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VIRA VIRA

OPEN FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS WINTER

*Tailor-make your own adventure  
and choose from a range of 39, awe-inspiring  
outdoor and cultural experiences.*



RESERVATIONS:

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# WINTER ACTIVITIES



## SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Exciting adventures await with our snowboarding and skiing activities down the active Villarrica Volcano. A variety of slopes are on offer from beginners to more advanced ski runs. A spectacular environment of volcanic peaks and shimmering lakes, the flowing lava has created an incredible terrain of natural half pipes, cornices and wind lips.

*Season:* July to October (snow dependent)



## SNOWSHOEING

Embark on a snowshoe trekking expedition through puffy snow as you carve trails around Villarrica National Park. This is a spectacular way to explore untouched landscapes, with absolute silence dominating the vast expanse surrounding you. The Andes is a magical winter space between June and September, an incredible experience created for all levels of fitness. This exciting adventure begins and ends with steaming mugs of hot chocolate.

*Season:* July to October (snow dependent)



## SNOWMOBILING

Skiing on an active Villarrica Volcano is spectacular, but racing on a snowmobile becomes a once in a lifetime experience. Together with your driver/guide, circle the volcano finding a virgin track on every run. This activity is designed for adventure lovers, and as the snowmobiles function similar to a motorbike, you will have to hang on and lean in according to your driver's instructions.

*Difficulty:* Moderate

*Season:* July to October (snow dependent)

*This activity is at an additional cost*



## DOG SLEDDING

Be captivated by this experience as you crisscross the snowfall on a husky sledding adventure. Head to the city of Villarrica, and hop aboard a special snow vehicle that will take you to awaiting magnificent canines, eager to propel you through the snow. Enjoy a gentle walk at the foot of the volcano through a lava slag covered in snow and surrounded by araucaria (monkey puzzle) trees. Please note that this excursion requires pre-confirmation with the lodge (at least 3 months prior to arrival).

*Season:* July to October (snow dependent)

*This activity is at an additional cost*

# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES (SEASONAL)

## TREKKING

The homeland of the indigenous Mapuche people, the region surrounding the lodge offers a vast selection of hiking/trekking excursions. In the company of one of our experienced guides, explore national parks that showcase beautiful forests, shimmering bodies of water, waterfalls, hot springs and the breath-taking terrain of majestic volcanoes draped with snow-capped peaks.

With a number of different trekking options to choose from, the list may seem daunting; however, your guides will expertly help you to tailor-make your adventures according to your personal preferences and level of difficulty.

*Equipment:* You'll need sturdy hiking boots, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Walking poles (available at the lodge) and a backpack are optional extras.



### TREKKING IN HUERQUEHUE NATIONAL PARK

This park is renowned for its unparalleled wealth of natural beauty. There are a number of great hikes which are clearly marked and easy to follow. They are also graded for differing levels of ability. The popular 'Three Lakes' day has two stunning outlook points with lake views against a snow capped mountain backdrop.

#### Trekking options within Huerquehue National Park:

1. San Sebastian - 14 km (8.69 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate/challenging
2. Quinchol - 8 km (4.97 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate  
*Season:* September to May
3. Los Lagos Huerquehue - 10 km (6.21 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate  
*Season:* September to May
4. Aquila and Triful Waterfall - 4 km (2.48 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Easy  
*Season:* Year-round
5. Ñirrico - 4 km (2.48 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Easy  
*Season:* Year-round

### TREKKING IN VILLARRICA NATIONAL PARK

On your hikes through this beautiful park, you will be shadowed by the smoking peak of the Villarrica Volcano. The 'Five Waterfalls' hike is especially recommended. This easy 4-hour trek will take you through woods, past rocky riverbeds and waterfalls, and culminate in the scenic highlight of the Villarrica Volcano in all its glory.

