



## Cerro Huemul Circuit

### Parque Nacional Los Glaciares



El Chalten, Santa Cruz  
Patagonia Argentina

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### SPECIFICATIONS

- ❖ 5 days.
- ❖ 4 camping nights (Laguna Toro, Paso del Viento y Paso Huemul).
- ❖ Backpack weight: 15-20 kg.
- ❖ Level: Demanding.
- ❖ From 2 to 8 people.
- ❖ October till April.

### INCLUDED

- ❖ Mountain Guide.
- ❖ 1 Assistant every 3 people.
- ❖ Equipment for river crossing.
- ❖ 4 season Tents (Mountain Hardwear) and cooking set.
- ❖ Meals during the trip.
- ❖ VHF Radio.
- ❖ GPS.
- ❖ First Aid Kit.
- ❖ Personal Accident insurance.
- ❖ Transfer from Bahía túnel to El Chaltén.

### NOT INCLUDED

- ❖ Bus from and to El Calafate.
- ❖ Personal Equipment (boots, backpack, sleeping bag, etc). You can rent this equipment. **Let us know if you need any of these items. You get a 30% discount by hiring our services.**
- ❖ Additional Porters.
- ❖ Boat transportation (opcional).
- ❖ Non specified in this program.
- ❖ Tips.

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- ❖ Backpack 60-70l.
- ❖ 3 pair of socks.
- ❖ Shoes for wading.
- ❖ Sleeping Bag down or synthetic -15°.
- ❖ Mattress.
- ❖ 1L Bottle.
- ❖ Syntethic underwear.
- ❖ 2 fleeces or similar.
- ❖ Waterproof Jacket (Gore-tex or similar).
- ❖ Down Jacket or similar.
- ❖ Hiking poles.
- ❖ Sunglasses with UV protection.
- ❖ Sun block.
- ❖ Waterproof Overpant (Gore-tex or similar).
- ❖ Gloves (2 pairs).
- ❖ Cup or similar.
- ❖ Hiking Boots.



### **Summary**

*Throughout the years this hike has become one of the most popular hikes. This trekking consists in a five day hike around The Huemul Mountain.*

*Its particular components involve different types of terrains, climbs, flora, and fauna allowing us, in only a few days, to get to know a remote places, including an amazing view of the Southern Ice Field.*

*This Circuit involves semi technical terrains, such as snow, glaciers and moraines. With a 60km length, this circuit has from 800 to 1600 mts elevations.*

*Entering from Rio Túnel Valley up to Paso del Viento, by The Viedma Glacier up and out through Paso Huemul.*

*No previous experience is required, but you do need good physical condition, since long hiking journeys are involved in this circuit. We will also carry large backpacks form 15 to 20 kg. You can hire porters.*



### **Step by Step**

#### **DAY 1: EI CHALTEN -TORO CAMP**

Meeting with the Guide in the morning; debrief about the details of the program and check of the gear. We'll start the trek at noon from El Chalten, and hike towards Laguna (lagoon) Toro, passing by the Pliegue Tumbado.

**Box Lunch and dinner.**

**Duration: 6 hs**

**Elevation: 700 mts.**

#### **DAY 2: TORO CAMP -PASO DEL VIENTO HUT**

After breakfast, and a 30-40 minutes of hiking, we will cross the Rio (river) Tunel, either by wading through the river or using a fixed cable and harnesses, this will depend on both, the conditions and the guides decision. We will continue the ascent towards Paso del Viento. The main part of the ascent is on trails, moraines and the Túnel Glacier. From here we will appreciate a part of the Patagonian Ice Field, the nascent of Glaciar Viedma, and Cerro Mariano Moreno amongst others. We finish our hike on the south direction up to the Paso del Viento Hut, where we spend the night.

**All meals.**

**Duration: 6-7 hs**

**Elevation: 900 mts en ascent. 400 mts en descent.**

#### **DAY 3: PASO DEL VIENTO HUT-VIEDMA GLACIER-PASO DEL VIENTO HUT.**

We will wake up on this quite place, have breakfast, leave our things on the hut or camp, prepare our crampons and with a light backpack, we will head the Glacier through a moraine up west. Once we are ready to return we will head back to the hut and spend the night.

**All meals.**

**Duration: around 5hs**

**DAY 4: DEL VIENTO PASS –HUEMUL PASS.**

We will continue the hike bordering Cerro Huemul and Glacier Viedma on the other side, towards the East, until we reach Paso Huemul (1000m/a/s/l). There are great views of the Glacier during the entire trip. From Paso Huemul we will appreciate the front of the Viedma Glacier and its lake. It's also common to see condors flying close by. We will spend the night in a Lenga Forrest.

**All meals.**

**Duration: 6-7 hs.**

**Elevation: 200mts**

**DAY 5: HUEMUL PASS – BAHÍA TÚNEL – EL CHALTEN.**

We will hike downhill on a rocky trail, going from Cabo de Hornos Bay to Bahía Túnel, where we end the hike, and a bus will be waiting to take us back to El Chalten.

**Breakfast and Lunch.**

**Duration: 7-8 hs**

**Elevation: 600mts descent.**

\*Optional: Boat from Bahía cabo de hornos- Bahía túnel.

**ADDITIONAL OPTIONS**

- ❖ Reduce the hike to 4 days. Excluding the Glacier Trek.
- ❖ Boat from Cabo de Hornos Bay. USD 150 extra per person.

**REFERENCE**

**TIME OF THE YEAR:** from October till April.

**D. SCALE:**  Demanding.

**GROUP:** from 2 to 8 people.

**FULL MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, box lunch and Dinner.

*This difficulty scale is the physical, technical and psychol  
Involves each activity. This scale is divided into 5 catego*



**Easy:** Marked trails, elevations up to 400mts. 3 to



**Intermediate:** Easy walk with elevations between



**Demanding:** Less stable terrain, it could involve some



**Hard:** Semi- technical and technical terrains, elevation from 600-1500mts, 6- 10 hrs



**Very Hard:** Technical terrain, strong elevations and long hiking journeys with heavy backpacks. It requires previous mountaineering experience.

**WEATHER IN PATAGONIA**

It's important to take into account that the weather in El Chalten is very unstable. This expedition counts with two extra days to improve the odds of success. Waiting, continuing, or suspending decision will be on our Mountain Guide criteria.

