

ABOARD&ASHORE NOBLE CALEDONIA

PATAGONIAN ODYSSEY

CALETA TORTEL, CHILE

Arrive: 0730

Depart: Overnight

THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2024

Sunrise: 0758

Sunset: 2025

YOUR DINING

Self-service Tea & Coffee 24 hrs

The Club

Early Risers' Breakfast 0630-0700

Pastries available in the Club

Breakfast 0700-0830

Restaurant & Lido (*weather permitting*)

Late Risers' Breakfast 0830-0900

Restaurant only

Club Bar Menu 1100-1600

The Club

Lunch 1230-1400

Restaurant & Lido (*weather permitting*)

Cocktail Hour 1830-1930

The Club

Dinner 1930

Restaurant & Lido (*weather permitting*)

OPENING HOURS

Reception: Tel: 301 0600-2300

Hospital: 24 hours

Contact Reception for an appointment.

Emergency: 24 hours – dial 500 (Bridge)

The Club 1000-Late

Cocktail of the Day: Gimlet

Beauty Salon 0900-1900

Please book with **Teresa** via Reception or ask to view the range of treatments, including massage, hairdressing and beauty treatments.

Contact Numbers:

Reception: +1 954 672 6785

TIME ZONE:

GMT – 3

CURRENCY: CHILEAN PESO

£1 = 1,200 CLP

USD = 968 CLP

WEATHER:

5°C - 9°C Mostly cloudy with a light breeze and rain.

Caleta Tortel is a fascinating car-free town. Built almost entirely from wood, it is a labyrinthine maze connected by sturdy boardwalks that snake down the mountainside, and branch out along the bay. Houses appear to be piled on top of each other, and wild mosses, lichens and ferns blanket the landscape.

It is located between the mouth of the Baker River, the largest river in Chile, and a small inlet of the Baker Canal. The surrounding geography is rugged, made up of a series of islands, fjords, canals and estuaries.

Zodiac disembarkation for CALETA TORTEL.

0830 STARBOARD side cabins (even numbers)

0845 PORT side cabins (odd numbers)

It will be a dry landing onto a jetty for independent exploration of this interesting little town. The walking is mostly on wooden walkways.

1200 Last zodiac back to the ship.

Zodiac disembarkation for ISLAS DE LOS MUERTOS (ISLAND OF THE DEAD)

1430 PORT side cabins (odd numbers)

1445 STARBOARD side cabins (even numbers)

It will be dry landing, either onto the riverbank, or up a short ladder onto a jetty, depending upon river flow.

The walk is on a boardwalk through some forest and some open area, a 1.2km circuit to where there are 33 wooden crosses, which would be vestiges of a series of individual tombs dating back to 1906. The niches correspond to the bodies of about 120 workers of the Baker Exploitation Company. Although there is no official version of the reason for the deaths, there are various theories. The first and best known is that they were deaths caused by the scurvy epidemic. Another conjecture indicates that it was the product of accidental poisoning due to ingestion of contaminated flour. Finally, there is also the hypothesis of intentional death, at the hands of the Company itself in order not to cancel workers' salaries.

