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Why Backroads?

“Backroads is the best of the best.”

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TWO SUPPORT VANS

We provide two support vans on all of our trips so you can count on us to be there when you need us, regardless of the route you take.

THOUGHTFUL TRIP DESIGN

We know how to create exceptional travel experiences, ensuring that you get the most from your trip as it unfolds.

MULTIPLE DAILY ROUTES

Being able to choose among several expertly designed routes each day gives you the freedom to enjoy the best of a region at your own pace.

WE CELEBRATE MIXED ABILITIES

To accommodate varied activity levels, you need three leaders, two vans, multiple route options, detailed directions, a rating system showing if shuttles are required, and plenty of well-matched riding/hiking companions.

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STRAIGHT *talk*

We want to make sure you're on the right trip and that you have the best experience possible. Every Backroads trip is unique and this one is no exception.

TERRAIN, TRAFFIC & HIKING TRAIL SUPPORT

The Lake District's beautiful yet rugged topography limits the number of available roads. Although we've carefully crafted this itinerary to feature a mix of the region's most scenic paved and dirt road-biking routes, at times we encounter small trafficked areas, as well as a few sections of dirt roads with loose rocks and sand. Of course, you're always welcome to jump in the shuttle to avoid the busier or rougher sections of the route.

Our hikes through Patagonia's captivating terrain follow rocky and sometimes uneven paths, many of which are remote and do not intersect with roads. Vehicles will get us to and from the trailheads, but the nature of these trails is such that we won't see our vehicles along the route. Ample trail support in the form of water, snacks, and encouragement is provided by your Backroads leaders and local guides.

LEADERS & LOCAL GUIDES

Trips with a small number of guests may be supported by one Backroads Trip Leader and team of knowledgeable local guides. Rest assured that there will always be at least two people hiking on the trail with you.



Day 1

ESSENTIAL TO YOUR TRIP

US citizens need a passport valid at least 6 months beyond the start date of the trip.

On the first day of the trip, meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks in Backroads T-shirts) at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Paraíso Casa de Montaña (+54-(0)2972-412777), located at Barrio Paraje el Ensueño, Calle Paraíso, S/N in San Martín de los Andes, Argentina. Please arrive dressed in your hiking clothes and bring your luggage and a daypack with your rain gear and anything else you may want for today's hike. If you plan to join the horseback riding today, be sure to pack long pants. Please have your passport readily accessible for the check-in process following the day's activities.

Lolog Hike 3.5 Miles (600' elevation gain)

Afternoon Activities:

Horseback Riding: 2–3 Hours

Lago Lolog Mirador Hike: 3.5 Miles (800')

¡Bienvenidos a Argentina! Your Patagonian experience begins in the mountain village of San Martín de los Andes, a paradise of forest, rivers and waterfalls located on the shores of Lake Lácar.

To kick things off, your Backroads Trip Leaders give a brief trip orientation before we shuttle toward Lago Lolog. We hike to the scenic property of our good friends followed by a home-cooked lunch prepared in the ranch's adobe oven. Then the choice is yours to tour the beautiful land on horseback or by foot—either way, traverse through indigenous forest and wooded paths, keeping a lookout for birds and wildflowers. (Please note that depending on the number of people who wish to horseback ride, the ranch may require part of the group to horseback ride first, then hike afterward.)

We return to our home for the night, the boutique Paraíso Casa de Montaña, complete with a view of the lake and the Andes. This evening we gather for a welcome reception before sitting down to a gourmet meal at a local restaurant. *Lodging: Paraíso Casa de Montaña*

Day 2

Biking Options:

Circuito Arrayán Boost Route: 9 Miles* (700' elevation gain)

Circuito Arrayán Route: 12 Miles (1,500')

Just the Pavement Route: 13 Miles (1,400')

Walking & Hiking Options:

Mirador Bandurrias Out & Back: 3 Miles* (600')

River Walk Extension Route: 5 Miles (800')

**with shuttle*

After breakfast, your Backroads Trip Leaders fit your mountain bike and give a brief talk on biking techniques and safety. Then we're off for a heart-pumping spin climbing out of town. Relish postcard-perfect views of Lácar Lake and the surrounding mountains as you ascend higher and higher. Enjoy the descent on a quiet dirt road heading back to town, or turn back and take the paved road.

After lunch, we hike from town to Mirador Bandurrias. Named after a species of ibis found in Patagonia, this breathtaking spot provides more dazzling views of Lácar Lake and the surrounding area. Or, if you prefer, enjoy a stroll or beach time at the lake or head back to the hotel to enjoy the indoor/outdoor pool or sauna.

