



Neuquén welcomes you with countless experiences shaped by its majestic landscapes, the warmth of its people, and the diversity of its tourist regions, products, and services.

This catalog, designed for tour operators, is a tool that showcases the main experiences you can enjoy in Neuquén to help you create travel packages for commercial purposes.

LOCATION

Neuquén is the northernmost province of Argentine Patagonia, home to more than 700,000 residents across 16 departments and 7 tourist regions. It is the second most populated province in Patagonia and features four national parks: Nahuel Huapi, Los Arrayanes, Lanín, and Laguna Blanca. It is accessible with just a two-hour flight from Buenos Aires (1142 km), and receives direct flights from cities such as Salta, Rosario, Córdoba, and Comodoro Rivadavia.



Capital: Neuquén City.
Indigenous People: Mapuche.
Climate: Continental cold, typical of Patagonia.
Language: Spanish.
Currency: Argentine Peso (US Dollars accepted)



NEUQUÉN PRODUCTS AND EXPERIENCES CATALOG

Argentine Patagonia

THE FULL EXTENT OF TOURISM OFFERINGS



TOURIST
REGIONS

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MORE THAN 33 TOURIST DESTINATIONS
OVER 16 TOURISM PRODUCTS
MORE THAN 26 TOURIST ACTIVITIES

TOURIST SEASONS



+ 934



LICENSED ACCOMMODATIONS

More than 25,251 hotel beds available
Over 122 tourist campsites
More than 253 registered tour activity providers
Over 60 registered travel and tourism agencies

*Quantitative indicators may change due to ongoing updates



4 SPECIALIZED SKI CENTERS
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MAPUCHE COMMUNITIES
HISTORY, CULTURE AND TRADITION
POPULAR FESTIVALS
SPORTING EVENTS
HIGHLIGHTED EXPERIENCES BY REGION

10 REASONS TO CHOOSE NEUQUÉN

- **ACCESSIBILITY:** 3 airports (Luis Candelaria Airport, Presidente Perón International Airport, Chapelco Airport), 5 border crossings, National Route 40 and many more connections.
- **NATURE:** 4 national parks, glacier-fed rivers and lakes, hot springs, volcanoes, waterfalls, and more.
- **TOURISM ALL YEAR ROUND:** 4 tourist seasons, each with its own magical colors.
- **NEUQUÉN IDENTITY:** A strong sense of belonging and love for the land. Mapuches communities proudly share their history.
- **REGIONAL CUISINE:** Unique dishes featuring trout, venison, lamb, goat, chocolate, and more!
- **VARIETY OF ACCOMMODATIONS:** A wide range of options to suit all tastes and budgets.
- **UNIQUE TOURIST EXPERIENCES:** Ideal for solo travelers, guided tours, or agency-based trips.
- **MAGICAL SNOW:** 4 ski resorts and 3 snow parks to enjoy.
- **LOCAL HANDICRAFTS:** Take home the best souvenirs from your trip.
- **POPULAR FESTIVALS AND EVENTS:** A busy calendar throughout the year.





- Over 81 available slopes
- + 44 ski lifts
- 4 International ski resorts
- 3 Snow Parks
- Direct and/or connecting flights to snow destinations (depending on the location)
- Transportation through specialized travel agencies



▲ Snow destinations

● Ski center

● Snow parks

● Airport

SNOW EXPERIENCE

Neuquén is the province with the **largest skiable area in the country**, offering unique landscapes and exclusive accommodations for all budgets and the whole family.

Types of skiing: Alpine skiing, ski touring, cross-country skiing and snowboarding.

Snow activities: Snowshoeing, husky sledding trips, snowmobiling, cable car rides for pedestrians, and nighttime events unique to each mountain.

Services: Restaurants, equipment rental, clothing rental, gear shops, after-ski events, accommodations, childcare services, and more.

Season: June to September (depending on weather conditions), with up to 5 months of snow at Cerro Caviahue.

