

Huilo Huilo Wildlife Safari

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 Nothofagus Hotel & Spa.

Day 2: Pilmaiquén Grasslands and the Fungus or Bryophyte Route.

Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve, Chile

After breakfast, our voyage begins. We'll dedicate our morning to discovering the amazingly diverse flora and fauna that the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve is home to. We'll go to the 'Los Patos' (The Ducks) lagoon, found in the Pilmaiquén grasslands, by Jeep. After a 15-minute walk, we'll arrive at a fauna-sighting tower, a fantastic way to observe all the species that make this lagoon their home. The lagoon is fed by rainwater during the rainy season, and tends to dry up during the summer, evidence of changes in temperature that create an abundant amount of food for nesting birds of the area. After 45 minutes, we'll make our way to a second tower, which is located in front of the Guanacos sector, an ideal place to view the great variety of species of the area. After 30 minutes of observation, we'll make our way to the Guanacos base camp (which has restrooms available) to enjoy lunch accompanied by a selection of Chilean red wines.

Once we've had lunch, we'll begin our descent by vehicle towards our day's last activity: the Fungi Route. A spyglass and manual will be provided during our activity and our expert guide will teach us how to identify the different species of fungi that thrive in this Patagonian Temperate Rainforest. Afterwards, we'll head back to the hotel to a nice dinner and the comfortable accommodations of the Nothofagus Hotel & Spa.

Day 3: Botanical Trail and Cua Cua River Wetlands

Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve, Chile

After breakfast, we'll head towards the Huilo Huilo Portal to begin our trek. Although the elevation does not change during the trek, the trail showcases several contrasting and beautiful sights. During our easy-paced trek, which will last approximately 3 hours, our expert guide will tell us the most relevant and interesting facts about each species that lives in the riverbanks south of the Río Fuy. We'll then arrive at a curious little lagoon and make our return through the area's grasslands, which have a beautiful view of the Mocho-Choshuenco Volcano.

We will return to the hotel for lunch, and in the afternoon, our the last adventure of the Wildlife Safari will take place. We will go on a soft off-road excursion on 4x4 Jeeps and explore the wetlands of the Cua Cua River, home to many diverse species of birds, from a wide variety of duck species to the native black-necked swan. In some selected areas,

we'll explore trails by foot, and then finish the excursion by vehicle. We'll arrive at the Quilmio Bridge to enjoy some coffee, tea, herbal matte, and hot chocolate, and then return to the hotel. We'll have a last meal together, share the photos and videos from our adventures, and enjoy our last night in the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve.

Day 4: Day of Return

Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve towards Puerto Montt Airport

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

Seasons Available: Year-Round

Scheduled Outings: By request

Program Difficulty: Moderate

Trip Style: Flora & Fauna Sightings

Rates

Rates 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 at Nothofagus Hotel

Additional fee for double room per person: + 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

Child : 7-12 years old in shared bed.

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, "Nothofagus Hotel

-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, bagged lunch, and dinner

Day 3: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 4: Breakfast

Does Not Include

- Flight tickets
- Drinks and snacks not included in 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 Wildlife Safari

Pick-up/Drop-off Options:

Puerto Montt Airport / City of Puerto Varas

Temuco Airport / City of Temuco

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 physical effort. The program "Wildlife Safari" requires a healthy disposition. The trekking portions are relatively short and of low difficulty, and a large portion of the program is done in 4x4 Jeeps, which is why it only requires a medium amount of effort. 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 Wildlife Safari) 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.