

KAYAKER TRIP CHECKLIST



DESTINATION

Pucon Kayak Retreat

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Essential Documents

- ☐ Travel Information
- ☐ Liability Waiver
- ☐ Authorization for Medical Care
- ☐ Emergency Contact Information
- ☐ Copy of Passport

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Suggested Pack List

- ☐ Carry-on Daypack
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ 2 - 3 Long-sleeved shirts, t-shirts, and pants
- ☐ Down Jacket *(or equivalent)*
- ☐ Warm Pajamas
- ☐ Comfortable Hiking or Tennis Shoes
- ☐ Base Layer *(fleece or capilene shirt & pants)*
- ☐ 1 Small Pack Towel
- ☐ Boxers / Underwear
- ☐ Toiletries

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Kayak Gear

Recommend experienced kayakers bring their own soft and personal equipment such as booties, fleece, dry top...

- ☐ Gear Bag / Optional Dry Bag
- ☐ Kayak Gear Bag *(stuff inside kayak if flying w/ kayak)*
- ☐ PFD, Sprayskirt & Paddle
- ☐ Dry Top or Dry Suit
- ☐ Throw Rope & Safety Whistle **Experts*
***Others*
- ☐ Helmet & River Shoes
- ☐ 1 - 2 Base Layer Tops *(polypro or fleece)*
- ☐ River Pants / Shorts
- ☐ 2 Carabiners
- ☐ Sponge & Nose Plugs *(optional)*

**Required **Optional*

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Travel Gear & Electronics

- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Watch
- ☐ Flashlight / Headlamp
- ☐ Tent or Hammock *(if camping)*
- ☐ Sleeping Bag & Pad *(if camping)*
- ☐ Travel Cookware *(if camping)*
- ☐ Video or Digital Camera *(laptop optional)*

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TRAVEL TIPS FOR YOUR TRIP



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Flying with Gear

Flying with your paddle may be as expensive as \$US150. Note that some of these items are intended for camping and expedition trips and may not apply to trips staying in lodgings the entire trip. We have a couple of suggestions to save costs:

1. Organize a group paddle bundle. If there are 10 paddles and it costs \$150, then your rate is \$15/paddle if you can share. Package your paddle with a couple of long bags or other equipment and wrap together. Brace and pad your paddles well with gear and tape, tape, tape. Other gear such as your life jacket or shoes can protect paddles from breaking. Lots of things make good paddle bags. We suggest wrapping your paddles in a tarp that you may use later during your trip.
2. Kayaks – Flying with a kayak is an unknown unless guaranteed in writing until it is checked in and on the plane. Email info@puconkayakretreat.com if you are flying with a kayak as we need to organize proper transport.
3. Kayak Gear - Label everything.
4. Additional Items to Consider - Fishing tackle, frisbees for throwing or playing disc golf, music, games you can play with a group, a guitar... If it fits in your bag and you can get it through customs, you can bring it.
5. Are you a coffee lover? Good coffee/espresso is hard to find in Chile (one of the few drawbacks of this amazing place). Please bring your own. Pro Tip: Our staff and guides LOVE to receive coffee beans as a gift! And make espressos for you.
6. Spending Money - We recommend a Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card. Reliable ATMs are located at banks, pharmacies, airports, bus stations, and major supermarkets. Pro Tip: Notify your bank regarding your travel location and dates to avoid having your card declined. There are also “Casa de Cambios” to change your US cash to Chilean pesos.

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Pack Like a Pro

- Bags will ride on a trailer with heavy dirt road dust (Claro and Futa only). We will bring tarps to help cover bags. Consider methods to keep your bags secure from heavy dust — large trash bags and tape work well.
- We have limited trailer space on road trips, so be prepared to either pack light or leave some of your belongings at basecamp.
- Weather – Conditions are dependent on time of year and the region. It's easy to check weather reports for your destination before you pack.

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