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### Day by Day Itinerary

#### Day 1 - Arrival in Chile

Your guide team will be awaiting your arrival in Temuco. You have the day free to explore the town and rest up from your flights. In the evening, we'll have an orientation and briefing session before our Welcome Dinner together in one of our favorite restaurants in Temuco.

Relax: Free day until dinner

Eat: Dinner

Sleep: Dreams Temuco Hotel

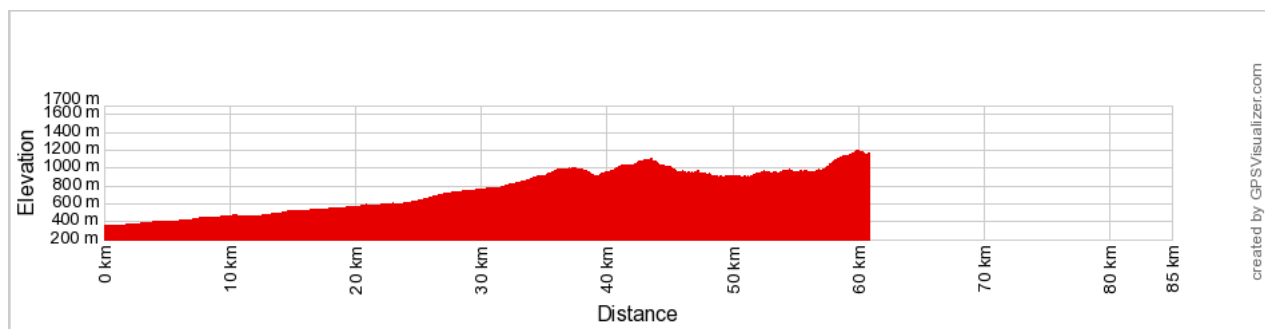
#### Day 2 - Temuco Inspector Fernandez to Tolhuaca National Park

We start with a transfer to the small village of Inspector Fernandez. This village is part of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Here we'll get the bikes ready before starting our Chile bike tour with a 35 mile warm up ride towards the national park, with Tolhuaca volcano in sight and surrounded by ancient araucaria trees. We'll arrive at our lodge with offers natural hot springs and a geyser in an incredible setting. In the evening, gather for our first dinner together.

Ride: 57 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Termas de Melleco Hotel



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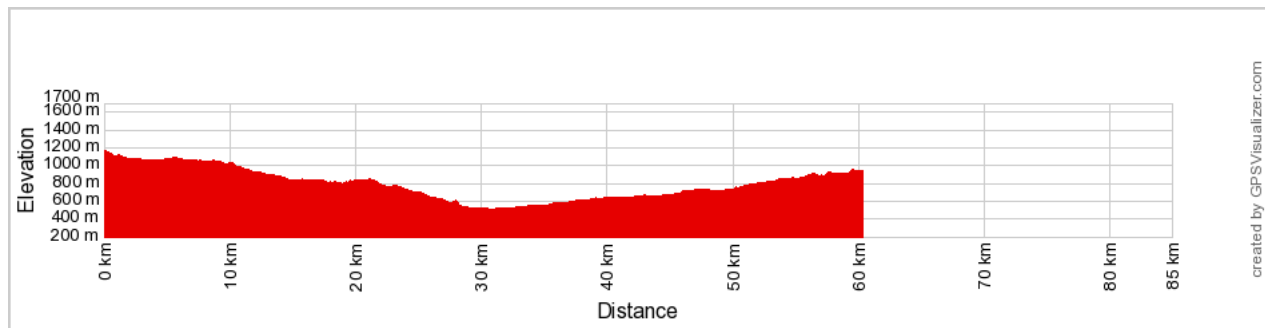
### Day 3 - Kütralkura Geopark, from Termas de Malleco to Termas de Manzanar

Today we bike 32 miles from one hot springs lodge to another one. As we ride our bikes, we'll leave Termas de Malleco and descend on a dirt road towards the city of Curacautín. Here we'll hit asphalt and continue towards the village of Manzanar, where our next hot spring lodge is waiting for us.

