

Chile

# Self-Drive in the Carretera Austral

Travel TAGs

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Nature | Adventure | Self-drive

Overview

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**02 Nights in Puyuhuapi**  
**02 Nights in Coyhaique**  
**02 Nights in Puerto Tranquilo**



# Self-Drive in the Carretera Austral **Inclusions / Exclusions**

## Inclusions

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- **Meals**
  - Daily breakfast at the hotel.
- **Others**
  - Car Rental: SUV or similar, CDW insurance.
  - Accommodation in the detailed hotels or similar.
  - Meals according to the itinerary.
  - Permanent assistance in each destination.

## Exclusions

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- **International or domestic air fares.**
- **Entrance fees.**
- **Services and non-mentioned meals in the itinerary. Drinks.**
- **Transfers.**
- **Early check-in, late check-out and hotel extras.**
- **Personal expenses.**
- **Tips for guides and hotel staff.**
- **The CDW does not cover damage to tires or wheels, unless as a result of a collision with a third party.**

# Self-Drive in the Carretera Austral Rates

## Economy/Superior

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Date	DBL/TWN	Transfers	Excursions
January to September 2023	From 1,300	Not needed	Not included
October 2023 to April 2024	From 1,500	Not needed	Not included

## Hotels

### Hotel in Puyuhuapi

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Superior Category:

[Puyuhuapi Lodge – Standard Room](#)

### Hotel in Coyhaique

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Economy Category:

[Diego de Almagro – Standard Room](#)

### Hotel in Puerto Tranquilo

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Economy Category:

[Hosteria Costanera – Standard Room](#)

# Self-Drive in the Carretera Austral Itinerary Details

## Day 1: Balmaceda / Coyhaique

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Upon arrival of your flight, pick up the vehicle at Balmaceda Airport at the counter of the rental car company and drive to Coyhaique, 55 kms away.

Vehicle hire includes:

- Unlimited mileage.
- Third part accident cover (CDW).
- Second driver included.
- Full fuel tank at delivery.

### Carretera Austral / The Austral Road



Scenic Patagonia route that is one of a kind in the world. Over 1,000 kilometers of natural beauty await you at the southernmost tip of the world. The Carretera Austral (or Southern Highway) captures the hearts of intrepid drivers and cyclists with its pristine landscapes and possibly the freshest air in the world.

Home to a wide range of diverse landscapes, this is a perfect place to partake in adventure sports. Go white-water rafting down one of the world's most well-known rivers for rafting, the Futaleufú; one of the world's most renowned rafting routes. Explore the deepest reaches of this magical region by following one of the many excellent trekking itineraries which lead to its very heart.

Combine your river trip with a visit to the majestic glaciers which grace this remotest of regions. See the amazing Tortel Cove, with its cypress footbridges and remarkable landscapes.

And if peace and quiet is your goal, what better than a day's fishing on the Baker River? An idyllic, extraordinary natural beauty spot. Come and discover the wonders of southern Chile, and sample a true slice of heaven.

### Overnight in Coyhaique.

## Day 2: Coyhaique / Puyuhuapi

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Begin your journey going north on the Carretera Austral, visiting various points of interest. After about 200km. (120miles), around 3½ hours driving, you will reach the Puyuhuapi area.

### Puyuhuapi



Enjoy a day at the Puyuhuapi hot springs and enjoy how your body feels young again. With this new energy, explore the exotic forests of the area on horseback, or by trekking or even sailing along its pristine rivers.

With German influenced architecture, walk along its streets and see the wooden buildings which give the town a unique touch. Known for its handmade weaving work, don't forget to get a souvenir made with local materials.

### Overnight in Puyuhuapi.

## Day 3: Puyuhuapi

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure.

### Overnight in Puyuhuapi.

## Day 4: Puyuhuapi / Coyhaique

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Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning, it is suggested to visit the Queulat National Park, enjoy the splendor of the Queulat Hanging Glacier Viewpoint, which can be seen after a walk that does not exceed 600m between forests.

## Queulat National Park

A place where trees seem to disappear among fjords and channels, birthplace of the so-called evergreen forest. This is Queulat National Park.



On the lands that are now a protected area, ancient explorers went searching for the mythical “City of the Caesars”, which as the legend said was full of gold and was founded by Spanish castaways. You can also explore the area trekking along trails surrounded by water and forests.

Let yourself be charmed by the perfection of the Hanging Snowdrift, glaciers, lagoons, and waterfalls that seduce visitors, and allow them a space for contemplating and enjoying the peacefulness of these landscapes. But, if you like adventure, you can't miss the chance to kayak and raft here and then rest in the hot springs located in the area!

After approximately 2h30min, we will continue along the Carretera Austral to Coyhaique.

## Overnight in Coyhaique.

## Day 5: Coyhaique / Puerto Tranquilo (B / - / -)

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Begin your journey going south on the Carretera Austral, visiting various points of interest. After about 240km. (150miles), around 5hors driving, you will reach the Puerto Tranquilo area.



## Information and points of interest:

- **Puerto Tranquilo:** a town 182km. (114 miles) from Balmaceda Airport. The first 100km. (60 miles) of the road are paved.
- There are some basic restaurants in the town.
- **Marble Chapels Boat Trip:** This excursion can be taken year round, starting just a few kilometers from the town. You can hire a motor boat, taking 1 hour, or kayak, taking about 2 hours. You skirt the shores of General Carrera Lake to reach this Sanctuary of Nature, a place of singular scenic beauty where waves and wind have eroded and polished the limestone, forming really attractive caves.
- **Exploradores Valley Viewpoint:** An excursion to this valley, on the northern edge of the North Patagonian Ice Field. Here you can see waterfalls and glaciers hanging from the mountains. Passing Lake Bayo, you begin walking an interpretive path in an evergreen forest. As the path rises, you get a fantastic panoramic View of Lake Bayo, and then reach the moraine, from where you can see the impressive Exploradores Glacier, 9km. (5% miles) long and 2V2km. (1% miles) wide , at the foot of San Valentin Mount, the highest in Patagonia —4,058 meters, over 13,000 feet.

## Overnight in Puerto Tranquilo.

### Day 6: Puerto Tranquilo

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at Leisure.

## Overnight in Puerto Tranquilo.

### Day 7: Puerto Tranquilo / Balmaceda

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Breakfast at the hotel.

On this day travel north to Balmaceda Airport, a journey of approximately 6 hours.

Drop off the vehicle at the airport rental car company.

## End of our services.



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## About our itineraries

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The itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities in the itinerary or the specified route, and though such cases are exceptional, in general the itinerary should be treated only as a basic guideline.

## Legend

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B=Breakfast

L= Lunch

D= Dinner

BL= Box Lunch



## Self-Drive in the Carretera Austral

# Important Remarks

- Rates are per person, in double accommodation in American dollars.
- **GROSS RATES**, valid for the dates detailed above, except on Special seasons and dates. Check with us. Ask us for other dates, additional nights or extensions.
- No reservations have been placed. Hotels may vary according to availability.
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