4 SKI RESORTS

A wide variety of options are available at the province's various snow destinations:

CERRO BAYO



CHAPELCO (San Martin de los Andes, Lagos del Sur Region)

Located 20 km from town, this is the largest ski resort in the province in terms of skiable area and slope quality. It was awarded the Best Ski Resort in Argentina for the eighth time at the 2023, and the best in the country at the 2023 Bitácora Awards. It features 28 trails for all levels, 1600 hectares of terrain, ski/snowboard school, rental, lifts, programs for kids and teens, adaptive skiing, snowmobiles, sledding, paragliding, and high-quality cuisine.

More information:

Chapelco Ski Resort
Don Otto S. A. /

Official website:

www.cerrochapelco.com.ar

CHAPELCO



CERRO BAYO (Villa la Angostura, Lagos del Sur Region)

Only 15 minutes from town, surrounded by forests and offering breathtaking views of Lake Nahuel Huapi and the Andes. With 200 hectares of alpine ski slopes for all levels and guaranteed snow at the 1,500-meter elevation for beginners. Exceptional natural scenery just minutes from the international Cardenal Samoré Pass to Chile.

More information:

Cerro Bayo S.A. in Villa la Angostura: Los Maquis 98.

Official website:

www.cerrobayo.com.ar



4 SKI RESORTS

CAVIAHUE HILL

CAVIAHUE HILL (Caviahue, Alto Neuquén Region)

Located at 1,647 MASL (Meters Above Sea Level), known for its cold, dry climate offering 5 months of powder snow. Located just 1.5 km from the village, this provides easy access, a family friendly atmosphere, and the pleasure of skiing in an international resort with peace and safety. It has 13 lifts, 22 slopes with a minimum of 5° and a maximum of 35°, ideal for beginners, capacity for 8,800 skiers per hour, and 325 skiable hectares.

Services: ski and snowboard school, adaptive ski school, childcare (ages 3-11), trekking, snowshoeing, snow rides through ancient trees, and an exceptional cuisine.

More information:

Los Andes Company S.A.

Official website:

www.caviahue.com

LAGO HERMOSO SKI & SUMMER RESORT (Route of the 7 Lakes, Lagos del Sur Region)

It is located on the "7 Lagos" route, 35 km from San Martín de los Andes on fully paved road. It offers slopes for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. It has 3 lifts, equipment rental, lessons, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiles, 3 dining areas, small private events, après-ski, snow cam, Wi-Fi at the base, parking, and great music. They join the "Carbon Footprint" environmental program.

More information:

Address: Route 40, 25 minutes from San Martín de los Andes and 10 minutes from Cerro Chapelco.

Official website: www.lagohermoso.com.ar

LAGO HERMOSO SKI & SUMMER RESORT

Argentine Patagonia

3 SNOW PARKS

C4 SNOW PARK

(San Martín de los Andes, Lagos del Sur Region)
Just 4 km from the Route of the 7 Lakes (National Route 40), on the way to Cerro Chapelco, this park is ideal for beginners in winter sports to enjoy their first experience with snow. It spans approximately 3 hectares and is managed by the Curruhuinca Mapuche Community. The resort offers a ski lift, ski lessons, restaurants, equipment rentals, sleds, and more.

More information:

Official website:
www.c4parquedenieve.com

PRIMEROS PINOS SNOW PARK

(Zapala – Pehuén Region)
Located along Provincial Route 13, just 53 km from Zapala and 242 km from the city of Neuquén. Ideal for families who are starting to do ski or snowboard and for those seeking a mix of adventure, sports, food, and relaxation. For pedestrians, options include sled rentals, snowshoeing, 4x4 rides. Facilities: restrooms, medical services, parking, and food services.

