

Northern Patagonia Chile Heli Ski Itinerary

Day 1 – Saturday

On your arrival in Puerto Montt, Chile, a POWDER SOUTH representative will meet you at the airport and direct you to our van for ground transportation, or to your reserved helicopter connection, to take you to Barraco Lodge. Once at the lodge, you will meet with your heli-ski guide for a gear check, briefing, and group selection. Later an avalanche beacon search and safety clinic will be conducted, along with the required helicopter briefing. Welcome dinner.

Day 2 – Sunday

Immediately after breakfast we walk to the heliport, located next to the Lodge. Today we carve our first turns in the pristine terrain of the dramatic, rugged central Andes. Each group will have a minimum of one heli-ski guide, a 4:1 and 5:1 ratio depending on the number of guests and helicopters. Today we take it easy, to acclimatize to the thin air at nearly 15,000 feet / 4,500 m elevation. We return to the Lodge to relax and enjoy a well-deserved, delicious dinner.

Day 3 – Monday

Today we gain altitude as we become more comfortable and familiar with the terrain and better acclimatized to the altitude. There is always the possibility of discovering a new landing zone or a virgin run never skied or snowboarded before. It is highly likely that you will have the chance to pioneer a few, since in this vast terrain much remains to be explored. Return to Base and dinner.

Day 4 – Tuesday

Another exciting day with more runs, powder, and fun. We continue discovering the Andes and tracking fresh snow. Picnic at mid-day, then continue heli-skiing and/or heli-boarding. By this time the group will be well acclimatized and feeling stronger. We may go a bit higher or perhaps move into a different valley, depending on conditions, group strength, and abilities. Return to Base for dinner.

Day 5 – Wednesday

After breakfast we continue with our heli-ski program. Those who are ready for a break can visit the nearby hot springs, go horseback riding, or simply relax at the Lodge.

Day 6 – Thursday

After breakfast we continue with our heli-ski program, making more turns and logging more vertical feet / meters in the majestic Andes. Return to Base for dinner.

Day 7 – Friday

Today is the sixth and final day of our heli-ski / heliboard adventure. After a shorter day skiing, we pack up and transfer you to El Tepual Puerto Montt airport to fly Santiago or your hotel in Puerto Montt, for an enjoyable evening in southern city of Chile...

Day 8 – Saturday

Breakfast and a relaxing morning at your hotel. You may choose to continue traveling in Chile and South America, or return home. *Buen viaje!*