Before dinner, we have the opportunity to visit the gallery of world-renowned Austrian-born painter Georg Miciu Nicolaevici, who has made his home in San Martín for over 20 years. We meet with one of Georg's family members and hear the story of Georg's life and his work. Then we shuttle downtown for dinner on your own, and if you're in a shopping mood, get to know San Martín better at the outdoor artisans' market where you'll find wood and leather handicrafts, elaborate *yerba maté* gourds and other unique souvenirs. Be sure to pick up some sweets at one of San Martín's excellent boutique chocolate shops! *Lodging: Paraíso Casa de Montaña*

Day 3

Shuttle to Ñivinco Hike Trailhead 1 Hour

Cascada Ñivinco Hike 3.5 Miles (300' elevation gain)

Afternoon Walking & Hiking Options:

Río Bonito Route: 2.3 Miles (200')

Cerro O'Connor Route: 2.8 Miles (1,500')

Today we shuttle past stunning lakes, rivers and streams to the start of our hike. Bring your sandals or water shoes for our hike along an easy terrain trail which includes a couple river crossings. Our walk takes us past native trees and a *colihue* (a species of bamboo) cane forest, unveiling a gorgeous series of waterfalls, Cascada Ñivinco. Next, we continue our journey on the famous Ruta de los Siete Lagos (Route of the Seven Lakes), stopping lakeside for a delicious picnic and a dip in the water for the brave!

After lunch, we continue on to the charming village of Villa La Angostura, where we embark on a steep climb through a coihue (a leafy evergreen native to Patagonia) forest to Cerro O'Connor. Look up for fantastic views—massive Lake Nahuel Huapi, the Andes and if the sky is clear, Chilean volcanoes! If you're looking for a more mellow hike, opt for a walk along Río Bonito until it meets up with the beach of Lake Nahuel Huapi.

After our full day of hiking, we head to our intimate Small Luxury Hotels of the World, Correntoso Lake & River Hotel. Nestled along the shores of Lago Correntoso and boasting views of Lake Nahuel Huapi, this intimate hotel sits just on the outskirts of town.

This evening we devote ourselves to *el paseo*, *el ocho*, *el enganche* and other steps as we learn how to dance the sultry tango, the national dance of Argentina. After working up an appetite, we move to the hotel's dining room for a feast of delicious regional fare accompanied by spectacular views. After, curl up with a book in the hotel's cozy sitting room or take a moonlit stroll along Lake Nahuel Huapi's pristine shoreline, mere steps away. (Note that this evening's dancing and dinner may be moved to Day 4 for logistical reasons.) *Lodging: Correntoso Lake & River Hotel*

Day 4

Kayaking on Lago Espejo 2½ Hours

Última Esperanza Hike 2.1 Miles (400' elevation gain)

After breakfast get ready for an unforgettable glide across the crystal-clear waters of nearby Lago Espejo (Mirror Lake), so named for the picture-perfect reflection that appears on the lake's surface when the winds are calm. Our local guide gets us ready with gear and a safety talk before we grab our paddles and hop into kayaks to explore the lake. Mid-morning we take a break for a lakeside *yerba maté* before returning to shore to enjoy lunch on your own in Villa La Angostura.

This afternoon we descend upon La Última Esperanza (Last Hope!), one of the many bays of Lake Nahuel Huapi. The hike is lined with coihue, *arrayanes* and bamboo trees and leads to the picturesque shores of the lake where we take a break before heading back up the trail.

Or, if you prefer a more restful afternoon, spend time shopping in town, indulge in a spa treatment at the hotel or take a siesta by the pool. (Please note spa treatments are not included in the trip price. Advance reservations are recommended.)

Dinner tonight is one of the highlights of the week—we are welcomed into the home of longtime Backroads friends to indulge in an authentic Argentine asado (barbecue) and sample regional wines while enjoying the tranquil setting alongside the Río Bonito. (Please note that this evening's activities may be moved to Day 3.) *Lodging: Correntoso Lake & River Hotel*



Day 5

Puerto Manzano Biking Route 8 Miles (600' elevation gain)

Private Boat Ride to Isla Victoria 1½ Hours

Biking Options:

Taste of Isla Victoria Route: 4 Miles (400')

Isla Victoria Exploration Route: 8 Miles (1,000')

Bahía Anchorena Hike 1.3 Miles (300')

Private Boat Ride to Puerto Pañuelo 45 Minutes

Our journey this morning takes us across Lake Nahuel Huapi on an exclusive scenic boat ride. Early risers can cycle to the port, but if you prefer a more leisurely morning, shuttle to the port where we board our boat to the protected island of Isla Victoria. While the north and south sections of the island are closed to the public, our group has special access to enjoy these more remote and quiet parts of the island. When we arrive on the northern shores, enjoy the mountain and lake views while biking along dirt forest service roads and trails through varied foliage including arctic beech, sequoia and ponderosa pine trees. The settlement in the center of the island hosts a little boarding school, educating children from communities around the lake.