More information:

Official website:
www.primerospinos.com

BATEA MAHUIDA SNOW PARK

(Villa Pehuenia/Moquehue, Pehuén Region) Located in the central-western region of the province, it is managed by the indigenous Mapuche community of Puel. It is located 8 kilometers from Villa Pehuenia, a small Andean village nestled in the heart of the Neuquén mountain range, 310 kilometers from the capital city of Neuquén and surrounded by forests of ancient Araucaria trees. It offers the enjoyment of winter sports for almost five months. From the height of **Batea Mahuida Hill**, at 1,900 meters above sea level, you can enjoy unbeatable scenery, discovering the Aluminé and Moquehue lakes, the Villarrica, Llaima, and Lonquimay volcanoes (in Chile), as well as the town and border crossing of Icalma. It has a ski pass sales point, ski instructors, individual and group ski and snowboard lessons, rental equipment, a first aid room, patrol service on the slopes and parking lot, a sledding track exclusively for children, and a confectionery-restaurant serving regional dishes made with typical products such as pine nuts, the fruit of the Araucaria araucana tree.

More information:

Official website of Batea Mahuida Hill:
www.cerrobateamahuida.com

WATER EXPERIENCE: LAKE TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

The province of Neuquén captivates visitors with the diversity and charm of its lakes, each with its own personality. Whether aboard motorboats, sailboats, or catamarans, enjoying crystal-clear waters and magical sunsets is undoubtedly one of the best year-round experiences. You can also opt for rowing boats, motorboats, sailboats, kayaking, or kitesurfing.

Unmissable experiences: sailing with the Lanín Volcano as a backdrop, crossing into Chile via the Hua-Hum International Pass ferry, navigating through Nahuel Huapi National Park in Villa La Angostura (Lagos del Sur Region), paddling along the Limay River in the Confluencia Region, cruising Lake Moquehue in the Pehuén Region or exploring the waters of Lake Caviahue in the Alto Neuquén Region.



ALTO NEUQUÉN REGION

El Salto del Agrio Waterfall (Caviahue-Copahue)
Del Agrio waterfall or seven waterfalls (Caviahue-Copahue)
Del Caño waterfall (Caviahue-Copahue)
Escondida waterfall (Caviahue-Copahue)
Las Tapaderas waterfall (Manzano Amargo)
La Fragua waterfall (Manzano Amargo)
Los Saltillos (Andacollo)
Buta Ranquil waterfall (Buta Ranquil)

LAGOS DEL SUR REGION

Ñivinco Waterfall (San Martín de los Andes)
Chachin Waterfall (San Martín de los Andes)
Dora and Ana Waterfall (Villa la Angostura)
Vuligñanco Waterfall (San Martín de los Andes)
De los Ángeles waterfall (Junín de los Andes)
Rio Bonito Waterfall (Villa la Angostura)
El Saltillo Waterfall (Junín de los Andes)
Arroyo Blanco Waterfall (Villa Traful)
Co lemu or Arroyo del Cataratas waterfall (Villa Traful)
Coa Coa Waterfall (Villa Traful)

PEHUÉN REGION

Coloco Waterfall (Aluminé)
Newen Folil Waterfall (Ñorquinco)
Guman Mapu Waterfall (Ñorquinco)

WATERFALL EXPERIENCES

The activity takes place in various mountain environments and requires physical skill to climb and descend the mountains. Proper gear is essential, and it's recommended to go with certified guides.

Adventurers can camp in refuges or at base camps. Many sites also offer support services such as lodging, gastronomy, travel agencies, certified guides, and equipment rentals.

Tour operators offer circuits to these breathtaking natural attractions.

More than 20 must-see waterfalls await you in Neuquén!

(Ideal season: October/November to March)

ENJOY THE MOST IMPACTING WATER COURSES!

Neuquén is world-renowned for its excellent trout and salmon fishing conditions. It's a paradise for passionate anglers, offering rivers, lakes, and lagoons filled with a variety of species—all within breathtaking natural surroundings.

Fishing methods: spinning, baitcasting and casting with lures, fly fishing or trolling.

SPORT FISHING



RECOGNIZED WATERCOURSES

Lagos del Sur Region:

Rivers: Correntoso, Chimehuín, Malleo and Limay (internationally renowned).

