

DISCOVER PUCÓN, LAKE DISTRICT

Adventures of a lifetime

Tailormake your own adventure and choose from a wide range of awe-inspiring outdoor and cultural experiences.



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Beyond Vira Vira adventures

Physical activities

With a plethora of seasonal activities to choose from, your guides will expertly help you plan your adventures according to your personal preferences and level of difficulty.



1

TREKKING

The region surrounding the lodge offers a vast selection of hiking/trekking excursions, predominantly within Huerquehue National Park and Villarrica National Park. In the company of one of our experienced guides, explore these parks which showcase forests, shimmering lakes, waterfalls, hot springs and the breathtaking terrain of snow-capped volcanoes.

2

ASCENSION OF VILLARRICA VOLCANO

Measuring an impressive 2847 m (9341 ft), the Villarrica Volcano features the perfect cone shape with an open lava pool crater at the top. From the summit, view a textured landscape of mountains, volcanoes and countless lakes. Mountain boots, walking poles, ice axe, crampons, helmet and trekking backpack will be provided.

Available at an additional cost

3

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Explore the rugged landscapes of Villarrica National Park, cycle around the tranquil Villarrica Lake, and climb craggy craters at the foot of the Villarrica Volcano on your bike. Choose between easy going, non-technical off-road biking and smooth flowing single track or, for technically skilled riders, extreme downhill adventures.

4

BIRDWATCHING

Exciting excursions allow birders to visit different habitats, such as mountains, lakes, rivers and forests to search high and low for iconic species in the area. At times, bird calls might lead you to sightings of the giant magellanic woodpecker, ringed kingfisher, chucao tapaculo, snowy egret, black-crowned night heron, plumbeous rail and Andean condor, to name a few. A walk around the lodge estate is also a must for keen birders.

5

HORSEBACK RIDING

After a short, scenic 4x4 drive from the lodge, arrive at Huepil Malal, a horse-riding centre bordering the Cañi Natural Reserve. Here, you will meet an authentic Chilean huaso (cowboy). His horses are typical Chilean breeds with names like Merken, Calafate or Canela. You will be guided on a scenic tour through open prairies and forests. This excursion is for all abilities, from those who just wish to meander to advanced riders.

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Water activities

The clear cascading rivers and turquoise coloured lakes are an invitation to explore.



1

FLOATING RAFT

Enjoy a scenic river excursion, gliding along clear waters toward Villarrica Lake. This experience is best enjoyed on the afternoon of your arrival as it requires little physical effort and begins on the beautiful Liucura River right in front of the lodge. This tranquil excursion in nature showcases pristine landscapes of lush rolling mountains and native forest, whilst observing water birds, and even trout and salmon darting through the river below. End with delicious picnic snacks before returning to the lodge.



2

WHITE-WATER RAFTING

Hang on tight as you race over rapids on a thrilling white-water rafting adventure. Before setting off, there will be a safety briefing and testing of the equipment. Ideal for beginners and experienced paddlers, the Trancura River features Class 3 and 4 rapids. Zigzagging through valleys and gullies, there are numerous runs and rapids including the Junction, the Lioness, the Wall and the Footbridge.



3

CATCH-AND-RELEASE FISHING

Spend a day immersed in the spectacular surrounds of Beyond Vira Vira, with just the sounds of a streaming river or lapping lake as your companion, and enjoy either fly-fishing or spinner fishing where all equipment is provided. Cast your line in front of your villa for rainbow trout, brown trout, or chinook salmon or choose to go out in a boat to explore a wider expanse. Our guide will show you the best spots for both river and lake fishing, providing you with some expert tips.



4

STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING

Enjoy a fun day out splashing in the pristine waters around Beyond Vira Vira. Starting at the lodge, paddle down the Liucura River, and take in the spectacular natural surrounds of volcanoes, kaleidoscopic birds swooping through the air, and lush forests. Additionally, we can arrange stand-up paddle boarding on Lake Tinquilco for a change of scenery.



5

KAYAKING

Situated at Lake Tinquilco, in the Huerquehue National Park, embark on an hour-long adventure around the lake. Surrounded by mountains and beautiful forest, reach the opposite shore and walk along a trail to cascading waterfalls. For the more adventurous and advanced paddlers, there are plenty of options in the Pucón and Villarrica area to test their skill.

Cultural activities

A sneak-peek into the fascinating cultural and culinary heritage of Chile's Mapuche people.



1

MAPUCHE RUKA & WEAVING TOUR

Step into another culture with a fascinating visit to doña Rosario's ruka (house) in the local Mapuche community. Embracing traditional ways, watch her roasting organic wheat the way it has been prepared for centuries, and enjoy her delicious home cooked fare. Get active and enjoy a game of Palin - a traditional Mapuche stick and ball game, that originated in southern Chile. From here, guests meet Sandra Rojas and have the opportunity to visit her factory and watch her working the loom.



2

CHEESE FACTORY TOUR

Located on the 8Beyond Vira Vira property is a cheese factory (quesería). Local cheese maker, Marisol Martinez, is renowned for her wholesome, authentic and flavourful cheeses for the exclusive delight of our guests. The ultimate foodie delight, enjoy a tour of this delicious quesería and gain insight into the specific ways different cheese, including Parmesan, Gruyère, Blue cheese and Camembert are produced. These can all be sampled during mealtimes.



3

COMMUNITY VISIT

Explore the charming town of Curarrehue and visit a Mapuche weaver to view her traditional skills and techniques as she works with the loom. Afterwards, continue up into the Andes to the Quillehue Lagoon, located at the foot of Lanin Volcano. Here you will have the opportunity to see the majestic araucaria trees (known as monkey puzzle trees), followed by a lunch at a traditional Mapuche ruka (house). During your visit, learn about their unique ways of life first hand.

