

## COMBARBALÁ - RUTA ANTAKARI - VICUÑA - PISCO ELQUI - LA SERENA - PACIFIC COAST..

This 3 days tour will take you up through the "Ruta Antakari" and north to the star observatories of Chile up to the beautiful Pisco vineyards of the Elqui Valley. We will take the curvy roads less traveled, an amazing back road that was once used by the Incas, now is used by the adventurous riders who are willing to take the winding dirt roads of the Los Andes. Find out why this is one of our favorite rides and why it is so popular among our visitors.

This adventure tour is perfect for those adventures riders who want to explore central Chile's scenic dirt roads deep into the majestic Andes mountains. The route is designed for those with little time who wants to ride the central region of Chile.

On our way up we will take the roads less traveled through the most stunning landscapes of this semi desert region called "El Norte Chico". Roaring from the fertile nature of the Aconcagua Valley the air will get warmer as we approach dryer scenery. Landscapes will suddenly turn from green to brown. On our loop back to Santiago we will take the legendary Pan American Highway which will lead us back enjoying the view of the blue Pacific Ocean as we tour south.

We will be spending the nights in great hotels & lodges in Combarbalá & Vicuña.

### TOUR SPECIFICATIONS

- 3 DAYS/ 2 NIGHTS
- START: SANTIAGO, CHILE
- FINISH: SANTIAGO, CHILE
- TIME OF JOURNEY: ALL YEAR
- TOTAL DISTANCE: 1.200 KM / 745 MILES
- 70% ASPHALT / 30% DIRT
- COUNTRIES: CHILE
- RIDER COMPANION: RECOMMENDED
- MAX GROUP SIZE: 7

### HIGHLIGHTS

- RUTA ANTAKARI

- LOS ANDES
- COMBARBALA
- VICUÑA
  
- PISCO ELQUI

## **ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Santiago - Combarbala.** Today we start our journey after the rush hour in busy Santiago and head up north through the fertile Aconcagua Valley where the world famous Chilean fruit grows. After passing through the small town of San Felipe the road will take us to Putaendo. Prepare to ride the winding "S" curves of the recently and lovely paved road to Cabildo. From here ancient tunnels will unveil the magnificent dirt roads that takes us deep into the mountains on a unique scenic route that will blow your mind.

After our lunch stop in Illapel we continue our ride passing through the Chinchillas National Park. Later we will climb into a valley criss-crossed by old mining roads that take us further up the mighty mountain trail of "El Espino". An abandoned road will lead us up north to the friendly town of Combarbalá where we spend the first night.

Combarbalá is a semi deserts valley surrounded by a magnificent mountain landscape which is better seen at the time of sun set by its colorful pink sky. The typical handcraft product of this area are objects made out of a semi precious stone called "Combarbalita".

This night we will enjoy a great meal in a cozy restaurant and sleep in a nice hotel. If the time allows us there will also be a chance for a visit to the Cruz del Sur local observatory for a stargazing tour.



