

Across the Andes between Chile and Argentina

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Web name:	Chile – Chile to Argentina Across The Andes	Argentina – Andes Mountain Crossing
Host:	Eduardo - Argentinian	Jane, expat English owner of Estancia Huechahue
Guide:	Eduardo	Jane or various others
Route:	Historical Route taken by San Martin in his invasion of Chile to free them from European Monarchies	Northern Patagonia and Lanin Volcano as backdrop.
	Very high passes and remote mountain route, passes the base of Aconcagua (21,900ft), the highest mountain in the Americas	Lower rolling terrain in Argentina starting in northern Patagonia, steep forested descent in Chilean lake district
	Border crossing at historical spot in mountains with monument, border guards travel for 2d on donkeys to reach crossing	Taken by road to nearby regular border crossing point and then again by road to horses in Chile
	New team of horses after border crossing	New team of horses after border crossing
	Chile to Argentina	Argentina to Chile
Start point	Santiago, Chile	Estancia Huechahue, Argentina
End Point	Mendoza, Argentina	Estancia Huechahue, Argentina
Transfer to start point	We can arrange road transfer back to Santiago (3-5hrs), rafting extension or onward flights to Buenos Aires	Finish at Puente Barras in Chile, then 3hr road transfer back to Huechahue included in itinerary
Terrain and pace	Very steep mountains at altitude, drop offs, mainly slower pace due to terrain although canter in valleys	Rolling terrain allows for fast paced riding in Argentinian side
Trip Length	9d/8n/7 riding days 3d in Chile, 4d in Argentina	10d/9n/ 6 days riding + 1.5 3d+ 1.5d in Argentina, 2d Chile
Clients	Many wealthy Argentinians and Chileans take this trip as part of their heritage	Almost exclusively European and US riders
	Main requirements are physical stamina, sense of adventure and not scared of heights, technical riding ability not paramount	Long horse and fast riding mean good riders only who are riding fit
Logistics	Pack trip fully supported, wilderness camping	Vehicle back up fully supported, more "luxurious"