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PATAGONIA SUR NATURE RESERVE  
2010 BOATHOUSE EXCURSION



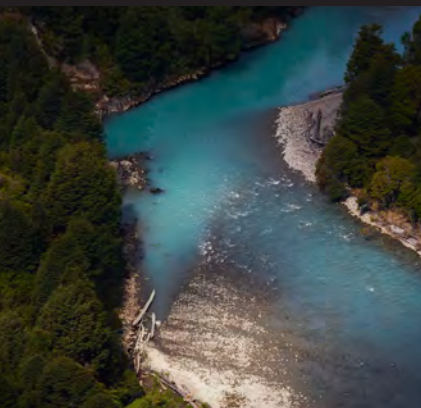
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# THE PATAGONIA SUR NATURE RESERVE

We are delighted to provide Boathouse Members the opportunity to visit the exclusive Patagonia Sur Nature Reserve. The Reserve encompasses more than 60,000 acres of stunning natural wilderness in Chilean Patagonia, with soaring snow capped mountains and glacier-covered volcanoes, scenic river valleys, spectacular lakes, rivers and pristine coastal areas.

Activities include fly fishing, horseback riding, river & sea kayaking, nature hikes, river rafting, mountain biking, bird watching, sea safaris or simply relaxing amongst the breathtaking scenery. This winter, we have planned a very special trip from March 14-22, 2010 exclusively for Boathouse Members (see itinerary below). In addition, individual or family visits to the reserve are possible from January - April based on availability.

Chilean Patagonia is one of the world's last great untouched places. Call the Boathouse Membership office (508-627-3535) or email [Sydney.Mullen@boathousemv.com](mailto:Sydney.Mullen@boathousemv.com) for more details or to reserve your space on this winter's expedition.



## BOATHOUSE TRIP ITINERARY (March 14-22, 2010):

**Sunday, March 14:** Enjoy a day in and around Santiago including lunch at and a tour of a vineyard, and some of Santiago's must-see places. Overnight stay at the newly opened W Hotel or the Ritz Carlton.

**Monday, March 15:** Depart Santiago in the morning and take a 90 minute commercial flight to Puerto Montt, the northern gateway of Chilean Patagonia. Once in Puerto Montt, transfer to a one-hour, incredibly scenic flight to Santa Barbara and drive four hours from Santa Barbara to Valle California.

**Tuesday, March 16:** Activities in Valle California and surrounding area.

**Wednesday, March 17:** Activities in Valle California or optional day-trip to Futaleufu.

**Thursday, March 18:** Activities in Valle California and surrounding area.

**Friday, March 19:** Depart Valle California after breakfast and drive 5 hours to Raul Marin Balmaceda. Take a one-hour boat trip to Patagonia Sur's coastal property in Melimoyu and look for whales, penguins, dolphins and sea lions along the way.

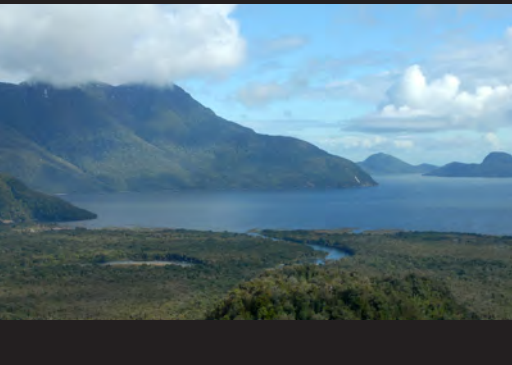
**Saturday, March 20:** Activities in Melimoyu and surrounding area.

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**Monday, March 22:** Charter flight from Melimoyu to Puerto Montt and commercial connection to Santiago in time to catch international flights.

**GUIDES:** Patagonia Sur Nature Reserve's expedition team is comprised of both highly-trained, bilingual guides who have experience leading world-class eco-tours in Patagonia, and locals with insiders' knowledge of the terrain, who will infuse your trip with the essence of Patagonia.

**PRICE:** \$4,500. When staying at the Reserve, your all-inclusive program includes lodging, meals, snacks, beverages (excellent Chilean wine of course), experienced bilingual guides, all equipment, and all ground transportation. Air travel from Puerto Montt to and from the Patagonia Sur Nature Reserve properties is also included.



## VALLE CALIFORNIA

Valle California is a stunning Patagonian valley that encompasses the El Tigre River, a pristine tributary of the Palena River. Located near the Argentine border, Valle California enjoys a micro-climate with lovely, warm weather during the southern hemisphere's summer months of December to March.

