

PATAGONIA BIKEPACKING



February 24 to March 10, 2017

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Tour Overview

First of all we would like to introduce the philosophy behind our bike tours: **Mr None**. We are not ironmen, we are not superheros, we don't have an iron will and don't do impossible adventures. We get involved, and try. That's it. We will travel through Chile and Argentina on our bike self supported, with no motorized vehicles, in bikepacking style. We will have one common goal, to cross all togheter the Tierra del Fuego.

From February 24 to March 9. More than 1.000 kilometres divided into several stages that will allow us to reach Ushuaia starting from El Calafate. We will visit: the Perito Moreno Glacier, Torres del Paine National Park and Tierra del Fuego. For the success of this expedition it is absolutely necessary to create, between all travelers, a strong team spirit. No one will be left alone or in difficulty, for any reason. It will be responsibility not only of the guides, but also of the individual participants, help solve any kind of problem that will come up during the trip. It will be an unforgettable journey, but also a unique opportunity to educate ourself to the group consciousness and the ability to share - joy, effort, planning, organization, coordination, defeats and successes. And success will not be just arrive at the final destination, but start out and then do our best to get there, all together. And why in Patagonia? Because to this day still it remains in the collective immagination a land of great adventures and it is also where, in 2001, Willy Mulonia started is tour to cross the Americas. Tierra del Fuego was the first portion of a great adventure that would eventually last 30,000 km.

And we at PAC we always want to go back!

During the period prior to departure we will organize two meetings where we will explain the trip and the kind of equipment the guides will use during the tour. The place of the meeting will be notified once decided the group of participants.

If it will not be possible to meet, for logistic reason, we will keep in contact via mail and we will be at your disposal for any kind of questions. There will be a selection between those who will require to participate, to try to have a homogeneous group. We do not exclude the possibility that those who will not be selected for the first group will then participate at a later, which is better suited to its characteristics. To help in this selection we have prepared a form that you find at the end of the tour info package. Please fill it and send it back before proceeding with the inscription

Stage Descriptions and Itinerary

February 24, 2017

Arrival in El Calafate must be within 2.00 p.m. on this day. We will organize your hotel/airport transfer. Bike need to be set up. In the late afternoon we will have a briefing to introduce the staff and all the participants.

February 25, 2017

Guided visit at Perito Moreno Glacier, last resupply before departure

February 26 to March 9, 2017: El Calafate - Ushuaia

12 days of biking to reach our final destination: the most southern city in the world: Ushuaia The route will include: Ruta 40, Torres del Paine National Park, Punta Arenas (where we will cross the Magellain Strait) and Tierra del Fuego.

The average distance each day will be of around 100 km, on unpaved and secondary asphalt roads. We will reach Ushuaia the morning of March 9. In the afternoon we will pack the bikes and still have time for the last shopping.

March 10, 2017 - Flight back

In the morning airport transfer. **End of services.**

Arrival and Departure information

Arrival at El Calafate (ECA) within 2.00 p.m. of February 24, 2017

Departure from Ushuaia Airport (USH) the morning of March 10, 2017

PRICES

The individual cost of participation is **€ 1.790**

Minimum number: **5** people

Maximum number: **9** people

The price includes

- Two PA-Cyclism guides riding with the group.
- 2 Overnight in Hostel in El Calafate (Breakfast included)
- Entrance and guided visit to Perito Moreno Glacier
- Entrance to Torres del Paine National Park.
- Ferry crossing Punta Arenas - Porvenir
- 1 overnight in Hostel in Punta Arenas and Ushuaia.
- Group travel insurance.
- Arrival airport transfer in El Calafate on February 24, 2017
- Departure airport transfer in Ushuaia on March 10, 2017

The price does not include

- Flight ticket and overbaggage.
- Lunch and dinner in El Calafate and Ushuaia.
- Lodging and food during the bike tour.
- Extra services and activities.
- Extra cost in case of logistic changes (bus transfer, extra hotel nights)
- Everything not present in "The price include"

HOW TO BOOK AND PAY

1. Pay now with your [credit card](#) the total amount of the tour
2. Pay with bank transfer the total amount of the tour
3. Split the payment:
 - Make a down payment of **50% of th total cost** to reserve your spot
 - Send the balance 30 days before departure*

This option can be done both with credit card or bank transfer. A surcharge of € 60 will be applied.

****30 days before departure you will receive an e-mail with the balance to be send.***

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Credit Card: <http://pa-cyclism.com/en/tpv/>

Credit Card Companies will often flag transactions for larger amounts that are completed online and out of country as fraud suspicion. If high-value (€) online transactions are outside of your normal spending habits, please ensure that you contact your credit card company BEFORE registration to approve the transaction

Bank Transfer

Beneficiary: Banco "La Caixa" - Account nº: 2100-3897-89-0200079853

IBAN: ES88-2100-3897-89-0200079853

BIC/ SWIFT: CAIXESBBXXX

payable to: PROJECTING ADVENTURE CYCLISM - Paseo de la Castellana 121, Esc. Dcha 4ªA - Madrid - Spain

We will not consider a person subscribed until we receive at least the down payment.

