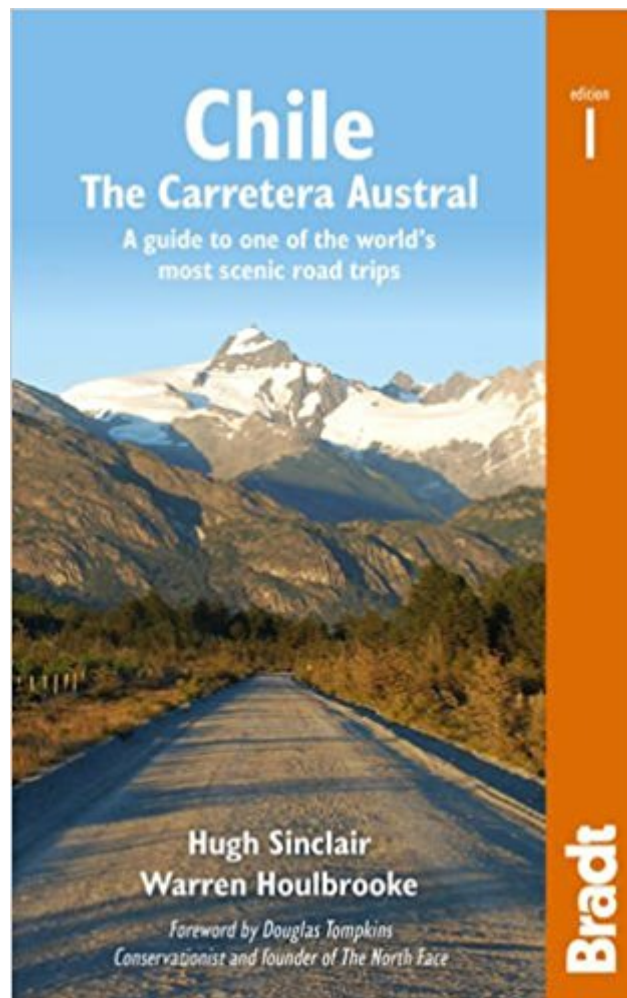




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Chile: The Carretera Austral: A Guide To One Of The World's Most Scenic Road Trips (Bradt Travel Guide)



Synopsis

This is the first guidebook focused entirely on the magnificent and historic road uniting northern and southern Patagonia. The few hardy travellers that embark on this journey struggle to find even basic information about the region. The book provides visitors to the often-visited Bariloche and Chilean Lake District with a spectacular alternative means to reach the southern extremes of Patagonia. The road passes through world-class national parks. It stretches from the high Andes to the remote Pacific coast, fed by five great rivers, countless fjords and the largest ice fields outside of Antarctica and Greenland. Trekking options abound, including to and from neighbouring Argentina through pristine wilderness. The region is home to a sub-tropical rainforest, secluded villages without vehicles, picturesque lakes, dramatic and often active volcanoes, and sufficient activities to satisfy even the most adventurous visitors. In addition to practical advice, the book explores the mythical history of a region cut-off from the outside world, and the social and economic impact of the relatively recent connectivity to both mainland Chile and Argentina. Travelling in one of the last unknown regions of South America is challenging, and this book facilitates such travel for those wishing to escape the "gringo trail."

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of the best-read in the sector. He has lived in various countries but five years ago decided to settle down in Patagonia. He has extensively explored the region on both sides of the border. He lives near the northern Carretera Austral, and first stumbled across the road in 2011, and has visited it repeatedly since. When not travelling in Chile and Argentina Hugh works as an economist, and speaks fluent Spanish. Warren Houlbrooke was raised on a remote sheep farm in New Zealand, where he developed a "fix anything" attitude. He has travelled extensively in Latin America, in particular in all of Patagonia (both the Argentine and Chilean sides). He is a tour-guide for Compass Motorbike Tours, and has worked with Bariloche Moto Tours, who also offer trips along the Carretera Austral. He is a highly proficient motorcyclist, scuba-diver, skier, equestrian, cyclist and sailor, has an Argentine wife and speaks Spanish.

My complaint with this book only has to do with Kindle as a way of displaying the book. There is no useful way to zoom in maps. A screen view magnification makes things bigger, but grossly pixilated. Having good access to the maps is critical for a travel book, so without these the usefulness of the book decreases markedly.

As a Chilean I can say that this is an Excelent and complete guide better than anything else out there! A lot of context and history about each mayor place on Carretera Austral. What I value about the authors are their direct and honest aproach advising and recomending when something its worth or not doing!

We have visited many of our Creator's. special accomplishments and Patagonia ranks with the best. A combination of the Alps, Alaska and New Mexico.....the beauty is awesome and not to be missed!!!MMxico

This is an excellent guide, providing invaluable information on transportation, lodging, rental cars, ferries, national parks and lots more. It has been a huge help in planning a three week long trip on the Carretera Austral.

I know these guys, I live here in Patagonia. They are spot on !

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