

Chile Patagonia Cochamo Valley Hiking

Towering Granite Walls & Exclusive Access in the Remote Andes

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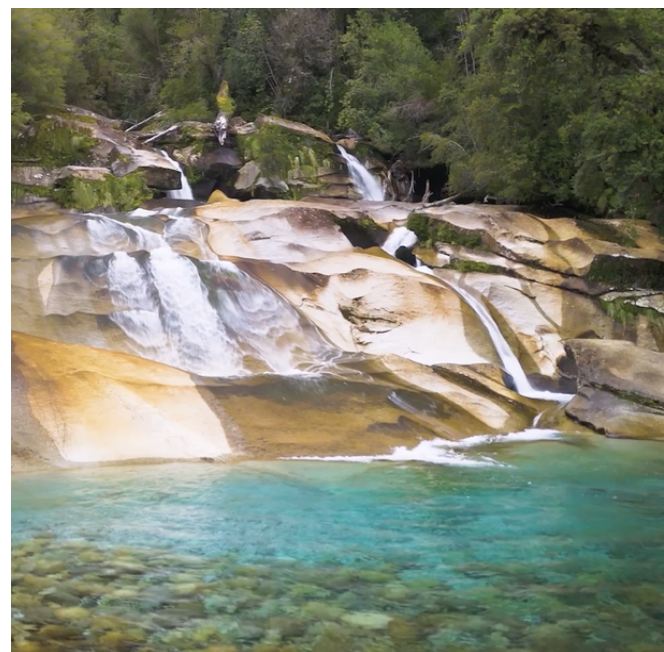
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

Forging adventures into off-the-beaten-path Patagonia has been our heritage since the 1970s—we are a leader in crafting exceptional journeys in stunningly wild places.

REASON 2

This MT Sobek exclusive reveals a pristine Patagonian wilderness of old growth forest and sheer granite walls in the hidden jewels of the Cochamo and Ventisquero Valleys.

REASON 3

Some of the very best in Patagonia, our local guides elevate your adventure with their first-hand knowledge and seamless professionalism.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Moderate to strenuous hiking covering up to 14 miles a day in varied, mountainous terrain, plus one day of Class II packrafting.



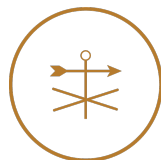
LODGING

Ranging from remote tent camping and a mountain lodge and cabins in stunning wilderness locations to comfortable hotels with modern amenities.



CLIMATE

Expect extreme weather conditions that can change from one moment to the next. Be prepared for everything, especially strong winds and sun.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

Accommodation: Four nights of this trip are spent camping in tents plus three in a rustic mountain lodge and cabins. These accommodations have shared bathroom facilities, with hot showers usually available. Solo travelers may be asked to share a twin room with a same-gender member of the group for the three nights at Rincon Bonito.



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Discover a place that rivals Yosemite in raw beauty yet is hidden away in the wild northern reaches of the Patagonian Andes. This magical region—an incredible 328,650 acres of granite monoliths, old-growth Valdivian rainforest, and glacial river valleys—is waiting to be explored. Travel deep into remote Valle Ventisquero, a frontier of unnamed peaks where millennia-old alerce trees spire toward the sky and turquoise glacial rivers carve dramatic basins. Hike into Valle Cochamo, tucked between 3,000-foot rock walls and lush woodlands.

11 Days

Start: Puerto Montt, Chile

End: Puerto Montt, Chile

Departing: January, February, March, April, October, November, December

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels, Rustic Lodging, Comfortable Camping

Group Size: 5-12 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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Thank you to MT Sobek for a once in a lifetime experience hiking through Patagonia! Everything from the itinerary, guides, lodging and food exceeded my expectations. All of this allowed me to fully immerse myself in this wonderful trip and take in all the extreme natural beauty it had to offer.

- Derek K.

Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Puerto Montt & Welcome in Puerto Varas

Fly into Puerto Montt, the capital of Patagonia's Los Lagos, a region known for its volcanic landscapes and many lakes. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in nearby Puerto Varas, a colonial city on the shores of Lago Llanquihue where the snowcapped peaks of the Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes can be seen across the lake. This evening you will gather with your guide and fellow travelers to discuss the adventure ahead and enjoy a welcome dinner together.