Refund and cancellation

Where, for whatever reason, one person is obliged to withdraw, the person must give written notice to Projecting Adventure Cyclism.

Refund will be calculated with this penalty:

- Within 45 days from date of departure the penalty fare is 10% of the total cost of the trip.*
- Within 30 days from departure the penalty fare is 30% of the total cost of the trip.*
- Within 21 days from departure the penalty fare is 50% of the total cost of the trip.*
- Within 14 days from departure the penalty fare is 75 % of the total cost of the trip.*
- After this date no refund will be given.*

No refunds for those who will not show at the start or withdraw during the course of the tour.

No refunds for those who could not make the tour due to lack or inaccuracy of the personal travel documents (i.e Visa or Passport).

Traveler understands that some destinations pose more risk than other destinations due to weather conditions, political conditions and the geography of the region. Traveler acknowledges that factors such as, but not limited to, weather conditions, landslides, floods, flight cancelations or delays, strikes, labor troubles, failure of power, restrictive governmental laws or regulations, riots, insurrection, war or other reason of a like nature not the fault of Projecting Adventure Cyclism (hereinafter "Force Majeure Event") can hinder, delay or even prevent the Traveler's ability to make or complete the trip. Traveler acknowledges that the Projecting Adventure Cyclism shall not be liable to Traveler for any delay or cancelation of the trip due to a Force Majeure Event. Traveler shall not be entitled to a refund or any other payment for damages from the Projecting Adventure Cyclism in the event that the trip is cancelled or delayed due to a Force Majeure Event. Please note that we are never responsible for any airfare ticket expenses.

INFORMATIONS

Information about a stage:

There will be a rough time schedule. It will not always be possible to respect it, because of contingencies that we will meet along the way (mechanical problems, bad weather, etc.). We will decide from time to time whether to force to reach the scheduled end of the stage, or to set up the camp and sleep elsewhere.

We definitely expect long days in the saddle; we will not always have the chance to wash ourself or take a hearty breakfast in the morning, but this is all part of the idea behind this trip: the ability to adapt to situations that we will encounter kilometer after kilometer.

Important Note! The guides will put all their experience and the utmost commitment, so that everyone can enjoy the maximum comfort during the whole expedition. The organization reserves the right to change the route for the safety and security of participants.

Medical Assistance: Throughout the trip we will have a basic first-aid bag. Despite this, we suggest each of you not leave without their stock of personal medicine. If anyone is allergic to a particular medicine or food, please to notify this to the organization. No particular vaccination is required, although it is better to be covered with anti-tetanus.

Food: Everyone must provide his own food and water requirements. We meet local where to eat and buy food along the way; There are however some sections where we will also be completely self-sufficient for more than a day.

Weather : The weather will be changeable going from sunny and warm days (about 30 degrees C) to possible copious rains with cold days and sometimes snowfall will be possible; The wind will be a constant presence mainly in the Argentinean side.

Travel Documents Each participant must have a passport valid for six months from the date of departure. Projecting Adventure Cyclism will not be held responsible for invalid passports, visas or other necessary documents as required by the Argentinean or Chilean Government.

Visa: We will cross the border between Argentina and Chile 2 times. We will get the visa at the entrance.

Money: The local currency are the Argentinean Peso (ARS) and Chilean Peso (CLP)
One Euro is changed (September 2016):

1 € = 16 ARS

1 € = 743 CLP

In any "money exchange" Euro and USD are accepted. In airport you will find a case for change and in the center of the city with ease, an ATM to withdraw cash.

Electric Plug: The most used are C Type (First Picture), and in some case in Argentuna L Type (Second Picture) .



Mechanical Assistance: Each of the participants will have to try to be as independent as possible from the mechanical point of view. Beyond the simple and common repairs (punctures, broken chain) and maintenance (chain cleaning, changing brake pads) it is good to know and have with you the possible "sensitive" parties in the absence of which it would be impossible to continue your journey (eg . derailleur hanger, seat clamp, some spokes, a spare tire).

This does not mean that only experienced mechanics may attempt a trip like this, but we must be aware that any breakages will not be easily and immediately resolved, because we will find ourselves in places rather isolated without the presence of bike shops.

Before the departure is necessary bring your bike from your trusted mechanic for the final check-in. Before you pack the bike for the air travel, try the bike full loaded simulating the conditions we're going to meet.

Which Kind of Mountain Bike: The route is mainly on asphalt and unpaved road. We could meet rocky or sandy sections, where is necessary a smooth conduct of the bike. We suggest 29" bikes with fast rolling tyres.

Before the departure we will explain everything that the guides will use during the tour. This just to give an idea of what is necessary to have. We will be at your disposal for any advice or doubt you may have regarding bike and equipment.

