

# Winter Break '19 / '20

## Outdoor Educator & Environmental Sustainability Backpacking & Whitewater Paddling

Eligible for up to 6 college credit hours

- 3 credit hours – Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification
- 1 credit hour – Leave No Trace (LNT) trainer certification
- 2 credit hours – Environmental Sustainability or Outdoor Leadership

# PATAGONIA

## 25-DAY

**TUITION: \$5,800**

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ Become certified as a Leave No Trace (LNT) Trainer
- ▶ Receive a Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification
- ▶ NCOAE Curriculum for outdoor educators, teachers, and trip leaders
- ▶ Gain experience in expedition planning, wilderness risk management, environmental studies, backcountry navigation, teaching in the wilderness, outdoor technology skills, and more

### WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

- ▶ Advance your knowledge of environmental science & outdoor education curriculum — while living and learning in Chile's wild, beautiful places
- ▶ Discover which areas of outdoor and wilderness education are best suited to your strengths
- ▶ Acquire the career skills needed to teach and travel in pristine destinations around the world!

### WHERE YOU'LL BE:

- ▶ Chile's famous lake district and northern Patagonia
- ▶ Lago Caburgua
- ▶ Termas Panqui
- ▶ Volcán Villarica and Volcán Quetrupillain
- ▶ Río Trancura and Río San Pedro



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*For complete itinerary details, see reverse side ▶*

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# PATAGONIA '19 / '20 — BACKPACKING & WHITEWATER PADDLING

## ITINERARY (Subject to change)

- ▶ **Days 1–5: Orientation and Wilderness First Responder training.** The first 5 days of your training are spent at The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education's (NCOAE) main campus in Wilmington, North Carolina where you will complete the Wilderness First Responder training portion of your course. In the evenings, there will be time to complete final logistics for your trip.
- ▶ **Day 6: After a morning airport pickup, we'll drive 90 minutes through the historic Araucanía Region** — stopping at a choice café along the way for one of Chile's classic dishes: Empanadas from a mud oven. Your group will have the convenience of spending its first in-country days in Pucón, a year-round destination for adventure travel in Chile. Enjoy the breathtaking natural surroundings which include volcanoes, lakes, waterfalls, national parks, and hot springs. There, the nationally famous, indigenous Mapuche people are proactively fighting with giant hydropower companies threatening to dam and remove water from the wild rivers that flow throughout the region.
- ▶ **Day 7: Introduction to basic camp craft and the NCOAE core curriculum.** Leave No Trace (LNT) training and expedition planning, preparation, and packing.
- ▶ **Days 8 – 15: Trekking Villarica National Park.** Follow the Villarica Traverse, as you hike along the base of Volcán Quetrupillán and Volcán Villarica, a classic trek in the Andes. This big volcanic area consists of three summits. Trek along the ridges, scramble along rocky islands in the middle of snowfields, and ascend around awe-inspiring séracs enjoying the magnificent views. Soaring condors, 360-degree vistas, and a remote high-altitude land where the people are as rugged as the mountains. On the trail, you'll practice camp craft and backpacking skills during your multi-day trek.
- ▶ **Days 16 - 17: Resupply.** Return to Pucón base for lessons, held in a geodesic dome built for outdoor educators. Take a break by soaking at Termas Panqui — one of the most stunning hot springs you will experience.
- ▶ **Day 18: Entry-level training in whitewater kayaking and rafting.** Learn to roll your kayak on Lago Caburgua's crystal blue waters, then your whitewater adventure continues as you learn how to read the currents of the river and guide a raft through Class III and IV rapids. You will learn how to command a raft crew as you navigate rapids. Enjoy vistas of towering volcanos and surging rapids as you paddle through the backcountry.
- ▶ **Day 19 – 22: Your whitewater adventure will culminate with a multi-day raft camping trip on the Río San Pedro.** The San Pedro, like many rivers in the region, is under threat to be dammed. Chilean rivers are known for their clear turquoise waters, and this final part of your voyage down Río San Pedro will provide an environmental education lesson like no other. By the end of this paddle, you may even choose to pursue a summer job in the whitewater industry!
- ▶ **Day 23: De-issue, gear cleanup, and Closing Circle** — where we will celebrate our individual and group accomplishments and hold a one-of-a-kind graduation before departing.
- ▶ **Days 24 – 25: Flight from Santiago, Chile to home.**

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