Ride: 52 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Termas de Manzanar Lodge



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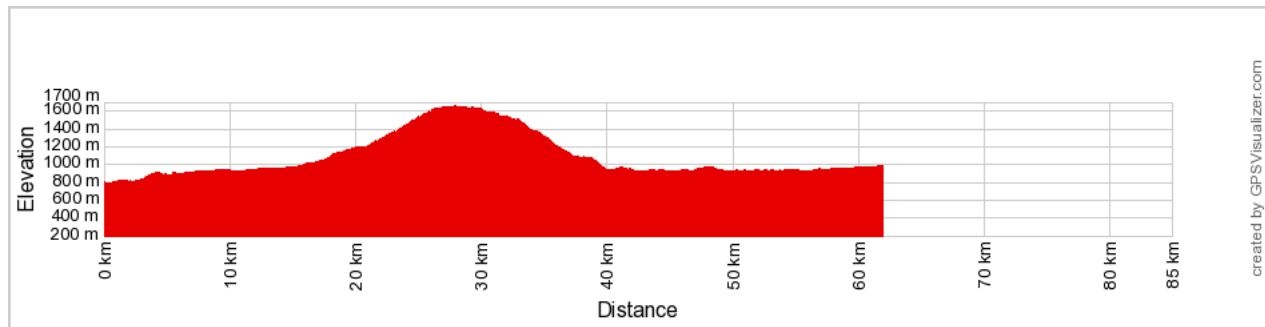
### Day 4 - Kütralkura Geopark, Manzanar to Lonquimay

After breakfast we ride to old train station of Manzanar, where we pick up the old railway that now has been turned into a bike trail. The 7 mile bike trail traverses several fun tunnels before ending at the old station of Malalcahuello village. We continue biking on asphalt for another 5 miles that ascend to an old mountain road called "cuesta las raices". Here we hit the dirt and continue biking for another 14 miles. This mountain pass is surrounded by monkey puzzle trees and with amazing views over Lonquimay volcano. It is the heart of the Pewenche, one of the first nations of this part of Chile. Finally, we arrive at Lonquimay village and our lodge/brewery. Tonight, enjoy local beers with dinner at the brewery lodge.

Ride: 42 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Lonquimay Brewery & Lodge



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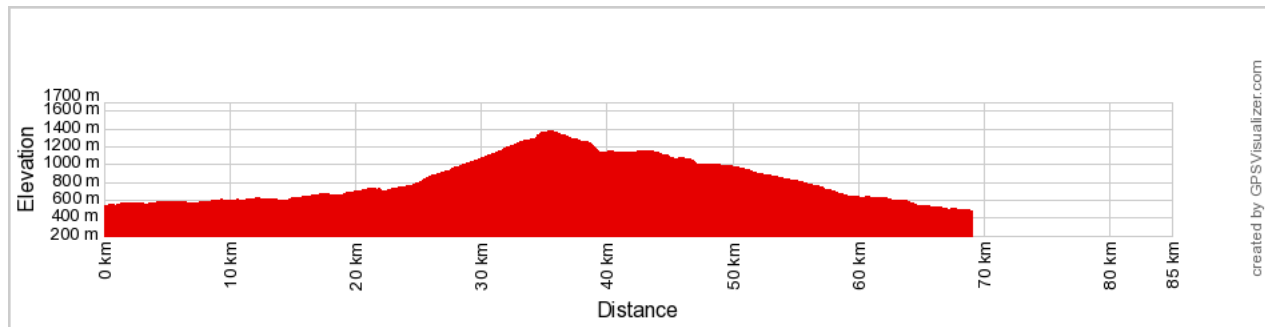
## Day 5 - Conguillío National Park Ride

We'll shuttle from Lonquimay to Curacautín, then start biking from the city's main square towards Conguillío National Park and Llaima Volcano. This national park crossing will be one of your favorite rides. Its scenery has inspired BBC documentary series called Walking with Dinosaurs. The first 13 miles are done on asphalt and then we switch to 19 miles of dirt and gravel all the way until we arrive to the lodge. We'll pedal alongside 4 beautiful volcanic lakes, such as Captrén Conguillío, Arcoiris and Verde. Our lodge, La Baita, is Chile's first ecolodge, with many awards in sustainability.