BASIC RULES

In order to achieve the greatest effectiveness we believe it convenient to adopt some basic rules.

a. Equipment needed

Each participants will be responsible to load on his bike all as deemed necessary to the trip:

- ✓ Tent, sleeping bag (comfort 0°) and sleeping pad.
- ✓ Camping Stove, pot, cutlery and lighter
- ✓ Bicycle Bags
- ✓ GPS
- ✓ Clothing cycle (short and long)
- ✓ Leggins and sleeves
- ✓ Rainy jacket and pants
- ✓ Light and wool cap, sunglasses
- ✓ Anti Wind Jacket
- ✓ Socks and shoes suitable for riding
- ✓ Rubber sandals for the shower
- ✓ A fleece or wool sweater
- ✓ Rope & clothespins
- ✓ Moisturizers and sun protection factor 12
- ✓ **Helmet (*mandatory*)**
- ✓ Water bottle or camelbag (Total capacity at least 5 liters)
- ✓ Kit for puncture repair + 2 spare tubes + pump
- ✓ Spare tire and spare brake pad
- ✓ Chain tool and Chain Oil
- ✓ Allen keys/Multitools
- ✓ **Specific spare parts (derailleur hanger, spoke, seat clamp)**

b. Environment

Each participant is responsible for helping protect the local environment. Hold on to any garbage until you meet up with the support vehicle or find a wastebasket / recycling bin. Stay on the main trails as much as possible.

c. Safety

Without trying to limit your riding enjoyment, we ask all participants to ride responsibly in order to reduce the likelihood of injuries to themselves and others. Ride conservatively on technical sections and reduce speed when appropriate. Be aware of pedestrians and other vehicles. Helmets are mandatory at all times. Alert the guides if you notice any problems with your bicycle.

d. Right of the organization

Given the characteristics of the environment and of the journey, the organization reserves the right to change the route for the safety and security of participants.

e. Waiver of Liability

All participants will be asked to sign the waiver before the start of the tour and send it via email to info@pa-cyclism.com. If you have any questions, please contact us in advance.

ORGANIZATION

The technical and logistic organization of **this tour** is the responsibility of:
Projecting Adventure Cyclism.

The Organization has solid experience in creation of events such as:

- ❖ ATLAS BIKE MAROC & BIKING SAHARA (Morocco)
- ❖ ATACAMA BIKE MARATHON (Chile)
- ❖ ATTRAVERS-ANDE PATAGONIA BIKE (Argentina e Chile)
- ❖ AROUND ANNAPURNA BIKE (Nepal)
- ❖ MONGOLIA BIKE CHALLENGE & BIKING MONGOLIA (Mongolia)
- ❖ TRANS CANADA BIKE (British Columbia-Canada)
- ❖ BIKING CHINA (Sichuan Province & Tibetan Plateau)
- ❖ ROME to FLORENCE & SICILY OFF ROAD (Italy)
- ❖ ETHIOPIA WILD BIKE (Etiopia)
- ❖ TENACE SARDEGNA EXPERIENCE (Italy)
- ❖ LA VIA DEI CAROVANIERI (Italy)
- ❖ ARABIA FELIX (Oman)

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Waiver of Liability

Undersigned:

SURNAME

NAME

Born in the/...../..... ..

Document Type

No.

- ✓ I declare to know the program of travel and accept it.
- ✓ I declare that I have made a satisfying workout in order to participate the **PATAGONIA BIKEPACKING**, to be in very good physically and psychologically conditions, which allows me to participate in the above test cycle, and not suffer any illness or injury.
- ✓ I declare to be voluntarily present and accept the risk and situations of psycho-physical discomfort, any kind of accident with mechanical vehicle or not, accidents with animals and / or persons and any other situation could occur, declining so any liability of PROJECTING ADVENTURE CYCLISM.
- ✓ I declare to know the intensity of the **PATAGONIA BIKEPACKING** and the high risk that the practice of mountain biking involves and that it will respect all the indication that the organization will give with the intent to protect my and others' safety.
- ✓ I will correctly use the helmet during the entire stages in mountain bike.
- ✓ I understand that the Organization may change the dates, mileage and the program if it considers necessary to protect the safety of all participants.

With this declaration I confirm that I voluntarily and freely subjected myself to the video-cameras shootings made by PROJECTING ADVENTURE CYCLISM during the **PATAGONIA BIKEPACKING**

I allow the use of my image with the times and the way that PROJECTING ADVENTURE CYCLISM deems appropriate.

Sign to accept all of the above.

In witness

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PATAGONIA BIKEPACKING - MR NONE

Name		Surname	
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Age		Height (cm)		Weight (Kg)	
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Profession		Civil Status	
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Do you have kids? If so how old are they?	
Do you have bike travel experience? (Bikepacking or different)	
Do you have any other travel experience?	
Which kind of bike would you use for this trip?	
Why would you like to be part of this expedition?	
What is for you the meaning of the word "essential"?	
Do you consider yourself a tidy person or not?	
With which mood you deal with the unexpected?	