

# FDX PATAGONIA

March 5th - March 13th, 2020

Fundraising Goal: \$4,000.00

Fundraising Due: March 5th

The First Descents family is headed to the turquoise waters and lush green mountains of Patagonia for 10 days of adventure and community. We're teaming up with the incredible folks at Bio Bio Expeditions for an adrenaline filled program of whitewater rafting class V rapids along the unbelievable Futaleufu River. Each day will get better than the last on this once in a lifetime adventure. Kick back at night at the Bio Bio Base Camp, our homebase for the trip and enjoy authentic, traditional Chilean cuisine. This program is scheduled for March of 2020, so start planning today for the ultimate *Out Living It* adventure around Patagonia! Check out the itinerary and travel details below to learn more!





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## **Day 1 - March 5th**

Arrive in Santiago, Chile. After completing customs, board a domestic flight to Puerto Montt. Transfer to the scenic town of Puerto Varas on Lago Llanquihue. Overnight in Cabanas Del Lago Hotel.

## **Day 2 - March 6th**

Take a short, scenic flight to Chaiten. We then drive through the temperate rainforest, passing countless waterfalls and hanging glaciers surrounded by jagged mountain peaks! We will pause for a short hike and a picnic lunch in Pumalin National Park. Arrive early afternoon at camp: camp orientation, swim, hot tub, and welcome happy hour.

## **Day 3 - March 7th**

Start the day with a Yoga class, or catch up on some sleep after a long international travel. After a Breakfast of Champions, get ready to raft the Futaleufu river! Today's introduction and warm up is complete with safety briefing and paddle training on the famous Bridge to Bridge section. In the afternoon you may choose from mountain biking, hiking, fly-fishing class and our popular intro to hard shell, river kayaking clinic, or lounging around camp and the hot tub!

## **Day 4 - March 8th**

Step-up the rafting today! Raft from camp to below the Casa de Piedra rapid - class V (option to take a short walk around the intense rapids and continue). The afternoon is a scenic float to take in the magnificence of Patagonia. Then, return to camp for another incredible campfire and dinner prepared by the chef.

## **Day 5 - March 9th**

Introduction and training for the inflatable kayaks on the Rio Azul. This is your chance to guide your own craft and navigate the stunning Azul Valley, one of the most scenic canyons in Patagonia. Class II,III. That evening, relax at camp or conquer another adventure by heading out for fishing or mountain biking.

## **Day 6 - March 10th**

Horseback ride deep into the pristine wilderness of the Rio Azul where we will enjoy an authentic Patagonia Asado picnic lunch. Option to enjoy a quick nature hike to one of the most beautiful waterfalls in the Patagonia region. Gallop, or trot, back to base camp.



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## **Day 7 - March 11th**

Drive to the Pueblo of Futaleufú and raft the Inferno Canyon from the Rio Espolón to Rio Azul. A five-mile canyon of class V whitewater, walk around the Dynamite, Zeta and Throne Room rapids, four-mile class II float, then five miles of class IV. For those not interested in adrenaline Class V, there is the option to only raft the rapids below Inferno Canyon, which are Class II & III Rapids. Return to camp from the Azul and enjoy the comforts of camp while you celebrate the accomplishments of your day.

## **Day 8 - March 12th**

Head out for the best day of white water yet! Raft from the Rio Azul through the Terminator, Kyburz, and Himalayas rapids. Lunch at camp. Raft from camp again to below Casa De Piedra. Optional hiking, mountain biking or fly-fishing activities available as well. Return to camp for a Chilean Asado feast and goodbye party under the bright starry Patagonian sky.

## **Day 9 - March 13th**

Early morning drive back to Chaiten and 45 min. flight back to Puerto Montt. Take connecting flights home or to next destination! Depart PMC at 2PM or later.

## **Day 10 - March 14th**

Wait what?! Extend your trip by visiting the world-renowned Torres Del Paine National Park on this 5 day/4 night extension. Enjoy breath-taking vistas while trekking the numerous trails that have made this one of the most beautiful, top outdoor destinations in the world.



# IMPORTANT INFO

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Travel to and from Patagonia will be done out of Puerto Montt (El Tepual International Airport.)

## **Arrival Day**

Fly into El Tepual International Airport (PMC) before 5:00pm on March 5th.

## **Departure Day**

Fly out of El Tepual International Airport (PMC) after 2:00pm on March 13th.

## **What's included in this FDX**

- Most meals
- Transportation once in Puerto Montt
- Lodging
- Itinerary Activities and gear

## **What's not included in this FDX**

- Cost of participant flights to and from Puerto Montt
- Adult beverages/alcohol
- Shopping purchases and additional activities
- Gratuity for all activities and services

## **Reminder:**

While consumption of alcohol is not prohibited on FDX Programs, we feel that these experiences are fun enough without the need for additional substances. What you chose to do with your free time on your FDX program is completely up to you . However, with that said we ask you to please be considerate of your group and know that FD does not provide alcohol of any kind on our programs.





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