterfalls and peculiar natural pools.

The arrival at the reserve is scheduled at 9:00am. At the administration we will be received by porters and their horses from where we distribute the equipment and start the journey towards a fairly friendly path through the Claro Valley, passing by native forest and a peculiar rock formation known as the "Colmillo del Diablo" (Devil's Fang). Here the group can enjoy the landscape with the Devil's Fang as a postcard of the place. There are 6 miles (9.7km) to this point and about 3 more miles (4.8km) along a demanding slope with an average height of 1,640ft (500m) to finish the day at the Ánimas Lagoon, who will receive us with tents set up on its shoreline, an excellent spot for camping. There the team can bundle up and get comfortable while waiting for dinner. End of the day.

Day 2 (Ánimas Lagoon - El Volcán Ravine)

Breakfast at 7:00am. Day rations for the hike are distributed. Hikers should pack their towels and swimsuits for the hot springs of "El Volcán". The first section consist to hike on a steep slope of 1.7 miles (2.7km) before get to the hill pass of "Las Cruces", at an elevation of 8.202ft (2,500m). After a short break we continue by a path of pumice rock along a hillside of northeastern

exposure before entering into the Volcán Ravine and arrive to the hot springs. On that place we will take a bath, relax the muscles and recharge energies before hike the last section of the day. After a refreshing swim we will continue to advance through the ravine to reach the campsite. The group can relax while dinner is prepared. Afterwards we will evaluate the day and the next.

Day 3 (El Volcán Hill Path - El Blanquillo)

This day is almost only downhill. The first stage consists of a hike through a corridor called “La Calle (The Street)”. A beautiful natural corridor highlighted by the impressive, majestic and colorful Mount Manantial Pelado. After a steady decline and having hiked about 8 miles (12.8km), we will arrive to the hot springs of “El Blanquillo”. This place is the base camp for those who come to climb the “Descabezado Volcano” and an excellent spot to take a nice and refreshing bath in transparent pools with temperatures at around 70°F (21C°). After a comfortable bath, the group prepares for dinner, an evaluation of that day and the next one. End of the day.

Day 4 (El Blanquillo - The Beach)

On this day we return to the main trail to take a southerly direction following the course of the Blanquillo River, which will lead us to “Altos de Lircay National Reserve”. Having left behind the Blanquillo valley and after passing the Escorial -last important downhill-, we will enter an old forest of nothofagus, representative of the subantarctic climate. In this ecosystem it is possible to see the Chilean lizard and the Woodpecker, one of the many birds that we might observe in this environment.

There are approx 6 miles (9.6km) before arrive at the site of “El Venado” (the deer). Here, we will stop to rest and have lunch before making the final leg of the journey that will lead us to “La Playa” (The Beach), a place on the banks of a river course where we will camp. The group gets comfortable and prepare for

dinner. We make the relevant assessment of that day and the last before going to rest. End of the day.

Day 5 (The Beach - Entrance Altos de Lircay National Reserve)

The group wakes, take breakfast and snacks are distributed as we prepare for one of the toughest section of the five days. It consist of climbing a hillside of eastern exposure, about 1.800 vertical feets to the viewpoint of “El Venado”. There are about 2.5 hours with significant slopes before reach this lookout. Here we can rest and admire the landscape that provides us with the view of the “Descabezado Volcano” that towers over the Andean scene.

From here we will continue hiking on a more friendly trail to the entrance of the reserve. As we descend, we will delve deeper into a sclerophyllous forest with species typical of the Mediterranean climate in association with Coigües (*Nothofagus dombeyi*) and Lengas (*Nothofagus pumilio*).

From El Venado there are less than 6 miles (10km) to finish the journey at the administration of Altos de Lircay National Reserve. Here you will be greeted by your driver with a “surprise lunch” and afterwards return to Santiago. We’ll be back in the Chilean capital around 8pm.

