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## Patagonia Argentina - Chile

*BORDER CROSSING FROM  
"EL CHALTEN" TO "VILLA  
O'HIGGINS".*

*Fitz Roy Mount, Great Glacier  
and Carretera Austral.*

*THIS BORDER CROSSING ALSO MY BE DONE FROM CHILE TO  
ARGENTINA.*





*Lakes crossing, Lago del Desierto and O'Higgins lake in the Andes of Patagonia.*



We propose you this self-guided program with great and unforgettable emotions. Contact us at [info@RobinsonCrusoe.com](mailto:info@RobinsonCrusoe.com), Tel. 56- 67- 243 18 11 - Villa O'Higgins agency.

**Period:** From november to march (Season).

**Duration:** 2 days 1 night.

**Requirements:** Saludable fitness. (Able to walk 2.5 hours)

**Mínimum age:** Not suitable for children under 12 years.

**Nº of participants:** individual or groups.

**Departures from El Chaltén:** 1 day before L/M Quetru navigation schedule at O'Higgins lake.

**Departures from Villa O'Higgins:** Same day L/M Quetru navigation schedule at lago O'Higgins lake.

**Description:** It is an interesting journey, the best of Patagonia as those who have had the opportunity to experience this "lakes crossing" through the Patagonian Andes. It is one of the most pristine places in Patagonia and therefore can feel the nature in its true dimension, winds coming from the Southern Ice Field, huge mountains like Fitz Roy, woodpeckers and other typical birds of this area. It has been the path of the settlers and a historical place due to the border dispute at Lago de Desierto between Chile and Argentina.

Have the opportunity to visit the "Great O'Higgins Glacier" , with 3 kilometers at front wall, being one of the largest in the Southern Patagonian Ice Field, and and also see another 5 glaciers are an extraordinary complement to this unique experience.

This crossing requires 5 km soft walking (2.5 hurs). Anyone at normal fitness can do it. The rest of the journey is done by boat or car and settlers do the luggage carry service on the route between both lakes ( "Lago de Desierto" and "O'Higgins - One bag or backpack per person).

**Warning:** This is a self-guided service. There is only one path semi marked by other persons that have been crossing before.

Schedules and frequencies can be affected by adverse weather conditions or force majeure. Should confirm departure times 12 hours before at the local office of Robinson Crusoe in Villa O'Higgins, telephone 56 - 67-243 18 11 The Service do not consider the reimbursement of any additional

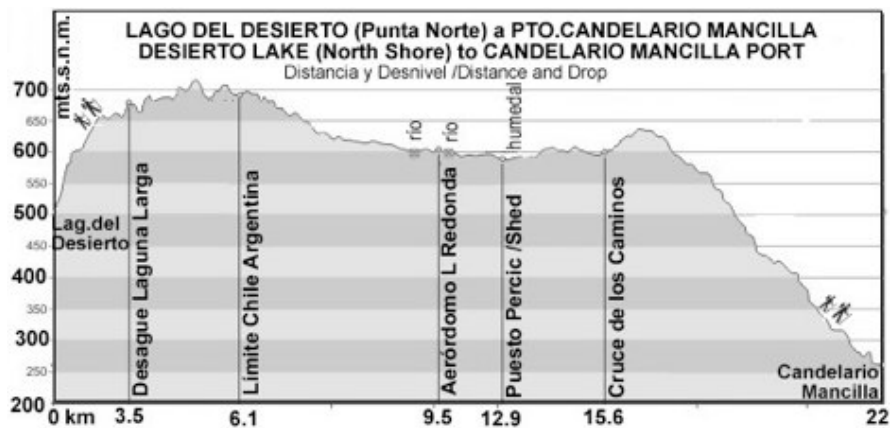
expenses due to suspended or delayed departures, and will be assumed by each passenger. Do not forget your passport for immigration procedures..

**Recommendations:** Carry juices, snacks for the road (Usually you may get water from streams). This will give you more flexibility in your journey. If possible, always consider an extra day for any unexpected issues. Book in advance. Keep with you a "Deep Patagonia" map sold in "Supermercado" (supermarket) in El Chaltén and at Robinson Crusoe office in Villa O'Higgins. Please wear appropriate clothing (see "*Recommended Clothing at FAQ*").

**Suggestions in Villa O'Higgins:** Consider your accommodation in the "Robinson Crusoe Deep Patagonia" lodge :

- 2 Nights stay as there is plenty to do.
- Hot Tubs access.
- Guest laundry
- Gift shop.
- Internet.

## CHALTEN - VILLA O'HIGGINS BORDER CROSSING:



Day 1:

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### HOURLY ACTIVITY

8:00 Departure from El Chaltén to Lago del Desierto.

10:00 "Lago del Desierto" crossing. Departure from south shore.

North shore arrival.

11:00 Argentina immigration procedures. "Gendarmería".

Border crossing: North shore "Lago del Desierto" to "Candelario Mancilla".