Continue on your bike or take a boat to a secluded beach for a picnic lunch. You can choose to relax at the beach or hike to the port before boarding our private boat to continue sailing along the stunningly panoramic southern shore of the lake, arriving at the magnificent Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, a National Historic Landmark nestled among shimmering lakes, jagged spires and glaciers.

Settle into your room and enjoy some of the hotel's amenities, enjoy the spa or take in the majestic alpine setting from the hotel's sprawling patio. Tonight, dinner is at your leisure in Llao Llao's restaurant.

Lodging: Llao Llao Hotel & Resort

Day 6

Biking Options:

Circuito Chico Mirador Route: 9 Miles* (1,000' elevation gain)

Colonia Suiza Route: 16 Miles* (1,500')

Camino Viejo Route: 27 Miles (2,400')

**with shuttle*

After a hearty breakfast, you're in for a treat as we head out on one of the most spectacular scenic bike rides along Lago Perito Moreno and the inlets surrounding Llaolao. Pedal over a hilly paved route through forests of huge coihue trees and along ridge lines with vistas of Lago Perito Moreno and Cerros Tronador, Lopez, Campanario and Capilla (*cerro* is Spanish for "mount"). Turn on a gravel road toward Colonia Suiza, a village originally settled by Swiss brothers in 1895. We stop in a local restaurant where our host gives us a lesson on making traditional Argentinean empanadas. Feel free to linger in Colonia Suiza or continue cycling around the lake before we stop for lunch at a popular eatery. Then it's back to Llaolao on your bike or in the shuttle.

This evening, we gather to celebrate the final night of our Patagonian adventure with a memorable meal at a favorite restaurant. *Lodging: Llaolao Hotel & Resort*



Day 7

Walking & Hiking Options:

Llaolao Park Route: 4.1 Miles (600' elevation gain)

Cerro Llaolao Loop: 5.3 Miles (900')

Shuttle to Bariloche 1 Hour

Settle in at breakfast and enjoy a relaxing morning at the hotel or take the opportunity to explore the forested area surrounding the Llaolao Hotel. Our trek begins with a walk through the resort toward the Llaolao municipal park, where we climb through bamboo stands and coihue trees to a lookout over Lakes Escondido, Moreno and Nahuel Huapi. Take in panoramic views against the backdrop of the Andes before we share a light lunch.

After lunch, we say our goodbyes and our trip ends at the Llaolao Hotel & Resort around 12:30 p.m. Your trip also includes a shuttle to the Edelweiss hotel in downtown Bariloche or to the Bariloche airport. Please see "Arriving & Departing" for end-of-trip logistics.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

We are always seeking opportunities to enhance this itinerary. We'll be certain to notify you of any important changes prior to departure; other changes may be communicated on trip by your leaders.

SHIFT GEARS!

At Backroads we understand that you have your own idea of the "perfect" trip—the right mix of being active, discovering new cultures and natural wonders, and having time to relax.

Our trips are designed to be flexible, giving you the freedom to experience the best of the region the way YOU want. Feel like you're ready to go, go, go? We can show you the way! Want some downtime or prefer to head out on your own? No problem!

Your Trip Leaders will make sure to tell you the best days to take time for yourself (if you want it) without feeling like you're missing out.

So feel free to shift gears and make it your day!

Trip Accommodations

PREMIERE HOTELS*



2 Nights (Casual Hotel)

Paraíso Casa de Montaña

Boasting an ideal location 5 minutes from the city center in the Seven Lakes region, each room in this boutique hotel looks out on Lácar Lake and the Patagonia Andes. (pool, spa) | San Martín de los Andes | paraisopatagonia.com.ar | +54-(0)2972-412777

2 Nights (above)

Correntoso Lake & River Hotel

This lodge is beautifully decorated with fine woodwork and elegant furniture, set against the lovely backdrop of Lake Nahuel Huapi. A Small Luxury Hotels of the World member. (pool, spa) | Villa La Angostura | www.correntoso.com | +54-(9)2944-619728

2 Nights

Llao Llao Hotel & Resort

One of Argentina's finest properties, this National Historic Landmark features a stunning setting in the foothills of the Andes and a history of hosting world leaders and diplomats. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | Llao Llao | www.llaollao.com | +54-(0)2944-448530

**With 2 Casual Hotel nights at Paraíso Casa de Montaña*

Arriving & Departing

After reviewing the following information, please inform us of your arrival and departure plans on your *Personal Information Form*.

All prices are in US dollars and subject to change.

MEETING TIME & LOCATION

On the first day of the trip, meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks in Backroads T-shirts) at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Paraíso Casa de Montaña (+54-(0)2972-412777), located at Barrio Paraje el Ensueño, Calle Paraíso, S/N in San Martín de los Andes, Argentina. Please arrive dressed in your hiking clothes and bring your luggage and a daypack with your rain gear and anything else you may want for today's hike. If you plan to join the horseback riding today, be sure to pack long pants. Please have your passport readily accessible for the check-in process following the day's activities.

