

PATAGONIA CATSKI



The catski base and refuges are located only 30 miles south of the city of San Carlos de Bariloche in Patagonia and just one hour drive from the International Airport of the same city. We run programs from 1 day - catski - to 6 days with both catskiing and backcountry skiing.

LEVEL

Advanced skier or snowboarder. Good physical shape.

SPOT

Baguales - Patagonia - Argentina.

THE EXPERT VIEW

Right in the heart of Patagonia, Baguales Mountain Reserve, surrounded by the Villegas River and the Foyel River, combines pristine mountains, various terrain allowing every skier and boarder to find happiness. Because of its immensity, Baguales counts not only on a Lodge and two fully-equipped cabins offering comfort in accommodation and quality in mountain services but also on three unparalleled refuges which have been strategically built for backcountry options.

DEPARTURES

From July to October.

ACCOMMODATION

Traditional Mountain lodges and refuges with comfort and great services

CATSKI PROGRAM

Day 1: At 8.00 am a shuttle will be picking you up from your hotel as previously arranged. Arrival at Baguales Mountain Reserve is usually estimated in: 1 hour. We go up to La Mesada Refuge (1,660 metres above sea level) by of 4x4 vehicles, snowcats, snow mobiles. At 10.00 am, while the mountain guides give a talk about safety measures and overall organization, breakfast can be enjoyed at La Mesada Refuge. Afterwards, everybody embarks the snowcats to go for a ride in search of the best slopes. Depending on the skiing level of the whole group as well as on snow and weather conditions, we may have between 8 and 14 downhill runs during the day. Estimated vertical meters: 4,500 to 5,000. Around midday we have lunch right there in the mountains and then continue skiing. Then we go down to La Mesada Refuge at about 5.00 pm where some tea can be enjoyed. Dinner and overnight stay at La Mesada Refuge.

Day 2: On the second day, the group will have another full day of cat skiing following exactly the same plan regarding breakfast and lunch as that of the previous day. In the afternoon we will return to La Mesada Refuge about 4.00 pm where the group can enjoy some tea. Afterwards the shuttle will be prepared to drive you back to your hotel or airport in San Carlos de Bariloche.

SERVICES

All our mountain guides are UIAGM certified. transfers in/out. all meals.

two-night accommodation in double bedrooms with private bathroom in La Mesada Refuge.

Not included: alcoholic drinks.

RATE

From \$1500 per person



BACKCOUNTRY PROGRAM

Day 1: 8:00 am transfer from your hotel to Baguales Mountain Reserve. Estimated trip time: 1 hour. Ascend to La Mesada Refuge (1,660metres above sea level) by 4×4, snowcats, snow mobiles. With backcountry equipment we climb up South Mount Villegas to ski on its wide eastern slopes by taking different routes. Estimated vertical meters: around 1400 m. Dinner and overnight stay at La Mesada Refuge or Valle Norte Refuge.

Day 2: Full-day Cat-skiing programme with between 8 to 14 downhill rides depending on the general level of the group, snow condition and accessibility. The day finishes in the Pintado Refuge, located on the north-eastern border of Baguales between Mount Hermanos and Mount Carreras. Estimated vertical meters: around 4500 / 5000 m. Dinner and overnight stay in the Pintado Refuge. In case of bad weather conditions or bad weather forecast for the following day, overnight stay will take place in Valle Norte Refuge.

Day 3: Combination of backcountry and cat skiing: Backcountry skiing in the area of Mount Pintado or Mount Valle Norte during the whole morning and until after lunch. Cat skiing during the afternoon to go back to La Mesada Refuge. Estimated vertical meters: around 2,000 / 2,500 m cat skiing and 1,000 m backcountry skiing.

Day 4: Backcountry skiing day. From the refuge we start climbing up to the high ridge of Mount Ciruela to ski on the big south-eastern amphitheatre. At the end of the day we come down to La Mesada Refuge. Estimated vertical meters: around 1,400 m. Afterwards we will get ready for returning to the city of San Carlos de Bariloche.

SERVICES

All our mountain guides are UIAGM certified.
transfers in/out.
all meals.
three-night accommodation in shared bedrooms in Refuge.
Not included: alcoholic drinks.

RATE

From \$1500 per person



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