Patagonia Sur Nature Reserve's holdings within Valle California embody the essence of Patagonia: snow-capped mountains, winding river and verdant stretches of land. It is the quintessential ranch setting and encourages a rhythm of bygone days spent tending animals, riding horses, casting fishing lines and stretching out before the campfire and stargazing.

## LAGO ESPOLÓN / FUTALEUFÚ and MELIMOYU

Lago Espolón is a water lover's paradise. The Reserve's property boasts 2 km of lake frontage and the lake's largest and most spectacular peninsula, two pristine beaches and 4 km of the Ceniza River. A wide variety of scenic outdoor activities calls to you here, from sailing, kayaking, canoeing, motor boating and fishing, to horseback riding and hiking. You may also enjoy white-water rafting on the world-reknown Class V rapids of the Futaleufú River.

Patagonia Sur Nature Reserve's Melimoyu holdings are a nature enthusiast's dream. A richly diverse study in contrasts, the property contains untouched native forests, rivers, lakes, waterfalls and oceanfront in the shadow of the 2,400 meter (7,200 feet) glacier-covered Mt. Melimoyu.

Melimoyu is unique in the world, in that it is the nexus of the southern edge of the Valdivian temperate rain forest and the northern edge of the sub-antarctic forest. Equally unparalleled is the marine life: blue whales congregate just off the coast to deliver their young, and plentiful dolphins, penguins, seals and sea lions complete Melimoyu's extraordinary marine offerings. Abundant wildlife includes pumas, pudu (an endangered miniature deer), and an incredible array of birds. Sport fishermen will delight at the area's plentiful and diverse fresh and saltwater species.

## ACTIVITIES

Patagonia Sur has developed a variety of carefully-selected activities, including fly fishing, horseback riding, river and sea kayaking, mountain biking, nature walks & hiking, river float trips, bird watching, marine sightseeing and community & conservation activities. Each evening, you'll meet with your guide to plan the following day's excursions, which will be tailored to your interests and ability.

### Fly Fishing:

Valle California and Melimoyu's fly fishing is richly varied, and includes Brown, Rainbow and Brook trout, and Coho, Salar and King salmon, among others. Whether you're an avid angler, are learning to tie flies and fly cast, or simply want to enjoy a few hours on the water, we'll provide the ideal experience. In keeping with Patagonia Sur's environmental stewardship, all fishing is catch-and-release.

### Horseback Riding:

"Cabalgatas," the Chilean word for horseback rides, may be enjoyed by visitors of all ages and experience levels. We have designed the best circuits to reach magically memorable places with unforgettable views. Our Gaucho guides know the area intimately and offer the safest routes to exceptional vistas.

### River & Sea Kayaking:

In Valle California, enjoy exclusive access to our ten-mile stretch of the El Tigre River, or the nearby Palena River. In Melimoyu, paddle among dolphins, kayak to a colony of sea lions or enjoy river kayaking on the Colono River.

### Mountain Biking:

For the ultimate in authentic Patagonian mountain biking, we have repurposed old trails which originally served as byways for explorers, and now serve as paths for Gauchos and muleteers.





## Nature Walks & Hiking:

We have designed a rich network of trails with varying levels of duration and difficulty, from kid-friendly nature circuits to full-day hikes with rewarding destinations, such as seldomly-seen mountain lakes and 300' waterfalls. Along the way, our expert guides will highlight flora, fauna and topography of interest.



## River Float Trips:

Float trips allow you to enjoy the region's beauty in a relaxed yet adventurous way. Whether you fish while you float or simply take in the spectacular scenery, this is a great and memorable way to experience Patagonia.

There are a variety of rafting options available. For scenic and easy to moderate float trips, we recommend the Class I and Class II Palena or Espolón Rivers. For more intrepid rafters, the Class V Futaleufú River offers adventure and breathtaking scenery.



## Sea Safari & Bird Watching:

Grab your binoculars and camera and enjoy up-close views of dolphins, sea lions and a large number of water birds, such as Kelp Gulls and Ringed Kingfishers, as you explore Melimoyu Bay.

Valle California offers extensive birding opportunities and guests will likely spot Austral Thrushes, Patagonia Sierra Finches, Giant Hummingbirds, Austral Negritos, and Magellanic Woodpeckers.



## Community & Conservation:

Participate in cooperation with the Patagonia Sur Foundation's projects in nearby communities, and spend part of a day helping paint a church, plant trees or teach an English class.

