

# Chile Bicycle Tour Info

## Bike and Hike 8 Days

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### ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Road cycling, hiking, volcano climb and hot springs.-

Guided hikes and rides include natural interpretation on the volcanology and the indigenous flora and fauna of the parks, as well as cultural interpretation and focus on the history and traditions of local communities.

### DIFFICULTY

Medium, designed for people who lead active lives and are comfortable participating in up to [5] hours of physical activity per day. Programs at this level generally involve some activities of higher intensity and/or a more vigorous pace.

### Bike hire US\$ 220,00

Our company counts with great rental bikes: *Cannondale Caad8-5 105 Alloy- 2014* road bike or similar

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## Road Cycling – 8 Days

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Road cycling, and hot springs

### DIFFICULTY

**Intermediate:** You're active on your days off, and recreational biking may even be your weekend sport of choice. You love to ride, and it shows in your endurance and strength. Our intermediate bike tours offer a steady but active pace, with opportunities to push yourself. Expect some challenging climbs, with great descents over rolling terrain. Average distance per day: 40-50 miles / 65-80 km.

### Bike hire US\$ 250,00

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## Road Cycling – 12 Days

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Road cycling, hiking and hot springs

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## Bike Rental USD \$350,00

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## Info For All 3 Tours

### PACKING TIPS

We advise you to bring clothing for warm and cold weather; also including helmet and cap, brightly colored cycling jerseys, arm and leg warmers, base layers, windbreaker, booties, gloves, two pairs of sneakers, a waterproof jacket and any other waterproof item, sunglasses, bathing suit and sandals. Don't forget your camera!

### VISAS

Visa to enter Chile: No advance Visa application is needed for entry into Chile. Canadian, Australian and New Zealand citizens entering Chile for tourism purposes will be charged a \$160.00 processing fee payable on arrival. Cash and credit card accepted. US citizens no longer need to pay the reciprocity fee (\$160.00) to enter Chile. A valid USA passport is required travelling as a tourist for 90 days.

### HOTELS

As indicated in the program or similar

### VEHICLES

Modern van or Mercedes-Benz Sprinter minibus according to group size, air-conditioned

### ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS

Slight itinerary modifications might occur due to weather and or road conditions, or force majeure.

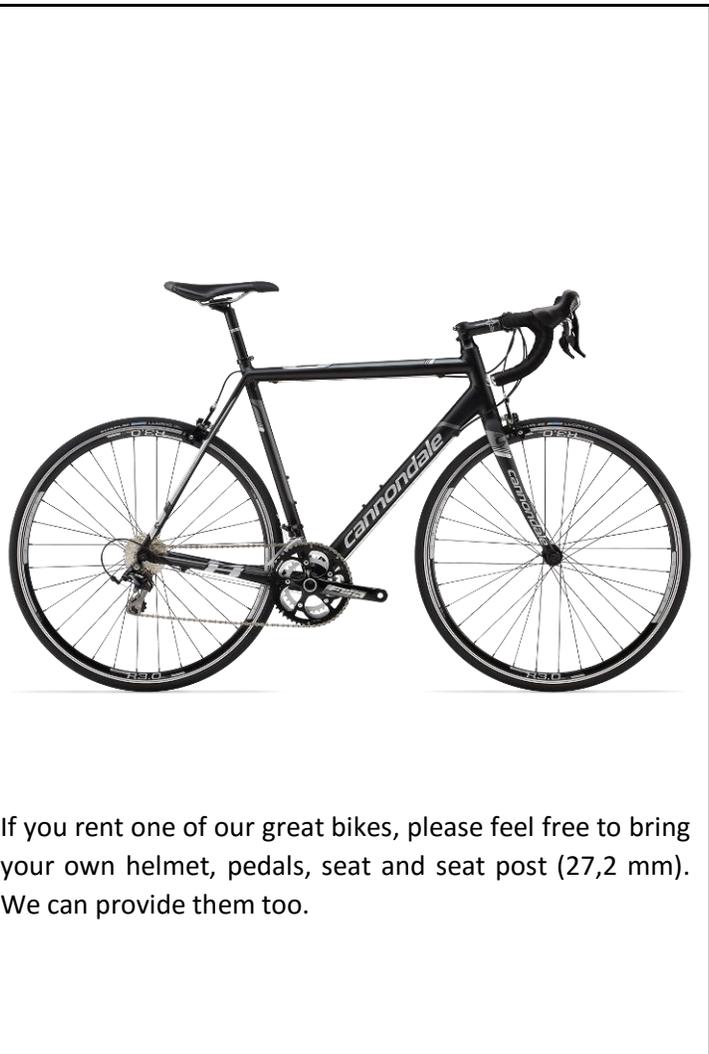
### FAQ's

#### Helmets & Pedals

Most riders choose to bring their own helmets, but if you prefer, we have a small number of helmets available on a 'first come, first served' basis. Please let us know in advance if you'd like to use one. All our bikes are equipped with Wellgo pedals and toeclips. We will be happy to substitute any pedals you

choose to bring. Operator also has a small number of Shimano SPD and SPD-SL pedals, available on a 'first come, first served' basis. Please let us know in advance if you prefer to use them.

