

Freeride Mountain Bike Camp Argentina Itinerary

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The Freeride Camp is meant for intermediate to advanced mountain bikers. Although there is a lot of downhill mountain biking on this trip, there is some ascent required. This trip is technical and challenging.

Day 1: Arrival:

Arrive to Bariloche (BRC) international airport via Buenos Aires, Argentina. An ATAC Patagonia representative will meet you at the airport and take you to an ATAC Patagonia apartment in the middle of Bariloche, Argentina. If you bring your own freeride mountain bike, we can help you build it up from the box. In the evening, meet the rest of the riders as well as Martin Raffo, your guide, and head to Alberto's pasta house for a welcome dinner.

Day 2: Catedral:

Starting the day early, load up the ATAC Patagonia van and head up to Catedral ski resort – 20 minutes from the center of Bariloche. Relying on the chairlifts for the majority of the ascents, mountain bike all sides of the mountain on descents with views overlooking the town of Bariloche, Argentina and Lago Nahuel Huapi. All of this in the heart of Patagonia. In the late afternoon, and ending the day of freeriding, load the vehicle up and head to Cervecería La Cruz for a micro-brew and a snack. In the evening, relax at the ATAC Patagonia apartment or head into town for a night out in Bariloche.

Day 3: Refugio Frey:

In the morning, we head back to the base of Catedral ski resort for a demanding and technical mountain bike ascent to Refugio Frey set on Lago Negro, Patagonia. On route, pass through Lengua forests until tree line. After 3 hours, pedal to the refugio for a snack and swim in the lake. Spend the rest of the afternoon descending technical trail. In the late afternoon, head down the coast of Nahuel Huapi (by van) to the Cervecería Blest – a famous brewery in Patagonia.

Day 4: Cerro Otto:

Sleep in... In the late morning, bike 4 km from the ATAC Patagonia apartment in Bariloche to a gondola that takes us to the top of Cerro Otto. Mountain bike ride about 15 minutes down the road to reach el Refugio Arelauquen where a prepared lunch will be waiting. After lunch, descend a singletrack back to town. For those who still have energy, head back up for another loop, riding different trails back down. Take as many laps as necessary to tire out the entire crew. It is up to you.

Day 5: A Day off from Gnarliness:

Taking the ferry from Bariloche, head across Lago Nahuel Huapi, Argentina, past Isla Victoria to the peninsula of Los Arrayanes. From there, ride singletrack (easy – almost no hills) to Villa La Angostura. After exploring the beaches in the area, have dinner in town. In the evening, return to Bariloche, Argentina via the ATAC Patagonia van. Go out if you want to, but if you have been going out every night, consider a night in...

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Day 6: Cerro Carbon:

In the morning, load up the ATAC Patagonia van for a 4WD ascent of Cerro Carbon. Spend the entire day in this area of very little vegetation – mostly rock and sand. In the late afternoon, head to a restaurant above Playa Bonita for a beer and snack. Later, head back to the ATAC Patagonia apartment in Bariloche.

Day 7: Cerro Tronador:

Departing early in the morning, head out to Pampa Linda in Argentina's Nahuel Huapi National Park. (1.5 hour drive). Upon arrival, we split up into 2 groups. One group will ascend the Tronador trail to Refugio Otto Meiling (4 hours!!!) with bikes. This is the most extreme trail of this tour and meant for the more extreme riders of the group. The second group will either ride as much of this trail as possible or head out for a different and less extreme loop. Just another afternoon of riding...

Arrive late in the evening to Bariloche. Go out for a farewell dinner at Alberto's steak house.

Day 8: Return Home:

Departing in the afternoon, catch a flight from Bariloche to Buenos Aires, Argentina and then back home.

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