Lakes: Paimún, Huechulafquen, Tromen, Curruhué and Villarino.

Alto Neuquén Region: Los Cerrillos Lagoon - Varvarco Ocampo and Tapia, and Nahueve River in Andacollo.

Limay Region: Pantanito, Limay medio, Fortín de Nogueira.

Pehuén Region: Aluminé, Pulmarí and Litrán rivers.

Fishing season: November to early May, reservoirs open year-round. Consult the Continental Patagonian Sport Fishing Permit (Provincial Law No. 2880)



• Exotic species:

Salmon (Atlantic salmon – *Salmo salar*, and Pacific salmon – *Oncorhynchus* spp.), trout (brown trout – *Salmo trutta*, brook trout – *Salvelinus fontinalis*, lake trout – *S. namaycush*, rainbow trout – *Oncorhynchus mykiss*), , Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) and Buenos Aires silverside (*Odontesthes bonariensis*).



• Native species

Perch (*Percichthys trucha*), Patagonian silverside (*Odontesthes hatcheri*) and sea bass (*Eleginops maclovinus*).



• Native Species (Catch & release only):

Peladillas (*Aplochiton zebra* and *A. teniatus*), catfish (*Hatcheria macraei* and *Oliveichthys* spp.), lampreys (*Geotria* spp.) and puyenes (*Galaxias maculatus* and *G. platei*).



• Native species in National Parks

(All native species must be released)

Perch, silverside, catfish, peladilla, sea bass, etc.



Atlantic Salmon: Catch and release only in all waters, and Carp has no limit on harvest.



VOLCANO ADVENTURE



Neuquén holds the well-kept secret of hosting some of Argentina's most impressive active volcanoes. These majestic peaks invite you to feel the thrill of the mountains through guided ascents and trekking routes led by specialized mountain guides. Climbing their slopes is a favorite experience among mountaineers from around the world, requiring physical preparation and proper gear.

More information and full volcano listings:
www.turismo.neuquen.gob.ar

Consult the list at
www.turismo.neuquen.gob.ar

Ascents

The experience of reaching the summit of any of the **7 magical volcanoes**:

Alto Neuquén Region

Domuyo Volcano

At 4,709 meters above sea level, it is the highest peak in the province. It is located in the Alto Neuquén region in northern Neuquén.

Tromen Volcano

A northern jewel standing at 4,114 m a.s.l., located within El Tromen Provincial Park at the foot of Lake Tromen.

Copahue Volcano

Located in Caviahue-Copahue, named the "Most Beautiful Village in the World" by the UN Tourism in 2024. It rises to 2,953 m a.s.l. and has over 125 years of history. Its summit features a series of craters aligned northwest.

Lagos del Sur Region

Lanín Volcano

Snow-capped year-round, this iconic volcano stands at 3,746 m a.s.l. and is internationally renowned among climbers.

Achen Ñiyeu Volcano

Standing 1,780 meters tall near Junín de los Andes, this quiet volcano offers peaceful hiking experiences in the Lagos del Sur Region.

Pehuén Region

Batea Mahuida Volcano

Located at over 2,000 meters above sea level in Villa Pehuenia-Moquehue. It is distinguished by a lagoon in its crater, ideal for shoreline walks and summit attempts.

Confluence Region

Auca Mahuida Volcano

A hidden treasure within the Añelo Protected Natural Area at 2,253 meters above sea level, where herbivorous dinosaur egg deposits were found.







NEUQUÉN TRAILS



Hiking in Neuquén is a truly unique experience. With three national parks and numerous natural reserves, the province offers a rich variety of trails that traverse mountain ranges, valleys, and forests, leading to lakes, rivers, native flora, and wildlife.

The trails are categorized by difficulty levels—high, medium, and low—and many are equipped with signage, infrastructure, and shelters.

Duration: walks range from short one-hour excursions to multi-day expeditions with camping.