#### Trekking options within Villarrica National Park

1. Pichillancahue Glacier - 8 km (4.97 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate  
*Season:* December to May
2. Cerro Espejo - 4 km (2.48 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate  
*Season:* November to May
3. Villarrica Traverse - 10 km (6.21 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate  
*Season:* Year-round
4. Crateres Parasitos - 8 km (4.97 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate  
*Season:* December to May

#### Los Lagos, Puesco region within Villarrica National Park

5. Quillehue Lagoon - 8 km (4.97 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate  
*Season:* September to May
6. Laguna Verde - 14 km (8.69 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate  
*Season:* December to May
7. Andean Lakes Trail - 14 km (8.69 mi.) return  
*Difficulty:* Moderate  
*Season:* December to May

# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES (SEASONAL)



## MOUNTAIN BIKING

What better way to explore the lush native forests and volcanic slopes of the region than on two wheels? Perfect for avid mountain bikers, Beyond Vira Vira offers various half-day as well as full-day excursions through spectacular areas boasting breath-taking terrain. Explore the rugged landscapes of Villarrica National Park, cycle around the tranquil Villarrica Lake, and climb craggy craters at the foot of the Villarrica Volcano on your bike.

Choose between easy going, non-technical off-road biking and smooth flowing single tracks or, for technically skilled riders, extreme downhill tracks. This area boasts trails to fit all levels and preferences.

*Equipment:* Trainers or biking shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen (bike, gloves and helmet are provided by the lodge)

*Season:* Year-round (depending on weather conditions)



## HORSEBACK RIDING

After a short, scenic 4x4 drive from the lodge, arrive at Huepil Malal, a horse riding centre bordering the Cañi Natural Reserve. Here, you will meet an authentic Chilean huaso (cowboy). His horses are gems of national breeds with typical names like Merken, Calafate or Canela. You will be guided on a scenic tour through open prairies and forests. This excursion is for all abilities, from those who just wish to meander through the breath-taking beauty, to advanced riders who wish to gallop across the sensational landscape.

*Season:* Year-round (depending on weather conditions)



## BIRDWATCHING

Exciting excursions allow birders to visit different habitats, such as mountains, lakes, rivers and forests to search high and low for the iconic species in the area. At times, bird calls might lead you to capture stunning sightings of the giant magellanic woodpecker, ringed kingfisher, chucao tapaculo, snowy egret, black-crowned night heron, plumbeous rail and Andean condor, to name but a few! As well as enjoying the resident birdlife, the exquisite surrounds of majestic volcanoes and shimmering Andean lakes add to the experience. For guests not wanting to venture too far from the lodge, a walk around the perimeter of the estate can produce white-throated treerunner, Chilean flicker, thorn-tailed rayadito, tufted tit-tyrant, grey-hooded sierra finch, yellow-billed pintail, black-faced ibis, black-necked swan and southern lapwing without too much effort.

*Season:* Year-round (depending on weather conditions)



## ASCENSION OF VILLARRICA VOLCANO

Measuring an impressive 2 847 m (1.7 mi.), the Villarrica Volcano features the perfect cone shape with a startling open lava pool crater at the top. This makes climbing the volcano one of the most memorable activities. From the top, view a textured landscape of mountains, volcanoes and countless lakes.

*Equipment:* Mountain boots, walking poles, ice axe, crampons, helmet, trekking backpack (all gear provided), hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen

*Distance of trekking:* 10 km (6.21 mi.) return

*Elevation gain:* 1 427 m (0.88 mi.) 1 440 m 2 847 m.

*Season:* Year-round (depending on weather conditions)

*This activity is at an additional cost*

# WATER ACTIVITIES (SEASONAL)



## KAYAK OR CANOE

### • Tranquil lake exploration

Situated at Lake Tinquilco, in the Huerquehue National Park, choose between a kayak or canoe and embark on an hour-long adventure around the lake. Surrounded by mountains and beautiful forest, reach the opposite shore and walk along a trail to cascading waterfalls. The tour concludes with a delicious picnic lunch.

### • Test your kayaking skills

Offering some of the most exceptional kayaking in the world, Pucón and Villarrica boast a variety of lakes for the more adventurous to test their skill and courage. An ideal way to start your day is kayaking on the high alpine lakes beneath enormous volcanoes, immersing yourself in breathtaking beauty of your surrounds.