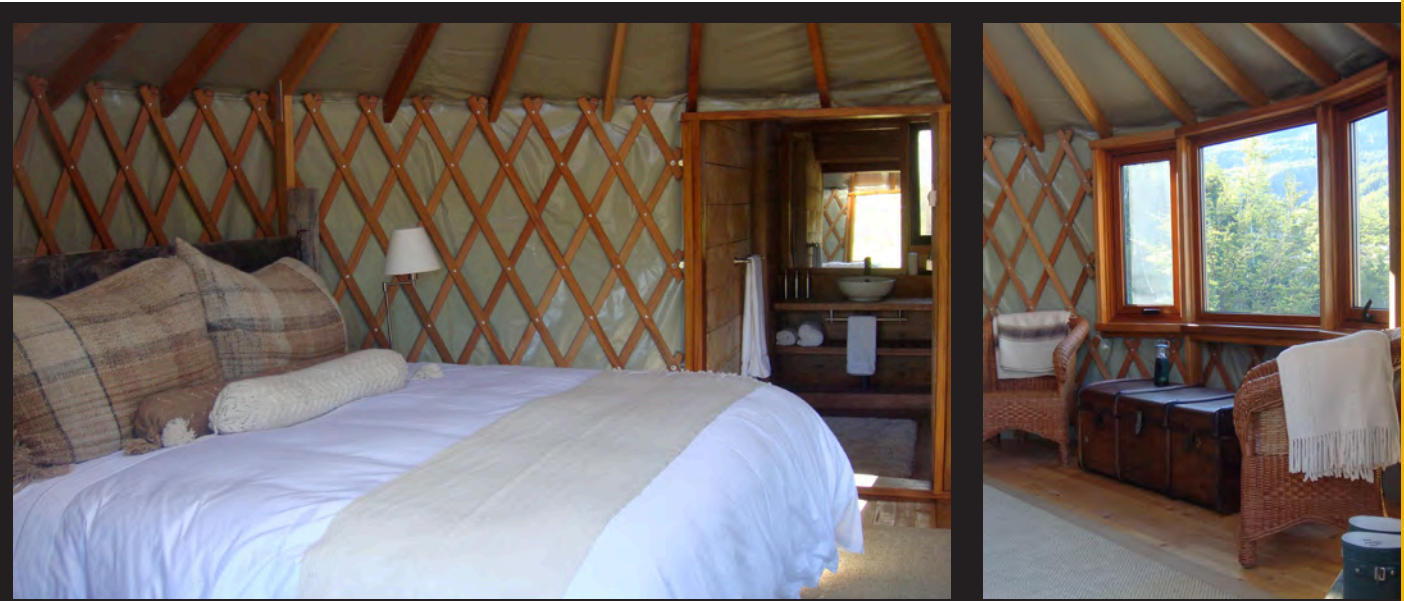
## FACILITIES & AMENITIES

The Patagonia Sur Nature Reserve has developed warm and welcoming lodging in both Valle California and Melimoyu. The Reserve's infrastructure lies at the natural intersection where serene comfort and rustic elegance meet Patagonian authenticity.

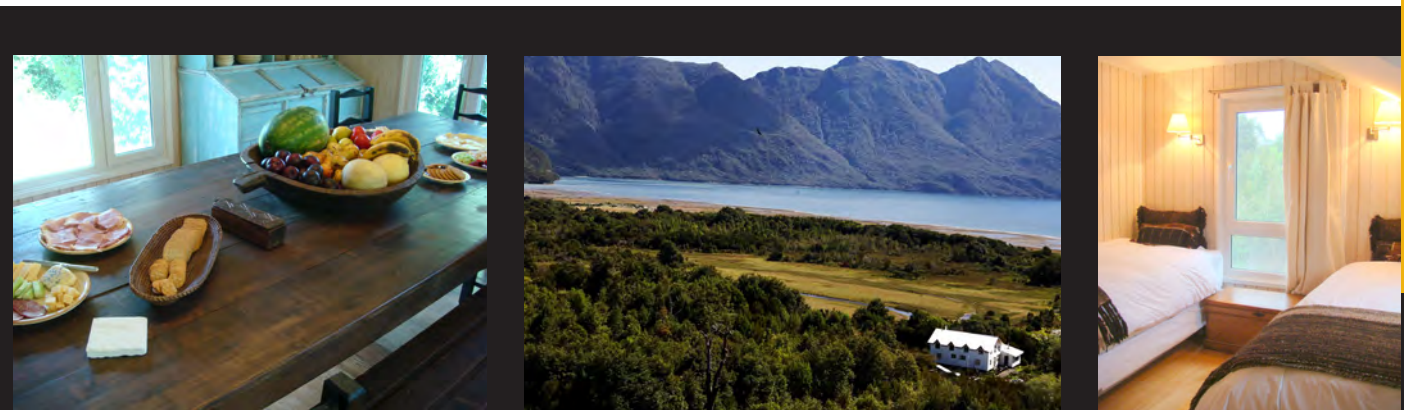
With resident caretakers, professional chefs, on-site sporting equipment and experienced guides, we've taken the guesswork out of your travel to Patagonia. Unspoiled wilderness and adventure await you.

