

PATAGONIA: SKORPIOS CRUISES ACROSS CHILEAN FJORDS



Northern and southern ice fields

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

M/V Skorpios II sails from the Skorpios Terminal in Puerto Natales, a town located 1,000 km south of Santiago, which can be reached by road or air. This 5-day cruise that covers 800 miles, sails every Saturday to return on Thursday between the months of September and May. The cruise covers 800 miles for a magical encounter with the age-old ice formations of the Glaciar San Rafael, sailing through awesome archipelagos, channels and gulfs to tour this incredible territory that includes towns like Castro and the fishing village of Puerto Aguirre, which display the natural wonders of a vigorous landscape and wildlife which is best appreciated at Fiordo Quitalco with its hot springs and excursions to its vast island-peppered sea.

Note: This cruise sets sail on Saturdays and returns on Thursdays. Available from September to April. This cruise is an extension. Please speak with an expert travel consultant about adding a full package (6 nights minimum) Chilean Patagonia tour to this extension.

<p>FROM \$ 2250 per person</p>	<p>THIS CRUISE INCLUDES: 5 nights accommodation on board All meals on board: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Daily land excursions as schedule by the ships All activities inside the ship All transfers Professional guides</p>	<p>HIGHLIGHTS Puerto Montt Llanquihue archipelago Puerto Aguirre village San Rafael lagoon & glacier Chiloe island</p>
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Day 1

EMBARK ON SKORPIOS II - LLANQUIHUE ARCHIPELAGO

Saturday

12.00 noon. Weigh anchor from Skorpios Terminal in Puerto Montt.

Sailing every Saturday from Puerto Montt, a city located 1,000 kilometers south of Santiago, to the San Rafael Glacier, the majestic relic of the planet's last glaciation, Skorpios takes you on a Dream Cruise of six days and five nights. Its goes through spectacular channels and archipelagos, where an exuberant nature stands out in all its splendor and man's presence is barely perceptible, and where softly shaped islands are scattered in the ocean. We will visit isolated and picturesque fishing villages and settlements, such as Puerto Aguirre and Queilen, the city of Castro, Quitralco fjord with its thermal baths and the San Rafael National Park, which was declared world biosphere reserve by the UNESCO in 1978 with its Glacier of magical and spectacular 30,000 years old ice that rises in multicolored towers to a height of more than seventy meters and then sinks into the ocean.

Today we sailing through the Llanquihue archipelago. Catch sight of Calbuco city. Ancud Gulf, archipelago of Chiloe and Corcovado Gulf crossing at midnight.



Day 2

MORALEDA & FERRONAVE CHANNELS - PUERTO AGUIRRE

Sunday

Early this morning, navigation through the Moraleda and Ferronave channels.

Arrival at the fishing village of Puerto Aguirre at 11.00 hrs.

Afterwards, continue sailing through Ferronave, Pilcomayo and Costa channels.

At 21.30 hrs. approximately, anchor at Hualas cove or Punta Leopardos, 20 nautical miles from the San Rafael Glacier.



Day 3

SAN RAFAEL LAGOON & GLACIER

Monday

This morning we crossing of the San Rafael Lagoon entrance and Tempanos channel.

Later, the ship enters the Lagoon and anchors at 2 kilometers away from the Glacier. Boat excursions among multicolored icebergs, if the weather allows to.

The San Rafael Lagoon is a nature sanctuary that shelters a variety of marine fauna and a large number of plants that live in a harmony that is not upset by the silent passing of the Skorpios, and whose astonishing magic can be seen while sailing in the safe boats towards the 2,000 meters wide Glacier whose 70 meters high peaks towers over the landscape. Then, sailing among the most incredible icebergs, thrilled by their varied forms and many colors, it is inevitable to toast with twelve year old whisky and this astonishing 30,000 year old ice.

The ship gets closer to the Glacier.

Undoubtedly, the San Rafael Glacier is a magic sight; here, the ancient history of the planet and present-day man meet as if in a new dimension. In safe boats we will sail between incredible icebergs with unexpected shapes and colors to live the overpowering sensation of the millennia, with this 30,000 year old ice. This afternoon, set sail to the Quitalco fjord.



Day 4

QUITRALCO - MORALEDA - PEREZ NORTE CHANNELS

Tuesday

Berth at the Quitralco pier.

Quitralco an old glacier riverbed, which means "Waters of Fire" in the Mapuche language, is a fjord with high, snow-covered mountains and impenetrable vegetation, where the flora surges spontaneously, wild and colorful with ferns, forming a unique and exuberant vegetation in a temperate microclimate beside a calm and transparent sea. Here Skorpions owns a wonderful place where its passengers can rest in its pools, both indoor and outdoor, with thermal waters at 32 and 38 degrees Centigrade, a fine country style grill to gather, widespread parklands and paths that can be followed to appreciate nature. There are also excursions on the fjords quiet, transparent waters in safe motorboats, where you are shown the rich marine fauna, such as the banks of mussels and the playful southern dolphins. There is no doubt that Quitralco is the paradise we have all dreamed of.

After breakfast, passengers can take hot spring baths. If the weather allows to, boat excursions in motorboats through the inside of the fjord. Later, sail towards Chiloe, navigating through the Moraleda and Perez Norte channels.



Day 5

CHILOE ISLAND EXCURSION & CAPTAIN'S DINNER

Wednesday

This morning, Corcovado Gulf crossing. In this area, if the conditions allow to, there is a possibility of watching humpback whales and blue whales.

Continue to sail through the oriental coast of the Chiloe island, Yal channel, Castro stream, arriving to this beautiful city at 15.00 hrs. Disembarkation to visit this place.

Tonight, set sail towards Puerto Montt through Lemuy, Dalcahue and Quicavi channels. Farewell party, Captain's dinner, dance.



Day 6

RETURN TO PUERTO MONTT

Thursday

Early this mornig, docked at the Skorpios Terminal pier in Puerto Montt. Afterwards, breakfast, disembarkation and passengers' transfer. End of our services.