Summary

Distance per day

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|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| ● Activity: | Trekking | ● Day 1: 9,8 miles (15,7km) |
| ● Start / End: | Santiago City | ● Day 2: 10,2 miles (16,4km) |
| ● Tour length: | Five days | ● Day 3: 8,2 miles (13,2km) |
| ● Difficulty: | Medium | ● Day 4: 8,8 miles (14,2km) |
| ● Location: | Maule Region | ● Day 5: 8,6 miles (13,9km) |
| ● Total distance: | 50 miles (80km) | |
| ● Season: | Nov to Apr | |

Included

- Bilingual guide ESP-ING
- Packhorses
- Transport
- Parks fees
- First aid kit
- Trekking poles
- Radio
- Leggings
- Headlamps
- Pad and sleeping bag
- Four seasons tent
- Topographic map
- Utensils
- Box lunch, breakfast & dinner

Not included:

- Personal clothes
- Personal backpack
- Accident insurance

Recommended

- Hiking boots
- Hiking shoes
- Sandals
- Medium backpack
- Insulated and waterproof jackets
- Fleece and softshell hoody
- Breathable long sleeve shirts
- Thermal long sleeve shirt
- Light breathable pants
- Warm pants and leggings
- Sunglasses
- Sun and cold hats
- Sunblock
- Gloves
- Thick and regular socks
- Short nails
- Good sleep and alimentation on previous days

Adventure Holidays

PATAGONIA

Southern Highway Tour

A scenic route through Patagonia

Explore the marvels of Carretera Austral in a five days journey through northern Patagonia. A unique scenic route with picture-perfect vistas of forests, rivers, waterfalls and glaciers, magnificent mountains like Cerro Castillo, and the largest Chilean lake: General Carrera, where water has sculpted marble caverns on its unique islands.

Carretera Austral (Southern Highway, Route 7) is considered one of the most beautiful roads in the world. The highway was built in order to connect remote communities, and opened to traffic in 1988, though most of its extension is gravel road and has a difficult access by land. We'll explore the section that passes a few miles east from the Northern Patagonian Ice Field –part of the largest ice sheet outside of the poles and the nearest one to the equator–, thus the weather in this area is generally cold and humid.

Nonetheless General Carrera lake has a sunny microclimate, a weather pattern enjoyed by the few settlements along the lake, such as Puerto Sánchez at the north shore, the village in which we will spend the four nights.

Puerto Sánchez was first colonized by a few Chilean families who came from Argentina in the beginning of the 20th century. In the 60s the village had grown thanks to the mining industry, but cooper extraction ceased in the late 80s, leaving just forgotten mines that reminisce that era. Despite the decline of mining and isolation, some settler families continued living there. Currently there are 17 families working mainly on livestock and crops like alfalfa.

We invite you to join us on this magical journey through Patagonia and discover the wonders of the southern wilderness. We are a young professional team striving to deliver a personalized and excellent service, ensuring our passengers an unforgettable experience.

Program

From Balmaceda airport we will take the Carretera Austral and head south to Cerro Castillo, a majestic jagged mountain which name means castle. At the base of the mountain we'll find an archaeological site with handprints of the Tehuelche culture, who inhabited these green lands more than 7,000 years ago. The trip continues south passing through rivers and a beautiful green lagoon, until we reach General Carrera Lake and round the shore west to Puerto Sánchez. The rest of the team will receive us in the hostelry with the chimney fire going and fresh foods.

The hostelry has a beautiful open view of the lake and the Panichine island, which we'll explore during the first morning by kayaking between its rarely visited marble caverns. We'll round the island and park on a bay to enjoy a delicious picnic. After lunch we'll make a soft hike to admire the charms of the sector and the beauty of the surrounding landscape. We'll return to Puerto Sanchez by boat.

For the next day we'll mount Chilean horses and ride uphill to the old mine along a path with panoramic views of the lake and the Andes mountains. On the return back we will take a path through a forest of Coigüe that will lead us to La Playa sector by the lakeshore. Here we will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious lunch and relax in this exclusive sector. In the afternoon we will get ready to try luck on fishing. For this activity we will get in the boat to scroll through certain corners of the lake propitious for fishing for brown and rainbow trout.

An expedition to the Northern Patagonian Ice Field is a must, therefore we'll spend a full day to witness first row one of the glacial tongues that hang from the ice field. We'll begin on boat to Puerto tranquilo, then we'll take the road

along the river through an evergreen valley. We will stop in the middle of the Andes and do a short hike to observe the amazing Exploradores Glacier and mount San Valentín, the highest in Patagonia. On our way back we'll stop to have lunch at the Germans' house. Back in Puerto Sánchez will have some spare time before we enjoy a Chilean lamb barbecue with fresh salads and wine.

