

# Huilo Huilo Volcano Trek

## **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 Montaña Magica Hotel.

## **Day 2: Trek from the Península to Pilmaiquén Grasslands**

After breakfast, a transfer will take the group to Puerto Fuy, 3 kilometers from the hotel. A boat will be expecting us and we'll head to the Peninsula through the Pirehueico lake. The serenity of the lake contrasts strongly with the fauna that live there. It is a beautiful journey which will prepare us for our upcoming trek. We'll arrive at the Peninsula, where we'll start the trek to the Pilmaiquén Grasslands. On our way, we will see beautiful volcanic landscapes and majestic forests, and make stops at several wildlife observation points. Immediately following the Guanacos Reserve, we'll arrive at the banks of the Rio Blanco (White River), where our base camp will be waiting for us.

## **Day 3: Trek along the Los Volcancitos path towards Mocho's base camp**

We'll wake up to a beautiful view of Rio Blanco. We'll have breakfast next to a bonfire, and then then begin our trek through a series of craters of the Volcancitos (little volcanoes) complex. We'll observe how the volcanic activity throughout the years has determined the type of woods and the size and the shape of the trees there, as well as the flora and fauna. The last eruption in 1864 created the Mocho Volcano's crater. We'll arrive at the source of Rio Triful (Triful river) at sunset, an area surrounded by large cliffs shaped by ancient glaciers. We will then reach at our second base camp at Rucas de Montaña.

## **Day 4: Trek from base camp to the Mocho's summit**

Black woodpeckers, small eagles, austral parakeets, condors, wild boars, red deer, pumas and wild cows among many other species live in this area, and it is likely that we will wake up to the particular sounds of one of these animals. We'll have breakfast next to a bonfire to keep warm, and then begin the last part of our trip: the journey up to Mocho's summit for a spectacular panoramic view of the Volcancitos complex. (Optional extension: journey up to the Choshuenco summit. Advanced climbing knowledge required.)

During this part of the trek, we will notice a dramatic change in landscape; the dense forest will become a Lenga (*Nothofagus pumilio*) forest, filled with clearings. We will then enter a Pygmy forest of Ñirre (*Nothofagus antartica*) and low brush. It will be midday, which is the perfect time to appreciate the beautiful combination of lights and shadows covering yesterday's trail. We will make the journey from an altitude of 1700

kilometers to the top of the Mocho Volcano (at an altitude of 2420 kilometers) with the help of snowshoes (or randonee skies), as the trail is covered with snow covering the Mocho centenary glacier. When we finally reach Mocho's summit, we will see the breathtaking panoramic view of the Volcancitos complex. If it is a clear day, we will see the (level 1200) Villarrica, Llaima, Quetrupillán, Lanín, Cordillera del Encanto, Cordillera de Los Andes, Tronador (Casablanca), Descabezado, Puntagudo, and Osorno volcanoes.

We will then descend to an altitude of 1800 kilometers where a transfer bus will pick us up and take us back to the hotel. We'll enjoy our last meal together at Montaña Mágica Hotel, where we'll share our photos and videos from our adventures.

### **Day 5: Departure Day**

After a good night's sleep, we'll enjoy breakfast and make our way towards the Puerto Montt Airport.

**Season:** November through April

**Regular departures:** Every Wednesday upon request.

**Private departures:** Available, prices and dates upon request.

**Trip style:** Trekking

**Rates** (November 2015 through June 2016):

Base fee for a double room: USD 1350 (DBL) (min. 2 passengers in order to apply the program). Rate per person.

Single room: + USD 578

**Lodging Upgrades:**

Superior room at "Montaña Mágica" (2 nights: nights 1 and 4)

Additional fee for double room: + USD 77 (DBL)

Additional fee for single room: + USD 110(SGL)

### **Includes**

- 2 nights in standard room at Montaña Mágica Hotel
- 2 nights of camping accommodations
- Entrance tickets to the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve
- All transportation mentioned in itinerary.
- Snowshoes
- Bilingual English/Spanish experience
- 1:6 guide to group member ratio

### **Meals**

Day 1: Dinner

Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Day 3: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4: Breakfast

### **Does Not Include**

- Flight tickets
- Sleeping bags (however, Huilo Huilo offers sleeping bag rental)
- Soft drinks and snacks not included in the meal program
- Traveler's insurance (personal insurance policy recommended for this type of trip)
- Personal items
- Tips for guides and hotel staff

### **General Details and Considerations for 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 Demand**

This is the perfect trip for energetic and active people with adventurous spirits and positive attitudes. To enjoy this trek, it is essential to be in good physical shape before you arrive. It is not wise to use this trek as a means of getting into shape or losing weight. Start a program of conditioning well before departure.

### **Do Not Forget**

It is very important to come prepared for both summer and winter on all trips. You should bring (for the Volcano Trek) a comfortable backpack for trekking (approximately 5 liters), trekking 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.