**Option 1: Self-guided trekking (Recommended only for persons in a good fitness).**

**Option 2: Walking and and settlers do the luggage carry service with horses (5 kms) + 4x4 service to Candelario Mancilla(15 kms). Bookings must b e done with 3 days in advance (Service handed by settlers from Candelario Mancilla).**

17:00 Chilean Immigration. "Carabineros Lago O'Higgins".

Arrival to Estancia Candelario Mancilla.

17:30

Dinner and hosting or Camping in Estancia Candelario Mancilla.

## DAY 2:

### HOURLY ACTIVITY

11:30 O'Higgins "Great Glacier" excursion departure. optional

17:00 Arrival from "Great Glacier" excursion.

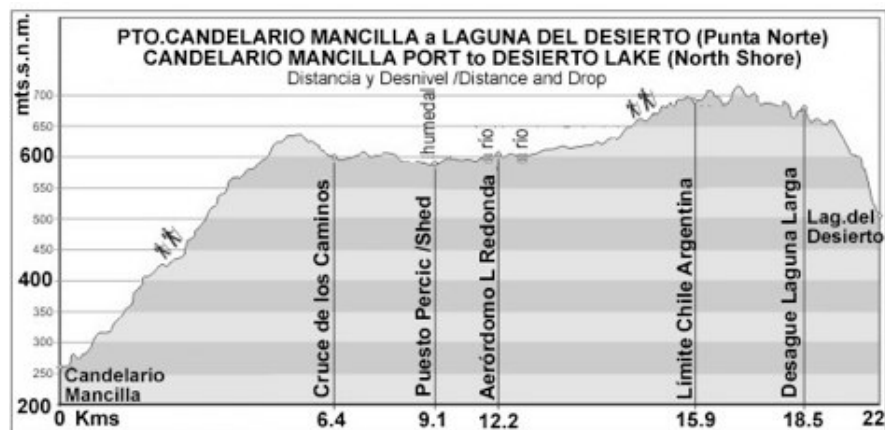
17:30 O'Higgins lake crossing. Departure from Candelario Mancilla to Puerto Bahamondez on "L/M Quetru" boat.

20:15 Arrival to Puerto Bahamondez.

20:30 Bus departure from Puerto Bahamondez to Villa O'Higgins village.

21:00 Arrival to Villa O'Higgins.

## VILLA O'HIGGINS - EL CHALTEN BORDER CROSSING:



## DAY 1:

\* This is a self-guided service.

**HOURLY ACTIVITY**

- 7:30** Departure from Villa O'Higgins to Puerto Bahamondez.
- 8:30** Departure from Puerto Bahamóndez (Villa O'Higgins) to Candelario Mancilla on "L/M Quetru" boat.
- 11:15** Arrival to Candelario Mancilla.
- 11:30** O'Higgins "Great Glacier" excursion departure. optional
- 15:00** Return from the "great Glacier"
- 17:00** Arrival to Candelario Mancilla  
Dinner and hosting or Camping in Estancia Candelario Mancilla.

**DAY 2:****HOURLY ACTIVITY**

- Chilean immigration (Carabineros)  
Departure to Lago del Desierto.
- 09:00** **Option 1:** 4x4 service to the border (15 kms) + Walking from border to Lago del Desierto and settlers do the luggage carry service with horses (5 kms). Bookings must be done with 3 days in advance. (Service handed by settlers from Candelario Mancilla)  
**Option 2:** Self-guided trekking (Recommended only for persons in a good fitness).
- 16:00** Arrival to Lago del Desierto.
- 16:00** Argentina immigration procedures. "Gendarmería".
- 18:30** Departure from north shore to south shore. Lago del Desierto crossing.
- 19:30** Arrival to south shore.
- 19:30** Departure to El Chaltén by Bus from Lago del Desierto.
- 21:00** Arrival to El Chaltén.

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**LIMITED LIABILITY:** Our Company operates in Chile under its own responsibility the lodge Robinson Crusoe Deep Patagonia at Villa O'Higgins and the Quetru boat on the O'Higgins lake.

In Alliance with "Receptivo Chaltén" in Argentina, our Company acts as agent for the services of the Huemul boat on Lago del Desierto, and the transfer service from Lago del Desierto to El Chaltén town.

Due to the lack of any commercial agreements with other service providers, our Company only may assist the tourists who want to cross the

border from Candelario Mancilla (Chile) to Lago del Desierto (Argentina), or viceversa. We inform to the third party service providers the reservation requests. Services which are not under our control or supervision.

Likewise, due to the precarious infrastructure and communication conditions in this extreme region, you must understand that doing this border crossing is under your own risk and responsibility assuming it is an adventure, and therefore you must be prepared to accept eventual delays or additional expenses as a consequence of unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure, such as delays or suspension of boat schedules by climatic reasons or others determined by navigation authorities, roads obstructed, misunderstanding with passenger transportation or luggage carriage, etc.

Therefore, to undertake this adventure we advise you to carry proper equipment, be a self-governed person, have extra time available and money for unexpected expenses.

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