

Excursions

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When you arrive at Tierra Chiloé, our team will create a personalized excursion plan for you. Our expert guides take into consideration your personal interests and physical activity level so that you can explore in your own way the living culture of the magical island of Chiloé.

Activities are divided into five levels of difficulty.

Easy 
Appropriate for all ages and abilities.

Medium - Easy 
Requires a basic level of physical fitness.

Medium 
Requires some degree of physical fitness and experience.

Medium - Difficult 
Requires a good level of physical fitness and experience.

Difficult 
Requires a high degree of physical fitness, experience and ability.

During your stay, the all-inclusive program allows you to choose two half-day excursions or one full-day excursion per day, except on the day of your departure.

- **Half-day:** These activities take place in the morning and/or the afternoon, lunch is served at the hotel.
- **Full day:** These excursions begin in the morning and include lunch away from the hotel. This may be in the form of a box lunch, a buffet table or lunch at a restaurant, depending on the excursion. Return to the hotel is usually after 6:00 pm.

If you would like to make the most of Uma Spa during your stay, once you arrive at the hotel, you can check excursion arrival times with your guide and book your treatment.

** We recommend that children under 10, pregnant women and people with blood pressure problems or other health conditions avoid tours above 4,000 m above sea level.*

*** All of our excursions are subject to weather conditions, availability and the entrance policies established by the indigenous communities in charge of the protected areas.*

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1. Duhatao – Chepu

■■■■■ Full Day

🕒 Transfer: 3,5 hrs.
Hike: 4,5 hrs.
Altitude: 250 m.a.s.l.

We take the Pan-American Highway towards the north end of the island. We start our hike at sea level in the Bay of Duhatao, climbing up to natural lookout points to view our surroundings and the magnificent Pacific Ocean. With each step, we enter deeper into the heart of the mountains and forest. As the sound of the sea fades, birdsong takes its place. After ascending the mountain by way of a route which is part of the Sendero de Chile (Path of Chile), we descend to a little-known beach. We walk along this beach until we arrive at the mouth of the Chepu, one of Chiloé's biggest rivers, where we take a boat upriver.

Near the end of our excursion, we enjoy the view of Chepu's Bosque Hundido (Sunken Forest) from the boat.

** We recommend you bring an extra pair of shoes.*

2. Chepu

■■■■■ Full Day

🕒 Transfer: 2,5 hrs.
Hike: 2 hrs.
Altitude: 31 m.a.s.l.

We will travel by land to Chepu and sail downstream to the mouth of the river. Here we will begin our walk toward the south of the river, passing through native and coastal forests that have been beat down by the wind.

Arriving at Guabil Beach, we will take in a landscape characteristic of the western coast of Chiloé with green cliffs that fall abruptly into the sea. A little farther along, we will come across an old, grounded ship. Returning to the mouth of the river, we will continue sailing to the "Pier of Light" (Muelle de la Luz). Legend has it that from this place at night, it is common to see lights in the sky, on the horizon and on the ocean; sometimes the lights of a wizard, sometimes those of a Caleuche and other times light from other planets. We will return to our ferry and start our return trip upriver among gorgeous submerged forests.

3. Tricolor

■■■■■ Full Day

🕒 Transfer: 4 hrs.
Hike: 5 hrs.
Altitude: 114 m.a.s.l.

The colors of forest, sand and sea give rise to the name of this Pacific Ocean beach. On our way to it, we will cross dunes, pampas and native forests with privileged views of enormous cliffs, a tour that combines Chiloé's different landscapes and the discovery of its wildlife.

We will pass through the abandoned Quilan Estate, an old gold-panning site that was one of the most important sheep livestock ranches in the area but disappeared after the 1960 earthquake.

This trekking will also connect us with the island's indigenous ancestors who left evidence of their presence in the area.

** We recommend you bring an extra pair of shoes.*

4. Ahuenco Park

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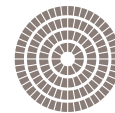
🕒 Transfer: 2,5 hrs.
Hike: 5 hrs.
Altitude: 54 m.a.s.l.

To start our journey toward Ahuenco Park, we will travel by land to Chepu, the small town on the shore of the island's largest river. On the way, we will cross the Chepu River by boat, passing through the sunken forest and arriving to the pier, to start our trek through native forests and by points looking out on the Pacific Ocean.

During the summer months, we will have the opportunity to see the island's two main penguin species: Magallanes and Humboldt, who arrive here to produce and raise their nestlings. We will return on the path and again cross the river on the way back to the hotel.