CONCLUSION OF THE TRIP

Our trip ends at Llao Llao Hotel & Resort around 12:30 p.m. We also provide a shuttle to the Edelweiss hotel in downtown Bariloche arriving around 1:15 p.m. and to the San Carlos de Bariloche airport arriving around 1:45 p.m. If you plan to fly out that day, please book a flight departing after 3:45 p.m.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

This trip starts in San Martín de los Andes and ends in Llao Llao, Argentina (16 miles outside Bariloche), with complimentary shuttles to the Edelweiss hotel in downtown Bariloche or the San Carlos de Bariloche Airport (airport code: BRC). We recommend flying into San Martín's Chapelco Airport (airport code: CPC), which is about 30 minutes from our trip start, and out of San Carlos de Bariloche Airport on a domestic carrier such as Aerolíneas Argentinas/Austral (www.aerolineas.com.ar) or LATAM (www.latam.com). Alternatively, you can fly in and out of San Carlos de Bariloche Airport. Please note that driving time between Bariloche and San Martín de los Andes is around 4 hours and you can easily coordinate transfers by contacting our first night's hotel or your pre-night hotel to set up a taxi or private transfer. (Visit www.aa2000.com.ar for information about Argentina's airports.)

At the time of printing:

- One daily nonstop flight is offered from the domestic Newbery Municipal Airport (airport

code: AEP) in Buenos Aires to San Martín de los Andes (CPC)

- Multiple daily nonstop flights are offered from the domestic Newbery Municipal Airport (AEP) to San Carlos de Bariloche (BRC)
- One daily nonstop flight is available Monday through Friday from the Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport (airport code: EZE) to San Carlos de Bariloche (BRC)

Please note that for the return flight, most flights from Bariloche to Buenos Aires fly into the domestic Newbery Municipal Airport which requires a transfer between the domestic airport and Ezeiza International Airport.

If available, we recommend booking a direct flight from the Bariloche Airport to Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) to avoid the need to change airports in Buenos Aires.

At the time of printing:

- One daily nonstop flight is offered from Bariloche (BRC) to the Buenos Aires International Terminal (EZE)
- Multiple daily nonstop flights are offered from San Carlos de Bariloche (BRC) to the domestic Newbery Municipal Airport (AEP) in Buenos Aires

Visit www.aerolineas.com.ar for flight availability.

Please be aware that all passengers arriving into Argentina, whether staying in Buenos Aires or continuing on to a connecting flight—regardless of the airline—need to collect their baggage in Ezeiza International Airport and pass through customs. If you are connecting to a flight elsewhere in Argentina and departing from Ezeiza, recheck your luggage in the departure area of the terminal of your connecting flight after you have cleared customs. Luggage will not be automatically transferred to the domestic flight, regardless of whether the tags indicate a final destination other than Buenos Aires.

For help arranging air transport to and from your Backroads trip, please work with your own travel advisor or you may choose to work with the Backroads Travel Desk at Dimensions in Travel. Their professional expert travel advisors are ready to share their insiders' knowledge of Backroads and our worldwide destinations and are available to assist you

with any of your travel needs. Call 800-GO-ACTIVE (462-2848) to be connected with an advisor. Please note that consulting or ticketing fees may apply, depending on the services requested. The Backroads Travel Desk at Dimensions in Travel is open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific time.

TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN BUENOS AIRES' EZEIZA INTERNATIONAL & NEWBERY MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS

Manuel Tienda León (www.tiendaleon.com.ar) provides shuttle service between Buenos Aires' Ezeiza International (EZE) and Newbery Municipal (AEP) airports, with buses departing about every hour around the clock; the one-way fare is approximately \$15. Manuel Tienda León's fixed rate for taxi (*remis*) service between the two airports is approximately \$50. You can purchase transport upon arrival. Visit www.aa2000.com.ar for more information on Buenos Aires' airports and shuttle services.

Again, we'd like to remind you that that all passengers arriving into Argentina, whether staying in Buenos Aires or continuing on to a connecting flight (regardless of the airline) need to collect their baggage in Ezeiza airport and pass through customs. If you are connecting to a flight elsewhere in Argentina and departing from Ezeiza, recheck your luggage in the departure area of the terminal of your connecting flight after you have cleared customs. Luggage will not be automatically transferred to the domestic flight, regardless of whether the tags indicate a final destination other than Buenos Aires.

TRANSPORTATION FROM CHAPELCO AIRPORT TO MEETING LOCATION

A taxi from the San Martín de los Andes Chapelco airport (CPC) to the hotel Paraíso Casa de Montaña takes approximately 20–30 minutes and costs about \$10–20. You can also contact Paraíso Casa de Montaña to arrange a transfer from the airport.