In Valle California, a constellation of luxury yurts will be your home-away-from-home at La Estrella. These modern, lattice-walled updates of the traditional Mongolian yurt are eco-friendly structures with responsibly light footprints. Your private, well-appointed yurt is the perfect place to rest, refresh and recharge after an exhilarating day outdoors and you'll congregate in the riverside quincho for delicious family-style meals.

We have purposely kept all infrastructure modest in scale, to preserve the dominance of the natural landscape. To this end, your private, well-appointed yurt will provide you with "everything you need and nothing you don't." Our goal is to create a wonderful place for you to rest, refresh, and recharge, so you can get back to the great outdoors.



In Melimoyu, "Casa Bahía," an intimate, inviting and newly renovated 8 bedroom/4 bathroom guesthouse and hot tub await you. Three rooms are appointed with twin beds and five with queen beds. Casa Bahía is complemented by a riverside quincho with an open fireplace with 360 degree views, extensive decking, and canoe and kayak docks.



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## RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

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- Reservations may be made via phone (508-627-3535) or e-mail: Sydney.Mullen@boathousemv.com.
- 50% of the program price is payable upon making a reservation.
- The remaining 50% of the program price is due 90 days prior to the first day of the program.
- Programs are non-divisible and non-transferable.
- Changes to confirmed reservations are subject to approval and availability of the properties.
- There will be a penalty of 50% of the program price for cancellations made with less than 60 days' notice and a penalty of 75% for cancellation with less than 15 days' notice.

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## PROGRAM INCLUDES:

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- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary.
- Meals and beverages throughout stay with SNP Patagonia Sur.
- Fully-guided sightseeing and recreational activities as noted in the itinerary.

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## NOT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM PRICE:

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- International and internal airfares and airport transfers.
- Costs associated with obtaining passports and entry visas, airport departure taxes, excess baggage
- charges.

Upon entering Chile and before proceeding through immigration and customs, passport holders from

- Australia, Canada, Mexico and the United States are required to pay a reciprocity fee. The fee for U.S. passport holders is \$132, payable in cash or by credit card. A receipt will be stapled to the last page of your passport and is valid for the duration of the passport.

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## ITINERARIES:

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- Accommodations and activities are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or situations, including weather conditions, beyond SNP Patagonia Sur's control. Every effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.
- Patagonia Sur reserves the right to alter or eliminate portions of exploration itineraries without prior notice, when doing so is necessary or advisable for the safety and well-being of our guests.

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## TRAVELERS' REPRESENTATIONS:

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- The guest represents that s/he does not have a physical or mental disability that could create a hazard to him or herself or other members of the program.
- SNP Patagonia Sur reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a trip and further reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the traveler's sole expense, anyone whose condition is such that he or she could create a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impact the enjoyment of other passengers on the trip.

## TESTIMONIALS

"We all kept remarking how amazing it was that we were in such pristine wilderness and yet we felt as though we were being waited on hand and foot in the lap of luxury. Our guides, Matias, Andres and Gustavo, could not have been more solicitous and were tremendous fun to have as companions and guides for fishing, hiking, kayaking, and horseback riding. Pancho and Julio kept turning out incredibly delicious meals presented as though we were at a Michelin starred restaurant; and Isabel, Clarita and Irene seemed to sense our every need.

Valle California offered fabulous and never-ending opportunities for fun and adventure: we enjoyed the most amazing hikes, great days of fly fishing and our trusty horses transported us through breathtaking scenery. Both the house at Melimoyu and the yurts at Valle California were so beautifully furnished, comfortable and welcoming... they were a pleasure."

- Sarah and Fred Khedouri, Chilmark, MA



"The salmon and trout fishing in Melimoyu was as good as I have ever experienced. We also saw groups of four or five dolphins swimming next to the boat near the shore, a colony of sea lions out in the bay, a high-flying stork overhead, and coffee-colored hawks everywhere. This was all within the incredibly scenic Melimoyu watershed, above which rises the magnificent, glacier covered Mt. Melimoyu. What an amazing place!"

- Thomas Schwingeler, Santiago, Chile



## REGIONAL MAP