**Penguin sightings occur between October and April.*

WALKS & HIKES



5. Cole Cole

■■■■■ Full Day

🕒 Transfer: 4 hrs.
Hike: 6 hrs.
Altitude: 162 m.a.s.l.

To start our adventure, we will head by land to Cucao Beach. Following the beach north for 12 km, we will see in action one of the typical Chilote economic activities: diving for razor clam extraction.

At the end of the beach, in the Huentemo area, we will find a stream, where our 8 km trek will begin through forests and island cliffs along the beach with amazing views. Finally, we will arrive at beautiful, remote Cole-Cole Beach with its white sand, the perfect place to have a Tierra Hotel classic picnic. Our return will be along the same route.

** We recommend you bring an extra pair of shoes.*

6. Tantauco Park

■■■ Full Day

🕒 Transfer: 5 hrs.
Hike: 2,5 hrs.
Altitude: 158 m.a.s.l.

Tantauco Park is located in Chiloé Isla Grande's most remote and wild area along the northern border of Chilean Patagonia, at the southern end of the world.

It features evergreen and millennial cypress forests and peat bogs from the last glacial era; in addition to large lakes and rivers distributed throughout a vast landscape of 118,000 hectares, home to a magnificent variety of flora and fauna.

7. Bridge of Souls

■■■ Full Day

🕒 Transfer: 4,5 hrs.
Hike: 3 hrs.
Altitude: 123 m.a.s.l.

Driving across the island, along the shore of Huillinco Lake with its lush vegetation dominated by large ferns and native trees, we come to the open sea, and wild Pacific coast of the island. Here we hike through low forests, stunted by the wind, until we reach the cliffs at the edge of the island. We arrive at a place where a local sculptor has paid homage to the legend of the boatman Tempilcahue and his "Bridge of Souls" with a special wooden sculpture. From the highest point on the cliffs, you can see a colony of sea lions below and a great variety of ocean birds. On the way back to the hotel in the van, we stop along the way to visit a Chilote woman, who is renowned for her fresh empanadas. Here we can taste typical flavors of the island before returning to the hotel.





SCENIC VOYAGES



8. The Missionaries

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Half Day

Kayak: 3,5 hrs.
Altitude: 2 m.a.s.l.

From our dock, we will head toward the south of the island by a water way and experience the island's culture from a different point of view.

Using the same routes as the Jesuit missionaries did long ago to evangelize the archipelago inhabitants, we will row eight kilometers to Rilán, where we will walk around the small town and visit its World Heritage Site church. This route features views of birds and Chilean dolphins, a wonderful way to take in the great biodiversity of the island.

The perfect balance between an excursion by van and shorter easy walks. Ideal for those who enjoy photography and bird watching.

9. Mechuque

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Full Day

Transfer: 1 hr.
Boating: 3,5 hrs.
Hike 1 hr.
Altitude: 169 m.a.s.l.

This excursion is one of our best. It allows for full immersion in Chiloé culture and nature as we sail through the waterways between the islands of the archipelago. We start at the hotel and travel by car to the magical town of Tenaun, land of witches and legends, to see the only heritage church on the island. Then we board our private boat, the "Williche," and head towards Mechuque Island to view its original palafitos (stilt houses), the school which is a National Monument and a private collection of antiques typical of the area. We visit the Don Checo Museum, where we experience life firsthand on Chiloé and the strong relationship between Chilotes and their surroundings. Possible activities include kayaking in the channels enjoying the tranquility of the water; a Zodiac ride through the waterways whilst looking out for birds; and hiking up to Mechuque lookout with its privileged view of the Andes.

10. Chelin & Quehui

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Full Day

Boating: 3 hrs.
Hike: 1 hr.
Altitude: 32 m.a.s.l. /100 m.a.s.l.

After sailing southwest aboard the "Williche," from Rilán Peninsula to Chelín Island, we will pass traditional homes in route to the World Heritage Site church, where artisans and architects preserve local history with the neoclassical style and imitation marble. Next, we'll see the Chilote cemetery niches that imitate traditional wood-shingled village homes. After viewing neighboring islands from a lookout and crossing a small forest, we'll sail to Quehui Island, reaching the island center via the calm waters of the Pindo Estuary. Here, we can try kayaking, cruising the shoreline by Zodiac or cycling trails with amazing views. We can also walk down the picturesque streets of Quehui, which receives many visitors to its annual "Ocean Festival," a traditional gathering featuring area cuisine, folklore and customs. We then lunch aboard and return to the hotel.

11. The Dalca Route

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Full Day

Kayak: 6 hrs.
Altitude: 14 m.a.s.l.