*Season:* November to May (depending on weather conditions)



## FLOATING RAFT

Enjoy a glorious scenic river excursion, gliding along clear waters toward Villarrica Lake. Beyond Vira Vira is fronted by the beautiful Liucura River. It is from here that you will set off on a rafting boat. Ideal for relaxation and contemplating nature, this tranquil excursion allows you to gently make your way past pristine landscapes of lush rolling mountains and native forest, whilst observing aquatic birds, and even trout and salmon darting through the water, along the way. Your serene floating experience comes to an end with a delicious picnic. This experience is best enjoyed on the afternoon of your arrival as it requires little physical effort.

*Season:* Year-round (depending on weather conditions)



## STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING

Enjoy a fun day out splashing in the pristine waters around Beyond Vira Vira. Starting at the lodge, paddle down the Liucura River, and take in the spectacular natural surrounds of volcanoes, kaleidoscopic birds swooping through the air, and lush forests. Additionally, we can arrange stand-up paddle boarding on Lake Tinquilco if you would like a change of scenery.

*Season:* Year-round (depending on weather conditions)



## WHITE-WATER RAFTING

Hang on tight as you race over rapids on a thrilling white-water rafting adventure. Just 15 minutes from Beyond Vira Vira, your riveting excursion will be on the Trancura River. Before setting off, there will be a safety briefing and testing of the equipment. Ideal for beginners and experienced paddlers, the Trancura River features Class 3 and 4 rapids. Zigzagging through valleys and gullies, there are numerous runs and the rapids including the Junction, the Lioness, the Wall and the Footbridge. This adrenalin pumping experience is made all the more sensational by the scenery comprised of the Villarrica Volcano at every turn, and beautiful hills draped by forests.

*Season:* November to May (depending on weather conditions)

## WATER ACTIVITIES (SEASONAL)



### CATCH-AND-RELEASE FISHING

Spend a day immersed in the spectacular surrounds of &Beyond Vira Vira, with just the sounds of a streaming river or lapping lake as your companion, and enjoy either fly-fishing or spinner fishing where all equipment is provided. Cast your line for rainbow trout, brown trout, or chinook salmon and choose to go out in a boat to explore a wider expanse, or possibly even forget about fishing and just marvel at the terrain. Our guide will show you the best spots for both river and lake fishing, providing you with the best fishing experience in the area.

*Season:* November to May (depending on weather conditions)

# CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (YEAR-ROUND)



## COMMUNITY VISIT

Explore the charming town of Curarrehue, nestled between towering mountains, and visit a Mapuche weaver to view her traditional skills and techniques as she works with the loom. Afterwards, continue up into the Andes to the Quillehue Lagoon, located at the foot of Lanin Volcano. Here you will have the opportunity to see the majestic araucaria trees (known as monkey puzzle trees), followed by a lunch at a traditional Mapuche ruka (house). The Mapuche people consider Villarica Volcano or Ruka Pillán as the "House of the Spirit of the Ancestors". Deeply connected with "Mother Earth" these enchanting people base their traditions around nature. During your visit to the "ruka" you will learn about their unique ways of life first hand.

Season: Year-round



## MAPUCHE RUKA & WEAVING TOUR

Take a step back into another culture with a fascinating visit to Dona Rosario's Ruka (house) in the local Mapuche community. Embracing traditional ways, watch her roasting organic wheat the way it has been prepared for centuries, and enjoy her delicious home cooked fare. Get active and enjoy a game of Palin - a traditional Mapuche stick and ball game, that originated in southern Chile. This experience will provide a fascinating insight into the ancient Mapuche way of life. From here, guests meet Sandra Rojas and have the opportunity to visit her factory and watch her working the loom. Take the opportunity to purchase some beautiful hand-woven tapestries: perfect mementos of your time in Chile.