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 40-minute private van transfer

DAY 02

Journey Deep into Valle Ventisquero

Begin the day with an overland adventure into the wilds of northern Patagonia. Travel along an estuary, passing fishing boats and mussel farms tended by local communities, then turn inland to glistening Lago Tagua Tagua, a finger lake that fills a beautiful valley. Cross by boat and continue by 4WD to the trailhead, where your expedition begins. Hike a historic settlers' trail along the glacier-fed Rio Ventisquero in a valley where gaucho culture still thrives. Follow the river as it winds through new-growth forest, surrounded by the majestic peaks of the Hornopiren and Pumalin National Parks. Listen for woodpeckers, chucaos, and other birdlife before reaching your wilderness lodge—accessible only by foot—on this excellent introduction to the biodiversity and culture of the Ventisquero Valley.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private van transfer; 15-minute private motorboat

ACTIVITY: 4-5 hours/9.3 miles hiking with 230' elevation gain

DAY 03

Climb to 360° Views in the Ventisquero Wilderness

Setting out from the drier east side of Valle Ventisquero, hike a hidden jewel, following an old pack mule path that climbs steeply through ancient coigue and lenga forest, with each view better than the last. Peaks—still unnamed—rise dramatically from deep valleys carved by glaciers, their runoff rivers twisting and joining far below. Ascending above the tree line, follow a flat ridge with uninterrupted vistas of the stunning Puelo Basin and hanging glaciers in the distance. From here, look out over Universe Valley, taking in a pristine Patagonian panorama over Pumalin National Park. With luck, watch a condor circling above the Andes.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6 hours/6.2 miles hiking with 2,950' elevation gain and loss



DAY
04

Hike Among Alerce Giants in the Valle del Toro

Hike into the untouched temperate rainforest of Valle del Toro, a narrow, emerald-green valley where rivers thread through the forest, and ancient alerce trees rise majestically at the edge of Hornopiren National Park. The endangered alerce can reach 150 feet into the sky and live as long as 4,000 years, rivaling both the world's oldest (bristlecone) and tallest (redwood) in one remarkable tree. With no bridges in this remote wilderness, cross small rivers on foot as you make your way deeper into the valley toward a rustic mountain shelter built by *baqueanos* (horse whisperer, tracker, and guardian of the land all rolled into one), where a spectacular view over the Valle del Toro awaits.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 6 hours/13.7 miles hiking with 1,050' elevation gain and 1,050' elevation loss



DAY
05

Raft the Rio Ventisquero & Rio Puelo

Today you'll be geared up and given your own packraft for a two-river rafting adventure! First, paddle down the crystal-clear waters of Ventisquero, wild and remote, toward its confluence with the Rio Puelo. Watch for kingfishers, cormorants, vultures and ashy-headed geese and navigate fun rapids. Paddle into the spectacular Puelo Basin, where the turquoise river flows along pale glacial bars and banks, winding between mountains and farmland. Drive back to Lago Tagua Tagua, and cross by boat to where the Rio Puelo flows out of the lake to the sea. Take a well-earned soak in a lakeside hot tub and check in to your boutique accommodations overlooking the river.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer; 15-minute private motorboat

ACTIVITY: 5-6 hours/17.4 miles rafting with Class II-II+ rapids



DAY
06

Travel to Cochamo Valley & Hike Into La Junta

Transfer to Cochamo Valley, "the Yosemite of South America," where granite walls tower above idyllic glacial valleys and temperate rainforest. Set out on foot, taking the only trail into spectacular La Junta, a remote valley framed by soaring peaks and dense forest, and your base for the next four nights. With your luggage carried by pack horses, follow a historic cattle route used to drive herds from Argentinian *estancias* (ranches) to the Pacific coast docks. The path reveals rushing rivers, waterfalls, lush forest, and possible sightings of the Magellanic woodpecker. Arrive at camp and take time to settle into one of Patagonia's most breathtaking wilderness settings. A private refugio with hot showers and dining room is just over the river.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4-5 hours/8 miles hiking with 1,230' elevation gain



Hike to Spectacular Cochamo Amphitheater

A name whispered by climbers with reverence, Cochamo Valley has world-class climbing walls, but is more often talked about than seen due to its remoteness. The Amphitheater is one place you may spot climbers high on the rock face. Ascend a trail through temperate rainforest full of coigue, mañio, tepa, laurel, and arrayanes trees. Climb beneath the dense canopy, amid ferns and tangled mossy roots, crossing glacial streams and passing dazzling waterfalls, getting glimpses of the valley's dramatic scale. As you reach higher elevations, pass mighty alerce trees, then the forest opens to a breathtaking glacial cirque with a panorama of 3,000-foot granite walls and domes towering above and the stunning valley spread out below with frosty peaks in the distance. After marveling at the Cochamo Amphitheater scenery, return by the same trail to camp.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5-7 hours/6.2 miles hiking with 2,625' elevation gain and 2,625' elevation loss



