



Chile Lake District Trekking

9 Days



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➤ Chile Lake District Trekking

With its freshwater lakes, temperate rainforests, active volcanoes, and ancient forests of 'monkey puzzle' conifers, La Araucania region is one of Chile's most stunning yet off-the-radar wilderness areas. On this extraordinary adventure, discover central Chile's adventure playground, the scenic town of Pucon, and set out to hike two national parks — Villarrica and Huerquehue — and the private nature reserve of El Cañi. Take time along the way to soak in hot springs, discover enchanting lagoons, walk through old-growth forests, and marvel at jaw-dropping views of Chile's Lake District.

Details

Arrive:	Pucon, Chile
Depart:	Pucon, Chile
Duration:	9 Days
Group Size:	5-12 Guests
Minimum Age:	16 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."

Dennis G.

"I have traveled extensively around the world. The experience with MT Sobek was by far the best I have ever had. Thank you for such excellence."

Marianne W.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has been exploring the magnificent wilderness of Chile since the 1970s.

REASON #02

This MT Sobek exclusive trip takes you well off the beaten path for a multi-day trek in one of the most pristine parts of Chile's Lake District, with stunning views of its

REASON #03

Explore Central Chile's national parks on some of the region's most spectacular off-the-radar treks with expert guides.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Moderate to strenuous hikes in two national parks with volcanoes, valleys and lakes, and relaxing soaks in natural hot springs.



LODGING

A comfortable three-star boutique hotel to bookend the trip; on the trek, camps set up in the wild with lagoons, lakes and geothermal features nearby.



CLIMATE

Central Chile is sunny and humid in March/April with average day-time temperatures of 60°F and 32°F at night.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

André fell in love with Patagonia at first sight and has made it his home for the last 10 years. He has participated in more than ten mountain expeditions in the region, accomplishing many first ascents, including the summits of the North and South Towers of the Torres del Paine. André has a great interest in the development of sustainable tourism and is always looking for other regions to explore within Patagonia. André's love for nature and respect for the mountains is infectious to all who travel with him.

Andre Labarca

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN CHILE

Meet your MT Sobek guides at Temuco airport in La Araucania region of Chile and transfer to the town of Pucon, an adventure playground with a delightful setting right between a volcano and a lake. Check in to the hotel and meet for an initial talk and briefing. Enjoy a welcome dinner together at a local restaurant.

Meals: D

DAY 2

TREK TO EL CAÑI NATURE RESERVE

This morning drive to El Cañi, a private 1,500-acre nature reserve east of Pucon. Start the trek from Coilaco, passing through forests of araucaria (monkey-puzzle) trees, a photogenic and fascinating genus of evergreen that existed at the time of the dinosaurs, with individual specimens living up to 2,000 years. Take in an area of high lagoons and arrive to El Mirador viewpoint featuring a spectacular 360-degree vista of the region's many lakes and its four volcanoes: Llaima, Villarrica, Quetrupillan, and Lanin. Descend a different way, to Cajon de Huife, and take the transfer back to the hotel.

Activity: 6-8 hours/10 miles hiking with 3,589' elevation gain and 1,883' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

START THE RUTA PILLANES TREK

Depart Pucon to begin the Ruta Pillanes trek through Villarrica National Park, starting along the northern slope of Chile's most active volcano, Villarrica, also known as Rukapillan, a Mapuche word meaning "great spirit's house." Along the way to the Challupen gorge, marvel at araucaria trees, lava fields and lahar, a type of mudflow that drifts down a volcano into valleys. Hike to the Peuco Viejo viewpoint for astounding vistas, and then towards the northwest of the great Lake Villarrica, also known as Mallolafquen.

Activity: 5-7 hours/7 miles hiking with 1,250' elevation gain and 1,876' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

VISIT THE GEOMETRIC HOT SPRINGS

Today set out for another section of trek, from Challupen gorge lagoons. Along the way pass lava rocks, evidence of volcanic eruptions, and distinctive araucaria trees, and admire the sight of Mocho Choshuenko and Puyehue volcanoes to the south. Arrive at the geometric hot springs, anciently called Cajon Negro. Designed by architect German del Sol, this striking red-wood complex features a footbridge used to visit the ravine, with thermal waters flowing underneath and abundant rainforest surrounding it.

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Activity: 7-9 hours/12 miles hiking with 2,434' elevation gain and 3,339' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

TAKE THE VILLARRICA TRAVERSE TO LAGUNA AZUL

Today set out on a strenuous uphill section of the Villarrica Traverse, one of Chile's most spectacular treks that passes beautiful forests of araucaria and lenga trees (a type of southern birch) and features dazzling views of volcanoes, including Quetrupillan, Villarrica, and Lanin. After the uphill section of the trek, walk along a path toward the scenic Laguna Azul in the southeast.

Activity: 6-8 hours/8 miles hiking with 3,093' elevation gain and 1,397' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

TREK FROM LAGUNA AZUL TO AVUTARDA LAGOON

This morning leave Laguna Azul to cross a series of lava flows, taking in the slopes and the crater of Quetrupillan volcano. Climb up to the edge of the crater, along the way seeing ancient craters and panoramic views of forest-covered valleys and astounding volcanoes. Reach Laguna Avutarda in the afternoon. Also known as Laguna los Patos, Avutarda is surrounded by mountains on three sides and has lush shores and marshes where caiquen and canquen geese nest.

Activity: 6-8 hours/10 miles hiking with 1,689' elevation gain and 2,034' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

HIKE FROM AVUTARDA LAGOON TO PUESCO VALLEY

Depart Avutarda lagoon this morning to descend toward the Puesco valley. Walk through forests of coihue, a huge tree known as "the lord of the forest," and lenga. Take in outstanding vistas of Colmillo del Diablo volcano (Devil's Fang) and the Puesco River canyon. At the end of the trail, you'll reach the international road where a private van will transfer you back to Pucon.

Activity: 3-5 hours/6 miles hiking with 583' elevation loss and 2,037' loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

EXPLORE HUERQUEHUE NATIONAL PARK

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Today discover Huerquehue, Chile's gorgeous national park that spans 27,500 acres and features striking mountain peaks, crystalline lakes and lagoons, and mesmerizing forests of ancient araucaria trees. Take Los Lagos, the most scenic of the park's many trails, with thick forests where you can hear the delightful sound of Patagonian woodpeckers, and a string of beautiful lakes — Tinquilco, Chico, Verde and Toro.

Activity: 5-7 hours/8 miles hiking with 2,276' elevation gain and 2,221' loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 9

DEPART FROM PUCON

After breakfast, it's time to depart from Pucón. On the way to Temuco airport, take in the last views of majestic active volcanoes and bid farewell to Chile's Araucanía region.

Meals: B

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Dates

Mar 31 - Apr 8, 2023

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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