Last morning we'll have some spare time. You could learn to prepare traditional homemade bread with the local cook, stay in house, walk around town, or maybe hike along the shore to the Black lagoon, good place for birdwatching. Later we'll pack our things and return to Balmaceda airport.

Hostelry

We'll stay at the town hostelry that has 7 double bedrooms with private baths, a big dinner table and fireplace in the living room, a spacious kitchen with a firewood oven, a lovely patio and a quincho (a small house for meetings and barbecues). Our chef from Santiago with a local cook will prepare a healthy and tasty Chilean and international cuisine with fresh products from Patagonia and the Central Zone of Chile.

Summary

- Activity: Multi-activity holidays
- Highlights: Kayaking marble caverns of Panichine Island
Horseback riding to old mine
Exploradores glacier day trip
- Tour length: 5 days 4 nights
- Location: Puerto Sánchez, Aysén
- Zone: Northern Patagonia
- Start / End: Balmaceda Airport
- Season: Oct / Nov / Dec / Mar / Apr / May

Itinerary

Day 1: Carretera Austral Road Trip

- Balmaceda Airport pickup
- Southern Highway to Cerro Castillo
- Short hike to the archaeological site, lunch
- Continue the road trip to Puerto Sánchez
- Reception at Puerto Sanchez
- Spare time and dinner

Day 2: Exploring the marble caverns of Panichine Island

- Breakfast
- Kayaking marble caverns
- Picnic in Panichine Island
- Hike by the island
- Visit the Museum of Puerto Sánchez
- Dinner

Day 3: Horseback riding and fishing

- Breakfast
- Horseback riding to old mines
- Lunch in La Playa sector
- Fishing on General Carrera lake
- Dinner

Day 4: Trip to Exploradores glacier

- Breakfast
- Transfer By boat to Puerto Tranquilo
- Car ride through Exploradores valley
- Trekking to Exploradores glacier
- Local lunch in the germans' house
- Arrival To Puerto Sánchez
- Free time. Lamb barbecue

Day 5: Chill around town and ride back to Balmaceda

- Breakfast
- Spare time with options to learn to cook homemade bread, meet the mains infrastructures of the town or visit the Black lagoon.
- Back To Balmaceda airport with a stop for lunch.
- Flight back to Santiago

Included

- Lodging
- Transportation by land and water
- Two bilingual guides
- Chef
- Snacks and water for each activity
- All mentioned meals (breakfasts, lunches, dinners and barbecue).
- Phone signal most of the route
- First aid kit
- Laundry
- Park entrance fees
- Horseback, kayaking, boat and fishing equipment
- Hiking poles
- Waterproof coat