TRANSPORTATION FROM BARILOCHE AIRPORT TO MEETING LOCATION

A taxi from the Bariloche airport to Paraíso Casa de Montaña takes approximately 3–3½ hours and costs about \$80–100. You can also contact Paraíso Casa de Montaña to arrange a private transfer from the airport for around \$220.

PRICES & SCHEDULES

All prices and schedules were current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time.

Destination Details

CLIMATE

The weather in Argentina's Lake District can vary dramatically from one day to the next. Come prepared for all types of weather to ensure that your trip is enjoyable. Because Patagonia is in the southern hemisphere, seasons are opposite of those in North America; summer occurs from mid-December through mid-March. Although it is mostly dry during the summer months, there is a high chance of rain, strong winds and cold dense fog at some point during your trip. Temperatures are generally cool early in the morning and late in the evening, sometimes reaching the low 40s. Sunny days can get very hot, even into the triple digits. **Wearing layers is the key—and you'll be glad you packed that hat and warm gloves!**

Bariloche

Average:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High °F	70	70	65	57	49	44
Low °F	47	46	42	37	35	32
Precip. inches	1.0	1.0	1.6	2.4	5.9	6.1
Average:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	42	46	51	56	62	66
Low °F	30	32	34	37	41	45
Precip. inches	5.7	4.5	2.5	1.6	1.1	1.3



Trip Documents & More

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A passport valid at least 6 months beyond the start date of your trip is required for travel to Argentina.

Be sure to check the expiration date and physical condition of your passport and verify the travel document requirements with the consulates of the countries you are planning to visit during your trip. Passports issued to minors under the age of 16 are set to expire every 5 years. Check your expiration dates carefully!

IMPORTANT: Each time you renew your passport, you are issued a new passport number. Depending on the trip, some of our service providers (like hotels or airlines) may require current passport information for each guest, so if you renew your passport after booking your trip, please make sure to update us with the new information prior to your departure date.

We recommend that you make two photocopies of your airline ticket/e-ticket confirmation and your passport. Leave one set of copies at home with a friend or relative, and bring one set with you, keeping it separate from the original documents.

Argentine Reciprocity Fee

Note that reciprocity fees were permanently lifted for US citizens (in August, 2016), for Australian citizens (in July, 2017) and for Canadian citizens (in January, 2018). We recommend you check your embassy website for the most current information:

- Canadian Embassy: www.canadainternational.gc.ca/argentina-argentine
- Australian Embassy: argentina.embassy.gov.au
- US Embassy: www.eeeuu.mrecic.gov.ar/en



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NAVIGATION OPTIONS ON THIS TRIP

Turn-by-turn paper directions included.

Downloadable GPS files available for use on your own device—log into your account at [My.Backroads.com](https://www.mybackroads.com) 2 weeks before your trip for more details.

TERRAIN

The terrain we encounter on this trip is moderately rolling with some steeper sections. Our bike routes follow a combination of paved and dirt roads, some more rocky and rough than others. Please remember that you will be on mountain bikes and the riding conditions can change with the weather—in dry years the terrain can be dusty, whereas rainy conditions lead to muddy trails. The hiking routes will vary between smooth dirt hiking trails to more uneven rocky paths that may have some tree roots or uneven stairs.

Remember, take your time and go at your own pace—you're on vacation! Your Backroads Trip Leaders are there to provide the support you need when you're ready for a snack, a cool drink, or a lift back if you're done for the day. Most days you'll have a choice of mileage options, so you can decide how active you want to be—it's always up to you.

CONDITIONING TIPS

Every Backroads trip is designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests and fitness levels. We know your pace may vary from one day to the next—and your traveling companions' may differ somewhat from yours. So we present a range of mileage options, and each day you decide exactly what and how much you want to do.

Before your trip, we suggest biking and hiking regularly and hitting a few hills whenever you can. Review the route options in the daily itinerary for the range of mileages offered on this trip. But mostly, just show up and have fun!

ACTIVITY LEVEL

The routes on this trip are rated Levels 1–3.

ACTIVITY	MOUNTAIN BIKING		WALKING	
	Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain (feet)	Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain (feet)
1 (2-3 hrs)	5-17	1000	2-5	800
2 (2-4 hrs)	14-22	2200	4-7	1300
3 (3-5 hrs)	18-27	3400	5-9	2000
4 (4-6 hrs)	24-32	4400	6-11	3000
5 (5-7+ hrs)	28-40+	4400+	7-13+	4000+

Review the "Activity Level" section on the web for more details on daily route options.



