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SKI-TOURING ON VOLCANOES OF CHILE

Or SNOWBOARD TOURING (boarders welcome)

DELUXE JOURNEY

(South of Chile, Andes) 9th, 10th and 11th regions of Chile, northern Patagonia and Araucania :
THE BEST SKI OF SOUTH AMERICA and ANDES, the best summer skiing for europeans

DELUXE journey 10 days = 2600 euros

Ski-tour with normal accommodation ,10 days on the spot = 2200 euros

Or Off piste BOARDING OR SKIING in ski resorts,with normal accommodation, 8days = 2200 euros with ski-passes included

Chile, on the west coast of South America, is a charming & welcoming country along the **Pacific ocean**. Surprising with beautiful landscapes and incredible scenery like in the “normand Switzerland” of Osorno/Chillan in the 10th & 9th regions, 700 kms south of Santiago. From the dry and cold chilo-bolivian red altitude desert of Atacama (where is located Ojos Del Salado), for north to the SOUTH with subpolar patagonian glaciers close to Cap Horn, Chile is a mozaic of different climates and sceneries, in middle of which are Chillan and Curacautin/ Malacahuello volcanoes. We will ski on these white “Fuji-Yama” above deep forests of pines, cedras and typical Araucarias trees. Very good lodges, excellent food and accomodations (much better than anywhere else in South America). And often wonderful powder skiing!

Example of a program, Ski-Touring (& off-pistes).

Day 1 Saturday or Sunday: flight from London to Santiago de Chile.

Day 2: in Santiago we pick up our rental 4x4 van, then driving from Santiago to Chillan. At noon or so, we'll drive to the ski-resort Termas de Chillan west slopes (alt. 1600mts), where we could possibly ski a bit in the afternoon (from Chillan to Termas de Chillan, it's about 70 mn driving). Night in Las Trancas .

Day 3, 4, 5: double ascent of twin peaks (the Chillan Nuevo is an active volcanoe with fumarolas) “Chillan volcanoes” 3186 mts and skiing once the west face to the ski-lifts and to the snow-resort or skiing either the south face of Viejo Chillan volcanoe by the Pirigayo off-piste or south face + Valle Hermoso down to Las Trancas (alt. 1100 mts + -). If we can use the ski-lifts (2) we could do and ski both routes (descents) in one day. At least 2000 mts vertical height skiing, or (2) 3600 mts v.height skiing.

Second day (day 5), skiing the glacier summit of Nevado de Chillan (3260mts), far north. About 1600 mts v.height skiing from the ski-lifts .In the evenings, at “termas”, hot bath in natural hot springs.

Evening of day 5, driving to Antuco where we'll sleep in "Cabañàs" either at Chacay (or at H.El Almendro).

Day 6 (or 7): skiing the active Antuco volcano (2985 mts) by the north-west (above 3 ski-lifts) or south face above lake Laguna de La Laja.

Day 7: rest, and tourism on the Pacific ocean coasts (Exotic fauna : watch seals / walruses / penguins).

Day 8 : skiing Villarica volcano 1500 mts (north face 1500 mts / 2930 mts)(6h30 round trip), above the lake, or the Choshuenco (easier) 2422 mts altitude.

Days 9 to 11: (at least 3 days): we drive back northwards a little so as to reach the loveliest area of this trip, the normand Switzerland of Curacautin-Lonquimay valleys. There we will ski first the 2 volcanoes Llama 3125 mts, and TOLHUACA.

LLAIMA has a 2000 mts vertical height north face, (no ski-lifts on Llama, Tolhuaca & Sierra Nevada) or shorter S-W face;; and Tolhuaca (2850 mts alt.) north or N-W faces : these are wonderful ski descents, like in dreams.

Day 11: skiing "Sierra Nevada peak" very long (2hours skiing), and beautiful trip in the Araucarias trees ; or if you want something twice shorter (an easy day) = ascent to Lonquimay active volcano (2767 mts) and skiing its northeast spur, or easy east face (or steeper 50° N-E face !) : round trip in 3 or 5 hours. Nearly 1400 mts vertical height (900 mts vertical on the way up if we start by the chairlift).

Day 12 & 13: driving back to Santiago, about 650 kms, and return flight to London to France.

Period : mi-august to mid-november (every year), most of the ski lifts work until october 8 th, some stop working later, but others close on october 1st. DEPARTURES 2009 = august 16th and 30 + some departures in September/oct. + OCTOBER 24 TH

Duration: 12 days.

Nb of people: minimum 4; for 4 to 8 people base for one UIAGM mountain guide.

NORMAL accommodation package = 2300 EUROS without international airfare (which means ,about 3100 euros all included with the international flight)

DELUXE PACKAGE

Price: per person: - 3100 € in all school holidays periods = in august an September AND 1st OF NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS,
- 2800 € in october without the air flight (3 departures END OF AUGUST and in october), " " "

Our package price includes :

- *land transportation and transfers from and to international airport.*
- *the accommodation half-pension in lodges or inns: deluxe lodges and 3*** hotels, wherever it's possible.*
- *guiding by a ski-specialized & UIAGM mountain guide :BENOIT VUILLERMOZ or Y.ASTIER or X (YVES is as well a ski instructor),*
- *car's rental or minibus with snowtyres (a van), ground transportations as described.*
- *lending of safety gear: ARVA transceivers (+ ev .probe and shovel),*

Doesn't include :

- *International air flight or any transportation to Santiago.*
- *your skis & ski-touring-gear*
- *the eventual lifts ski-passes (up to you using them or not) costing about 15 to 20 € each, per day !,*
- *drinks (not even during the meals) and snacks or lunches for middays,*
- *the gas (petrol) for the car,*
- *the excess of luggage on air flight or the excess of kilometers on the hired van,*
- *(your) insurances : cancellation ; luggage ; rapatriement...*