Not included

- Air flights
- Accident insurance
- Personal clothes

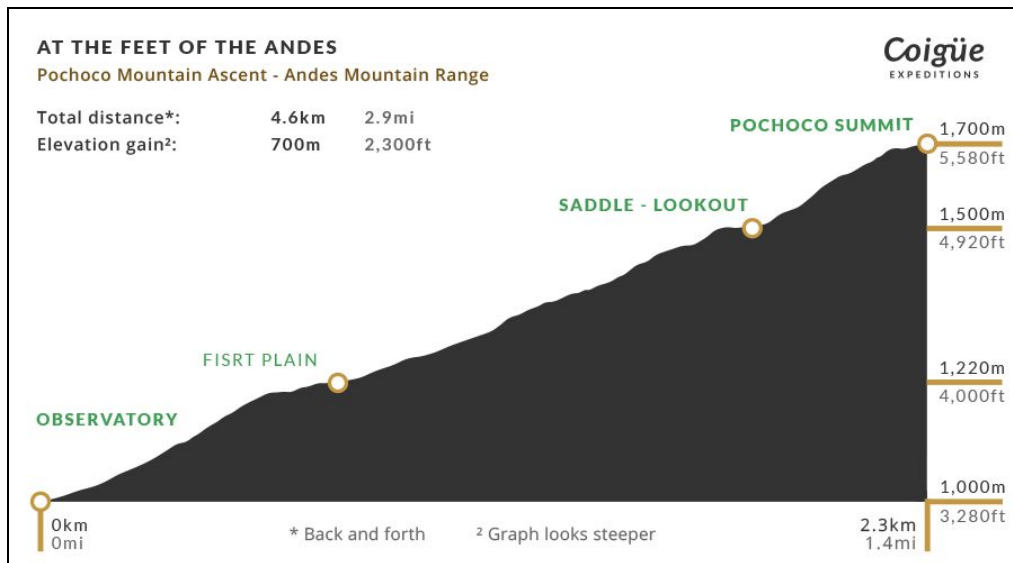
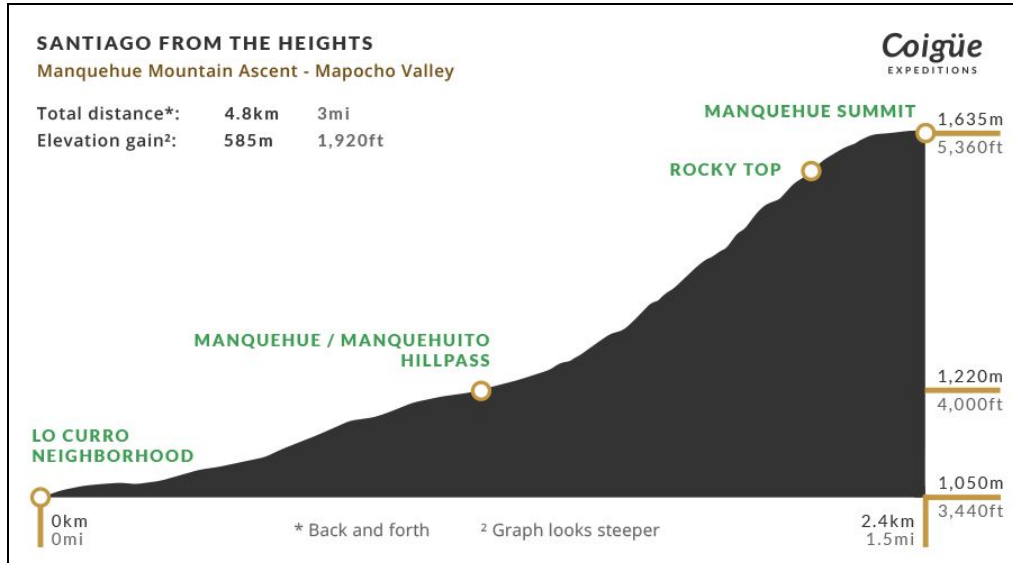
Recommended

- Hiking boots
- Hiking shoes
- Small to medium backpack
- Insulated and waterproof jackets
- Fleece and softshell hoody
- Breathable long sleeve shirts
- Thermal long sleeve shirt
- Light breathable pants
- Warm pants and leggings
- Sunglasses
- Sun and cold hats
- Sunblock
- Gloves
- Thick and regular socks