Where to Stay Before & After Your Trip

For help making hotel reservations for before and after your Backroads trip:

- Work with your own professional travel advisor.
- Contact the Backroads Travel Desk at Dimensions in Travel by calling 800-GO-ACTIVE (462-2848), Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Pacific time. Please note that consulting or ticketing fees may apply, depending on the services requested.
- Book directly with the hotel or through a discount website.

If you plan on extending your stay at our first night's hotel before the trip starts or our last night's hotel when the trip ends, let the hotel reservations agent know that you're traveling with Backroads; that way you may be able to avoid changing rooms.

Please note that during peak travel times, such as during the holidays, rooms will likely be unavailable to book for a pre-night stay at our first night's hotel. If this is the case, see below for recommended hotels in San Martín de los Andes.

If you are extending your stay at **Llao Llao Hotel & Resort**, note that during the trip we stay in the Deluxe Moreno Lake View studios.

The following is a selection of recommended properties that span a range of prices, amenities and locations. Refer to the Hotel Room Rate Guide for the starting double-occupancy rates, which were accurate at time of printing. Note that rates are subject to change and some hotels may require a minimum stay.

HOTEL ROOM RATE GUIDE (US Dollars Per Night)

\$501 and up	◆◆◆◆◆
\$300 to \$500	◆◆◆◆◆
\$201 to \$300	◆◆◆◆◆
Up to \$200	◆◆◆◆◆

The **Edelweiss** hotel in Bariloche is a drop-off location on Day 7. See the following for more information on this hotel.

SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES

Hotel map: bit.ly/SanMartínDeLosAndesHotels

Tipiliuke Lodge

This working cattle ranch and family-run lodge has 48,000 acres of beautiful land and offers world-class fly fishing, horseback riding and other outdoor activities, all with an attention to detail and personalized service. Tipiliuke is located 10 minutes from Chapelco airport and 22 miles from San Martín de los Andes. | tipiliuke.com | +54-(0)2972-429466 | 9 rooms | Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

Loi Suites Chapelco Hotel

Set on 560 acres next to Lanín National Park, this stylish hotel offers commanding views of a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course and magnificent Patagonian mountains. (pool, spa) | Ruta Nacional Número 40 Km. 2227 | www.loisuites.com.ar/en | +54-(0)2972-410304 | 85 rooms & suites | Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

Antares Patagonia

A cozy inn with wood and stone architecture, spacious rooms and a lovely location within Lanín National Park. (pool) | Avenida San Martín 251 | antarespatagonia.com.ar | +54-(0)2972-427670 | 10 suites | Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

La Casa de Eugenia

La Casa de Eugenia is a charming and romantic bed and breakfast. Feeling more like home than a hotel, the property has park-like grounds and is an easy walk to town and Lake Lácar. (pool) | Coronel Díaz 1186 | lceugenia.com | +54-(0)2972-427206 | 9 rooms | Rates: ◆◆◆◆◆

Casona del Alto

This is an intimate and tranquil hotel located about 15 minutes outside town and is known for its views of the Andes and gracious owners offering personalized service. (pool) | Calle 5 Número 187 | casonadelalto.com.ar | +54-(0)2972-413861 | 9 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

Patagonia Plaza

Situated four blocks from Lake Lácar and near restaurants and museums, the Patagonia Plaza is a modest and comfortable hotel. (pool) | Avenida San Martín 502 | hotelpatagoniaplaza.com.ar | +54-(0)2972-422280 | 90 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

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Hotel map: bit.ly/BarilocheHotels

La Cascada Hotel

Located 4 miles from downtown Bariloche, La Cascada is surrounded by a beautiful park with a wide variety of vegetation and a *cascada* (waterfall). (pool, spa) | Avenida Ezequiel Bustillo Km. 6 | www.lacascada.com | +54-(0)2944-441088 | 24 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

Charming – Luxury Lodge and Private Spa

Located on the border of the Nahuel Huapi National Park, every suite in this luxury hotel has lake and mountain views. (pool, spa) | Avenida Ezequiel Bustillo Km. 7.5 | www.charming-bariloche.com | +54-(0)2944-462889 | 21 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Edelweiss

Ideally situated downtown near the main square, commercial district and Lake Nahuel Huapi, the Edelweiss offers comfortable modern accommodations. (pool, spa) | Avenida San Martín 202 | www.edelweiss.com.ar | +54-(0)2944-445500 | 100 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

Villa Huinid

Located 5 minutes from Bariloche on Nahuel Huapi lake, this premium hotel has a wide variety of amenities and spectacular views. (pool) | Av. Bustillo 2600 | www.villahuinid.com.ar | +54-(0)2944-523523 | 92 rooms & cabins | Rates: ♦ ♦

BUENOS AIRES

Hotel map: bit.ly/BuenosAiresPPH

Alvear Palace Hotel

A Leading Hotels of the World member, the Alvear Palace lives up to its prestigious reputation. *Condé*