Best Hiking Locations Include: Nahuel Huapi National Park, Arrayanes National Park and Lanín National Park; Protected Natural Areas: Domuyo, Epu Lauquén, Cañada Molina, Tremen, Auca Mahuida, Copahue, Batea Mahuida, and Chañy.

In addition to nature trails, visitors can also enjoy urban hikes. Destinations across Neuquén are known for their safe and peaceful walking environments.

Don't miss: Urban hiking in Neuquén Capital (Confluencia Region).

RAFTING ADVENTURE

Neuquén stands out for the variety and quality of its whitewater rivers—making it an ideal destination for rafting lovers. The top rivers for rafting are Aluminé, Ruca Choroí, Chimehuín, Hua Hum, Nahueve, Trocomán, Neuquén and Upper Limay.

Different difficulty options, from grades I to IV, with high-quality equipment and expert guides.



Aluminé (Pehuén Region) is the whitewater capital of the region. Host city of the World Rafting Federation (WRF) Rafting World Cup in 2018.



BUSINESS TOURISM (MICE)

Neuquén offers a wide range of meeting centers and halls of various capacities, fully equipped with modern technology and complemented by top-quality services—perfect for hosting world-class events in an unmatched natural setting.

Available Services Include hotels ranging from 1 to 5 stars, convention centers for medium to large-scale events, catering and dining services, and opportunities to visit unique natural and cultural attractions with discounts for event participants.

**Destinations Adapted
for Business Tourism:**

Neuquén Capital
San Martín de los Andes
Villa la Angostura
Villa Traful
Caviahue-Copahue

Neuquén cuisine welcomes you with unique aromas, flavors, and textures crafted from native regional products, offering a culinary experience unlike anywhere else in the world. This rich gastronomy invites visitors to discover the history, traditions, and customs of its people.

See the list of distinguished establishments:

www.neuquen.turismo.gob.ar **Typical Dishes**

of Neuquén: trout, venison, goat, apples, pears, berries, pine nuts, lamb, cherries, ñaco, wild boar, and smoked products, along with honey, wine, beer, cider, oyster mushrooms, turkey, pork, rabbit, and more.

Alto Neuquén Region: a must-try here is "grilled goat", often seasoned with flour, beer, or ñaco, and sometimes accompanied by homemade empanadas fried in beef fat.

Lagos del Sur Region: renowned for its venison, lamb, wild boar, and trout, prepared in diverse ways: spit-roasted, grilled, or transformed into pâtés, sausages, and pickled specialties. Artisanal chocolates are another local highlight not to be missed.

Pehuén Region: pine nuts harvested in Aluminé and Villa Pehuenia-Moquehue—an ancestral and sacred fruit of the Mapuche communities—are used to make pine nut flour, exquisite alfajores, liqueurs, and cakes. Trout dishes and artisanal chocolates in countless varieties are also emblematic of the region.

Limay Region: in Piedra del Águila, trout takes center stage with famous recipes such as "trout in butter", "trout with pepper", and "trout with vegetables and mushrooms". Venison prepared "hunter style" is another specialty.

Vaca Muerta and Confluencia Region: this area is known for its abundant fruit production: apples, pears, peaches, cherries, apricots, berries, mushrooms, and aromatic herbs. These ingredients are used in desserts, sweets, preserves, chutneys, dried fruits, liqueurs, and juices. Local tea houses invite visitors to enjoy jams, cakes, pies, and apple strudels. The region also stands out as a pioneer in Neuquén wine production.

GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCE



ROUTE 40 EXPERIENCE

(Alto Neuquén Region)

The iconic **National Route 40** is one of the most attractive tourist corridors in Argentina. It stretches for 5,224 km from Cabo Vírgenes (Santa Cruz) to La Quiaca (Jujuy), connecting 11 Argentine provinces, including Neuquén.

This dream road winds through mountains, turquoise and emerald lakes, rushing rivers, and magical forests. It's fully paved, accessible year-round, and full of stories waiting to be discovered.