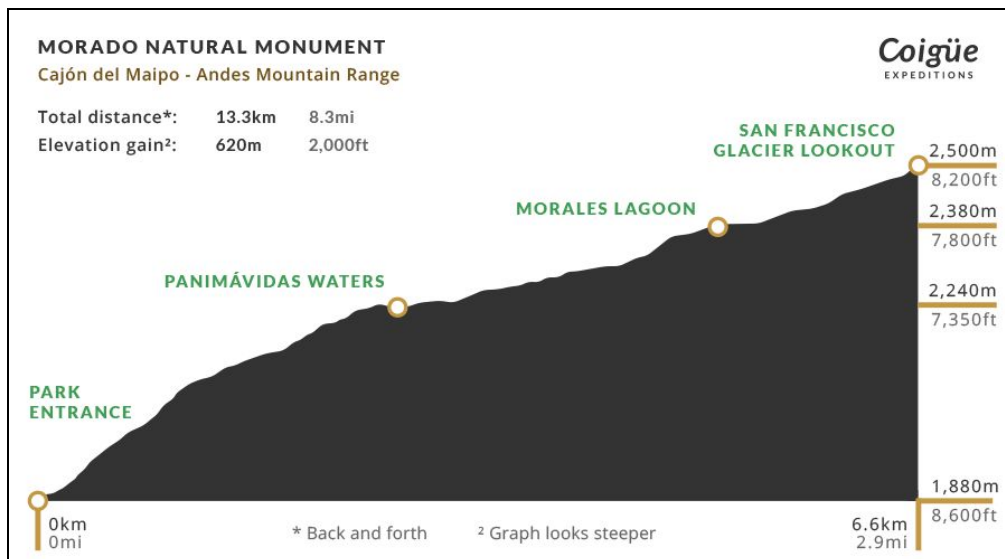
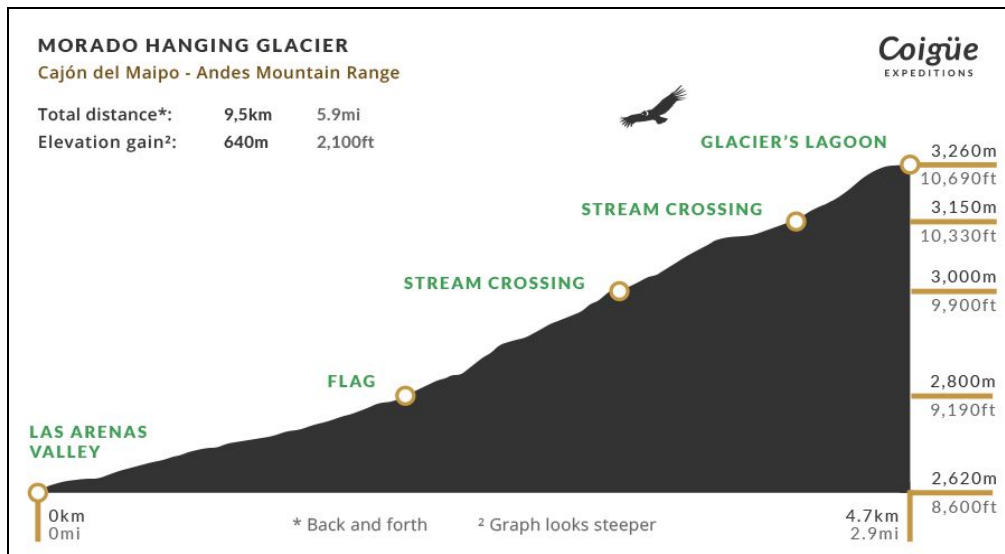
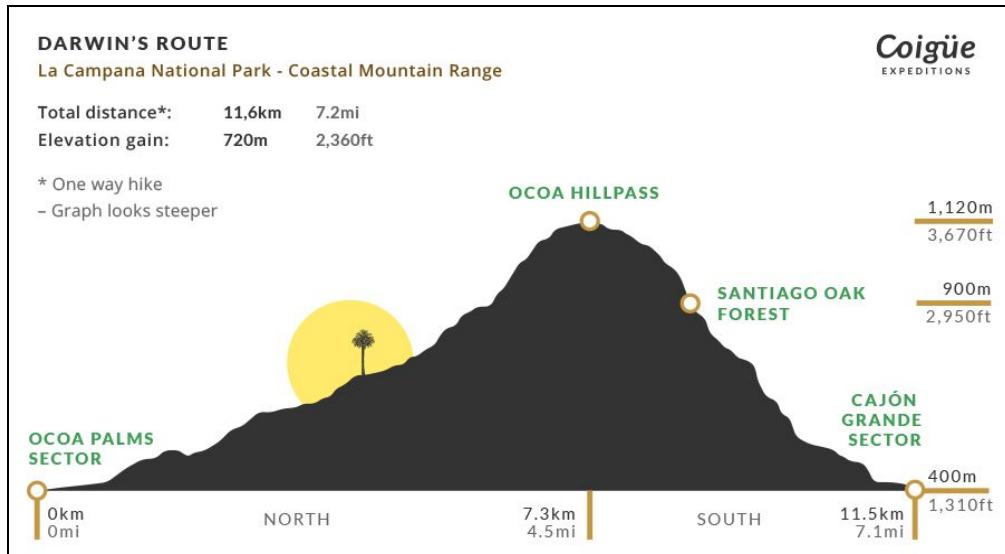
Annexes

Elevation profiles

Half day climbs



Full day hikes



Full day climbs