Season: Year-round



## CHEESE FACTORY TOUR

Located on the Beyond Vira Vira property is a tempting cheese factory (quesería). Local cheese maker, Marisol Martinez, is renowned for her wholesome, authentic and flavourful cheeses that get devoured by our guests. The ultimate foodie delight, enjoy a tour of this delicious quesería and gain insight into the specific ways different cheese, including Parmesan, Gruyère, Blue cheese and Camembert are produced. Glimpse into what goes into creating top-quality cheese, and marvel at the massive wheels of slowly maturing cheeses, and the various ways to produce soft and hard cheeses. Sample and enjoy the superb flavours and textures of the various cheeses. All the cheeses produced are for the exclusive delight of our guests.

Season: Year-round

# HELICOPTER ACTIVITIES (SEASONAL)

(NOVEMBER TO MARCH OR BY SPECIAL REQUEST)



## SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

Take to the skies on a scenic helicopter flight over a tableau of lakes, forest and mountains. Look down into the lava crater of the Villarrica Volcano. A simply sensational experience.

45 min / 60 min

*This activity is at an additional cost*



## TERMAS GEOMETRICAS

Fly over the Villarrica Volcano to the thermal springs (geométricas), and sink into inviting waters. Sheltered in an enchanting forest, this is a fascinating maze blending nature and geometry.

*This activity is at an additional cost*



## ROMANTIC SUNSET

Amaze your partner with a dreamy flight over the Araucanía Region comprised of dazzling landscapes, and top it off with a glass of champagne as you delight in the breathtaking sunset.

Approximately 45 min

*This activity is at an additional cost*



## HELI-FISHING

A great fly-fishing expedition for adventure enthusiasts, fly towards the Quetripillan Volcano, a picturesque spot to cast your line. Experienced fishing guides are on hand to lead this excursion.

Half-day

*This activity is at an additional cost*



## HELI-BIKING

Hop on your bike for a thrilling, downhill trail ride that follows a cross country track over lava fields, bordering the Turbio River. Additional exhilarating options can be explored at your convenience.

Half-day

*This activity is at an additional cost*



## HELI-SKIING

Embark on a thrilling heli-skiing adventure on virgin powder snow. Get your adrenalin pumping on remote snowy peaks, revel in off-piste exploits, or opt for the smoother flowing slopes that will suit intermediate-level skiers.

*This activity is at an additional cost*



# WELLNESS ACTIVITIES (YEAR-ROUND)



## WELLNESS TREATMENTS

Sink into serenity in beautifully decorated massage rooms overlooking the crystal clear Liucura River and be soothed by the gentle murmur of the flowing water. This is the perfect environment in which to unwind and drop into a state of deep relaxation.

We invite you to treat yourselves to a personalised massage. Our receptionists will be happy to arrange a booking at your preferred time.

## MASSAGE THERAPY MENU

### Hot Stone

The essence of this deeply relaxing massage is the soothing warmth that spreads through your body as a set of gently heated, smooth, flat stones are placed at key points on your body, complemented by the soothing massage strokes of your therapist. The benefits include the easing of tissue and muscle pain, and stress relief.

60 min or 90 min

### Decontracting

This popular massage is ideal for those people suffering from any kind of muscle spasm, or following vigorous physical activity. It works on specific areas of accumulated muscle tension in the body. In addition to the releasing of muscle spasm, it will also benefit those with high blood pressure

60 min or 90 min

### Relaxation Massage

In this gentle Swedish massage, the clock will stop as your massage therapist uses long, smooth, gliding strokes over your body. The goal is to relax, rejuvenate and revive using a massage depth that causes no discomfort. The many benefits include stress relief, stimulated blood circulation, improved digestion and better sleep. A blissful option to end a busy day.

60 min or 90 min

Season: Year-round

*This activity is at an additional cost*



## YOGA

Balance your chakras and enjoy yoga sessions that harmonise body, mind and spirit. Find your inner peace and enjoy the silence, nature and serenity the area has to offer. The yoga instructor will come by special arrangement from Pucón, 10 km (6 mi.) away and sessions will take place at the lodge. Please notify us if you are interested in this activity.

Season: Year-round

*This activity is at an additional cost*

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