Summit Trinidad Sur Pass

Head out on a challenging and rewarding hike up into higher alpine terrain and panoramic mountain vistas in the Trinidad Valley. As you climb, watch the ecosystem shift around you, from temperate rainforest to lenga trees, which mark the tree line. The views widen as you reach the base of the main peak, where ancient alerces rise from the canopy and sheer granite walls tower overhead. Continue deeper into the valley where Trinidad Sur, La Gorila, and the Río Trinidad come into view, and on to Laguna de Trinidad. Make the final climb to the saddle for a spellbinding panorama: lush Trinidad Valley stretching behind you to the west and Bestia Valley opening to the east with the granite faces of Monstruo—a climber favorite—rising beyond. Condors are sometimes spotted gliding overhead at this incredible vantage point.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 8-9 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 3,940' elevation gain & 3,940' elevation loss



Explore the Base of Cochamo Valley

Enjoy an easy day in the valley with a morning waterfall hike. Follow a path through the forest to Toboggan Falls, named after the natural—but very dangerous—slides the water has carved into the rock on its route to the turquoise pool below. Further in the valley there is a beautiful mañio forest with tree trunks covered in emerald moss and dusty grey lichens. The trail ends at a pretty waterfall where Capicua peak sails 3,000 feet above. Get a chance to explore valley culture this afternoon, meeting up with gauchos to learn how they work with horses in this remote landscape.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 3-5 hours/4-6 miles hiking with 500' elevation gain and loss



Hike Out of Cochamo Valley

Pack up and say farewell to the wild beauty of Cochamo Valley, retracing the historic trail that brought you into this remote Patagonian gem. Hike beneath the lush canopy of Valdivian rainforest, crossing the river corridor as granite walls slowly recede behind you. The return journey offers a final chance to listen for birdsong, admire the dense native forest, and reflect on the valleys, waterfalls, and high viewpoints explored over the past days. At the trailhead, continue by road to Puerto Varas, where a celebration dinner marks the final night of your adventure.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3-4 hours/8 miles hiking with 1,230' elevation loss



Depart from Puerto Montt

After breakfast, transfer to the Puerto Montt airport for your onward flight home. Board your flight carrying memories of glacier-fed rivers, ancient forests, granite valleys, remote trails, and the camaraderie of a true wilderness expedition.

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 40-minute private van transfer



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Radisson Hotel Puerto Varas

At the edge of Lake Llanquihue, with views of the Osorno and Calbuco volcanoes across the water, Radisson Puerto Varas has a prime location for exploring the colonial city or relaxing with a spectacular view. Well-appointed rooms with modern amenities invite a good night's sleep after a day of travel. Take a dip at the indoor pool and solarium or book some time at the spa and sauna.

Rincon Bonito Mountain House & Cabins

Rincon Bonito is nestled into the remote Ventisquero Valley and reserved entirely for MT Sobek guests. The Mountain House lodge has four bedrooms, and three cabins have one bedroom each. Each building has shared bathrooms, woodstove, dining and common areas with solar power and mountain views. The accommodation is simple, but with thoughtful touches that reflect the place, such as natural wood furnishings, cozy sheepskins, and plenty of natural light.

Tawa Refugio del Puelo

Crafted to be in harmony with nature, Tawa Refugio del Puelo's architect designed the boutique property to become one with the forest and riverbanks, its angled shapes letting in light and views, nestled among the myrtle trees and rocks. Each of the eight high-ceilinged wood-lined rooms has an ensuite bath, private deck, and large windows facing the river and mountains. The A-frame restaurant offers inspired Chilean cuisine around an open fire.



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MT Sobek Camp & Refugio - La Junta

Surrounded by granite peaks and temperate rainforest, MT Sobek's Cochamo Valley camp is set with roomy tents, sleeping pads, and a five-star setting. There are dry toilets and a handwashing station in camp. Just over the river—accessed by a fun pulley and basket system—is a refugio with indoor bathrooms, hot showers, books, a fireplace and seating, where you will enjoy your meals in cozy comfort. The refugio is reserved exclusively for MT Sobek guests.

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Departure Dates

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Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

March 7-17, 2027

March 21-31, 2027

What's Included

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
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