



## **Argentinian Explorer**



### **NORTHERN ICE FIELD – CHONOS ROUTE: SKORPIOS II**

*The Chonos Route explores the Northern Ice Field, which is located in the Southern Patagonia. Its area is 4400 km<sup>2</sup>, 100 kms long from north to south and it is 40 kms wide from east to west, its ice cover approximately 70 glaciers. This mass of ice is the place where the closest glacier to the Equator that descends to the sea, the San Rafael Glacier which covers 15 km, between Monte San Valentín to the homonymus lagoon.*



San Rafael Glacier & Quitalco: The Northern Ice Fields.

### **The M/N Skorprios II Motor Ship**

was built in 1988 by the very same shipyards of the Kochifas family. The ship is 70 metres long and 10 metres beam, and almost 3 metres of draught. Its cabins are decorated with wood which are distributed in 5 decks, all of them with private bathroom, TV LCD and background music. Accommodations can be marital or twin cabin. The ship offers two stylish bar rooms, one of them is the main dining-room or Quitalco room allowed for smokers and the other one is the San Rafael Bar allowed for non smokers.

The M/N Skorprios II can accommodate 130 passengers, it sets sail every Saturday and returns on Tuesdays, and it has exits from september to may. It sets sail from the port station of Skorprios in Puerto Montt, the most important city in the Lakes District, which dates from 1853 and it is located in front of the Seno of Reloncaví.

During the crossing, the crew will give all their experience and you will be able to enjoy an excellent level in their gastronomy for discerning people, thanks to the chef who will make you taste delicious regional dishes which are elaborated with shellfish and regional meats, respecting the culinary tradition of the Patagonia, where spider crab, mussel, oyster, salmon, corvina, sea bass and conger eel, and also curanto a traditional dish in the millennial gastronomy of Chiloé, which will be always go with the excellent company of Chilean fine wines, which are considered like one of the best in the world.

### **Day 1 - From the Llanquihue Archipelago, Calbuco city, Gulf of Ancud to Gulf of Corcovado**

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The MV Skorprios II ferry sets sail from the Chilean city of Puerto Montt, in the Lakes District so we can start the Chonos Route's navigation (San Rafael Glacier). Puerto Montt is the capital of Llanquihue province and the X Lakes' Region. We will leave the Archipelago of Llanquihue which is famous because of its lake that is the most important tourist centre in the area. We will be able to sight the old city of Calbuco, which dates from 1603, it belongs to the same region. Later, the navigation route will go to the Gulf of Ancud that divides the Chiloé Island and the Archipelago of the Greater Island of Chiloé from the continent, leaving the Gulf of Corcovado aside.

### **Day 2 - Navigating along the Moraleda and Ferronave channels.**

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Today we will sail along the Moraleda and Ferronave Channels. The Moraleda Channel not only divides the Archipelago of Chonos from the Magdalena Island, but also from all the Chilean continent. After some hours of navigation, we will arrive at Puerto Aguirre, a picturesque village of fishermen, so we can visit the Ferronave, Pilcomayo and Costa channels, after midday. During the afternoon, we will anchor in Caleta Hualas or Punta Leopardos, very close to San Rafael's Glacier. This glacier is the biggest between the other glaciers in the Northern Ice Fields, it keeps active the homonymous lagoon and thanks to that, it empties in the Moraleda channel

### **Day 3 - San Rafael Lagoon, Témpanos Channel and San Rafael Glacier**

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Very early in the morning, we will cross the San Rafael waters and the Témpanos Channel. During the morning, the ferry will come into the lagoon to anchor at only 2 kilometres far from the San Rafael Glacier. Before midday, we will embark on boats to enjoy and watch the ice floes which give life to this amazing landscape, as long as the weather conditions will allow us to. In the afternoon, we will get closer even more to the glacier and finally we will go to Quitalco Fjord.

### **Day 4 - Quitalco Fjord, Chiloé, Moraleda and Pérez Norte Channels**

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On our fourth day route, the Quitalco Fjord will be waiting for us, which we will enjoy very close so we can know it while we are navigating on rubber boats. After breakfast, we will be able to take advantage of hot baths with an average temperature close to 32°C. In the afternoon, we will go to Chiloé Island to explore the Moraleda and Pérez Norte channels. The Moraleda Channel gets wider in its two branches, Costa and Estero Elefantes.

