

Huilo Huilo Living Heritage

Day 1: Arrival at Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve: the adventure begins!

En route from airport to Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve, Chile

The trip begins when our team picks up our group at the Puerto Montt airport. We'll head to Neltume, a small town 3 km from the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve hotels, in the county of Panguipulli. We'll arrive at the hotel and have dinner before heading to our lodgings in the Fungi Kingdom Lodge.

Day 2: Local Foundation Workshop and Native Tree Nursery Gardens.

Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve, Chile

After breakfast our journey begins. The Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve's history has been influenced by various factors, such as the native Mapuche communities that settled here originally, the volcanic activity that forced them to move away, and the newer communities that settled after them, all of which have also helped shape the locals' current culture and customs. Their values have changed from that of a logging culture to one that today protects the environment through various conservation projects and generates strong tourist attractions. We will start our day in the Foundation Workshop, where local micro-entrepreneurs will teach us how to fabricate different products that they have commercialized through the Huilo Huilo Foundation, centering on the works of *magical beings*, which represent the various species and elements that can be found in the reserve's Patagonian Temperate Rainforest. Artisanal woodwork is also a highlight in these workshops, and this is an ideal time to learn about how this area works with local wood.

After a nice lunch in the foundation's café, we'll have an hour-long tour in which we'll see how local honey is produced and how local cheeses are made, followed by a delicious tasting. Afterwards we will head towards our last activity for the day, in the Llallalca sector, where we'll see the Native Tree Nursery Gardens where local trees, flowers and herbs are preserved. Here we will learn how the locals work with these plants, and later enjoy some tea, known in Chile as "once", at la Tetería and then return to the hotel.

Day 3: Local Mapuche Culture and Customs

Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve and Neltume Lake, Chile

After breakfast we'll take a couple of short morning walks to our mountainside destinations. If there is heavy rain, we'll arrive via vehicle. First we'll visit the Museo de los Volcanes (Museum of Volcanoes), where there's a private collection of historical mining and woodworking artifacts (ancient locks, lights and rocks), an assortment of old weapons, and a great variety of Mapuche jewelry which includes old copper utensils used by the Incas.

Afterwards we'll head towards el Sendero de los Espíritus (the Trail of Spirits), which combines wooden railings and forest floor and is just a short fifteen-minute walk from the hotels. Legends say that this area used to be an ancient Mapuche burial ground, and locals tell stories of meeting ancient spirits that lurk in the forest grounds. On this trail, we'll see enormous wooden totem poles and anthropomorphic and zoomorphic representations from the different Mapuche deities, while our guide tells us relevant historical facts accompanied by ancient Mapuche myths and legends. We will then return to the hotel for a nice lunch. The volcanic activity of the zone also helped to shape the Mapuche culture. Traces of ancient Mapuche communities have been found underneath the rubble of the most recent volcanic eruption. The volcanic activity also created a series of geological faults, including a great number of volcanic caves that were formed during the last eruption. We will enter one of these caves, La Cueva de Los Machis (Machis' Cave) in the Llallalca sector. The legend says that warlocks and witches (Machis) from different Mapuche communities would gather in these caves to exchange knowledge. After the cave tour we'll head towards Lago Neltume (Neltume Lake), which is sacred to the Mapuche culture, and to the Huilo Huilo Foundation, to learn more about the Mapuches' rich culture.

At the end of the day we'll return to the hotel, have a our last dinner, and share our photos.

Day 4: Day of Return

Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve towards Puerto Montt Airport

After a good night's sleep (which will hopefully be uninterrupted by Mapuche spirits), we'll enjoy breakfast and make our way towards the Puerto Montt Airport.

Seasons Available: Year-Round

Scheduled Outings: By request

Program Difficulty: Low

Trip Style: Meeting and exploring local towns and communities.

Rates

Rates count for the period between November 2015 through June 2016

Base fee for a double room: USD 1012 (DBL) per person

Single Room: + USD 434

Child Rate shared or additional bed: USD 506

Lodging Upgrade: Superior Room "Fungi Kingdom Lodge"

Additional fee for double room: + USD 68 (DBL)

Additional fee for single room: + USD 82 (SGL)

Child Upgrade with shared or additional bed: + USD 34

Additional Adult Rate: (UPGRADE exclusive at Superior Room): + USD 803

Infants: 0 through 6 years old. – Free of Charge if sharing a room/bed with 1 or 2 adults (Cribs subject to availability to Max 1 y.o.)