Nast Traveler Gold List; *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | Avenida Alvear 1891 | www.alvearpalace.com | 844-414-0415 (from the US) or +54-(0)11-4804-7777 | 197 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Four Seasons Buenos Aires

The Four Seasons Buenos Aires is the *crème de la crème* of the Argentine capital. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | Posadas 1086/88 | www.fourseasons.com/buenosaires | +54-(0)11-43211200 | 165 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Palacio Duhau - Park Hyatt Buenos Aires

If you'd like to stay in downtown Buenos Aires' ultra-exclusive shopping district, head to the luxurious Palacio Duhau. The hotel features an art gallery, tango classes and complimentary bicycles to take around the city. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List. (pool, spa) | Avenida Alvear 1661 | www.buenosaires.park.hyatt.com | 800-633-7313 (from the US) or +54-(0)11-51711234 | 165 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Brick Hotel

Nestled in the heart of the most sophisticated and desirable residential area of Buenos Aires, Brick Hotel (formerly Caesar Park) boasts an enviable location near the beautiful boutiques, homes and sights of La Recoleta and El Patio Bullrich. (pool) | Posadas 1232 | www.accorhotels.com | +54-(0)11-48191100 | 175 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

Casa Calma Hotel

A breath of fresh air in the heart of the city, Casa Calma's concept centers around a natural and organic atmosphere, with living garden walls and natural wood floors. The hotel is also the first Zero Contamination hotel in Argentina, and one of the few eco-friendly hotels in the country. | Suipacha 1015 | www.casacalmahotel.com | +54-(0)11-43125000 | 17 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Park Tower Buenos Aires

Set in the heart of the city overlooking Río de la Plata, the Park Tower is an ideal place to unwind while exploring Buenos Aires. (pool) | Avenida Leandro N. Alem 1193 | www.starwoodhotels.com | +54-(0)11-43189100 | 181 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Scala Hotel

The Scala Hotel offers a modern stay for a great value in the San Telmo neighborhood, said to be the birthplace of tango. | Bernardo de Irigoyen 740 | www.scalabuenosaires.com | +54-(0)11-43450118 | 143 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

BUENOS AIRES EZEIZA AIRPORT

If you have a long layover in Buenos Aires, the following hotels offer daytime use.

Holiday Inn Buenos Aires Ezeiza Airport

Conveniently located next to the international airport, this comfortable hotel features a fitness center and several dining options on-site. (pool, spa) | Martín Miguel de Güemes 4718 | www.holidayinn.com | 888-465-4329 (from the US) or +54-(0)11-63802200 | 114 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

InterContinental Buenos Aires

Within walking distance of restaurants, museums and the chic Florida Street shopping area, this hotel offers spacious rooms and an elegant patio dining area. (pool, spa) | Moreno 809 | www.ihg.com/intercontinental | +54-(0)11-43407100 | 309 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦



Extending Your Vacation

Chances are you've come a long way from home for your Backroads trip. Why not extend your vacation to experience more of this incredible part of the world? Below are some cities, regions and other attractions that may be of interest.

If you'd like assistance in planning an extension in Argentina or Chile, we recommend contacting Chile Nativo Expeditions. Their English-speaking guides are very knowledgeable; their specialty is Patagonia trekking in Torres del Paine, Chile and other Chilean extensions. (www.chilenativo.com; 800-649-8776 from the US or +56-22-717-5961)

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires

This vibrant metropolitan hub is a wonderfully dramatic contrast to the remote regions of Argentina that we visit on trip. Spend time exploring the lively Avenida Corrientes or check out the famous Teatro Colón, one of the most stunning opera houses in the world. Wander through the fashionable barrio of Recoleta, discovering cafés, restaurants and the splendid *cementerio* where Evita Perón and many members of Argentina's aristocracy are buried. Pay a visit to colorful La Boca, the birthplace of the tango. Music fills the air and young couples dance the tango on street corners while sidewalk artists vie for customers along the Caminito.

Tierra del Fuego

Follow in the footsteps of Magellan, Fitzroy and Darwin with a journey to Tierra del Fuego, a stunning region of blue lakes, glaciers, jagged snow-blanketed peaks, expansive beech forests and flower-filled meadows that's split between Chile and Argentina. Separated from the mainland by the Strait of Magellan, the Tierra del Fuego archipelago (consisting of Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego and many smaller islands) is largely uninhabited. Flights land in the port town of Ushuaia, Argentina, the region's largest city, which offers a wealth of hotels, travel agencies and tour operators.

