



## VISITING CERRO CASTILLO AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

First, there will be a stop at kilometer 88, road to Villa Cerro Castillo, in the viewpoint of Cuesta del Diablo (devil's slope). The origin of the name comes from much more before the paving, passing this slope was really difficult for the numerous curves in the route, curves resembling the tail of the devil.

From this site, you can see part of the Valley of Río Ibañez and the majestic Cerro Castillo. This impressive massif has a height 2.675 meters, where coexists the Nothofagus forests and the permanent snow which possible to see.

Continuing the road, you will visit the town called Villa Cerro Castillo, named like that for being at the feet of such hill. The town was founded in October 29th of 1966, after the construction of the school which was remodeled after the foundation of the town. Previously, the inhabitants of the zone lived scattered in the Río Ibañez valley. However, as the years went by, they started to move to the village due to better life conditions founded. At the present, Villa Cerro Castillo has a population near 500 inhabitants.

Finally, there will be a visit to Cerro Castillo School Museum built in the year 1955 by the villagers. Located in southern river bank of the Ibañez river, this building was declared historical monument in February 5th of 2008. A relic of the pass of the pioneer, this building aims to perpetuate and give relevance to the hard work which meant its creation.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Remember that is still winter in September, which is why, is recommended to dress in layers to not get overdressed. A thermal shirt, dry-fit or undershirt with a polar fleece jacket, sweater or similar and finally an insulated jacket water repellent (not necessarily a bulky one) is good combination. Likewise, is recommended wearing gloves and a scarf or multifunctional headwear.

Although, there is less sunlight in winter, in this territory is important to be careful with the UVA and UVB rays, because in this zone, the ozone layer has a lower density. Thus, do not forget use sunscreen and sunglasses for protection.

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 CERRO CASTILLO – AYSÉN REGION

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:30	Departure from Coyhaique.
10:30 – 13:00	Visit the Museum Escuela Cerro Castillo Visit the surroundings of Museum Escuela Cerro Castillo Visit the town of Villa Cerro Castillo
13:00	Regional lunch, with products made locally
15:30	Departure from Cerro Castillo to Balmaceda (Airport)

## CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ A snack will be given as a complementary service before the regional lunch.
- ▶ The guiding will be done by a Regional Guide, which has knowledge of local history and flora & fauna of the destination.
- ▶ Clothing suggested: jacket type windbreaker, layers and polar fleece, comfortable shoes for a soft. Consider sunglasses and sunscreen.
- ▶ Weather: chances of light rain, moderate wind and/or snow during the hike.