Ride: 52 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: La Baita Eco-Lodge



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### Day 6 - Sierra Nevada Trail in Conguillío National Park

After breakfast at La Baita Lodge, we will have a short drive, followed by hiking along the Sierra Nevada trail surrounded by native trees, including ancient monkey puzzle trees or araucarias. We will hear and spot many endemic birds such as the chucao tapaculo, the Magellan woodpecker and the Andean condor. The trail has 3 dramatic viewpoints, and we'll enjoy them all. Each one of them with different angles to take in the views of the Conguillío Lake, Llaima and Sierra Nevada volcanoes. After spending some time eating our packed lunch, taking pictures and enjoying the amazing view, we'll hike back to the bottom of the trail and visit Playa Linda (pretty beach). Later, we'll head back to our ecolodge and relax before dinner.

Walk: 12km / 7 mi Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: La Baita Eco-Lodge

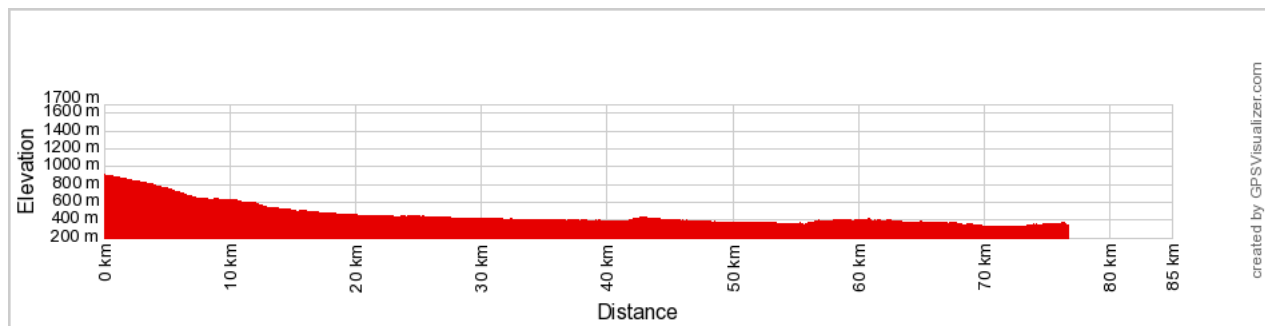
### Day 7 - Conguillío NP Lake Colico Santa Amalia Ranch

Another day in the saddle and a very special one. We'll start biking from our ecolodge and as we exit the national park, we can visit the Truful Truful canyon, one of the highlights of the Geopark. Then we hit asphalt again for the great part of the day, covering a total distance of 46 miles. We'll pedal by historic towns such as Melipeuco and Cunco, Finally, we head to Lake Colico and arrive at a private ranch where we are greeted by the owners, a family that raises polo horses.

Ride: 75 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Santa Amalia Ranch



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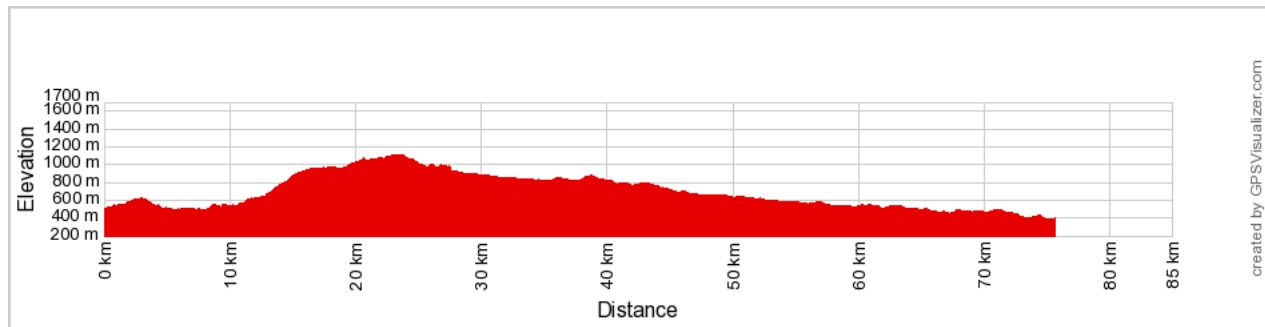
### Day 8 - Andean road , Lake Colico to Curarrehue village

