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SOUTH AMERICAN HOT SPOTS FOR 2013 **Active Highlights of Chile & Argentina**

TORONTO, Canada — Chile and Argentina offer a plethora of options for active travellers. The landscapes are dotted with volcanoes, lakes, mountains, vineyards and more—the perfect backdrop for biking and hiking. Recent years have witnessed an explosion of much-needed infrastructure—including outstanding new accommodations, smoothly paved roads, and some great dining options. Then there are those wines...

Gray & Co.'s take on each country reflects its signature "hands-on" approach and includes a well-curated collection of regions, estancias, and experiences. The myriad elements come together via comfortable vehicles and a team of knowledgeable guides and mechanics who take expert care of both carbon fibre bikes and keen adventurers. It's all about great explorations by day and sublime comfort by starry night—together with maximum choice and flexibility, of course.

From windy El Calafate to the balmy vineyards of Mendoza, Gray & Co. has Argentina well covered. Hiking is best among the wilds and glaciers of Patagonia, the mountainous Lakes District, and steamy Iguazu Falls. Salta and the red rock canyons of Cafayate offer up the best pavement for biking. Buenos Aires is the perfect urban stop, with innumerable fabulous hotels, restaurants, boutiques, and galleries. The perfect day will see travellers visiting MALBA art gallery, walking around the Recoleta, enjoying a drink in the gardens of the Park Hyatt, and dining at Fervor.

Chile is equally enticing, with active options that extend the country's full 2653-mile length. In the south, Patagonia's Torres del Paine invites hikers to enjoy wind-swept landscapes and spot guanacos, vicuñas, and condors. Northern Patagonia offers up the volcanoes and lakes of Puerto Varas, while Chiloe Island features fjords, penguins, wooden churches, and the new Refugia Lodge. Outdoor capital Pucon reveals deep blue lakes, great hiking, and even more volcanoes. Further north, the sprawling vineyards of Santa Cruz feature luxury digs such as Clos Apalta. Valparaiso's architecture is unique in the world. Lastly, Atacama rewards hikers and bikers with natural hot springs, geysers, salt lakes and, of course, more volcano backdrops.

Come experience it all in Gray & Co. style.

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