### **Day 5 - Gulf of Corcovado, Estero de Castro.**

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We will cross the Gulf of Corcovado, so we can have the possibility to watch blue whales or alfguara. We will continue our route navigation going round the west coast of Chiloé to Yal Channel so we can disembark in the seaside coast of Estero de Castro to go visit it. At night we will go back to the ship so we can embark in Puerto Montt along the Lemy, Dalcahue and Quicaví channels while we get ready for the dinner and the farewell party in which there will be a ball.

## Day 6 - Puerto Montt

We will dock very early in the Skorpios Terminal in the port of Angelmó. Once we got our breakfast, we will disembark saying goodbye to this adventure along the Northern Ice Fields.

### Season 2015-2016

## Prices: Northern Ice Fields - Route Chonos

CABINAS	T	ATENAS	ACROPOLIS	PARTHENON	OLYMPO	ATHOS
<b>RATES 2015-2016</b>	<b>B/A</b>	<b>BASE DOUBLE</b>	<b>BASE DOUBLE</b>	<b>BASE DOUBLE</b>	<b>BASE DOUBLE</b>	<b>BASE DOUBLE</b>
SINGLE	Low	3.000 USD				
SINGLE	High	3.300 USD				
BASE DOUBLE	Low	2.000 USD	2.100 USD	2.150 USD		
BASE DOUBLE	High	2.200 USD	2.300 USD	2.350 USD		
TRIPLE	Low	1.600 USD	1.700 USD	1.750 USD		
TRIPLE	High	1.700 USD	1.800 USD	1.850 USD		
DOUBLE MAT	Low				2.250 USD	2.250 USD
DOUBLE MAT	High				2.450 USD	2.450 USD
QUADRUPLE	Low	1.400 USD	1.500 USD	1.550 USD		
QUADRUPLE	High	1.500 USD	1.600 USD	1.650 USD		
SUITE JUNIOR	Low				2.350 USD	
SUITE JUNIOR	High				2.600 USD	
SUITE MASTER	Low				2.500 USD	
SUITE MASTER	High				2.800 USD	

## Departures: Northern Ice Fields - Route Chonos

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SEPTEMBER 2015		5	15	20	26

OCTOBER 2015	3	10	17	24	31
NOVEMBER 2015	7	14	21	28	
DICEMBER 2015	5	12	20	27	
JANUARY 2016	2	9	16	23	30
FEBRUARY 2016	6	13	20	27	
MARCH 2016	5	12	19	25	
APRIL 2016	2	9	16	23	30

 [Map of Route](#)



## General information

Datos importantes para tener en cuenta

### **Tasa de Embarque**

No se debe abonar ningún impuesto portuario durante la navegación, sólo se paga la tasa de embarque, que es de aproximadamente 10 U\$.

### **Telefonía Satelital**

A bordo del barco hay telefonía satelital, se puede hablar a cualquier parte del mundo, de acuerdo a la tarifa correspondiente a cada destino.

### **Electricidad**

El voltaje a bordo es de 220 volts AC (50 ciclos)

### **Ropa**

Se recomienda llevar vestimenta necesaria para las excursiones, como ser zapatillas de trekking, parka o campera impermeable, gorro, bufanda, anteojos para sol, protector solar. El traje de baño es aconsejable llevarlo para los que hacen la travesía en el M/N Skorpios II. También se debe llevar zapatos cómodos para usarlos en el barco y zapatos gruesos (borceguíes) para las salidas o para la cubierta del barco. Se puede llevar ropa formal para la noche de gala. El barco no ofrece el servicio de corte de pelo a los tripulantes, si hay servicio de limpieza de ropa liviana (lavandería).

## Temperatura

En la Ruta Chonos durante la primavera y el otoño la temperatura ronda entre los 5° y los 20° C, en el verano la temperatura se eleva un poco, oscilando entre los 10° y los 25° C, pudiendo existir algunos Days que supere la temperatura máxima. En la Ruta Kaweskar la temperatura en época primaveral y otoñal es aún más baja, promediando los 8°, en cambio en verano el clima es muy similar en ambas rutas.

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