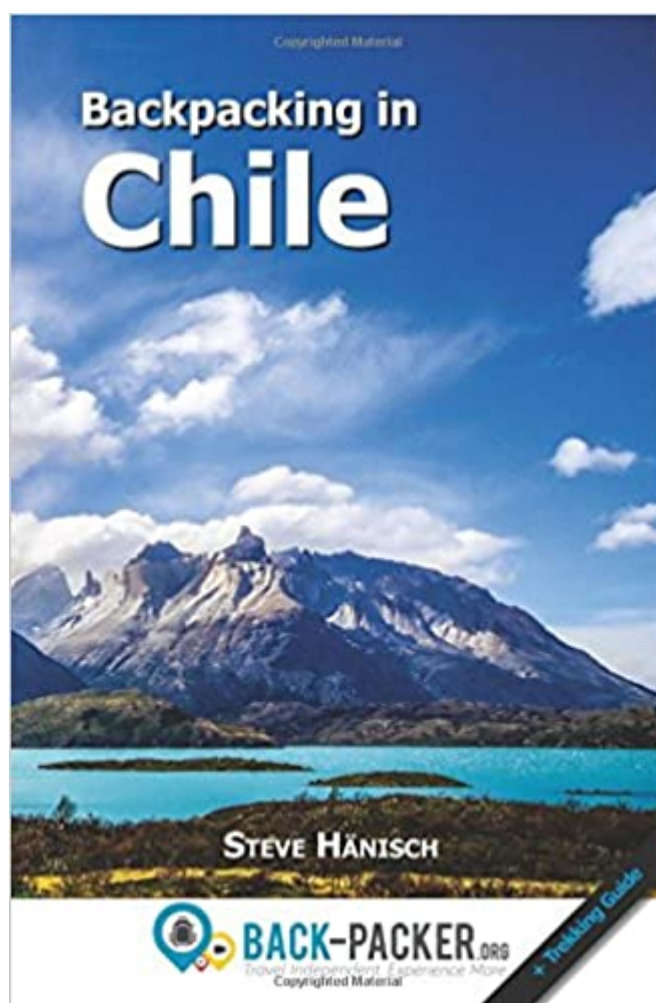


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# Backpacking In Chile: Travel Guide & Trekking Guide For Independent Travelers



## Synopsis

Filled with personal recommendations this guidebook helps you to plan your trip to Chile independently and explore the most incredible places this country has to offer from the Atacama desert in the north down to the most remote parts of Chilean Patagonia in the very south (completely updated: April, 2017). Based on his own experience of traveling the country multiple times the author Steve Harnisch wrote this clear and concise Chile travel guide focussing on useful information to help you prepare your own trip. He sums up practical tips on things to do, where to stay, where to eat/drink and outdoor activities you shouldn't miss. The book includes travel guides for each region of Chile as well as a complete trekking guide for Torres del Paine & the Carretera Austral, plus route itineraries. Checklists are included to help make sure you don't forget anything. This travel guide is designed to save you a lot of time & make your trip much easier.

**What to expect Travel Guide featuring 18 Spots:** Things to do, Tours, Restaurants etc. from the Atacama dessert down to Patagonia

**Practical tips, short and sweet**

**Compact information:** Everything you need to know in matters of safety, best time to travel, budget, entry requirements and much more

**Packing Lists:** Complete South America & Patagonia Packing List

**Route Planner:** Map with all featured spots and travel times from point to point

**Itinerary Suggestions:** 4 sample itineraries featuring the best of Chile in 2-3 weeks

**Carretera Austral Guide:** Comprehensive information, tips and trekking guides to the most adventurous part of Chile

**Hostel Recommendations:** The best Hostels incl. personal reviews and links

**Trekking Guide:** Detailed trekking guide for Torres del Paine incl. preparation, itineraries for W and Circuit trek

**Insider Tips:** My personal tips off the tourist paths

**Chile Resources:** Helpful websites, blogs, recommended travel guides, maps and trekking guides to ensure best preparation possible!

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## Customer Reviews

Steve HÄrnisch is an information architect turned travel filmmaker and blogger from Hamburg in Germany running one of the largest blogs in Germany for independent travelers. With his South America travel guides, he shares personal tips, recommendations, and experiences he explored on his travels. Beside his work as an author, he has an own international TV show format at DW TV as part of the travel show [Check-In](#). Additionally, he is publishing new travel videos regularly on his YouTube channel called [Backpacker Steve](#).

If you're planning on backpacking or trekking in Patagonia, this guide is a fantastic springboard. Steve has done a great job of laying out the logistics of the O and W treks in Torres del Paine over multiple length trips. He expands on how and why each leg of the trip is laid out, as well as timelines, recommended equipment, unnecessary equipment...the list goes on. Granted, there are a few things as Americans that we had to learn on the fly, particularly the logistics of bus travel and getting reservations in the free, government-operated campsites, but I can hardly hold the author in a negative light for that. His travel guide is an excellent resource for the planning of a backpacking trip in Patagonia, and for the price is an absolute steal.

What I like about Steve's book is that it's all personal recommendations rather than a boat load of

information that I have to wade through without any real opinion (like most guide books). If you're into hiking and the outdoors and that's why you're heading to Chile, this is a super helpful resource on where to go, where to stay, and especially what to pack.

Les informations concernant les itinéraires et le temps que l'on met pour effectuer les différentes étapes sont très utiles pour la planification du trek a Torres del Paine. Il aurait été probable peut être de préciser un temps de marche pour un bon trekker et un moyen trekker, ce qui contenterait un large public de randonneurs. Ce livre est recommandé à tous ceux qui hésitent de randonner à Torres del Paine

Good introduction book to get a general game plan for hikes in the park, felt it was pretty short but whatever I'm satisfied

Book was purchased for Torres del Paine hiking information - some excellent advice that we are using to plan our trip.

Provides some useful information, e.g. suggested itineraries for trekking the "O" and "W" routes in Torres del Paine National Park, suggested packing lists. But the book needs some serious editing. The figures from the website should be modified for better graphics in a black and white publication, the different chapters and pages could be referenced more consistently and easily. Improving the layout and removing redundancies could reduce the book's size, page number and cost.

I expected more details

We were very happy to have found this book while planning our trip to Patagonia and Torres del Paine. We use it as our primary source and it was particular helpful because he gave us places to stay and recommended certain treks and activities off the beaten path. When he said "MUST DO" we were sure to include it in our itinerary. You may want to supplement Steve Hanisch's book with the Lonely Planet. When we had some additional questions for the author, we emailed him and he personally responded promptly.

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