In **Neuquén Province**, Route 40 spans 684 km and passes through eight towns: Barrancas, Buta Ranquil, Chos Malal, Las Lajas, Zapala, San Martín de los Andes, Junín de los Andes and Villa La Angostura.

It also connects to other towns such as Andacollo, El Cholar, Taquimilán, El Huecú, Tricao Malal, Caviahue–Copahue, Loncopué, Aluminé, Villa Pehuenia–Moquehue, and Villa Traful, all offering a variety of products and services for visitors.

In **Chos Malal** (Alto Neuquén), **at km 2,623**, you'll find a landmark celebrating Route 40—a perfect place to snap a historic photo!



7 LAKES ROUTE EXPERIENCE (Lagos del Sur Region)

This is a **classic and unmissable circuit** of Argentine Patagonia, offering postcard-perfect scenery at every turn.

The 7 **Lakes Route** connects **San Martín de los Andes** and **Villa La Angostura**, covering 110 km along the iconic National Route 40.

Along the way, you'll be immersed in stunning natural beauty, such as lush forests, breathtaking mountain views and pristine lakes including Espejo, Correntoso, Escondido, Villarino, Falkner, Machónico and Lácar lakes, among others.

You can enjoy the route year-round, but the best time is **from October to March**, when the weather is ideal for swimming and water sports, trekking, biking or exploring hidden beaches.

The route passes through parts of **Lanín** and **Nahuel Huapi National Parks**, making it a truly unforgettable journey.



MOUNTAIN BIKE

A wide variety of options are available.

Neuquén invites you to explore trails through forests, mountains, and lakes. The province's trails offer a thrilling challenge for mountain biking enthusiasts, with options for Downhill, Cross-country and Cycle touring. This activity is not only exciting but also a healthy, eco-friendly way to connect with nature. It can be enjoyed solo, in groups, or with family. Many trails are clearly marked for safe riding.

Mountain bike tourism is available across all of Neuquén's tourist regions, especially in: San Martín de los Andes, Junín de los Andes, Villa La Angostura, Villa Traful, Aluminé, Villa Pehuenia, Moquehue, Copahue-Caviahue, Chos Malal, Huinganco, Andacollo and Neuquén Capital.



Neuquén surprises you with a unique attraction in the country: the Vía Christi Theme Park offers an approach to faith through a contemporary and respectful perspective of the intercultural richness that defines the region where it is located. The route is 2 km long and features 24 stations designed by architect and sculptor Alejandro Santana, drawing significant tourist interest during Easter Week. Surrounded by a one-of-a-kind forest, the park offers a café halfway through the route where visitors can enjoy delicious treats while taking in a breathtaking view. At the top of the mountain, at the end of the route, stands the highlight of this work: the "Cristo Luz" (Light Christ), an iron and glass sculpture of Jesus breaking through the Earth, symbolizing His presence in all that surrounds this place.

It is suitable for the whole family and is accessible with carts for elderly and/or disabled visitors up to the halfway point. Tickets and rates are very affordable.

RELIGIOUS TOURISM







GOLF

For golf enthusiasts, San Martín de los Andes offers a luxurious option: Chapelco Golf Club, a Parkland-style course designed by Jack Nicklaus and Jack Nicklaus II, and a member of the Jack Nicklaus International Golf Club. The course features 18 holes, par 72, and stretches 7,168 yards, with deep greens and a variety of conifers lining the fairways. Its design aimed to minimize alterations to the natural environment, resulting in a golf course seamlessly integrated into the landscape, as if it had always been there—surrounded by mountains, streams, lagoons, native vegetation, and wildlife. Through tour operators, the company offers packages including accommodation, golf equipment rental, green fees, and gastronomy services to tourists from around the world.

SPORTS TOURISM

Neuquén stands out as a strategic destination for hosting high-level sporting events—regional, national, and international—across its diverse regions. Its unique natural landscapes, combined with quality tourism infrastructure and tailored services, make it an ideal setting for attracting athletes and sports delegations. Notable precedents include:

South American K42 Adventure Marathon in Villa La Angostura (Lagos del Sur Region):

Neuquén hosted the national teams from Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela, and Argentina, featuring elite trail runners in Classic (15K) and Short Trail (42K) categories. The event gathered over 2,000 participants.