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Winter activities

For snow enthusiasts, this pristine snow-filled playground promises an adventure unlike any other.



1

SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Exciting adventures await with our snowboarding and skiing activities down the active Villarrica Volcano. A variety of slopes are on offer from beginner to more advanced ski runs. A spectacular environment of volcanic peaks and shimmering lakes, the flowing lava has created an incredible terrain of natural half pipes, cornices and wind lips.



2

SNOWSHOEING

Embark on a snowshoe trekking expedition through puffy snow as you carve trails around Villarrica National Park. This is an excellent way to explore untouched landscapes, with absolute silence dominating the vast expanse surrounding you. The Andes is a magical winter space between June and September, and snowshoeing is an exceptional experience created for all levels of fitness. This exciting adventure begins and ends with steaming mugs of hot chocolate.



3

SNOWMOBILING

Skiing on the active Villarrica Volcano is spectacular, but racing on a snowmobile becomes a once in a lifetime experience. Together with your driver/guide, circle the volcano finding a virgin track on every run. This activity is designed for adventure lovers, and as the snowmobiles function similar to a motorbike, you will have to hang on and lean in according to your driver's instructions.

Available at an additional cost



4

DOG SLEDDING

Be captivated by this experience as you crisscross the snowfall on a husky sledding adventure. Head to Villarrica, and hop aboard a special snow vehicle that will take you to a team of experienced sled dogs, eager to propel you through the snow. Enjoy a gentle walk at the foot of the volcano through a lava slag covered in snow and surrounded by araucaria (monkey puzzle) trees.

Available at an additional cost and requires pre-confirmation with the lodge at least three months prior to arrival.

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Helicopter activities

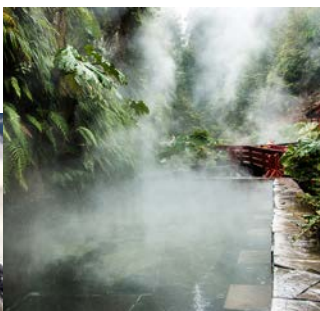
Between November and March each year, we have a pilot and Robinson-66 Turbine helicopter based at the lodge for activities and transfer services.



1

SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

Take to the skies on a scenic helicopter flight over a tableau of lakes, forest and snow-capped volcanoes. Marvel at the ever-changing spectacular views and even look down into the lava crater of the Villarrica Volcano, still active today.



2

TERMAS GEOMETRICAS

Fly over the Villarrica Volcano to the thermal springs (geométricas), a red planked maze of contemporary design. Sheltered in an enchanting forest, sink into inviting waters in this haven of natural beauty.



3

ROMANTIC SUNSET

Amaze your partner with a dreamy flight over the Araucanía Region comprised of dazzling landscapes, and top it off with a glass of champagne as you delight in the breathtaking sunset.



4

HELI-FISHING

A great fly-fishing expedition for adventure enthusiasts, fly towards the Quetrupillan Volcano, a picturesque spot to cast your line. Experienced fishing guides are on hand to lead this excursion.



5

HELI-BIKING

Hop on your bike for a thrilling, downhill trail ride that follows a cross country track over lava fields, bordering the Turbio River. Additional exhilarating options can be explored at your convenience.



6

HELI-SKIING

Embark on a thrilling heli-skiing or snowboarding adventure on virgin powder snow. Get your adrenalin pumping on remote snowy peaks, revel in offpiste exploits, or opt for the smoother flowing slopes that will suit intermediate-level skiers.

Wellness activities

Succumb to wellness treatments to restore mind, body and soul and awaken your senses to the natural surrounds.



1

WELLNESS TREATMENTS

Sink into serenity in beautifully decorated massage rooms tucked away within a small forest of native trees. The harmonic sounds of endemic birds around will ensure you connect with nature and unwind into a state of deep relaxation. We invite you to treat yourself to a personalised massage. Our receptionists will be happy to arrange a booking at your preferred time.

Available at an additional cost



2

YOGA

Balance your chakras and enjoy yoga sessions that harmonise body, mind and spirit. Find your inner peace and enjoy the silence, nature and serenity the area has to offer. The yoga instructor will come by special arrangement from Pucón, 10 km (6 mi.) away and sessions will take place at the lodge.

Please notify us if you are interested in this activity.



3

ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN TOUR

Discover the flourishing organic vegetable garden, and relish sublime farm-to-table dining with fresh produce and ingredients. Walk around the colourful organic vegetable garden with a chef and pick and choose fresh produce for your next meal.



4

FOREST THERAPY

Forest Therapy, or Shinrin Yoku, is the soulful practice of being in nature, which allows us to awaken our senses and reconnect with others, our natural surrounds, and ourselves. Guided by Giovanna Raineri Blanco, the session follows a standard series of 'invitations' (opportunities) that bring about all elements of self-discovery.

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Seasonal highlights

YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES

✓ Mountain biking	✓ Stand-up paddle boarding	✓ Cheese factory tour
✓ Birdwatching	✓ Mapuche ruka and weaving tour	✓ Wellness treatments
✓ Horseback riding	✓ Community visit	✓ Yoga
✓ Floating raft	✓ Organic vegetable garden tour	✓ Forest therapy
✓ Trekking		

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
White water rafting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓
Catch-and-release fishing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓
Kayaking	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓
Ascension of Villarrica Volcano	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skiing and snowboarding	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
Snowshoeing	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
Dog sledding	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
Snowmobiling	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
Helicopter activities	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓

