

# South America OVSC 2010

## One winter just isn't enough!

August 2010

Bariloche & Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Ski at Cerro Catedral

Galapagos Islands, Ecuador  
Machu Picchu, Peru

In our pursuit of winter, we are headed south this summer to find the second winter of 2010. This trip is going to be part touring and part skiing. Even if you aren't a skier, we promise you a great time in Argentina. Skier should check out the info on Cerro Catedral, and non-skiers should check the info on Bariloche and Buenos Aires.

### Cerro Catedral

This is one of the Argentina's and South America's main ski centers. It is at 2,388 meters above sea level, and has about 1,200 hectares (3,000 acres) of skiing slopes, and has 97 kilometers (60 miles) of ski runs made up over 70 runs for all levels. Together with the spectacular views it offers of snowcapped peaks and Lake Nahuel Huapi, it has everything the skier could wish for.

#### Skiable Acre Comparison

• Telluride	1,700
• Valle Nevado	2,000
• <b>Cerro Catedral</b>	<b>3,000</b>
• Snowmass	3,100

Cerro Catedral has just finished a massive multi year renovation program, the mountain has doubled its lift capacity and has improved in almost every other area. If you were here even 5 years ago, it is a different place now.

Cerro Catedral is located at 22kms (14 miles) from the city of San Carlos de Bariloche, province of Rio Negro, Argentina. It is a large resort with 38 lifts (2 gondolas, 16 chair lifts, 20 surface lifts) that offers skiers an incredible 1,150 meters (3773 feet) of vertical descent. Of the skiable terrain, 50% of it over 50 pistes with a total length of 120 kilometers (74 miles): 4 green trails, 6 green runs, 25 blue runs, 15 red runs and 10 black runs. Cerro Catedral is best suited for intermediate and advanced skiers/snowboarders but there is also a lot of terrain for beginners and experts too. There is a terrain park at Cerro Catedral for skiers and snowboarders.

### Lifts

- A funicular cableway with 2 cabins, transporting 130 skiers an hour
- "Séxtuple Barrilete", a six-skier chairlift
- 9 chairlifts (9,000 skiers an hour)
- 17 tele-skis (10,800 skiers an hour)
- 2 baby-lifts (400 skiers an hour)
- 2 carrousel
- 1 swing

Total capacity: 33 media transporting 22,200 skiers an hour.



When you have got to the top of Cerro Catedral, you will find many different places to have lunch and enjoy the view, since as well as skiing one can admire the majestic Tronador glacier, look at the huge expanse of Nahuel Huapi lake, see Victoria Island, admire the serenity of Lake Gutiérrez and look at the nearby Mt Otto.

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### Since we were in the neighborhood...

While we are down in South America, we are going to try to hit as many hot spots as we can. The trip can't be finalized until September/October 2009, so we don't have final pricing yet. Go ahead and blame the airlines. But we do have pricing estimates that include airfare, so you can budget your vacation time and money now.

**Argentina** – We have two stops – **Buenos Aires & Bariloche**. Both cities have a wide variety of activity options. Bariloche is up in the Andes and obviously has skiing. But it is a picturesque mountain city with glorious views of the Andes and Lake Nahuel Huapi. It has a wide variety of day trips for non-skiers and the city has everything from shopping to spas. Buenos Aires is a European styled city with a huge tourism industry. You will find a wide variety of things to see and do, from guachos (cowboys) to natural wonders like a trip to Iguazu Falls. If enough people are interested, we would like to offer two options, with one being more time in Bariloche and the other being more time in Buenos Aires.

**PRE extension, Galapagos Islands** – Situated in the Pacific Ocean, these 19 islands and the surrounding marine reserve have been called a unique 'living museum and showcase of evolution'.



Located at the confluence of three ocean currents, the Galápagos are a 'melting pot' of marine species. Ongoing seismic and volcanic activity reflects the processes that formed the islands. These processes, together with the extreme isolation of the islands, led to the development of unusual animal life – such as the land iguana, the giant tortoise and the many types of finch – that inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by

natural selection following his visit in 1835.



**POST extension, Machu Picchu** – It was probably the most amazing urban creation of the Inca Empire at its height; its giant walls, terraces and ramps seem as if they have been cut naturally in the continuous rock escarpments. The natural setting, on the eastern slopes of the Andes, encompasses the upper Amazon basin with its rich diversity of flora and fauna.

Both the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

### Trip Details

Again, please note that this far out trip details cannot be finalized. These are estimates of dates and pricing. Ask your club if they accepting sign ups now, or contact Keely Paul to be included with another OVSC club.

**Argentina**                      August 14-22      7 nights      \$2,100 from Miami  
5 nights ski, 2 nights Buenos Aires –or- 3 nights ski, 4 nights Buenos Aires  
Lift Tickets      4 day \$160  
Includes breakfasts, and a dinner and tango show

**Galapagos**                      August 8-15      6 nights      \$2,800 for boat, \$1,900 for land lodging  
Touring Guide and Daily Tours  
Includes breakfasts with land lodging, all meals with boat lodging

**Machu Picchu**                      August 21-26      4 nights      \$1,300  
Tour of Cusco and Machu Picchu  
Includes breakfast, train ride up to Machu Picchu