Teenagers: 13 years old and above – pay as adults

Includes

- 3 nights in standard room, “Fungi Kingdom Lodge”
- Entrance to Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve
- All transportation mentioned in itinerary
- Bilingual (Spanish/English) guide
- Guide to Group Member Ratio: 1:6

Meals

Day 1: Dinner

Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Day 3: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4: Breakfast

Does Not Include

- Flight tickets
- Drinks and snacks not included in the meal program
- Traveler’s insurance (personal insurance policy recommended for this type of trip)
- Toiletries
- Tips for guides and hotel staff

General Details and Considerations for 4-Day Living Heritage Tour

Pick-up/Drop-off Options:

Puerto Montt Airport / City of Puerto Varas

Temuco Airport / City of Temuco

Valdivia Airport / City of Valdivia

Pucón

Panguipulli

Itinerary Modifications

The weather in Chilean Patagonia tends to be unpredictable, especially in the areas bordering the mountain range, where the Biological Reserve is located. In the event that the weather or other external factors force us to change our itinerary, the company reserves the right to change activities without a discount or additional cost. We have several other activities to offer if such events do occur. In this way, we will make sure that you get the most out of your stay here at the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve.

Transport

4x4 Jeeps and pick-up trucks are used for all transportation specified in the program. Each one has room for 6 people: 4 passengers, a guide, and a driver. All of our vehicles are equipped and prepared to fulfill our itinerary in the safest manner.

Climate

The Patagonian Temperate Rainforest is located in Chilean territory, between 38°30' S and 55°30' S latitudes, east of the Andes Mountain range. It is known for its abundant, year-round precipitation and for its temperate summers (with temperatures reaching 30 °C/86 °F). This rainy climate is due to the humidity carried by the anticyclonic winds from the South Pacific, which then condenses due to the cold coastal currents of Humboldt. The humidity falls as rain when it enters the continent, and then dissipates when it reaches the Andes upon colliding with the dry winds that come from the Argentinian Patagonia region.

Physical Demands

The programs offered at the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve demand different amounts of physical effort. The program "Living Heritage" is of low physical demands. The trekking portion is relatively short and of low difficulty since the terrain is in good condition. Like all programs of varied activity, this program requires a healthy physical disposition.

If you have a special condition or disability that might impede you from joining us on the program, please consult with our staff before making your reservation in order to avoid future inconveniences.

Do not forget

It's very important to come prepared for both summer and winter on all trips. You should bring (for the Living Heritage Tour) a comfortable backpack for traveling, trekking shoes or comfortable walking shoes, a windbreaker, a parka, comfortable pants for walking, a swimming suit, a camera, a flashlight, sunblock, sunglasses, a change of clothes in case of rain, and a hat to protect you from the sun.

It is also important to bring cash in case you would like to buy souvenirs. Many of the services offered at the hotel accept credit/debit cards; however there are no ATMs from which to withdraw money, so make sure to bring some cash in case you want to shop at a local artisanal store.

TRANSPORT

- Includes Regular Transfer from / to reserves (in / out).

Puerto Montt airport to Huilo Huilo –

Departs airport at 11am, departs Puerto Varas at 12pm, arrives to Huilo Huilo at 4:30pm

Huilo Huilo to Puerto Montt airport –

Departs Huilo Huilo at 12:30pm, arrives Puerto Varas at 5pm, arrives to airport at 5:30pm

On Fridays it also departs Puerto Montt at 9pm and arrives to Huilo Huilo at 1am

Temuco airport to Huilo Huilo –

Departs airport at 1pm, departs downtown Temuco at 2pm, departs Pucon at 3:45pm, arrives Huilo Huilo at 5:45pm

Huilo Huilo to Temuco airport –

Departs Huilo Huilo at 12:15pm, arrives Pucon at 2:15pm, arrives downtown Temuco at 4pm, arrives airport at 4:15pm

On Fridays it also departs Temuco Airport at 8:30pm and arrives to Huilo Huilo at 12am

Private Transfers per bus in USD:

From	1 way	roundtrip
Temuco	183	329
Pucon	109	197
Puerto Varas	277	499
Puerto Montt	297	532

Please note:

- Price listed above is per bus (maximum capacity: 6 people).
- Maximum time to book bus: up to 72 hours prior to the guest arrival.
- The bus driver will speak Spanish. If you'd like your bus driver to speak English, please contact your booking executive.
- The bus driver will be waiting for you with a sign that will have your name on it.
- There is no minimum amount of passengers.
- Huilo Huilo will not be held responsible for flight cancellations.