The island's beauty along this trajectory will captivate you and allow you to connect authentically with the culture. We will kayak through the interior channels, exploring every nook and cranny and transporting you to the past and to imagine how the indigenous people traveled in their dalcas - canoes with three connected planks - which today are known for their unique design and structure. From the kayak, we can take in a different view of nature, enjoying the Chilean dolphins, flamingos, birds and clam colonies along the way. Rowing among larger boats, we will arrive to the town of Dalcahue, explore its market, try local delicacies and, finally, begin our return to the hotel.

**Flamingo sightings occur between June and September.*



12. Bosque Piedra

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Half Day

🕒 Transfer: 2,5 hrs.
Hike: 1 a 2,5 hrs.
Altitude: 51 m.a.s.l.

We start the day by visiting Huillinco Lake, Chiloé's biggest and part of the watershed system so important to island life. Then, we take a magical path through an evergreen native forest with cinnamon, coigüe, hazelnut and mañío trees, and wide variety of ferns and lichen. After lunch, on the way back to the hotel we meet a local farmer who shows us her myrtle crop and invites us to enjoy a typical Chiloé bonfire around which she shares her stories.

13. Backyard Pullao

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Half Day

🕒 Hike: 30 min.
Altitude: 32 m.a.s.l.

This tour is ideal for exploring the area around the hotel, our greenhouse and sustainable kitchen garden that includes a plant nursery, stables and a compost area. Here we can also see the Pullao Wetlands, part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN). Depending on the time of year, we might spot scientifically-important migratory birds such as godwits, Chilean flamingos, cormorants, ducks and gulls. There are also salmon farms, mussel farms and seaweed collectors.

**Flamingo sightings occur between June and September.*

14. Pullao Marsh

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Half Day

🕒 Kayak: 2 a 3 hrs. of rowing
Altitude: 32 m.a.s.l.


From our pier, a privileged view that few know and is beautiful from every angle, we will head in the direction of Pullao Marsh. Located in our backyard, it is one of the island's most important marshes. There we will watch migratory birds such as the long-billed curlew, cormorants and flamingos. With the help of binoculars, we can watch them fly and, if lucky, we will row alongside dolphins. The tour will finish with one of the island's longest standing traditions: clam harvesting, a very important activity for Chiloé. From there, we will head back to the hotel.

SPECIAL INTEREST



15. Low Tide

 Half Day

 Hike: 5 min. to the pier
Altitude: 3 m.a.s.l.


When the tide is low, this beach offers the experience of collecting many types of seafood, especially clams.

This local tradition is alive and fundamental to this day for the Chilote family. It will connect us vividly to the experience of ocean life.

**** We will then fish for shellfish just around the pier.***

16. Puñihuil

 Full Day

 Transfer: 5 hrs.
Boating 1 hr.
Altitude: 11 m.a.s.l.

We will take Route 5 toward the northern end of the island and the Islotes de Puñihuil natural monument.

On its beautiful beach, we find Humboldt and Magallenes penguins. This is one of the only places in the world that is home to their nesting and reproducing colonies. From the ship you will also be able to appreciate the many coastal birds such as kelp geese, cormorants and shearwaters, among others. Mammals present in the area include the chungungo or river otter, the smallest marine mammal in the world.

****Penguin sightings occur between October and April.***





17. Castro

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Half Day

🕒 Transfer: 1,5 hrs.
Hike: 1 hr.
Altitude: 66 m.a.s.l.

This tour follows the tides to show you the traditional palafitos (stilt houses) of the island's capital. We visit the picturesque Yumbel Market selling typical regional products such as Chiloé potatoes, giant garlic, baskets, weavings and a wide variety of seafood. We see the inspiration for Chiloé's classic postcard: the colorful stilt homes and charming downtown with small craft shops and wood-shingled stores. We continue on our way to the catholic church of San Francisco which is the capital's main one, declared a National Monument and UNESCO World Heritage Site. We also visit the shipyard, birthplace of our boat "Williche," and see local boats being built. Finally, we visit Nercon church, which nicely represents the Chiloé Wooden Architecture School.

18. Rilán Peninsula

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Half Day

🕒 Transfer: 1,5 hrs.
Hike: 1 hr.
Altitude: 148 m.a.s.l.

Discover the beauty of Rilán Peninsula with its cultural wealth and rural life in this excursion which takes us past the patrimonial church of Santa Maria de Rilán, built in the neo-gothic style with a shingled exterior typical of the area. Following a visit to the village of Rilán, with its beaches north and south, we return to the hotel via a scenic route overlooking the Castro Fjord.