1800 Last zodiac back to the ship.

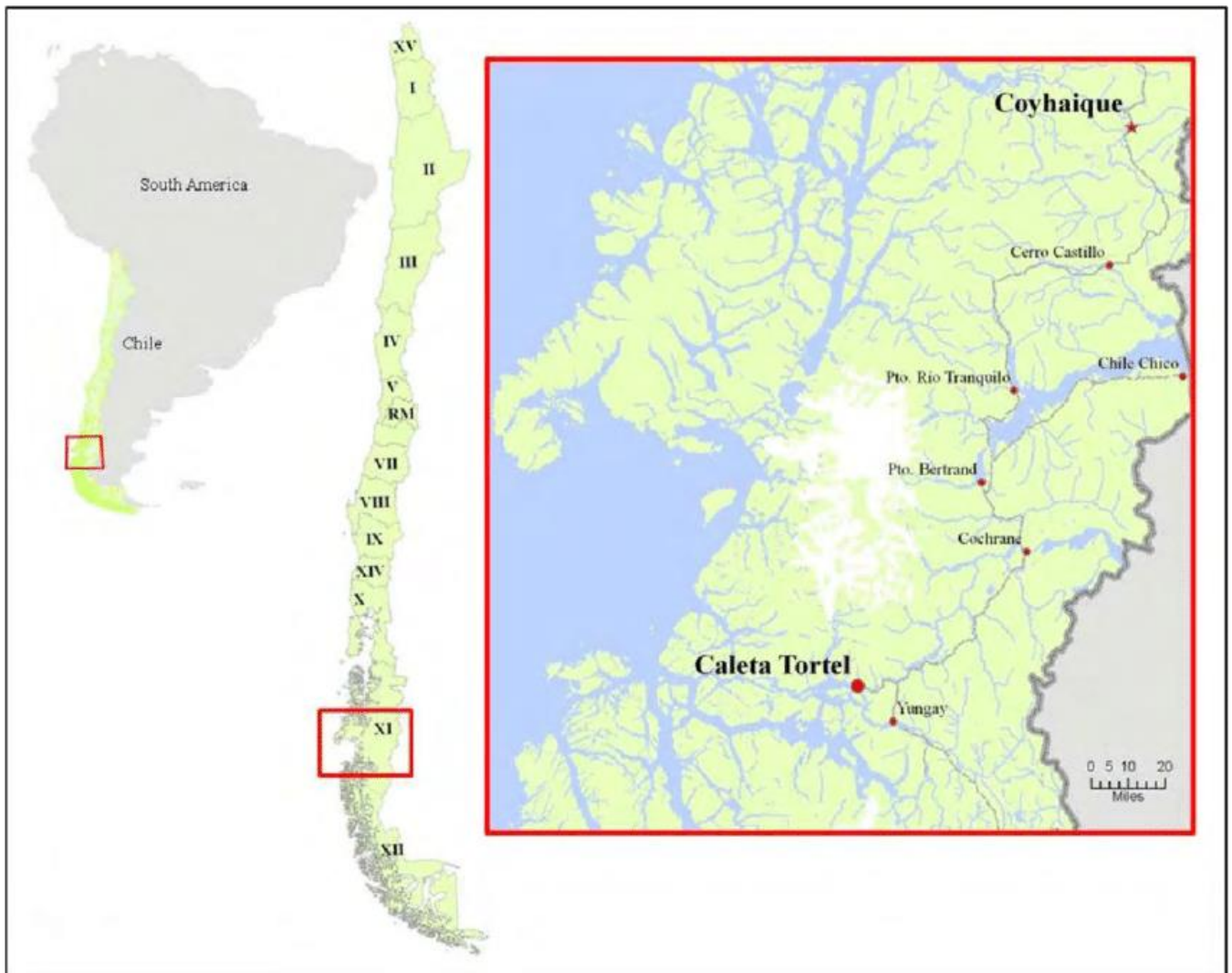
For both morning and afternoon disembarkations:

Bring/wear: Zodiac life jacket, mesh bag, ship's ID, water, and money (preferably Chilean Pesos as USD might not be accepted). Wear walking shoes with a good grip and waterproofs for the zodiac ride. **Remember no food ashore!**

1900 Recap & Briefing in the Lounge on our plans for the next few days.

After Dinner (at about 2130) please come and join **Nat** and the team in the Club for a fun **"Who? What? Where? When?"** quiz. Teams of 2 to 6.

Prizes to be won!



Location of Caleta Tortel in relation to the capital of Region XI, Chile. Chile's administrative regions are as follows: Tarapacá (I), Antofagasta (II), Atacama (III), Coquimbo (IV), Valparaíso (V), O'Higgins (VI), Maule (VII), Biobío (VIII), Araucanía (IX), Los Lagos (X), Aysén (XI), Magallanes and Antártica Chilena (XII), Los Ríos (XIV), Arica y Parinacota (XV), and Metropolitana de Santiago (RM).

Caleta Tortel was founded in 1955 to exploit the wood of the Guaytecas cypress, abundant in the area. It is mainly composed of stilt houses, typical of Chilotan architecture, built along the coast for several kilometers. There are no conventional streets, instead there are wooden walkways built with Ciprés de las Guaitecas. The wooden walkways give the town its distinctive look and unique culture.

The typical dish of the region is lamb on a stick, which must be pierced with a sword and cooked over embers in an inverted manner for a little more than two and a half hours. This is a long and familiar process that is served accompanied by potatoes, rice or various salads and the inevitable pebre. Fish are an essential part of the gastronomy of the Aysén Region, just as in many regions of the country there is a great variety of fish and seafood that are a contribution to the typical dishes of the area. Among the most consumed fish are salmon, conger eel and hake, which are combined with different seafood such as shrimp and crab.

In terms of drinks, in this area there is a tradition of drinking wine in a leather boot, like the Spanish tradition and they also drink calafate sour, an alcoholic drink prepared with lemon, pineapple juice, pisco and calafate, which is a fruit of the berry branch. This is also used to prepare cakes, kúchenes and other desserts that generally contain a lot of fruit.