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South American ICF Canoe Slalom and Kayak Cross in Aluminé (Pehuén Region)

Hosted 70 athletes from 8 countries: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Paraguay, Venezuela, Slovenia, and Argentina, highlighting the province's capacity for water sports events of international caliber.





Neuquén's wide climatic variability and diverse topography foster a mosaic of ecosystems that are home to a rich biodiversity, ideal for nature tourism and wildlife observation.



NATIVE FLORA

Arrayán, Chacay, Andean Cypress, Coihue, Lenga, Wild Apple, Molle, Ñire, Pehuén (Araucaria), Raulí, Pellín Oak, and Creole Willow.
Introduced species: Conifers such as Ponderosa Pine, Oregon Pine, and various Poplar varieties.



PLANT SPECIES

Aljaba (Fuchsia), Michay Pichi, Colliguay, Quintral (parasitic mistletoe), Amancay (local lily), Notro (Chilean firetree), Rosehip, Pangue (giant rhubarb), Mutisia, and Topa Topa.



FAUNA

Red Deer, Huemul, Hare, Goat, Lamb, Puma, Lesser Rhea (Ñandú), Vizcacha, Skunk, Armadillo (Piche), Weasel, and native snakes.

BIRD AND FLORA / FAUNA OBSERVATION



DINOSAUR EXPERIENCE

The province holds one of the most significant paleontological heritages in South America, with fossil records of exceptional scientific value. It constitutes a natural repository of extinct species, mainly terrestrial vertebrates and marine invertebrates, representing various ecological periods and evolutionary stages.

These resources are interpreted and exhibited through a network of museums and paleontological centers, including: Municipal Ernesto Bachmann Museum in Villa El Chocón, Municipal Carmen Funes Museum in Plaza Huincul, Provincial Museum of Natural Sciences Dr. Juan Olsacher in Zapala, Municipal Paleontology Museum Argentino Urquiza in Rincón de los Sauces, Lago Barreales Paleontological Center (Proyecto Dino) and Patagonian Desert Museum in Añelo



THERMAL SPA EXPERIENCE

In terms of health and relaxation, thermal tourism is regarded not only as a therapeutic complement but also as a synonym of well-being, beauty, and vitality. Neuquén is home to numerous thermal springs, ranging from untouched, rustic sources in natural settings to the province's most important balneotherapy center:

Termas de Copahue (Alto Neuquén Region). Internationally renowned for the exceptional quality of its waters and therapeutic muds, Copahue offers visitors both a unique touristic experience and the possibility to access a wide range of health treatments designed to improve physical and mental well-being. The complex features professional services including kinesiology, a fully equipped gym, massage therapy, hydrotherapy, and mud therapy, all aimed at promoting health.

LAGOS DEL SUR REGION

(Towns of Junín de los Andes / San Martín de los Andes / Villa la Angostura and Villa Traful)

UNMISSABLE EXPERIENCES IN LAGOS DEL SUR REGION

- Explore the Seven Lakes Route during spring
- Climb the Vía Christi trail and visit Cristo Luz
- Sail across Lake Nahuel Huapi to the Arrayanes Forest
 - Fly-fishing on the Chimehuín River
- Reaching the summit of Lanín Volcano
 - Sailing over the Submerged Forest
 - Skiing at Cerro Chapelco
- Enjoy a gourmet platter of smoked venison and/or trout
- Swim in the crystal-clear waters of Lakes Huechulafquen and Paimún
 - Kayak in Bahía Mansa – Lake Nahuel Huapi
 - Taste artisanal chocolates
- Stroll along the Lácar Lake waterfront promenade

Highlights of the region include: ascents to the Lanín Volcano, the scenic Seven Lakes Circuit, glacier-fed transparent lakes, majestic mountains, sport fishing, lake navigation, winter sports, faith-based tourism, regional handicrafts, and chocolate culture, among others.