Patagonia: Los Glaciares National Park

Encompassing the southern regions of Argentina and Chile, the sparsely inhabited wild terrain of Patagonia is one of the planet's most inspiring wonders. With its high windswept pampas, jagged Andean peaks, crystal-clear lakes, and massive creaking and calving glaciers, this land has held the fascination of explorers

and adventurers throughout the centuries. On the Argentina side, the Fitz Roy Range in Los Glaciares National Park is a 3-hour drive from the gateway town of El Calafate. This landscape of glaciers, sprawling beech forests and dramatic rock spires is a paradise for hikers and serious climbers.

The lovely eight-room **Hostería Helsingfors** is located nearby on the southern shore of Lake Viedma. Several different Fitz Roy excursions, as well as private transportation to and from El Calafate may be arranged—please call the *hostería* for current prices. | www.helsingfors.com.ar | +54-(9)2966-675753 | 9 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

CHILE

Patagonia: Torres del Paine National Park

Head south into the heart of Chilean Patagonia and discover some of the most remote and spectacular scenery in the world. Pay a visit to Torres del Paine National Park, an area of pinnacles and pristine lakes.

- **Explora Patagonia's Hotel Salto Chico:** A modern and sophisticated mountain retreat located on the banks of Salta Chico waterfall. Called "one of South America's best hotels" by *Travel + Leisure*, the resort blends "stylish sensibility with respect for the land." Treat yourself to a massage, take a dip in the pool or soak in the outdoor hot tub. (pool) | www.explora.com/explora-patagonia | 866-750-6699 (from the US) or +56-22-395-2800 | 49 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦
- **Awasi Patagonia:** Twelve luxurious, designer villas spread out on a 15,000-acre private reserve with views of Torres del Paine. Each secluded villa includes a hot tub under the stars and is assigned a private guide and four-wheel-drive vehicle for exploring the countryside and viewing wildlife. | A Relais & Châteaux member | awasipatagonia.com | 888-880-3219 (from the US) or +56-22-233-9641 | 12 villas | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦
- **Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa:** Set on the eastern edge of the park, the hotel is built almost entirely from native lenga wood, has a living roof and "eco-luxe" rooms that blend Scandinavian design with a traditional Patagonian aesthetic. The shared spaces are stunning and feature decor hand made by local crafts-people. Their Uma Spa includes an alfresco hot tub, long lap pool and steam room. (pool, spa) | tierrahotels.com | 800-829-5325 (from the US) or +56-22-370-5301 | 40

rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

- **Singular Patagonia:** A national heritage site, this sleek and modern hotel is a restored 1915 warehouse with vintage machinery and beautiful brickwork. The rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the Patagonia fjords and the all-inclusive approach spares no comforts from the food and wine to adventurous excursions. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | thesingular.com | +56-61-272-2030 | 57 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Northern Chile

The beautiful Atacama Desert in Northern Chile is one of the driest spots in the world. It's an area of deep canyons and rocky, lunar-like altiplanos (high plateaus) set against a backdrop of high Andean peaks. We highly recommend the following properties:

- **Alto Atacama Desert Lodge & Spa** | Camino Pukará s/n, Suchor, Ayllú de Quitor, San Pedro de Atacama | www.altoatacama.com | +56-22-912-3945 | 42 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦
- **Awasi Atacama:** All excursions are privately guided. | A Relais & Châteaux member | Tocopilla 4, San Pedro de Atacama | www.awasi.com | 888-880-3219 (from the US) or +56-22-233-9641 | 8 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦
- **Noi Casa Atacama** | Tocopilla 8E, San Pedro de Atacama | noihotels.com | +56-55-255-1360 | 47 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Santiago & San Fernando

Chile's capital—and largest city—offers plenty of sights to fill an entire day or a week, if you're so inclined. Visit the Pablo Neruda museum, the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, or take in the sights around the Plaza de Armas, the city's historical center.

Just over an hour south of Santiago in San Fernando, you'll find the spectacular and unique **Viña Vik Millahue**, a serene property with beautiful views and its own vineyard. (spa) Hacienda Vik, Millahue Sin Número | www.vinavik.com | +56-(0)9-9534-9437 | 22 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

There are many museums, shops and other attractions in the area worth visiting. And if you enjoy Chilean wines, you're right in the middle of the country's main wine-producing region, Colchagua Valley. Follow the "Ruta del Vino," exploring world-class vineyards and

sampling fine Chilean vintages along the way. Interested in visiting nearby vineyards? Check out Ruta del Vino (www.rutadelvino.cl/en/) for more information.

Easter Island

With its location in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, Easter Island is home to a culture whose origins and evolution are still largely unknown, making it an attractive and mysterious destination. A mild year-round climate allows for island walks and travels along the coast of numerous *ahus* that are home to the gigantic sculptures called *moai*. We strongly recommend staying at the all-inclusive, eco-friendly (the first LEED-certified lodge in South America)

Explora Rapa Nui. | Easter Island | www.explora.com | 866-750-6699 (from the US) or +56-(0)2-2395-2800 | 30 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