After a week traveling in Chile's Lake Volcano District, you have probably realized that we are following a Scenic Road called "Ruta Escénica Lagos Volcanes". We'll drive for one hour from Santa Amalia Ranch to Trafampulli village at the east shore of Lake Colico. Here we get on the saddles and start biking a 59 mile mountain road. Be ready for a long hard day, as it will be hilly, dusty and only gravel, 110% worth it. The monkey puzzle trees will be the witnesses of our efforts to beat the mountain road. Finally, we arrive at a nice lodge by the Panqui valley near Curarrehue.

Ride: 96 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Kila Tai Tai Lodge



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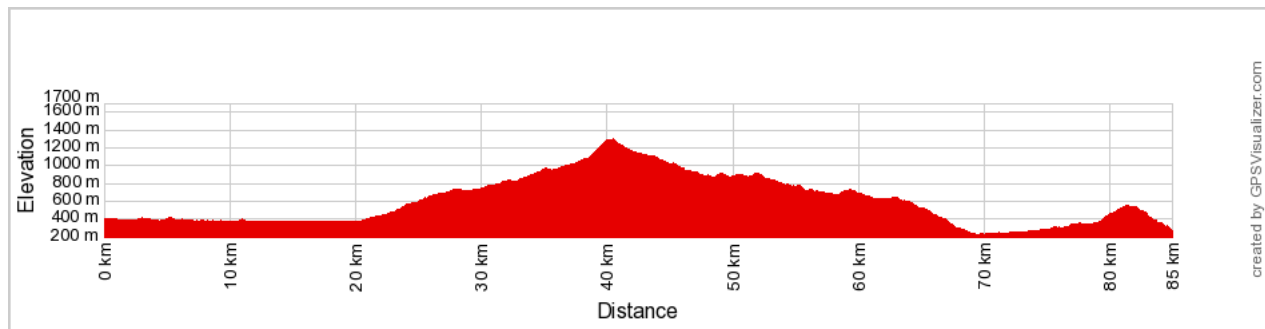
### Day 9 - The Transvolcanic Crossing

Today we'll start riding from our lodge, on a 56 mile mixed surface route that combines gravel, asphalt and dirt. We begin by following the famous Trancura river until we get to the village of Palguin. From there, we start climbing to the entrance of Villarrica National Park, where we hit a mix of gravel and dirt road. Here we'll be completely immersed in a native forest, between 2 volcanoes Villarrica and Quetrupillán. As we finish the 12 mile ascent, we start descending on a double track trail that covers the rest of the park's boundaries. Then, the road widens and shortly turns into asphalt, where we'll eat lunch at a local quincho run by local settlers. After our meal, we'll bike across the village of Coñaripe located by the shores of Lake Calafquen and finally ride the last 9 miles until we arrive at our lodge with natural hot springs to enjoy a soak.

Ride: 90 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Termas de Coñaripe Lodge