19. Churches Route

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Full Day

🕒 Transfer: 3 hrs.
Hike: 1 hr.
Altitude: 180 m.a.s.l.

We drive from the hotel towards the north of the island. In Quemchi, we visit Francisco Coloane's home/museum. He was a writer and one of Chilean literature's best narrators. We visit Aucar Island, christened by Coloane as the island of sailors' spirits. We cross a long bridge to the chapel and cemetery and can also take the path that circles the island to appreciate the flora of the area. Additionally, we visit three churches that are National Heritage Sites: Colo, Tenaún and Dalcahue. This route can also be done by bicycle.

20. Quinchao Island

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Full Day

🕒 Transfer: 2,5 hrs.
Hike: 3 hrs.
Altitude: 163 m.a.s.l.

We will head toward Achao, the island capital, and walk along its bay until arriving at the church. Depending on the time of year, we will see the work of local artisans. Here we will board the ferry to Quinchao Island, a quiet village that once a year transforms, receiving hundreds of tourists for one of the archipelago's most important religious festivals. We will visit a local organic farm and learn about the work of Chilote farmers and their famous crops of native potato and giant garlic. We will lunch in the area and then head to Curaco de Vélez with its more than 100-year-old houses whose colorful shingles continue to delight. We will then travel by land to Dalcahue, to which artisans travel every weekend from the farthest islands to sell their weavings, baskets and woodwork at the age-old traditional market.



21. Lemuy Island

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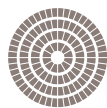
🕒 Transfer: 4 hrs.
Hike: 3 hrs.
Altitude: 120 m.a.s.l.

We travel to Chonchi, a traditional fishing town, situated upon three natural terraces that conserve its identity and tradition. We visit the historic church whose vaulted roof is painted blue, sprinkled with white stars. We head towards the coastroad, walking down the town's most typical street, declared a National Monument for its traditional large wooden houses, which reflect the wealth generated by an increase in cypress exploitation. We visit the local "Chonchina Traditions Museum," founded by the villagers to preserve their own history and show how the first inhabitants lived. We visit the charming Chilote accordion museum, born of folklorist and local music legend Sergio Colivoro's passion for the instrument.

Continuing towards the coast road, we pass by the local craft market where you can also buy traditional Chonchina doughnuts and typical Chiloé "golden liquor."

We cross Lemuy Island to visit three churches that are World Heritage sites: Ichuac, Detif and Aldachildo. We enjoy various panoramic views before arriving at the Pindal Reserve, a native forest with coigües, arrayanes and cinnamon trees. The song of the chucao bird transports us to the deepest depths of Chiloé's wilderness.





22. The Town of San José

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Half Day

🕒 Ride: 1,5 hrs.
Altitude: 150 m.a.s.l.

After a brief explanation of safety rules and how to ride a horse, we head out from the stables toward the heart of the village of San Jose. This tour allows for connection with the surroundings through its wonderful places, diverse wild plants and flowers and unique views of the Andes Mountains, making it not-to-be-missed.

23. Shipyard

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Half Day

🕒 Ride: 3 hrs.
Altitude: 150 m.a.s.l.

We leaving the stables accompanied by our horseman and guide, who know the best parts of the island. We begin our horseback ride on the beach heading towards the village of San Jose, depending on the tides. If we are lucky, we may see dolphins. We pass through fields and farmland and enjoy the countryside characteristic of the area which enables us to get better acquainted with local life.

24. Pellul-Quento Beach

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Full Day

🕒 Ride: 4 hrs.
Altitude: 102 m.a.s.l.


Moving west from the stables, we pass by fields, towns and churches until we reach our destination: Quento Beach. There we have a panoramic view toward Castro, the capital of Chiloé. Depending on the tides, we start our horseback ride along the beach. According to the time of year, it is possible to see and taste the island's wild fruit. We lunch in the area.

BIKING

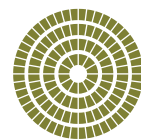


25. Cycling Chiloé

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 Cycling: 1-3 hrs. (depending on experience and wishes of the participants)
Altitude: 171 m.a.s.l.

There are many different trails with levels varying from medium-easy to difficult. We can make recommendations regarding the desired level before you set out so that you have the best experience and get to know the most attractive areas near the hotel. The rides begin from the hotel toward the village of San Jose where you can see local life close up, riding through woods and open fields, and past the church and cemetery. The entire path is unpaved with privileged view of the coastal mountains.



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THE SPIRIT OF THE ISLAND