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PEHUÉN REGION

(Towns of Zapala / Aluminé / Las Lajas / Villa Pehuenia / Covunco)

UNMISSABLE EXPERIENCES IN THE PEHUÉN REGION

- Rafting on the Aluminé and Ruca Choroy River
- Mountain bike expeditions through Araucaria forests
- Enjoy gourmet cuisine at the Chef Festival
- Visit an indigenous Mapuche community
- Hike along the shoreline of Lake Aluminé
- Sail on the Moquehue Lake
- Discover the Laguna Blanca National Park
- Ski in the Batea Mahuida Snow Park
- Go horseback riding in Aluminé

Highlights of the region include: native Araucaria forests, pristine lakes and rivers, snow activities, regional gastronomy, rafting, local crafts, and more.



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ALTO NEUQUÉN REGION

UNMISSABLE EXPERIENCES IN ALTO NEUQUÉN REGION

- Taste the emblematic local chivito (young goat)
- Participate in the ancestral transhumance tradition
 - Ascend the Tromen or Domuyo volcanoes
- Experience the renowned thermal springs of Copahue
 - Walk through the Araucaria forest in Caviahue
- Watch the sunset in the surreal landscape of Los Bolillos
- Take part in the San Sebastián Festival in Las Ovejas
 - Snap a selfie at the Ruta 40 milestone
 - Ski on Cerro Caviahue
- Admire the Salto del Agrio waterfall and the Seven Cascades in Caviahue–Copahue.
- Stay in provincial lodges and inns

Key characteristics of the region: high-mountain thermal tourism, volcano expeditions, local festivities, faith-based circuits, transhumant livestock traditions, skiing, handicrafts, and more.



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LIMAY AND CONFLUENCIA REGION

(Towns of Picún Leufú / Piedra del Águila / El Sauce / Santo Tomás / Centenario / San Patricio del Chañar / Neuquén Capital / Plottier / Senillosa / Villa El Chocón/ Vista Alegre)

UNMISSABLE EXPERIENCES IN THE ALTO LIMAY AND CONFLUENCIA REGION

- Fishing in Piedra del Águila
- Having tea in Centenario
- Swim or sail in the turquoise waters of Lake El Chocón
- Visit the dinosaur museum and fossil footprints
- Walking along the Paseo de la Costa in Neuquén
- Taste regional wines in Neuquén's boutique wineries
- Discover cultural gems such as the National Museum of Fine Arts
- Tour the hydroelectric plant in Villa El Chocón
- Experience Neuquén's nightlife: casino, gastronomy, and entertainment
- Visit the Botanical Garden in Plottier

Defining features of the region:

wide rivers and artificial lakes, vibrant nightlife, wine tourism, interpretive walks, shopping, and agro-tourism activities.



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COMARCA AND VACA MUERTA REGION

(Towns of Cutral có / Plaza Huincul / Sauzal Bonito / Rincón de los sauces / Añelo)

UNMISSABLE EXPERIENCES IN COMARCA AND VACA MUERTA REGION

- Wine tasting in the Cutral Có winery
- Visit the Carmen Funes Paleontology Museum (Plaza Huincul)
 - Observe a life-size dinosaur replica
- Explore the Cristo Monument and Via Crucis trail
- Take a selfie at the "Last Supper" sculptural installation and other monuments in Cutral Có
- Swim or relax by Lake Barreales (Añelo)
- Tour the Patagonian Desert Museum in Añelo
- Discover the Proyecto Dino Paleontological Center
- Spend a sunny day at Lake Marimenuco Reservoir
 - Enjoy a casino night in Plaza Huincul
 - Hike the Auca Mahuida volcano

Key features of the region: business and corporate tourism, paleontological heritage, monumental sculpture circuits, sun and lake tourism, regional cuisine, and more.



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