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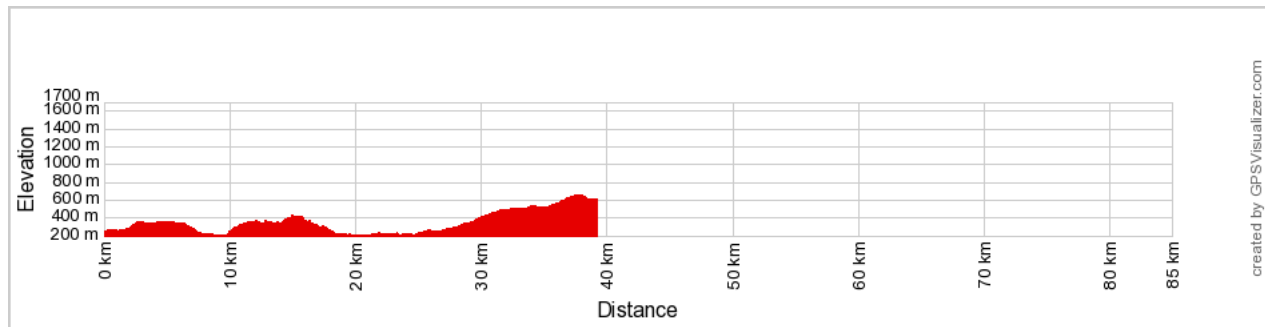
### Day 10 - Chile's 7 Lake Route

Each day brings new beauty on this tour, and today is no exception. On our last day on the bikes, we will ride one of Chile's most scenic roads, The Seven Lake Route. We'll pedal 24 miles alongside the shores of two beautiful lakes, Pellaifa and Neltume. This road is a mix of gravel and smooth asphalt, usually very quiet as almost no vehicles drive here. As soon as we leave behind Lake Neltume we hit asphalt, and only 8 miles will keep us from arriving at the Biological Reserve Huilo Huilo. Here we'll stay overnight at an incredible lake front hotel, located by Pirihueico lake. You can swim in the lake and relax all the afternoon. At night, we'll enjoy a farewell dinner together.

Ride: 38 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Marina del Fuy Hotel



### Day 11 - Huilo Huilo Temuco's Airport

Sadly, it's time to say good bye to the beautiful Lake Volcano District of Chile. After breakfast, we'll visit Huilo Huilo waterfall and the visitor's center, looking for that special souvenirs to bring home. Later we'll load up and drive to Temuco Airport to catch your flight home or wherever your travels take you next. It's been a trip you will always remember!

Travel: Shuttle to airport

Eat: Breakfast

\* Why are some route profiles cut off? Our profiles are all based on the same vertical and horizontal scale, so shorter days don't fill the graphic image. We feel this lets you compare days to each other better.



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### **Scheduled Dates You Can Join:**

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

<https://pedalers.travel/cycling-chile-lakes-volcanoes.htm>

### **Private Dates For Your Gang:**

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed November through April, except the first weeks of February which can be too crowded.

### **Why Pedalers?**

#### **Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team**

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

#### **Indulge in Mouthwatering Local Delights on a Culinary Adventure**

Unlock the essence of culture through food as we take you on a culinary extravaganza. Bond with fellow riders over scrumptious dishes at local restaurants specializing in regional cuisine. Family-style dining lets you sample outstanding dishes, carefully chosen by our expert guides. Lunch is satisfying but not overwhelming, and breakfast offers comforting Western delights. Pedalers knows the importance of good food for cyclists, creating a mouthwatering experience that combines riding and dining.

#### **Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort**



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Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

### **Lodging:**

Comfortable lodge, inns and guesthouses

### **What's Included:**

- 10 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- Meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 11, except as noted in itinerary
- Water, sodas or beer included at dinner
- Rental bike
- Service of Pedalers Guide(s)
- Full Van Support
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off



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### **Meeting & Flights:**

Tour meets in Temuco, Chile (ZCO), fly in before 4 pm on Day 1.

Tour ends in Temuco, Chile (ZCO), fly out after 1 pm on Day 11.

### **Route Conditions:**

The route is a mix of dirt and paved roads. Dirt roads are on packed dirt or mixed dirt & gravel. Traffic is light to moderate. The route is hilly with a few flat days.

There is the possibility of very windy days, during which case the group may be shuttled.

### **Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:**

Passports are required for all guests unless you are a citizen of or currently residing in Chile. US and Canadian citizens can enter without a visa. Citizens of other countries should check with the Chilean Embassy in their country for entry requirements applicable to your trip. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, so as to be prepared and not left standing at the gate.

Pedalers does not provide any visa processing services for tour guests.