FRAMESET	
Sizes	51, 52.5, 54, 56, 58cm
Frame	Caad8 alloy, optimized 6061 alloy, Save, BB30
Fork	Cannondale Ultra, carbon blades, 1-1/8"
WHEELS	
Wheels	Maddux RS 3.0, 32 hole (36H 58-61cm)
Tires	Schwalbe Lugano, 700x23c
DRIVETRAIN	
Shifters	Shimano 105 5700
Derailleur	Front: Shimano 105 5700, 31.8mm clamp
	Rear: Shimano 105 5700
Crank	FSA Gossamer, BB30, 50/34
Cassette	Shimano Tiagra 4600, 12-28, 10-speed
Pedals	Wellgo
COMPONENTS	
Saddle	Cannondale Stage ergo w/ crmo rails
Seat Post	Cannondale C3, alloy, 27.2x300mm
Handlebars	Cannondale C3 compact
Stem	Cannondale C3, 31.8, 6 deg
Headset	Tange Seiki Integrated, 25mm top cap
Brakeset	Tektro R741, dual pivot, cartridge pad



If you rent one of our great bikes, please feel free to bring your own helmet, pedals, seat and seat post (27,2 mm). We can provide them too.

### Food

Food in Chile is great and healthy. Likewise, it is one of the highlights of this tour. Great wine, fresh and flavorsome produce, seafood and all kinds of meat (beef, pork, chicken, lamb and wild boar) will be part of the daily menus. We are prepared to cater vegetarian, pescaterian, gluten free and dairy free food. However, if you are vegan or eat kosher food you may have to be flexible because in this part of Chile we have very limited vegan options and kosher food is not available.

## **Currency**

In Chile, the local currency is called peso.

The current exchange rate is \$1 USD = \$600 Chilean Pesos (CLP).

Travel checks are not convenient because only few places accept them and the exchange rate is 10% lower than dollar bills. Most credit cards are accepted at shops, restaurants and hotels. The most common cards are Master Card, Visa and Diners Club. American Express is less commonly accepted than the others. There is no need to bring a large amount of cash; there are ATMs almost everywhere we go on the tour. The maximum amount of money that you can withdraw per day is equivalent to \$300.000 CLP. For up to date information we suggest you visit the website [www.xe.com/ucc/](http://www.xe.com/ucc/)

## **Gratuity**

In Chile, the gratuity for hospitality services is normally 10% of the bill. People usually tip in restaurants, hotels and the local staff of guides. You shouldn't tip taxi drivers, baggage carriers and bar tenders, they do not expect any tips. At the end of the trip gratuity for the crew for a job well done is highly appreciated. We encourage you to use your discretion and tip according to the caliber of service you receive. As a guideline, the industry standard is \$120 dollars per person, per guide.

## **Weather notes**

We suggest visiting the web for current conditions in Chile and doing your own research on this topic. [www.meteochile.cl/reg09.html](http://www.meteochile.cl/reg09.html) and [www.meteochile.cl/reg10.html](http://www.meteochile.cl/reg10.html) or [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com)

Generally the weather in this area is very similar to Northern California, specially the coast side. Late October and November (spring time in the southern hemisphere) present milder temperatures (50°F / 77°F) with some scattered rain. During December you can start feeling the beginning of the summer with temperatures around 50°F / 81°F. In January and February temperatures range between 60°F / 95°F. Remember that you are visiting the Lake & Volcano district, so always expect some rain!

In Chile there are no insects or animals that represent a threat to human beings.

## **Airline Information**

We highly recommend getting the Chile Airpass ticket with Lan Airlines, which includes the international flight from San Francisco or Miami to Santiago (Chile) and the domestic flights Santiago(SCL)- Temuco(ZCO) / Puerto Montt(PMC)-Santiago(SCL). This Airpass is definitely less expensive than buying the flights separately and what's more important it is very flexible if there are some unexpected last minute changes. Lan Airlines Airpass can be purchased at any IATA travel agent.

### **We suggest booking the following domestic flights:**

Flight SCL-ZCO : LA233 12:00/13:25 or LA237 17:25/18:50

Flight PMC-SCL : LA296 09:40/11:20 or LA260 13:00/14:40

The international terminal at SCL is located in the same building than the domestic terminal.

Note: The local flights in Chile have a luggage allowance of 23kg. You will need to pay excess if your baggage exceeds this. There is an allowance for cycling equipment charged at 3kg (approx \$5 per kg).

## **Insurance**

Any policy you purchase should, at the very least, cover trip cancellation, loss of baggage, accident/life coverage, travel delays, and non-refundable airline tickets. Carriers for travel insurance include [World Nomads](#), Travel Guard and Travelex. You may also consider insurance that covers emergency medical evacuation. Search the web to find the best deal that suits your needs- read the fine print

**Altitude sickness**

There is nothing to be worrying about altitude sickness. We will never get higher than 4,200 feet .

**Road Safety**

Besides your own on-road safety gear (helmet, rearview mirrors, bright colored jerseys and gloves) we provide a support vehicle that drives at the rear of the group with a road-sign that alert other drivers the presence of bike riders on the road. Drivers in Chile are used to bicycles on the road, so they shouldn't bother you while riding. All our staff communicates by radio at all times.

**90 Minutes riding wait policy.**

In order to ensure that the timing and logistics of the rides and tour go more smoothly, please be informed that from the time that it takes for the first rider to complete a ride, the transportation vehicles will wait a maximum of 90 minutes for the remaining cyclists to finish riding. After this point, the riders yet to reach the finish line will have to get into the vans and be transported in the vehicles to reunite with the group.

**Bicycle choice**

If you bring your own bike, make sure they have tires of at least 28 cm size. Although the road surfaces are normally in fine shape, one never knows what condition they will be in after the winter. Pack your bike well in a cardboard box that we can easily dismantle for its transportation during the tour. Standard size bike hard-cases are welcomed, nevertheless if they are extremely oversized they might have to be shipped to Puerto Varas (last city in the tour) **at your own cost** (USD \$50 approx).

**Non Standard Wheels**

If your wheel size is different than 700, you **MUST** bring your own parts (tires, tubes and spokes). Likewise, if your wheels have any special features make sure you bring your own special spokes.